

# CITYSCOOP

The City of Collinsville's Newsletter



## AQUA PARK SEASON PASSES



Pricing for Adults, Children, Seniors, & Family Packs. Residents & Non-Residents



### BEAT THE HEAT!

Season pass holders not only get to enjoy the Aqua Park all season for one low price, they also receive the following benefits:

- Free complimentary guest passes (2 per individual pass or 4 per family pack; one time use)
- \$10 Concessions Card per Season Pass Holder
- Discount on cabana rentals & gift shop merchandise
- Discounted special event and program pricing
- Priority one hour early entry into the park every day
- NEW: Pre-Season VIP Night
- Season Pass Appreciation Party

## GET YOURS TODAY: ONLINE OR IN PERSON!

## Firework Festival - May 26

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

The Collinsville Firework Festival will be Sunday, May 26th, 2024 from 4:00p-10:00p 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. V.I.P. tickets include access to the Aqua Park Leisure Pool and V.I.P. Parking for the evening, food and drinks, and two free alcoholic beverage tickets

(adults only). V.I.P. Tickets are sold for a fee and a limited amount is available.

This fun, free, community event is looking for sponsors. If your business is interested, please contact CPRD using the information listed below.

Interested in being a vendor or would you like to have your food truck at this event? Let us know!

Please Contact Collinsville Parks and Recreation for more information.

Office: 618-346-7529

Email: [parks@collinsvilleil.org](mailto:parks@collinsvilleil.org)

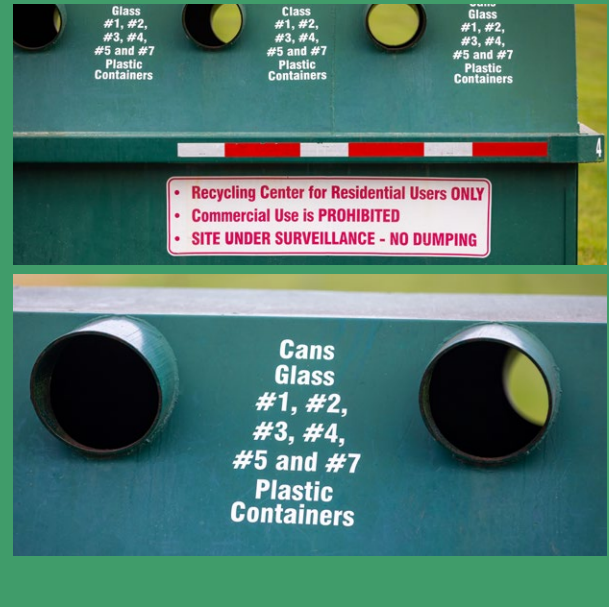
Website: [collinsvilleil.org](http://collinsvilleil.org)



## -MADISON COUNTY RECYCLE STATION - MOVED TO PARKS ACTIVITY CENTER-

The Madison County Recycle Station, formerly located at Woodland Park, has been relocated next to Collinsville Parks and Recreation Activity Center.

Items such as paper, glass, plastics, and metals can be recycled in the drop-off station. This service is free for all Collinsville and Madison County Residents. Please read the directions on the station prior to use to minimize contamination. Please do not dump materials outside of the station if it is full. The station is collected by Republic Services M-W-F weekly.



### YARD WASTE PICK-UP

Republic Services offers Yard Waste Pick-up Service for Collinsville residents.

3 months of yard waste service is \$57.51

Please contact Republic Services at:  
(618) 656-6883 or  
[www.republicservices.com](http://www.republicservices.com)  
to start service.

### 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](http://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".

## 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](http://www.collinsvilleil.org/eft)





**CRAFT VENDORS WANTED!**

**FOOD TRUCKS WANTED!**

**COLLINSVILLE**  
MEMORIAL DAY  
FIREWORKS CELEBRATION  
COLLINSVILLE AQUA PARK - EASTPORT PLAZA

**5th Annual Firework Festival**  
*Vendor Fair*  
**4 PM - 8 PM**  
At Collinsville Aqua Park & Eastport Business Plaza  
**Sunday, May 26th, 2024**

**EVENT WEBSITE**  
Accepting applications for craft vendors, food trucks, and Kid Zone Entertainment

**6,500-8,000**  
Estimated Attendance

**For more info, visit**  
[www.collinsvilleil.org/fireworkfestival](http://www.collinsvilleil.org/fireworkfestival)

**FUN FAMILY EVENT!**

# Memorial Day Weekend Firework Festival

**Sunday, May 26th, 2024**  
Collinsville Aqua Park & Eastport Plaza Dr.

The Annual Collinsville Fireworks Festival will be Sunday, May 26th, 2024 from 4:00pm-10:00pm and will be held at Collinsville Aqua Park and Eastport Plaza area. This event includes a vendor fair, food trucks, a Kids Zone, live music, and of course, FIREWORKS! Collinsville Aqua Park will be open during the day and closing at 5:00pm. VIP access to the Aqua Park will begin at 6:00pm. V.I.P. tickets include access to the Aqua Park Leisure Pool and V.I.P. Parking for the evening, food and drinks at Aqua Park Concessions, and two free alcoholic beverage tickets (adults only). V.I.P. Tickets are sold for a fee and a limited number of tickets available. General admission to the event is FREE.

