

CITYSCOOP

The City of Collinsville's Newsletter

Celebrate the start of Summer

MEMORIAL DAY FIREWORKS CELEBRATION

SUNDAY MAY 28TH, 2023 4PM-10PM

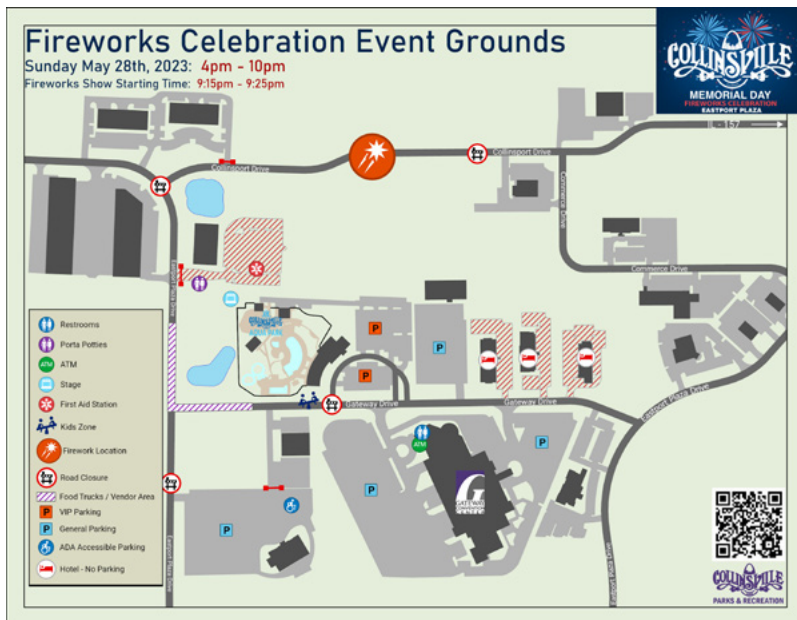
LIVE MUSIC | FOOD TRUCKS | FIREWORKS

Join us for Collinsville's Annual Firework Festival on Memorial Day weekend. This free Festival will include live music by The Fabulous Motown Revue, food and craft vendors, food trucks, fun activities for the kids, and of course, FIREWORKS!

The Collinsville Fireworks Festival will be Sunday, May 28th from 4:00pm-10:00pm and will be held at Collinsville Aqua Park and Eastport Plaza area. Collinsville Aqua Park will be open during the day and closing at 5:00p. VIP access to the Aqua Park will begin at 6:00p. VIP tickets include access to the Aqua Park Leisure Pool and VIP Parking for the evening, food, and two free drink tickets (adults only). VIP Tickets are on sale and a limited amount are available.

This is a fun, free, community event. For more information about this event or to purchase VIP Tickets visit:

www.collinsvilleil.org/fireworkfestival



THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS:





Mayor & City Council

The City of Collinsville's City Council consists of a Mayor and 4 Council members. The Mayor and Council serve at-large, representing all citizens and serve four-year terms. Collinsville municipal elections are non-partisan.

The Council meets twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 6:30pm, unless otherwise noted. City Council meetings are held at City Hall and are live-streamed via the City's website. Council meetings are also available for viewing on-demand there as well.



David Jerome Councilman

David Jerome was elected as Councilman in April of 2017 and has since been re-elected in April 2021 for a 4-year term to expire in April of 2025.

email David:
djerome@collinsvilleil.org



Tony Hausmann Councilman

Tony Hausmann was elected as Councilman in April of 2019 and has since been re-elected in April 2023 for a 4-year term to expire in April 2027.

email Tony:
thausmann@collinsvilleil.org



Mayor Jeff Stehman

Jeff Stehman was elected as Councilman in April of 2015 and was re-elected in April 2019 for a 4-year term. Stehman was elected Mayor in April 2023 for a 4 year term to expire in April 2027.

email Jeff:
jstehman@collinsvilleil.org



Donna Green Councilman

Donna Green was elected as Councilman in April of 2017 and has since been re-elected in April 2021 for a 4-year term to expire in April of 2025.

email Donna:
dgreen@collinsvilleil.org



Tony Fuhrmann Councilman

Tony Fuhrmann was elected as Councilman in April of 2023. His term will expire in April of 2027.

email Tony:
tfuhrmann@collinsvilleil.org



June 2 & 3, 2023

**UPTOWN
COLLINSVILLE**



internationalhorseradishfestival.com

GOT E-WASTE?

RECYCLE IT RESPONSIBLY!



ACCEPTABLE ITEMS: ANYTHING WITH A CORD, ALL TV MODELS, HOME ELECTRONICS, COMPUTERS & MONITORS, SMALL APPLIANCES, AIR CONDITIONERS, WASHER/DRYERS, DISHWASHERS, REFRIGERATORS, FURNACES, LAWN EQUIPMENT, LEAD ACID BATTERIES

JOIN US ON THESE 2023 COLLECTION DATES!

JUNE 17	8AM-2:30PM
SEPTEMBER 16	8AM-2:30PM
OCTOBER 21	8AM-2:30PM

COLLECTIONS WILL BE HELD AT CJD E-CYCLING
5257 N. STATE RT. 157 | EDWARDSVILLE, IL

NON-ACCEPTABLE ITEMS: BUSINESS AND CONTRACTOR WASTE, PAINT, HAZARDOUS WASTE, BATTERIES, OILS, FIRE EXTINGUISHERS, PROPANE TANKS, OXYGEN TANKS, DVDS, VHSS, CDS, CASSETTE TAPES, PCB, BALLASTS, DEVICES CONTAINING MERCURY, SMOKE DETECTORS.

