

# The City Scoop

## Welcome 2015



It is hard to believe another year has come and gone. So many wonderful things were achieved in 2014; I can hardly wait to see what 2015 will bring.

A much anticipated project for 2015 is the construction of our new water treatment plant. The ground breaking is scheduled for this spring, and the new facility will go just east of where the current water treatment plant is now. This significant project has been in the works for a long time and is very much overdue. Upon completion, this remarkable facility will boast state-of-the-art infrastructure taking our community decades into the future.

April 7<sup>th</sup> is the election for your very own City Council. I encourage all of you to cast a vote as the City Council is in place to be the voice of Collinsville residents. For anyone not yet registered to vote, now is the time to do so. You can even get registered from the comfort of your home by visiting [www.madisonvotes.com/voter-registration.shtml](http://www.madisonvotes.com/voter-registration.shtml) and completing the Illinois Voter Application online! Get started now and mark your calendars to come out and vote on April 7, 2015.

Many folks in town have noticed the progress being made with the historic Apex Building on Main Street.

The contractor is steadily moving forward in the construction of both the Reifschneider's Grill & Grape restaurant and the upscale lofts on the second level. I am thrilled to see this project come to life right before our eyes! The Apex Building was a vacant eyesore for so many years, and now, this year, it will transform into a unique Uptown development. Once their doors open, I think we can expect to see many more faces visiting our Uptown area.

Baxmeyer Construction Inc. is doing a phenomenal job with the IL-159 road improvements. Though it's been challenging at times with lane restrictions and complete closures, once finished, this main corridor through our community will be a profound improvement. This is a massive project; however, it is ahead of schedule. Throughout the new year, we will see great advances made. I thank you for your patience and cooperation during this time.

Now that the Christmas holiday has passed, City Hall receives several calls about where and how to dispose of Christmas trees. To make things a bit easier, Republic Services provides a listing of "Naughty and Nice" holiday items for recycling purposes. You can see the full list on the following page and as always, you can contact Republic Services directly with further questions.

It's odd to even say "now that the Christmas holiday has passed" because it seems like just yesterday we were all enjoying a warm 3-day weekend for Labor Day. I hope each and every one of you had a joyous holiday season with friends and family. I feel so blessed to have served you all as Mayor through another great year. I am anxious to get the ball rolling into 2015 as it promises to be just as outstanding as 2014.

*John Miller,  
Mayor*

## Republic Services Announces Recycling

### “NAUGHTY & NICE” Lists

For holiday decorations and gift wrappings

What should you do with holiday decorations and used gift wrap this season? Is wrapping paper recyclable? Christmas tree ornaments? Tinsel? Republic Services has its own “naughty and nice” list of recyclable holiday materials.



#### **NAUGHTY ~ NOT RECYCLABLE**

- Bubble Wrap
- Metallic Wrapping Paper
- Ribbon & Bows
- Sticky Gift Labels
- Anything on the tree
- Foam Peanuts
- Gift Bags (if laminated, coated, or dyed)

#### **NICE ~ RECYCLABLE**

- Gift Boxes
- Gift Bags (if paper)
- Tissue Paper
- Shoe Boxes
- Christmas Trees
- Holiday Cards/Envelopes
- Wrapping Paper (non-metallic)



Ribbons and bows cannot be recycled because they aren't paper products. Christmas trees must be stripped of all decorations (tinsel, lights, bells, ornaments, etc.) and cut into 4-foot sections before it can be mulched or composted. Old Christmas tree lights can be recycled at the Electronics Recycling event on Friday, February 13, 2015!

Republic Services suggests creative and practical ways to reuse items that are not recyclable. For example, instead of purchasing new foam peanuts, use shredded newspaper or even popcorn. Foam peanuts are made from polystyrene and are usually not recyclable. If you receive foam peanuts in packages, consider reusing them for later shipping.

For holiday greeting cards, recycle paperboard and paper envelopes, or use them to make a festive gift tag.

More clever ideas for recycling and reusing holiday materials can be found online - simply search “recycling holiday décor” for a variety of websites with some great information.