**6,500-8,000**  
Estimated Attendance

**EVENT WEBSITE**  
Accepting applications for craft vendors, food trucks, and Kid Zone Entertainment  
[collinsvilleil.org/fireworkfestival](http://collinsvilleil.org/fireworkfestival)

**Sponsorship Level**

<b>Platinum Plus</b>	Presenting Sponsor Prominent logo placement on event shirts, event website, and event flyers. Sponsor acknowledgment on social media and during event. Vendor booth space available.	<b>\$5,000+</b>
<b>Platinum</b>	Platinum logo placement on event shirts and event website. Sponsor acknowledgment on social media and during event. Vendor booth space available.	<b>\$2,500</b>
<b>Red</b>	Red level logo placement on event shirts and event website. Sponsor acknowledgment on social media and during event. Vendor booth space available.	<b>\$1,500</b>
<b>White</b>	Silver level logo placement on event website. Sponsor acknowledgment on social media and during event.	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Blue</b>	Blue level logo placement on event website. Sponsor acknowledgment on social media and during event.	<b>\$500</b>

[www.collinsvilleil.org/fireworkfestival](http://www.collinsvilleil.org/fireworkfestival)

All sponsor and vendor applications can be found at [collinsvilleil.org/fireworkfestival](http://collinsvilleil.org/fireworkfestival)

Any questions, please contact the event coordinator at [recsuperintendent@collinsvilleil.org](mailto:recsuperintendent@collinsvilleil.org)




# Utility Tax Rebate

Senior citizen, disabled, and low income City residents can apply for utility tax rebates from April 1 - May 24, 2024. The rebate is for Collinsville municipal taxes on gas and electric service and is a maximum of \$70.

## Eligibility and Required Documentation

- Must reside within the City of Collinsville and have electric and/or gas service in your name.
- State or Federally issued ID
- Senior Citizen: 65 or older (no income limit)
- Disabled: Illinois Class 2 Disability Card (no income limit)
- Low Income: Income Tax Return, IRS Notice 703, or affidavit stating no income tax return was filed( see chart for income limits)
- Complete the letter agency form

Applications may be completed at City Hall or online at [www.collinsvilleil.org/utilitytaxrebate](http://www.collinsvilleil.org/utilitytaxrebate) - but they must be submitted by May 24, 2024. If you have questions, please contact City Hall at 618-346-5200.



### Low income applicant only:

Family Size	Max Income
1	\$56,250
2	\$64,300
3	\$72,350
4	\$80,350
5	\$86,800
6	\$93,250
7	\$99,650
8	\$106,100



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**APR 5-6** **Creating Keepsakes  
Scrapbooking  
Convention**

**MAY 31-JUN 2** **DieCon**

**JUN 28-30** **The Illinois Elvis  
Festival**

**JUL 19-20** **St. Louis Railroad  
Prototype Modelers  
Meet**

We host a variety of events that offer something for all ages and every interest. We have events that feature jewelry, woodworking, trains, fishing, eSports, science fiction, Anime, scrap-booking, dance, Indian artifacts, wedding shows, educational conferences, health and baby fairs, and that is not all! Attending events at Gateway Convention Center is convenient, affordable, and fun. To see which events are coming soon, please visit our Calendar of Events Page.



Gateway Convention Center offers flexible and affordable space with easy access for vendors and exhibitors. Our clients love the Center's close proximity to hotels, restaurants, and local attractions as well as the convenient, central location and free parking.

**GATEWAYCENTER.COM**



**MAY - 3 & 4, 2024**

### PROOF OF RESIDENCY REQUIRED

The City of Collinsville is offering free yard waste disposal for Collinsville residents on the following dates:

- Friday May 3 from 8am to 2pm
- Saturday May 4 from 8am to 3pm

The yard waste must be brought to the Street Department Facility located at 850 S. Morrison Avenue

### ACCEPTABLE YARD WASTE ITEMS:

- Leaves and yard waste must be in paper yard waste bags. No plastic bags!
- Tree branches must be no larger than 4 inches in diameter and 36 inches in length.



### QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE EVENT

Call the Collinsville Street Department  
(618) 346-5216

# COLLINSVILLE'S 2024 CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE

**APRIL 26 & 27 - RAIN OR SHINE!**

**RESIDENTS CAN REGISTER BY APRIL 19  
BY CALLING THE PARKS & REC DEPT.  
AT 618-346-7529 TO BE INCLUDED IN  
THE GARAGE SALE GUIDE.**

SPONSORED BY  
THE CITY OF



**RESIDENTS WHO REGISTER BY APRIL 19 WILL NOT  
NEED A PERMIT TO DISPLAY DURING THEIR SALE, AND  
REGISTERING FOR THE CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE  
THROUGH PARKS & REC WILL NOT COUNT AGAINST  
RESIDENTS' THREE ALLOWED YARD SALES PER YEAR.**

**PLEASE NOTE:  
RESIDENTS WHO CALL TO REGISTER AFTER APRIL 19 WILL BE DIRECTED TO  
CITY HALL TO APPLY FOR A REGULAR YARD SALE PERMIT AND WILL NOT  
BE INCLUDED IN THE CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE GUIDE.**



# FREE LIMB & YARD WASTE PICK-UP

MAY 13<sup>th</sup> through 17<sup>th</sup>

## PARTNERING TOGETHER

The City of Collinsville is partnering with the Collinsville Township to provide a free, one-time, limb and yard waste collection for residents. There is no need to call to register in advance. Republic Services will pick up any limbs and yard waste that is put out at residences on your **NORMAL TRASH DAY THE WEEK OF MAY 13<sup>TH</sup> - 17<sup>TH</sup>.**



GRASS

### WHEN

May 13<sup>th</sup> through  
May 17<sup>th</sup>.  
Pickup will occur on  
your normal trash  
day.