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OR SCAN THE QR CODE

(OPEN PHONE CAMERA AND POINT
TO SCAN CODE)



**REPUBLIC
SERVICES**

BULK TRASH PICK-UP

Republic Services provides a free pick-up of large items and appliances for residents twice each year.

Please contact Republic Services at:

(618) 656-6883 or WWW.REPUBLICSERVICES.COM
to schedule your pick-up.

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS: Appliances, Carpet (cut into bundles no longer than 4' in length and 3' in diameter and weighing less than 50lbs. per bundle), furniture including couches, chairs, dressers, tables, desks, mattress sets.

Glass portions of doors/windows must be broken down and placed into small box marked "GLASS".

YARD WASTE PICK-UP

Republic Services offers Yard Waste Pick-up Service for Collinsville residents beginning April 1st.

3 months of yard waste service is \$56.31

Please contact Republic Services at:

(618) 656-6883 or WWW.REPUBLICSERVICES.COM
to start service.

BLOWING GRASS INTO STREETS OR SIDEWALKS IS PROHIBITED



Blowing grass or yard waste onto any public or private property in the City of Collinsville is prohibited.

Blowing grass and yard waste onto City streets can cause storm sewers to back up and cause flooding on roadways and may lead to damage of private property. It can also be a hazard for motorcyclists, bicyclists, and pedestrians.



BLOW GRASS
BACK INTO
YARD

GREEN RECOGNITION PROGRAM



Do you know a resident, school, or local business that goes above and beyond to practice sustainability?

Nominate them for the 2023 Green Recognition Program!

The City started the program in 2021 to spotlight those in our community who conserve resources, reduce environmental impacts, or educate the community on sustainable practices.

In years past, we've recognized efforts at Dorris Intermediate School, Old Herald Distillery & Brewery, and Jerry and Dorothy Young's passive solar home.

The nominees will be reviewed by the Collinsville Cool Cities Committee on overall sustainable efforts being made. Those making the biggest impact will be spotlighted by the City in a video, and the nominee making the biggest impact will be honored during the C3 Community Awards in November!



scan to nominate

www.collinsvilleil.org/greenrecognition



TREE CITY USA/ARBOR DAY OBSERVANCE

The Arbor Day Foundation has recognized the City of Collinsville as a Tree City USA for the 29th time.

Started in 1976, Tree City USA is one of the Arbor Day Foundation's oldest programs. The organization's founders had a vision for a greener, healthier America and hoped the initiative would inspire change on a nationwide level. The Foundation partners with The USDA Forest Service and The National Association of State Foresters to provide resources for communities to manage and expand their tree cover.

"We are happy to bring the Tree City USA distinction back to Collinsville and to continue making trees and our natural environment a priority for the community." - Parks and Recreation Director Kimberly Caughran.

To receive recognition, a community must meet four core standards for its public trees:

- Form a Tree Board or Department delegating responsibility for City-owned trees.
- Establish a Tree Care Ordinance that assigns clear authority over public trees and provides guidance for planting, maintaining and/or removing trees from streets, parks and other public spaces.
- Maintain a Community Forestry Program with an annual budget of at least \$2 per capita, which is intended to demonstrate an ongoing investment into public trees.
- Proclaim and Observe Arbor Day.

The City officially observed Arbor Day in April by planting a tree at Willoughby Heritage Farm with a 4th grade class from Summit Elementary School and members of the Community Appearance Board.



Community Appearance Board & Summit Elementary 4th Grade Class



Volunteers from Scott Credit Union planting trees at Willoughby Farm

City of Collinsville Awarded Urban Forestry Funding

The City of Collinsville was awarded a \$10,000 grant to complete tree inventories and develop a management plan for its urban forest.

The funds were provided by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Urban and Community Forestry Partner Grant Program, and administered by The Morton Arboretum and the Chicago Region Trees Initiative (CRTI).

The grant provides the City with a better understanding of the urban forest areas we are managing by revealing an estimated number of trees, their size, condition and species. The inventories will also identify opportunities to increase planting and will inform the development of a comprehensive, long-term urban forest management plan.

Collinsville Parks and Recreation Director Kimberly Caughran said the creation of an Urban Forestry Plan will allow the City to have a “big picture” approach to managing City trees.

“This will help us create a structured outline of projects for City staff to carry out,” Caughran said.

Carol Frerker, Willoughby Heritage Farm and Conservation Reserve Superintendent, said urban trees are critical infrastructure for a community.

“Trees deserve a lot of credit for the benefits and assets they bring to a city on an economic, social, and environmental level. Other than the obvious beauty and shade, trees increase air quality, help manage stormwater, host song birds and pollinators, increase real estate values, and provide a higher standard of life and quality living,” Frerker said.



This grant falls right in line with the Parks and Recreation Sustainability Initiative, which is part of the City’s 2020 Sustainability Plan.

“This grant allows us to have more nature-based solutions, which help promote the beauty, resiliency, health, and overall wellbeing for the City,” said Parks and Open Spaces Superintendent Jared Chestnut.

Neighborhood Improvement Survey

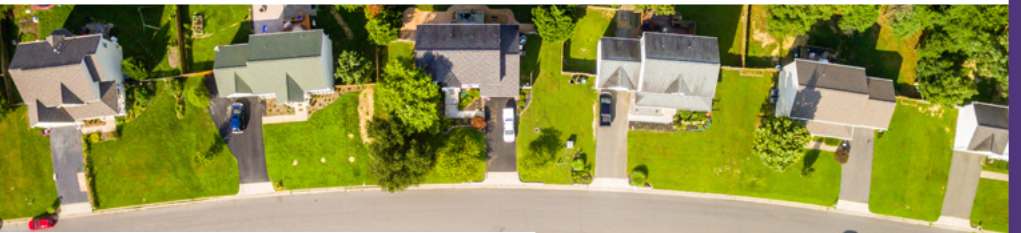
During a March City Council meeting, City staff presented the results of our Neighborhood Improvement Survey to the Council.