LEAVES

### WHAT

Grass, leaves, flowers,  
stalks, stems, small  
tree trimmings and  
branches. All leaves  
and yard waste must  
be in a can or paper  
bag the weight  
of which shall not  
exceed 50 pounds.  
**NO PLASTIC BAGS.**



TREE  
LIMBS

### TREE LIMBS

Small tree trimmings  
and branches (less  
than 4 feet in length  
and less than 3 inches  
in diameter) shall be  
in a can or paper bag  
the weight of which  
shall not exceed  
35 pounds. Tree  
trimmings may also  
be tied into bundles  
and laid in piles  
curbside.



YARD  
DEBRIS

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

All Collinsville  
residents within City  
limits. The City would  
like to discourage  
residents from  
bringing in waste  
from out of town.

# → FREE ONE-TIME PICK-UP

brought to you by:



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The City and Township also plan on scheduling a limb & yard waste pick up in the Fall of 2024 – more details to come!

Questions? - call 618-346-5200 x0

# City Hall News



Meet Collinsville's New City Manager, Derek Jackson.

On November 28, 2023, the City Council unanimously appointed Derek Jackson as Collinsville's new City Manager effective January 1, 2024.

Jackson holds a bachelor's degree in political science and minor in information technology systems from the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana and a master's in public administration from Southern Illinois University of Edwardsville. Jackson brings 14 years of local government experience, including tenure with Madison County, the City of Highland, and our very own City of Collinsville. Jackson has been with Collinsville since 2017, serving as Assistant City Manager, Community Development

Director, Deputy City Manager, and Interim City Manager.

Jackson's leadership philosophy revolves around principles of integrity, honesty, professionalism, and fairness. He stands firm in his commitment to upholding the high standards of service already set by our city while championing new ideas and innovative approaches to governance. As a responsible steward of taxpayer dollars, Jackson ensures that every decision made serves the best interests of our community, both in the short and long term.

Jackson is a member of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA), has earned the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) distinction with the American Planning Association (APA), and is a member of the Collinsville-Maryville-Caseyville (CMC) Rotary.



You can also find Derek competing in the Backyard Division of the Smokin' On Main Festival and the grape stomping contest during Italian Fest.

Look for him at City events and meetings. He can be reached at City Hall at [citymanager@collinsvilleil.org](mailto:citymanager@collinsvilleil.org) or 618-346-5200 ext. 1129



Jessica Short became Collinsville's Assistant City Manager & Economic Development Manager on January 1, 2024. Short has a master's degree in public administration from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville and over 12 years of municipal government experience. She started her career with the City of O'Fallon, Illinois in 2011 with

the Community Development Department where she served as the Lead Administrative Assistant and then Community Development Coordinator. Short came to Collinsville in February 2023 as the Assistant to the City Manager and has now taken on additional responsibilities with the City.

Short's approach to economic development for the City is holistic, from supporting existing businesses to cultivating safe, welcoming neighborhoods to encouraging new business development in a planned, thoughtful manner. To Short, economic development

is more than just generating revenue - it is about creating a place where people want to visit, work, live, and invest.

Short is a member of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA), the International Economic Development Council (IEDC), and a 2019 graduate of the O'Fallon Shiloh Leadership Institute.

Jessica can be reached at City Hall at: [jshort@collinsvilleil.org](mailto:jshort@collinsvilleil.org) or 618-346-5200 ext. 1155

## BELT LINE ROAD - IDOT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Belt Line Road, a vital arterial roadway that connects Illinois State Route 157 and 159, falls under the jurisdiction and maintenance of the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). Although the City lacks direct control over IDOT's maintenance schedule, we have maintained an active dialogue with IDOT regarding essential ADA enhancements and the resurfacing of Belt Line Road. IDOT has earmarked Belt Line Road resurfacing as one of their upcoming projects, scheduled for implementation Summer of 2024.

Questions about the status of the Belt Line Road resurfacing project can be directed to IDOT Communications Outreach Liaison, Dawn Johnson. Dawn's email address is: [dawn.johnson@illinois.gov](mailto:dawn.johnson@illinois.gov)





# 2024 YOUTH ACADEMY

AGES 14-17  
\$75 FEE

2 WEEKS PACKED  
FULL OF  
FUN AND LEARNING:  
CPR training  
Community Service Project  
Fire Dept/ARCH Rescue  
Gun Range - Safety, Handling, etc



2 WEEK ACADEMY  
(WEEKDAYS ONLY)

June 3 - June 7  
and  
June 10 - June 14

APPLY ONLINE:  
COLLINSVILLEIL.ORG

open to all Unit 10 students  
and private school students  
in Unit 10 district

Application deadline May 17

Applicants will be notified via  
email if they have been accepted  
into the program.

Class limited to 20 students

2023 Collinsville Police Department Annual Report



## Annual Report

Chief Steve Evans Asst. Chief Brett Boerm Mayor Jeff Stehman



VISIT COLLINSVILLEIL.ORG/POLICE  
TO DOWNLOAD A COPY

## 2023 POLICE - ANNUAL REPORT

The Collinsville Police department has published its 2023 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.

### Our Mission

OUR MOTTO:  
DEDICATED TO PROACTIVE SERVICE



STEVE EVANS  
POLICE CHIEF

The mission of the Collinsville Police Department is to protect lives and property, to maintain peace and order and to restore justice through education, prevention and proactive police services. Through a cooperative effort with the citizens of Collinsville, the Collinsville Police Department will strive for a safe and secure community by providing, promoting, problem solving and diligent police work while enforcing our laws fairly and equitably.

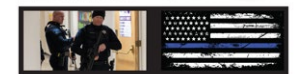
In its effort to present the Collinsville Police Department's 2023 Annual Report to its community, the report provides a general overview of crime trends in our community while highlighting the programs and initiatives that keep Collinsville safe. These programs and initiatives focus on securing the trust and support of the community we serve and protect. We are very proud of our entire professional staff and ask that you take a few minutes to review our 2023 annual report, which clearly demonstrates our commitment to the City of Collinsville.

Our officers and staff continue to serve side by side with the community we serve. The year has another successful Youth Academy in addition to many other community collaborations and programs mentioned later in this report. We will

### Use of Force

The use of force, in the context of law enforcement, is defined as the amount of effort or force required by police to compel compliance by an unwilling subject. Law enforcement officers should use only the amount of force necessary to investigate an incident, make an arrest, or protect themselves or others from harm.

NUMBER OF INCIDENTS	TYPE OF INCIDENT
57	Hold/Grab/Show
27	Takedown
3	Lethal Force
2	Strike/Kick
0	Baton Strike
9	Firearm Point
4	Taser



# Willoughby Rentals

## FACILITY PRICES

Rental times- 9-1/ 1:30-5:30 /6-9

After 5:30 pm evening rates

Farm Packages Res \$1300/Non \$1500

Package includes (Barn-1:30-5:30

Farm closed to the public 5:30-10:00 pm

accommodates 100 people extras can be added)

Barn- Res.\$200/Non\$225 4hr

Pavilion- Res\$80/Non\$100-4 hr

Picnic Site- Res\$40/Non-\$50 4 hr

Chicken Pergola-Res\$50/Non-\$60

For more information call (618) 977-0941



# Basic Horse Care

## Classes run April -October

( 4th Sunday of each month except May & June)

Register for one or all monthly classes.

Do you like being around horses? Come join us at Willoughby Farm for our Basic Horse Care Class. You'll go behind the scenes to enjoy this hands on experience. Learn all about the grooming, feeding and daily care of our miniature horse Beau and his stablemates Amore and Lovey.

Ages 6 and up

Closed in shoes are required and bring a water bottle.

Registration required Resident \$15/ Non-Resident \$18



# Willoughby Summer Camp 2024

Join us for a special mini-camp series at Willoughby Farm!

Each week is filled with unique lessons and hands-on activities including hiking, trail walking, and scavenger hunts aligned with the theme of the week.

This half-day camp operates Monday through Friday from 9am to 12pm for ages 9 to 12 years old.

## Plant Week

Week 1: June 10th-14th, 2024

For the budding botanist in all of us! Campers will do a variety of activities each day related to plants, trees, and soil, covering Botany Basics, Plant Needs, Tree Biology, Gardening, and Composting.

## Animal Week

Week 2: June 17th-24th, 2024

Calling all animal lovers! This special camp will teach campers about domesticated animals such as pets and farm animals, and wild animals, focusing on insects, birds, and mammals. We will also discuss the many ways these animals contribute, from pollinating plants and providing nutrition to bringing us comfort and working for us. Activities will include learning and helping with animal care at Willoughby Farm, a bug hunt, and a service dog demonstration.

## Cook Week at the Farm

Week 3: June 24th-28th, 2024

Let your inner physicist out! This week will be filled with play, build, and explore how things work. Areas of discovery include, Light and Color, Water, Simple Machines, Energy, Magnets, Electricity, and Circuits.



Resident \$100  
Non-Resident \$125



Register at [www.collinsvilleil.org/farm](http://www.collinsvilleil.org/farm)

# Archery

Learn about proper technique with the recurve bow. This structured class will discuss stance, draw, aim, and scoring. Each session is 4 weeks long and begin on the first Sat of each month April - Sept.

Bring a water bottle and wear close toed shoes.

Sign up for a session today!

April- Sept. from 11-12:30 pm

Ages 6-up Resident \$55/ Non-Resident \$60





NOT ACCEPTED: PAPER-GLASS-PLASTIC-WOOD-CARDBOARD-TIRES

# METALS & ELECTRONICS RECYCLE DRIVE

PRESENTED BY POWER RECYCLING



2nd SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH (ex. Jan) 9AM-11AM

TV/Monitor  
CRT cost:  
\$20 ≥ 32"  
\$40 < 32"

⚡ PUBLIC PARKING LOT 227 W MAIN ST. COLLINSVILLE ⚡



CRT TV 32" & Smaller - \$20



CRT TV 33" & Larger + \$40



Office Equipment

Vehicles

Electronics

Questions?  
618.344.7232

Appliances

Batteries

Machinery

# COMPOSTING SERIES

SIGN UP FOR ALL 4 CORE CLASSES PLUS ANY 1 SPECIFIC TOPIC (CHOOSE LATER) FOR \$50 (SAVE \$10)

## CORE CLASSES

- Feb 22 Eat Your Compost!
- Mar 7 Compost 101
- Mar 28 Soil Health
- Apr 18 Pick Your System

## SPECIFIC TOPIC CLASSES

- May 9 Bin systems
- Jun 20 Vermicomposting
- Jul 18 Compost tumblers
- Aug 15 Bokashi
- Sep 19 Static systems
- Oct 17 COMPOST SWAP and POTLUCK DINNER (free!)