You might remember, the City put out the survey from August – December 2022. We received more than 400 responses about what makes a good neighborhood, satisfaction levels with City services and neighborhood specific and City-wide concerns.

Survey results show the top four assets residents value in their neighborhood include:

- **Feeling safe**
- **Sense of community**
- **Recreational activities (parks, trails, events)**
- **Quality education**

The results also show residents are the most satisfied with their fire protection, police protection, water service and park



maintenance. Residents would like to see improvements in code enforcement, streets and sidewalks, planning and zoning, and trash and recycling services.

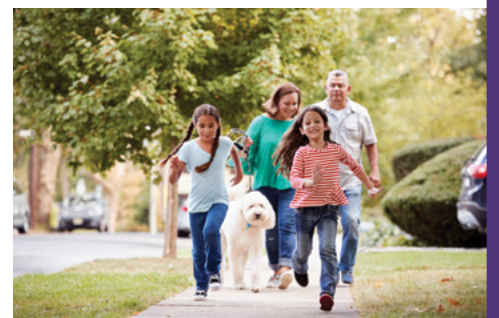
Now that we have these results, the City plans to establish a task force among staff, identify areas where we can improve, hold meetings with each neighborhood in August/September, and provide updates to residents while tracking progress.

Mayor Jeff Stehman said he is thankful to residents for participating in the survey.

“We have asked for input, we recognize it, and we’re taking action,” Stehman said.

Former Mayor John Miller said the plan lays out a great way to come up with achievable solutions.

“Were going to put those boots on the ground and really identify those areas that need assistance,” Miller said.



CITY NAMED GREEN CITY IN ST. LOUIS GREEN BUSINESS CHALLENGE

The City of Collinsville is honored to be named a Green City for participating in the St. Louis Green Business Challenge for the fifth consecutive year.

above and beyond to incorporate sustainable practices into their daily operations.

The Green Business Challenge is a voluntary program that recognizes efforts made by business and governmental organizations that go

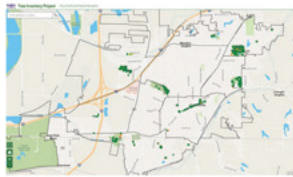
Members of the City Council, Cool Cities Committee, and City staff attended the 2022 Challenge Achievement Celebration at the Missouri Botanical Garden to accept the recognition.



www.stlouisgreenchallenge.com

Accomplishments

- Started a Tree ID program, offering free site consultations to residents that include inventorying trees, identifying invasive species, and providing guidance for removal of invasives to replace with natives.
- Digitized our 2019 tree inventory of all public parks and rights-of-way into the city's GIS portal, now publicly viewable.
- Updated zoning code to allow composting by right as an accessory use within residential zoning districts.
- Updated our public tree ordinance with a list of suggested and prohibited tree species, formally identified the Community Appearance Board as the Collinsville Tree Advisory Board. Parks & Recreation now takes primary responsibility for maintaining trees in parks and rights-of-way.



2022 ST. LOUIS Green Business Challenge

GREEN CITIES CHALLENGE



The City of Collinsville is honored to participate in the St. Louis Green Business Challenge for the fifth consecutive year. The Challenge has instigated greater collaboration among city departments and engagement with our residents.

Innovations

- Partnered with Heartlands Conservancy to create Collinsville Landfill Plan: Creating a Biodiverse Community Asset. This multi-year guide will convert the city's old landfill from regular mowing to a pollinator meadow and tree nursery.
- Promoted stormwater management at Willoughby Farm, including the installation of rain gardens, 2,220 square feet of Flexipave permeable walkways, and partnered with Madison County Resource Management for the Only Rain Down the Drain campaign.
- Urban Ecology Club 2022 programming at Willoughby Farm included backyard composting, making biochar, tree talk, monarchs & milkweed, pruning pro tips, and mushrooms.
- HR Department added the city's no-idling for fleet vehicle policy to the new employee orientation process.



ST. LOUIS™ GREEN BUSINESS CHALLENGE

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WATER BILL - EFT

Want to pay your water bill without mailing it, coming into City Hall or having to pay a convenience fee?

Sign up for automatic bill payments! By doing this, you'll also avoid late payments on bills.

You can come into City Hall to sign up in person or follow this link to sign up on our City website:

www.collinsvilleil.org/eft



CITY HALL SERVICES



Did you know.....

You can pay your water and sewer bill, renew a business registration, get a building permit, and much more all in the same place at City Hall? Stop in the at the Main Entrance and visit the City Services staff to take care of all your City-related business, including:

- Water Billing
- Sewer Billing
- Trash Billing
- Occupancy Permits
- Building Permits
- Inspections
- Landlord Licenses
- Business Licenses and Registrations
- Home Based Business Licenses and Registrations
- Freedom of Information Act Requests

Stop in Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM, give us a call at (618) 346-5200, or drop us an email at allcityservices@collinsvilleil.org. We look forward to helping you!

APPLY TO BE A MEMBER OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION



Looking for a way to be involved in your community? The City has a variety of boards and commissions that allow residents to play a role in City-wide decisions. We are currently accepting applications for our Planning Commission.