For descriptions and registration



## REGISTER NOW

Class size limited to 40

WHERE: Willoughby Farm

631 Willoughby Ln, Collinsville, IL 62234

WHEN: 6 pm

COST: \$12 per class

Scholarships available!

<https://bit.ly/3GE34ws>, 618-977-0941

**40%** of all food produced in the US is wasted  
**22%** of garbage going to the landfill is food

## COMPOSTING

- Cuts greenhouse gas emissions by 50%
- Improves soil health



# SUSTAINABILITY SERIES

\$10/ADULTS 1-3 PM REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
PHONE: 618-977-0941



FEB 11

## BEEKEEPING

GUEST SPEAKER: ELEANOR SCHUMAKER  
REGIONAL BEEKEEPER INSPECTOR



FEB 22

## LAUNCH OF OUR FIRST-EVER COMPOSTING SERIES



PARTNERING WITH TERRI RIUTCEL AND DEAN GUNDERSON



FEB 25

## PRUNING AND WINTER TREE ID

GUEST PRESENTER: KEN WHEAT  
U OF I MASTER NATURALIST



MAR 10

## WILDFLOWER GARDEN PLANNING

BY BESA SCHWEITZER, AUTHOR OF THE WILDFLOWER GARDEN PLANNER

MAR 24

## TOXIC TURF - Reimagining Lawns

Transition to a living landscape

SCOTT MOSS, ASSOC PROF OF BIOLOGY  
COORDINATOR OF RESTORATION ECOLOGY



LEWIS & CLARK  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
DISCOVER



# SUSTAINABILITY SERIES



Rethink.



APR 14

## ARBOR DAY PREPARATION

WITH RICH CRAIN FROM CRAIN NURSERY  
BUY FROM A GROWER & SAVE



## START A THREE SISTER GARDEN

GETTING BACK TO OUR NATIVE ROOTS WITH SUSTAINABLE GARDENING  
U OF I EXTENSION MASTER GARDENERS



APR 28



MAY 5

## RAINSCAPING - STORMWATER SOLUTIONS THROUGH LANDSCAPING

DANELLE HAAKE, STREAM ECOLOGIST  
NGREC (NAT GREAT RIVERS RESEARCH EDUC CENTER)

The National Great Rivers Research & Education Center



## NATIVE LANDSCAPE PLANNING FOR DROUGHT TOLERANT PLANTS

SHANNON CALLAHAN,  
STL AUDUBON SOCIETY  
BRING CONSERVATION HOME



BRING CONSERVATION HOME  
St. Louis Audubon Society

JUNE 2

\$10 1-3 PM REGISTRATION REQUIRED



PHONE: 618-977-0941  
WWW.WILLOUGHBYFARM.ORG





# Senior Trash Rates

Senior Trash Rate for age 65+ : \$12.66/mo.  
Applications for the discount can be completed at City Hall.



Sustainability in Action

## Damaged Cart? Missed Pick-Up?

If you have issues with your trash carts, questions about trash service and schedules, please contact the City's contracted waste service provider Republic Services.

CUSTOMER SERVICE: 618-656-6883



123 S CENTER ST COLLINSVILLE, IL 62234		Collinsville ILLINOIS 62234	U.S. POSTAGE PAID PERMIT NO. 21
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12/22/2023		\$(35.78)	
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			PB -173.52
			USER FEE \$28.00
			TRASH \$32.02
1468250	1473640	5390	SEWER \$44.79
1468250	1473640	5390	WATER \$32.93
<small>EVERY OTHER MONTHLY SERVICE CHARGE FOR DISABLED, AND LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS LIVING IN CITY LIMITS SUBMISSIONS DUE APRIL 1 - MAY 24, 2024 AT CITY HALL OR COLLINSVILLE.IL/UTILITYTAXREBATE.COM</small>			
DUE DATE	AMOUNT DUE	PAST DUE AFTER	PAST DUE AMT
			COLLINSVILLE, IL 62234-3889

## Water Bill Credit

If your water bill "Amount Due" has ( ) around the amount, this means you have a CREDIT.

### Water Bill - Have it EMAILED to you!

Reminder: If you would like to have your water bill emailed to you please provide our City Services team with your email address. Email us at: [allcityservices@collinsvilleil.org](mailto:allcityservices@collinsvilleil.org)



E-MAIL

Please join City Staff and Oates and Associates for the Collinsville Bike & Ped Master Plan **OPEN HOUSE** beginning at 6:00 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers on May 21, 2024. All are welcome to review the preliminary proposed routes, speak with the planning team, and provide feedback on the plan.



## City of Collinsville



# Purple Path

# CALLING ALL COLLINSVILLE RESIDENTS

## Neighborhood Meetings



Beginning in May 2024, the City will be hosting Neighborhood Meetings to discuss survey results from 2022-2023 tailored to each neighborhood. The meetings will also highlight any approved or future plans for the area including capital improvement projects.

This web page will be updated as meetings are scheduled for each neighborhood as well as posted on our social media. Please keep an eye out on these resources to attend your neighborhood meetings. The City of Collinsville

is greatly looking forward to connecting with residents about our neighborhoods and community!



[WWW.COLLINSVILLEIL.ORG/NEIGHBORHOODS](http://WWW.COLLINSVILLEIL.ORG/NEIGHBORHOODS)

## The Great Streets Initiative on St. Louis Road is Underway



St. Louis Road between Jefferson Avenue and Maple Street will soon be reconstructed bringing a new look to the area. The Great Streets Initiative, adopted by the City Council in 2019, is a plan to revitalize this historic corridor of the city. Since the adoption of the Great Streets Initiative, the city has received a \$1.8 million dollars grant through the State of Illinois Rebuild Illinois (RBI) Downtowns and Main Streets Grant Program for the first phase of the project. City crews have been preparing for the project over the past two years by upgrading and replacing the underground infrastructure in the construction area. The project will narrow the existing roadway with curb bump outs and crosswalks at the intersections to slow traffic and improve pedestrian safety. The project will install new decorative street lighting, improve sidewalks, and create a new shared use path. In addition to the road reconstruction, a new, much needed, municipal parking lot will be built between Kruta Bakery and Horseshoe Lounge. The City is most grateful to Kruta Bakery for the generous donation of the lot next to the bakery to allow for the construction of the new parking lot.



Road and parking lot construction is anticipated to begin in late spring 2024 with completion in the spring 2026. All businesses in the work area will remain open during construction. We encourage all residents and customers to continue visiting and patronize these businesses during construction.

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR  
THE 2024 SEASON



# We are hiring

### LIFEGUARD DEPARTMENT

- Managers
- Assistant Managers
- Head Guards
- Lifeguards
- Swim Instructors

### GUEST SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- Managers
- Assistant Managers
- Guest Service Attendants

### MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

- Maintenance Workers

More information on these available positions @  
[www.collinsvilleil.org/hr](http://www.collinsvilleil.org/hr)



## SPRING SAFETY TIPS

With spring right around the corner, and weather to start warming, the fire department would like to offer some safety tips.

### SPRING CLEANING

- Clean your garage and outbuildings of excess combustible materials that accumulate through the winter months.
- Keep brush, vegetation, and debris away from the house.
- Make sure to store any oily rags in sealed metal containers. Oily rags can cause a fire due to spontaneous combustion.
- If possible, store gasoline in a detached garage or shed. Also, gasoline should be in tightly sealed containers.

### GRILL SAFETY

- Grills should only be used outside.
- Grills should be placed a safe distance from flammables such as: roof overhangs, deck railings, siding, etc.
- Keep children and pets away from grills while in use.
- For propane grills make sure to check hoses for signs of damage.
- When lighting a gas grill, make sure the lid is open to prevent excess gas build up.
- When using a charcoal grill, make sure the coals are completely cool before disposing.

### CAMPFIRES

- Before starting a campfire, make sure it is permitted. The City of Collinsville has an ordinance that allows outdoor burning in commercial fire pits only.
- Make sure the fire is a safe distance from anything flammable.
- Avoid burning on dry, windy days.
- Never leave a campfire unattended and make sure to extinguish the fire before leaving.
- As with grills, children and pets should be kept away from campfires.

### ELECTRICAL SAFETY AROUND POOLS

- All wiring for pool pumps should be performed by an experienced electrician.
- Outdoor receptacles should have covers that keep them dry.
- Ground-fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) are required for pool equipment.
- Electrical appliances and equipment should be kept at least 6 feet away from the water. Battery operated appliances such as radios are a much safer option around water.
- Do not swim during thunderstorms.

### CAMPER/RV SAFETY

- Install smoke detectors and test regularly.
- Make sure you have a working carbon monoxide detector.
- Keep combustibles away from cooking appliances.
- Avoid overloading receptacles.
- Make sure to have a portable fire extinguisher.
- Practice a home fire escape plan.

## NEW OUTDOOR WARNING SYSTEM

The City's outdoor warning system used typically for tornado warnings in our area is being replaced. The current system is a manually activated process that requires our communications technicians to receive information of the tornado warning via a teletype or email, acknowledge they have the information and set off all the City's sirens at once from the communications center located in the police department.



The current system has been in place for decades, the sirens are mechanical with many of the sirens over 40 years old. Because of the age, parts are no longer available, and the failure rate is high. In January 2023, the City entered into an agreement with St. Clair County to replace the four (4) legacy sirens within the City of Collinsville, located in St. Clair County.

St. Clair County implemented an outdoor warning system throughout all of St. Clair County. This new system is a newer technology and does not rely on manual activations. The system is connected to the National Weather Service (NWS) and once a tornado warning is issued for an area, the sirens will automatically activate. We've all seen the triangle (polygon) on the news channels we watch during a severe storm. The system uses that polygon and sets off the sirens located within that polygon, not the entire county.

Because of the aging legacy system in the City, a replacement plan was developed to help ensure that all sirens in the City continue to activate when needed. When the St. Clair County system came to light, with four of the City sirens moving to the new technology, it only made sense to alter our replacement plan and move to the new technology as well for the rest of the City. Therefore, the City outdoor warning system is being replaced with the automatic activation technology initiated from the information transmitted by the NWS. Using the polygon information from the NWS, those areas of the City located within the polygon will sound; not all of the City's sirens. This form of activation is very helpful because if the siren(s) in your area sound, the tornado is projected by the NWS to be coming in your direction.