The Commission is a nine-member board of Collinsville residents who help the City Council and City staff establish planning guidelines for the City. Commission members are involved in recommendations for upcoming commercial and residential projects. The City currently has three vacancies on the board and is encouraging all interested residents to apply.

“You really get on the ground floor of every development that comes into the City,” said Mayor Jeff Stehman. “The Starbucks on Beltline that everyone is familiar with is an example. That whole process, the plan and development, went through Planning Commission first before it

was voted on by City Council.”

Stehman said the Commission is a great stepping stone for residents who want to run for City Council in the future.

“There are three Council members who have been on Planning Commission. If you are interested in what’s going on in the City and want to be a part of it, this is a perfect commission to be on,” Stehman said.

Community Development Director Travis Taylor said one of the most exciting parts of being a Commissioner is reviewing major commercial developments that are coming to the City.

“You get a little peek behind the curtain of what’s going on. You get to know what projects are coming maybe before anyone else does,” Taylor said.

Taylor said members do not need to have prior planning experience, and the Commission provides training.

To apply, download an application from the City’s website at: www.collinsvilleil.org/government/boards-commissions

All Planning Commission meetings are public and recorded and can be found on our City website. The meetings are held at 6:30pm on the second Thursday of every month in the City Council chambers.

CITY FINANCES — SURPLUS BUDGET FUNDS AND MOODY'S CREDIT RATING

During a March City Council meeting, Council members held a discussion on how to strategically use the City's surplus funds from 2022.

Finance Director Dustin Ziebold told Council members the surplus funds are thanks to strong 2022 sales tax revenues that exceeded expenditures. Revenues for the City's General Fund (\$1,254,000) and Capital Projects Fund (\$664,000) have provided the City with a \$1,918,000 in total budget surplus.

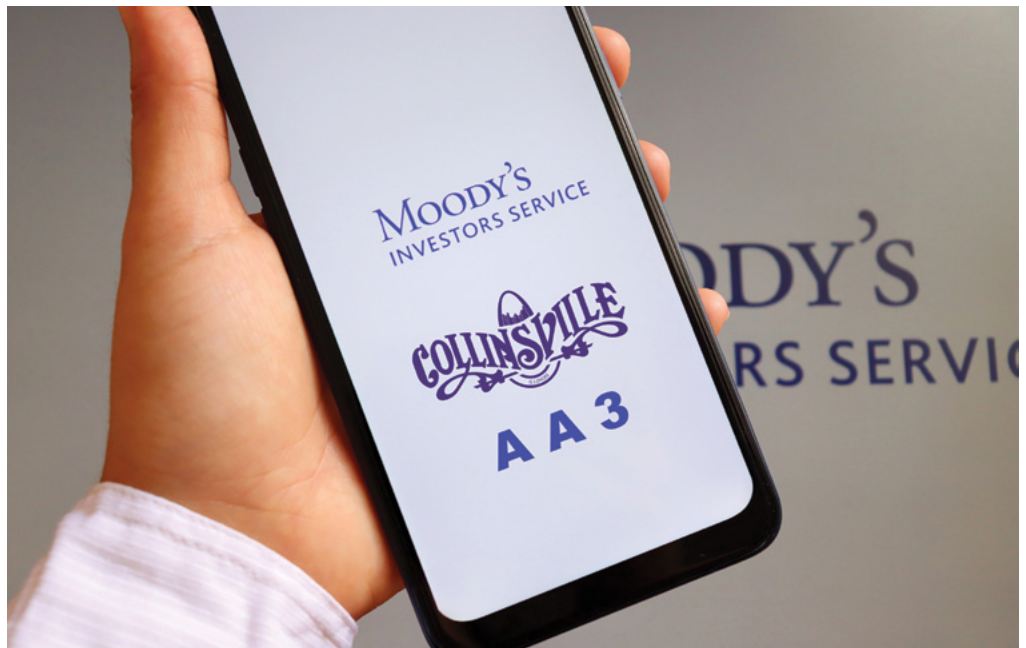
Ziebold explained to the Council how his strategy proposes the use of surplus funds from both the City's General Fund and Capital Projects Fund to pay off debt, increase capital project capacity and preserve fund balance to guard against potential economic downturn.

"We're looking at ways to utilize our money as best as possible while not putting ourselves in a hole," Ziebold said.

The proposed strategy includes:

- Elimination of portions of the debt portfolio that will open cash flow of future revenues. This will give the City flexibility in determining uses related to a variety of planned projects through full payment or financing project costs.

- By holding surplus funds in fund balance for



at least the current fiscal year, it allows the City to monitor current revenue streams and any downturns related to the volatile market. This in turn allows the City to continue with current year budgeted projects and operations while not having to cut projects mid-year due to downturn in revenues. Overall, this plan takes another step forward in strengthening the City's financial position for the upcoming year and future years. In addition, it follows fundamental business and financial practices that assist in maintaining and raising our credit worthiness and ratings received from Moody's Investor Services.

The City recently received an Aa3 credit rating from Moody's Investor Services.

There are several key factors that led to this rating being upheld and the negative outlook being removed. The recent vote upholding the City's Home Rule Status by its citizens

was the largest factor leading to this rating. Additional factors include growth in reserves and liquidity through strong financial management, which includes long-term liability management (elimination of debt service), economic development leading to revenue growth, and management of overall spending to maintain and grow reserves.

City leaders say the credit rating is an outstanding outcome and will allow for economic growth and more efficient services for residents. The rating lends credibility to the measures being taken to grow and strengthen the City's financial position.

"We are doing a lot of great things and moving in a positive direction, and this plan follows that same methodology," Ziebold said. "We're also able to do some extra projects to put some good things in front of our citizens as well."