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In March of 2022 the NWS implemented a policy for destructive thunderstorm warnings. While these storms are rare, they carry similar destructive characteristics to a tornado. If a destructive thunderstorm warning is issued, just like with the legacy system, the sirens will activate. The City's communications center will still have the ability to manually activate sirens in a case where a trained storm-spotter calls in a report of a funnel in Collinsville.

The new sirens are solar powered, which fits well with the City's sustainability program, driven by digital technology, and the sirens themselves are not mechanical devices. The distance the sound carries from a new siren is further than with the legacy system and has a bit of a different sound. All of the sirens will be a long steady tone in 30 second bursts lasting for about three (3) minutes. We will continue to test the system on the first Tuesday of every month at 10:00 AM. We've always had the ability to manually activate the outdoor warning system for civil defense purposes, and we will continue to have that ability with the new system. The tone for civil defense emergencies is a wavering (high/low) sound.



Please note that an outdoor warning system is designed to be heard outdoors only. Many times, due to our proximity to a siren, we can hear the siren sounding inside our homes or

businesses. We are most vulnerable when sleeping and may not awake when the sirens activate; therefore, the Fire Department suggests that every home and business have a NOAA weather radio.

We also encourage every resident and business in the City of Collinsville to sign up for emergency and non-emergency notifications as well as weather alerts to their phones by registering for CodeRed. CodeRed is a service provided at no cost to the user and the registration can be done on the City website at [www.collinsvilleil.org](http://www.collinsvilleil.org) scrolling to the bottom of the main page where you will see the CodeRed icon. If assistance is needed to register, contact our administrative team at fire station #1, 618-346-5022 and we can get you registered.



## FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

### Fire Station #2 is Moving!

In November 2023 the Collinsville City Council authorized the purchase of land on Pine Lake Road to build a replacement fire station #2. The lot next to the CVS at Vandalia and Pine Lake Road will be the new location for fire station #2. A very preliminary design is done, and the property vetted to ensure the land is suitable for the new building. Once the design and engineering are completed where we have full construction documents, a contractor will be selected. We anticipate that the new fire station will be occupied in 2025.

Why is the fire station moving? The existing building was constructed in 1966, originally designed for one (1) firefighter and relied on volunteers to staff the fire truck for response. Over the years as the city transitioned to what it is today, the fire department, to keep up with service demands, added personnel and station #2 now has four (4) firefighter/paramedics on-duty every day (working out of a building designed for one person). The conditions in this building have deteriorated over time and modern fire service apparatus do not



fit in the building. The latest fire engine purchased in 2016 was designed to fit in the building, not to fully meet the needs.

In March 2019, the city engaged the consulting firm McGrath and Associates to develop a master plan for the fire department. Dr. Tim McGrath presented the completed plan to the City Council in February 2020 which included suggestions for the fire department to better serve the community. The report, among other items, suggested the replacement and relocation of fire station #2. The suggestion was made based on data that included the number

of emergency responses, location of the responses, the types of responses and the time it took to get from the two fire stations in Collinsville to those calls for service. The data, and subsequent recommendation, was for the fire station to relocate east of the current location along an area along Vandalia around the Camelot Street area.

In February 2021 the Fire Department commissioned a Fire Master Plan Committee made up of city officials, fire department and union members, a resident, and a business owner. This committee was charged with implementing the recommendation presented by McGrath and Associates. The committee needed to ensure that the McGrath report was accurate with its information and thus conducted an independent review of fire station locations using current GIS data. The results are very similar. The Fire Department Master plan was adopted by Resolution at the March 13, 2023, City Council meeting where the City Manager and Fire Chief were authorized to proceed with finding property for fire station #2 and to build a new building.

# CUSD 10 IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

April 2 Kindergarten Registration Begins  
 April 27 CHS Prom  
 May 2 4th Grade Track Jamboree  
 May 7 (Rain Date) 4th Grade Track Jamboree  
 May 8 CHS Honors Convocation  
 May 11 CHS Graduation  
 August 14 First Day of School



For the latest Collinsville  
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 Visit [www.kahoks.org](http://www.kahoks.org)  
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**Collinsville Community Unit School District #10**  
**X(Twitter): @CUSD10**  
**Instagram: @cusd10kahoks**

## 2ND ANNUAL KAHOK HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY

On Thursday, February 15, 2024 the second class of the Kahok Hall of Fame was enshrined during a ceremony at the Gateway Center. Two athletic teams along with twelve individuals were honored.



Clay Smith - Athletic Director



Bob Bone



Dennis Pace

Stallings (1978), Dominique Manley (2010), Tom Parker (1968). Teams inducted into the Hall include the state champions from the 1965 boys basketball team and the 1986 boys soccer team.

The physical location of the Kahok Hall of Fame is on the CHS campus between Fletcher Gymnasium and the CHS Cafeteria. There are two touch panel screens that display a menu system where you can navigate to see photos and videos of HOF inductees. The virtual hall of fame is also accessible on the Collinsville CUSD 10 Kahok Hall of Fame website: <https://kahokhalloffame.kahoks.org>.



1986 Soccer Team - State Champs

Among individual awardees, there were two categories, one for Distinguished accomplishments and one for Athletic accomplishments. Those in the Distinguished category included Jack Renfro (class of 1950), Everett Singleton, Bill Baumgartner (1976), John M. Renfro (1978), Brenda Holdener (1978).



1965 Basketball Team - State Champs

The videos of each inductee and the entire awards ceremony can be viewed on the Unit 10 Youtube Channel.