2023 AQUA PARK SEASON

Opening Day: Saturday, May 27, 2023



Season Pass	City Res.	N/R
Adult (13-59)	\$80	\$120
Child (3-12)	\$70	\$95
Senior (60+)	\$70	\$95
Family 2 Pack (2 Passes)	\$140	\$190
Family 5 Pack (5 Passes)	\$280	\$380
Add a Family Member	\$55	\$80

Daily Pass		
	City Res.	N/R
Adult (13-59)	\$16	\$24
Child (3-12)	\$14	\$19
Senior (60+)	\$14	\$19

Purchase Season Passes online at:
www.collinsvilleil.org/pass
 (online account required)

Season Pass prices listed here are valid from April 1, 2023-July 3, 2023.

10 Gateway Drive
 Collinsville, IL 62234
 618-346-4571
www.collinsvilleaquapark.com

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2023 *Budweiser*

BBQ Competition and Festival

Market Street
Uptown Collinsville, Illinois

SATURDAY & SUNDAY
JULY 29 & 30

- Saturday 11am - 10pm, Sunday 11am - 5pm •
- BBQ Vendors From All Over The St. Louis Area •
- Ice Cold Anheuser-Busch Products •
- **LIVE MUSIC** •

SATURDAY
"DJ" 1pm - 5pm &
Steven Woolley 6pm-7pm / Steve Ewing Band 7pm - 10pm

SUNDAY
"Blue Marlin Band" Noon - 4pm

All Proceeds Will Benefit The U.S. Veterans Foundation & The Collinsville Food Pantry

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40th Anniversary

Main Street - Collinsville

SEPTEMBER 15 - 16, 2023

COLLINSVILLE CASH CARD



Use the re-loadable Collinsville Cash card to purchase refreshments and snacks at the Collinsville Aqua Park.

New for 2023, the Collinsville Cash Card is now available for season pass holders to use to purchase refreshment and snacks at the Collinsville Aqua Park, and soon will also be available at the Gateway Convention Center and Collinsville Sports Complex.

This Summer, every season pass holder to the Collinsville Aqua Park will receive a Cash Card pre-loaded with \$10.

The Cash Cards are re-loadable and have a QR Code on the back that allows the user to scan with a mobile device to check the current balance.

If you have questions about the Collinsville Cash Card you may contact the Catering Director at: cateringdirector@gatewaycenter.com

CONCESSIONS

BEVERAGES		HOT ITEMS	
BOTTLED WATER	\$3	PIZZA SLICE	\$3
BOTTLED TEA	\$3	PRETZEL	\$4
BOTTLED SODA	\$3	PRETZEL W/ CHEESE	\$5
BOTTLED POWERADE	\$3	CINN. SUGAR PRETZEL BALLS	\$5
BOTTLED JUICE	\$3	NACHOS	\$5
20oz FOUNTAIN DRINK	\$2	FRIES	\$3
32oz FOUNTAIN DRINK	\$3	FRIED PICKLES	\$3
SLUSHIE	\$4	TOASTED RAVIOLI	\$4
ENERGY DRINK	\$5	CHICKEN MINI TACOS	\$4
		CHICKEN TENDERS	\$5
		ALL-BEEF HOT DOG	\$5
		1/3 LB GRILLED BURGER	\$6

GRAB & GO

GRANOLA BAR	\$1
CANDY	\$2
COOKIE	\$2
ASSORTED CHIPS	\$2
COTTON CANDY	\$4
LUNCHABLE	\$2
SARGENTO SNACK PACK	\$3
SMUCKERS UNCRUSTABLE	\$2
GARDEN SALAD	\$2
DELI SANDWICH	\$5
ICE CREAM	\$3
DIPPIN' DOTS	\$6

MEAL DEALS

#1	PIZZA SLICE, CHIPS, 32 oz FOUNTAIN	\$7
#2	HOT DOG, CHIPS, 32 oz FOUNTAIN	\$9
#3	TENDERS, FRIES, 32 oz FOUNTAIN	\$9
#4	BURGER, FRIES, 32 oz FOUNTAIN	\$10

All menu items are subject to availability while supplies last and/or the discretion of Management.





RECOGNIZING GOOD NEIGHBORS

Collinsville residents that make a difference by helping others, beautifying our City, volunteering, supporting their neighbors, or in other ways demonstrate “Good Neighbor Behavior” are eligible for the award.

Not sure if someone qualifies to be nominated? Do you know someone that:

- Shovels your sidewalk when it snows “just because”?
- Mows your lawn when you’re on vacation?
- Checks in on seniors in the neighborhood?
- Organizes neighborhood parties or gatherings?
- Brightens your day by pulling your trash receptacle up from the street?
- Loves Collinsville and shows it in his/her own unique way?
- Serves on a task force, committee, board or commission and is working to help shape the future of the City?
- Volunteers within the community to help those in need, keep us safe, or improve our parks/open space?
- Has demonstrated a commitment of excellence that has resulted in creating a better Collinsville.
- Takes action in a way that makes you think “I am so glad they are part of my community”?

To nominate a good neighbor visit:

www.collinsvilleil.org/goodneighbor



UPCOMING EVENTS

JUN 2-4 DIECON

JUN 3-4 Cahokia Mounds Indian Market Days

JUL 14 Collinsville Faith in Action Banquet

JUL 14-15 Artistic Rubber Stamp

JUL 28-29 St. Louis Railroad Prototype Modelers

AUG 4-6 Mighty Con St. Louis

AUG 19-20 Gateway Open

AUG 25-27 KOKOROKON

SEP 29 - OCT 1 ARCHON 46

OCT 6-8 Anime Senpai Fall Break

OCT 28-29 KC Metaphysical

Notification Process:

Recipients selected for an award will be notified by phone and/or mail by Friday, September 29, 2023.

The City of Collinsville in partnership with the Collinsville Chamber of Commerce will host the Annual C3 Community Awards Banquet on Thursday, November 9, 2023, at Gateway Convention Center located at One Gateway Drive, Collinsville, Illinois.

Nomination Deadline is Midnight, Friday September 22, 2023

APPLY FOR YARD SALE PERMITS NOW ONLINE

If you are looking to conduct a Yard Sale in the City of Collinsville you will need a permit. Yard Sale permits are **free** and are available online at the City’s website Collinsvilleil.org/yardsales.

There you will find a list of current yard sales in our community along with rules and regulations for yard/garage sales.

Residents are limited to 3 yard sale permits during any one calendar year.

If you have questions about yard sales please call City Hall @ 618-346-5200

SUBMIT



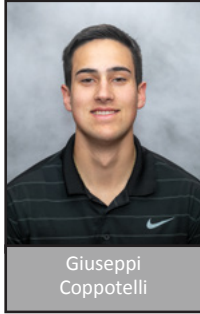
You can view current yard sales as well as apply for permits at:

Collinsvilleil.org/yardsales

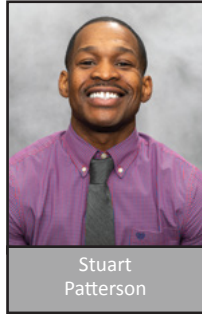
NEW FACES AT COLLINSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Collinsville Police Department continues to add new faces to the CPD family.

On March 6, 2023, Officer Stuart Patterson (DSN 229) and Giuseppe Coppotelli (DSN 230) were both sworn in as Collinsville Police Officers.



Giuseppe Coppotelli



Stuart Patterson

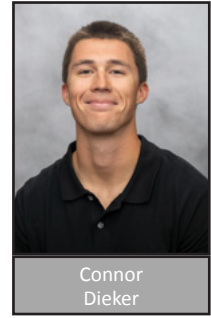
Officer Patterson was hired to replace the recently retired officer Jose Cerna, and Officer Coppotelli was hired to replace Officer Courtney Ross, who accepted a federal law enforcement position out of state. Officer Patterson had previously served as a police officer with the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department for approximately 18 months. Officer Coppotelli, following in the footsteps of his father, retired Major Tom Coppotelli, joins the department after serving 9 months with the St. Louis County Police Department. Both officers are currently in the 14-week field training program.

We were blessed to receive authorization to take advantage of a deep talent pool after our 2023 traditional-entry testing process, bringing three more officers into the CPD family. On September 17, 2023, Officer Jessica Flores (DSN 231) was hired to replace the recently retired Officer Todd Kunz, who served approximately 26 years with the Collinsville Police Department. Officer Flores is a recent graduate of Southwestern Illinois College with an Associate's degree in Administration of Justice. Additionally,

Connor Diecker (DSN 232) was sworn-in as an additional officer. Officer Diecker is a recent graduate of Webster University, earning a Bachelor's degree in Business with a minor in Criminology.



Jessica Flores



Connor Diecker

Finally, on May 1, 2023, Officer Nino Jenkins (DSN 233) was hired as an additional officer, taking our authorized strength to 46 officers. Officer Jenkins, a Collinsville native and graduate of Collinsville High School, previously served the CPD as a Civilian Police Aide. He is a recent graduate of Southwestern Illinois College, earning an Associate's degree in Administration of Justice. Officers Flores, Diecker, and Jenkins begin the police academy at Southwestern Illinois College on May 2, 2023.



Nino Jenkins



**COLLINSVILLE IL
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**CHIEF STEVE EVANS
MAYOR JOHN MILLER**

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

VISIT COLLINSVILLEIL.ORG/POLICE
TO VIEW/DOWNLOAD A COPY

2022 POLICE - ANNUAL REPORT

The Collinsville Police department has published its 2022 annual report. This report is intended to provide a general overview of crime trends in our community along with an overview of activities and accomplishments which lead directly to the safety of our community. The Collinsville Police Department is very proud of their entire professional staff and ask that you take a few minutes to look at their outstanding accomplishments.

DEDICATED TO PROACTIVE SERVICE

PATROL DIVISION

The Collinsville Police Department subscribes to a philosophy of "proactive policing". This philosophy of policing encourages and supports officer's efforts to proactively find solutions to issues or problems facing our community through community engagement and outreach programs. The philosophy also supports officers to actively seek out and arrest criminal offenders who prey on the community before they have an opportunity to commit their crimes. This is accomplished through high visibility tactics and self-initiated field activity from our Patrol Division.

The Collinsville Police Department's three key tenets are Professionalism, Innovation and Responsibility. These tenets are carried out on a daily basis by the members of the Patrol Division. Every division within the Collinsville Police Department, including the Chief of Police and his administrative staff, is inclined to support the day to day operations of each patrol officer assigned to that division.

The citizens of the City of Collinsville depend on the men and women of the patrol division to perform many daily functions. The members of the patrol division:

- Are responsible for maintaining public order and safety.
- Proactively enforces criminal and traffic laws.
- Continuously prevents, detects and investigates criminal activities.
- Diligently investigates traffic crashes and initiates proactive measures to prevent further crashes.
- Ensures that each member of the community enjoys a good quality of life.
- Promotes a team effort between the community and the police department to help prevent and detect criminal activities in our community.