The Hall of Fame Selection Committee consist of eleven members: four from the school district and seven from the community. The four from the school district consist of the Athletic Director, CHS Principal, Superintendent, and a Teacher. The seven community members consist of residents or CHS Alumni.

Collinsville CUSD #10 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.



Bill Baumgartner



Brenda Holdener

Those inducted into the Athletic category included Ken Oberkfell (Class of 1974), Frannie Steiner-Kolesa (2010), Bob Bone (1973), Dennis Pace (1965), Kevin



Nominations for the Class of 2025 will open on June 1, 2024.

The 2025 event is scheduled for Feb. 13 at the Gateway Center.

# Collinsville Township



## REAL ESTATE TAX FREEZES/ EXEMPTIONS:

Senior citizen real estate tax freezes and exemptions are being processed for qualified residents by the Assessor's Office. If you have questions and feel you qualify, you should contact the Collinsville Township Assessor's Office for further information as this is important.

## ROAD & BRIDGE WORK:

The Township Road and Bridge Office has also been equally busy preparing for spring making sure that potholes and road damage from winter are properly repaired. They are addressing drainage issues to make sure that everything functions properly as the rainy season approaches. Various Township roads are scheduled to be paved, oiled and chipped. If you have any questions regarding any of these projects, you may contact the Township Road and Bridge department at 618-344-0013.

## LIHEAP ENERGY ASSISTANCE CONTINUES:

The Collinsville Township is continuing LIHEAP. If you're struggling to pay your power bill, you can call and set up an appointment to see if you qualify, just call the Township Office at 618-344-1290. Our staff is very kind and helpful and will assist anyone that calls.

## DISCOUNTED LICENSE PLATE STICKERS:

Many qualifying Township residents may not be aware of an Illinois Department of Aging program that offers license plate stickers to people 65 and older for only \$10.00 instead of \$156.00. If you are on a low income and you have questions concerning if you qualify for this program, please call us 618-344-1290 or stop by the Collinsville Township Office and speak to one of our friendly staff.

## NEW PARKING LOT GRAND OPENING:

The Collinsville Senior Center has just celebrated the completion of its long awaited parking lot. We worked closely with the City of Collinsville and they've been very supportive in making this project a reality. Before its

completion, we had many events that seniors would like to attend but would have to park several blocks away. When the weather was bad, many were not able to come. All of the activities that the Center does for the community are now much more accessible and safer because of additional parking. Completion means that attendees can safely secure their vehicles and park closer.

We've made a coordinated effort here not only to improve the appearance of Main Street in the vicinity of the Collinsville Township Senior Center but at the same time making it more accessible and easier for everyone to have full advantage of the many activities and services that the Township Senior Center has to offer. These include:

## WEEKDAY LUNCH PROGRAM:

On top of serving up great hot homemade meals to the public Monday-Friday from 11am-12:30pm, all the diverse menus prepared by Cinda are posted online, and to quote Colonel Sanders: Cinda's cooking is "finger lick'n' good".

## ACTIVITIES & GAMES:

The Collinsville Senior Center also offers many activities including Yoga, chair workout classes, line dance classes and live bands. The Collinsville Senior Center has weekly games. These games include Pinochle, Bridge, Dominoes, Bingo, Shuffle Board, Pool, and more. Come on in and join one of these groups. The Center is always coming up with new, programs and activities.

## FREE TAX PREPARATION:

If you have moderate to low income you can get free tax preparation at Collinsville Senior Center on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Just come in anytime M-F 8:30-4:30 to pick up a preparation package and schedule your appointment.

## FIELD TRIPS:

The Collinsville Township through great effort now has available various planned field trips. We are going to be making full use of "THE FOLKSWAGON". For those that aren't familiar with "THE FOLKSWAGON" this was obtained at no cost to the Collinsville Township for the benefit of our seniors through a County Transit Grant.



We have weekly field trips planned to many fun places that you can sign up for at the Collinsville Senior Center. Some of the field trips have included the Botanical Gardens, the Arch, the Great River Road, the St. Louis Zoo, Lincoln Museum, Meramec Caverns, and many more. Best of all we are always open to new ideas and suggestions for fun trip destinations. If you have an idea for a fun outing let us know!

## EMPTY BOWL SUCCESS:

On behalf of the Collinsville Township, Supervisor Cox would like to extend a huge thank you to all the businesses and organizations who contributed to the Collinsville Empty Bowl at the Gateway Center on February 22nd! There were 28 different soups that were donated by different restaurants and organizations. We'd also like to thank our many sponsors of this great event. Some big ones include: Navigation Church, Woods Basements, Ameren Illinois, and Mattea Law Firm. Over \$12,000 was raised for The Collinsville Food Pantry.

## VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR - 2023:

At The Empty Bowl, The Township was also proud to present the Jerry Christopher - Volunteer of the Year Award. This Award went to Kitty Metcalf for all her tireless efforts over several decades with groups like the Junior Service Club. Lastly, thank you to all who attended! It was a fun event with many compliments on the great soups.



Kitty Metcalf

## BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND:

The Collinsville Township is proud to partner with The City of Collinsville and offer yard waste pick up again this spring. The dates are May 13th-17th. Please follow the guidelines and Republic Service will have a crew by your house that week for curb pickup.

REMEMBER: Collinsville Township holds its regular monthly meeting on the second Tuesday of each month at the Collinsville Senior Center 420 E. Main St. Collinsville, Illinois. Township meetings are open to the public and everyone is welcome.