The Collinsville Police Department Patrol Division is made up of 25 highly professional and educated men and women. These officers are broken down into four patrol squads, led by a patrol sergeant. Additionally, one maintains two K-9 teams that are assigned to two patrol squads. The typical patrol shift is 12 hours and alternates from days to nights every six weeks.



PRIVATE SWIM LESSONS

AT THE COLLINSVILLE AQUA PARK

Private lessons are offered to all individuals regardless of skill level, age or ability. During these 30-minute private lessons, students will go at their own pace to achieve individual goals. Specific lesson times will be determined between participants and instructors.

4 LESSONS: \$140
6 LESSONS: \$198
8 LESSONS: \$256
10 LESSONS: \$310

For more information or to register, call us at 618-346-4571, email us at aquapark@collinsvilleil.org or visit our website: www.collinsvilleaquapark.com.



SWIM LESSONS



GROUP SWIM LESSONS

BEGINNER/INTERMEDIATE: AGES 6 MONTHS - 5 YEARS (RECOMMENDED)
 Children will be split up based on age and ability, and will learn to get comfortable with the water while learning the basics of breath holding, kicking, jumping and floating. They may also learn water safety, stroke development and underwater swim depending on their aptitude.

INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED: AGES 6 YEARS - 12 YEARS (RECOMMENDED)
 Participants will be split up based on age and ability. Water safety, stroke development and underwater swim will be the focus of this class. For those participants who have a stronger skill level, stroke progression will also be worked into this class.

PRICE: \$100 PER SESSION

MORNING & NIGHTTIME SESSIONS AVAILABLE IN JUNE AND JULY 2023!

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FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES GRANT FOR CEMA RADIOS

Thanks to grant funding, the Collinsville Fire Department was recently able to buy new digital communication radios for Collinsville Emergency Management Agency (CEMA) volunteers.

Fire Chief John Bailot said the new radios are a much-needed tool for CEMA volunteers in emergency situations. Volunteers help police and fire during a variety of emergencies, such as structure fires or natural disasters.

Collinsville is one of several area fire departments that benefited from the grants from the Edwardsville Community Foundation (ECF). The

ECF received a generous influx of donations after two tornadoes killed six people in December 2021 in Edwardsville. The foundation awarded nearly \$1.7 million in relief grants to individuals, businesses and municipalities in Madison County. \$498,867 in grants went to local police and fire departments for digital communication radios.

Chief Bailot said he is very appreciative of the grant and the opportunity it provides.

"We can't stop the tornadoes, but we can prepare for them," Bailot said.

Bailot said the new radios are a huge improvement from the older radio technology volunteers had up until now.

"They could not talk to the fire department or police, and only two radios could even reach dispatch. That was a big issue," Bailot said.

The department received nine radios through the grant funding for CEMA volunteers. Bailot said the radios will help Collinsville achieve a better level of interoperability, which allows agencies to communicate with each other.

"Everything we do is a direct benefit to the community and the more tools we have to help our citizens, the better," Bailot said. "Let's knock on wood, but if a tornado came through Collinsville, I would be calling those volunteers out to help us and they would help do window surveys where they go around different communities and assess the damage and bring that information back to us so we can get resources to those areas quicker."



Outdoor Emergency Siren Upgrades

The City of Collinsville will soon have four new outdoor emergency sirens in St. Clair County. The sirens are strategically placed to alert people outdoors of a reported tornado or destructive storm. This is thanks to an intergovernmental agreement with St. Clair County.

Fire Chief John Bailot said this agreement will help improve public safety during an emergency weather event while also saving the City close to \$80,000.

“We very much appreciate St. Clair County’s desire and plan to provide coverage throughout St. Clair County and for making sure our residents in the St. Clair County portion of our city are included in the new technology,” Bailot said.

Bailot said these new sirens will include advanced technology that activates them automatically through the National Weather Service warning system.

“The old sirens were using a legacy system that required someone to manually activate them. The rest of our current outdoor sirens are still using that older system, however, it is our goal to upgrade all of the sirens in the City within the next few years,” Bailot said.

Chief Bailot wants to remind the public that the outdoor warning system is designed to be heard outdoors, not inside buildings. Bailot encourages all residents to purchase a NOAA weather radio to alert occupants inside the home of a tornado or destructive storm in the area.

Collinsville residents can also sign up for Code Red alerts that send severe weather notifications as well as information regarding important City events or emergencies. Information on how to sign up can be found on our City website.



Fire Department Trains City Employees on CPR

When Buffalo Bills’ safety, Damar Hamlin, suffered a sudden and shocking cardiac arrest on the field in January, the world was reminded of the importance of CPR training.

The Collinsville Fire Department continues to express the importance of public knowledge on how to perform CPR and use an AED. Recently, the department trained 60 City employees how to recognize the signs for when CPR is needed, how to perform the lifesaving

skill and how to use an AED.

The Collinsville Fire Department has several members trained as CPR instructors and offers monthly classes to the public on the first Wednesday of every month. If you have ever considered learning the skill, the department would love to train you.

Call 618-346-5022 during business hours to get signed up.



CPR



Four 2023 CHS Seniors Awarded Schaeffer Scholarship

Four Collinsville High School graduating seniors have been chosen to receive the 2023 Stan Schaeffer Memorial Scholarship.

The scholarship award honors late Collinsville Mayor Stan Schaeffer, a retired educator, who was inspired by “Promise” organizations in other communities that provided scholarships for local graduates. Following Schaeffer’s sudden death in 2008, City leaders made the Collinsville scholarship program a reality.

Recipients must be residents of the City of Collinsville, and are selected based on their academic success and community involvement. The 2023 awardees are:

Thomas Haire: Thomas will attend Fontbonne University where he will play football, and double major in criminal justice and nursing.

Megan Janson: Megan will attend Parkland College in Champaign, IL to major in Forensic Science and play women’s basketball.

Lily Jurgena: Lily will attend Southern Illinois University Edwardsville as a nursing major.

Sam Stuckey: Sam will attend University of Illinois Chicago and major in computer science.

The Stan Schaeffer Scholarship is a \$1,000 non-renewable award for Collinsville High School graduating seniors who live within the corporate limits of Collinsville, Illinois. Applications are available through the CHS Counseling Department.

This year’s recipients will be honored at the May 23, 2023 Collinsville City Council meeting.

Support Local Scholarships

The Stan Schaeffer Memorial Scholarship is supported through the Collinsville Area Community Foundation. CACF is a public charitable organization as defined by Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. All contributions and gifts are tax deductible. Donations and bequests are accepted from and disbursed to individuals, groups or businesses. To learn more and to make a donation to the scholarship fund, visit the foundation website.



www.collinsvillefoundation.com

Kahoks Teaching Kahoks 2023 Scholarships Announced

The 2023 Kahoks Teaching Kahoks scholarship recipients were honored at Collinsville High School. Kahoks Teaching Kahoks is the Collinsville Community Unit School District #10 “Grow Our Own” future teacher program to encourage current high school students to become educators in the district.

Kahoks Teaching Kahoks is a comprehensive program that includes specialized courses available to students in grades 9-12 and scholarships for graduating seniors who will be education majors. The initiative was an outgrowth of work by the districtwide Kahok Diversity & Equity Committee whose initial task in 2019 was to recruit minority teachers. This led to the district’s concerted effort to grow teachers by encouraging current students to pursue careers in education.

The future teachers scholarship program is for Collinsville High School seniors. It is funded through donations and CUSD 10 employee payroll deduction. Scholarship recipients are awarded \$1,000 per year toward their college expenses for four years.

2023 Kahoks Teaching Kahoks Scholarship Recipients:

Ragin Clemons - Southern Illinois University Edwardsville; plans to teach high school psychology.

Benjamin Dobbs - Illinois College; plans to teach high school science.

Addison DeLisle - Lindenwood University; plans to teach high school math.

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Bill Metzger Scholarship

Bill Metzger was a lifelong Collinsville resident and co-founder of the Collinsville Education Scholarship Foundation which grew to become the Collinsville Area Community Foundation (CACF) that we know today.

Throughout his life, Bill was an active member of several local civic organizations including CMC Rotary. His dedication to the community will be honored by awarding scholarships to future generations of Collinsville area residents planning to attend a 4-year college/university.

Eligibility: Applicants must reside within Collinsville Community Unit School District #10. Students must be planning to attend a 4-year college/university.

Term: Scholarship will be awarded annually for a maximum of two years.

Academic achievement: The scholarship will be awarded to students who have demonstrated strong academic performance in high school with a GPA of a 3.0 or higher.

Community involvement: The scholarship will be awarded to students who have made significant contributions to their local community through volunteer work, community service or other forms of outreach.



from L to R: Teresa May - CMC Rotary President, Lois Metzger, Dr. Brad Skertich - Unit 10 Superintendent/CMC Rotary Member/CACF Board Member, Kai Redmon - CACF Board President

Leadership: The scholarship will be awarded to students who have demonstrated leadership skills or potential; either through their involvement in extracurricular activities or through other forms of leadership experience.

Scholarship Award Payment & Renewal: Each scholarship award has a value of \$1,000 per year for up to two years. The scholarship selection committee has the sole authority to determine the recipients of awards. Scholarship recipients will be notified in writing of their selection.

NOMINATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE 2024 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

The Collinsville Community Unit School District #10 Hall of Fame Selection Committee, is excited to begin accepting nominations for the Class of 2024 Hall of Fame inductees.

Our district is fortunate to have a long and storied list of alumni, residents and employees who are worthy of recognition for their community service, academic achievement, professional accomplishments and service to the district. Furthermore, Kahok Nation has a long history of student athletes, alumni, and coaches that have experienced a great deal of athletic success and accomplishments.

The Hall of Fame recognizes athletic and personal accomplishments, exemplary citizenship, contributions to society and actions that brought distinction and honor to all associated with Collinsville Community Unit School District #10.

The Hall of Fame Selection Committee consists of 11 members: four from the school district and seven representing the community. We are honored to be part of this endeavor to celebrate the accomplishments of fellow Kahoks.

The Kahok Hall of Fame is organized into two divisions*, Distinguished & Athletic:

DISTINGUISHED: Individuals are recognized for community service, academic achievement, professional accomplishment, and school district employment.

ATHLETIC: Individuals, Teams and Coaches are recognized for their success and accomplishments.

The Selection Committee will accept nominations for the Collinsville CUSD 10 Hall of Fame beginning May 1, 2023. An online nomination form is available at: www.kahoks.org/community/hall-of-fame. You may also pick one up from the CUSD 10 district office at 201 W. Clay Street.

Completed forms should be submitted electronically or returned to:
2024 Hall of Fame Nominations
201 W. Clay Street
Collinsville, IL 62234

Nominations will be accepted until 5:00pm on August 1, 2023.

Please note these upcoming important dates for the Collinsville CUSD 10 Hall of Fame:

On February 15, 2024, an induction ceremony will be held at the Gateway Convention Center in Collinsville. Tickets for this event will be limited and go on sale in December 2023.

*Collinsville Community Unit School District #10 Hall of Fame by-laws can be accessed on the district website.

The City of Collinsville
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