# Collinsville Electronics and Appliance Recycling Drop Off

**Items NOT accepted:**  
CRT (non-flat screen)  
Televisions or Computer  
Monitors, Paper, Glass,  
Plastic, Cardboard or Tires



**Proceeds Benefit  
Miner's Theatre!**

**Bring items to:  
Public Parking Lot at 227 West Main Street  
(Across from Spiritos Italian Grocery)**

### Vehicles

- Motorcycles
- Bicycles
- Scooters
- Go Carts
- ATVs
- Kids Motorized Toys

### Machinery

- Large and Small
- Residential/Industrial

### Lawn Equipment

- Mowers – Riders/Pushers
- Trimmers/Shredders
- Blowers/Tillers
- BBQ Grills
- Patio Furniture
- Swing Sets
- Shovels, Rakes, etc.
- Power Tools

### Office Equipment

- File Cabinets/Office Chairs
- Metal desks/Shelves
- Paper Shredders
- Metal Furnishings
- Wall Dividers
- Postage Meters

**2nd Friday of Each Month  
(Except January)  
Noon – 6pm**

### Appliances

- Air Conditioners
- Furnaces
- Water Heaters
- Refrigerators/Freezers
- Stoves/Stove Tops/Toaster Ovens
- Built-in Ovens
- Microwaves
- Blenders/Mixers
- Dishwashers
- Washers/Dryers
- Crock Pots
- Pots & Pans
- Kitchen Utensils
- Vacuums
- Lamps/Ceiling Fans
- Hair Dryers/Curling Irons
- Rotary Phones
- Cordless Phones

### Electronics

- Computers Towers/Laptops/Tablets
- Monitors **\*Only flat screen monitors**
- Cell Phones
- TV's **\* Only flat screens**
- Nintendos/ Gaming Systems
- Satellite or Stereo Receivers
- Satellite Dishes
- VCR/DVD Players
- Stereo Equipment
- Printers/Copy Machines
- Cameras/Video Recorders
- Mainframes/Networking

### Batteries

- Car/Marine/Motor
- Battery Backup
- Computer
- NiCad
- Lithium
- NI-Mh
- Cordless Tool Batteries
- AA, AAA, C, D
- Hearing Aids
- Rechargeable

**Wissehr Recycling**

[www.WissehrRecycling.com](http://www.WissehrRecycling.com)

[WissehrRecycling@gmail.com](mailto:WissehrRecycling@gmail.com)

**618-792-4876**

## Get CPR Certified in 2015

Need to get CPR certified? The City of Collinsville offers full certification courses on scheduled Wednesdays of each month at the Station 1 Fire Department. **Please note:** some dates fall on Tuesdays.

Classes cost \$5 per person and run from 6:00PM - 9:00PM. (These courses are highly recommended, especially for those with small children). The City's instructors cover infant, toddler, and adult CPR as well as choking in each 3-hour session.

Anyone over the age of 10 is encouraged to register. Please call Stacey to put your name on the list; she can be reached by calling **618-346-5200 EXT. 1145**. The schedule for 2015 is listed below:



**January 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**March 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**May 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**June 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**September 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**November 4<sup>th</sup>**

**February 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**April 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**June 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**August 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**October 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**December 2<sup>nd</sup>**



City Hall will be **CLOSED** on  
Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>  
to honor New Year's Day

**-- also on --**

Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>  
to honor Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

## Snow Removal



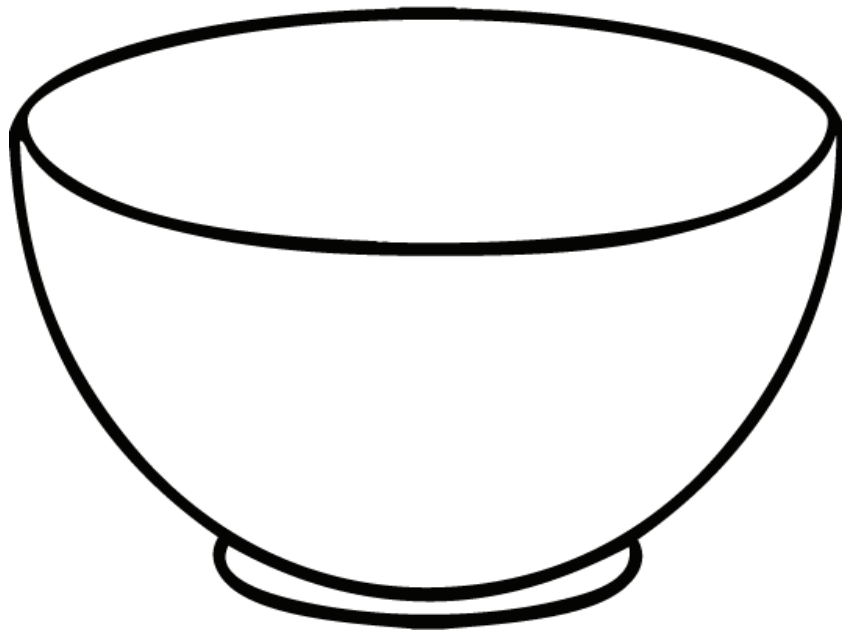
With the arrival of every new year, comes winter weather. Heavy snows and slick streets are a problem for everyone in the City, including the Street Department. During winter storms, street crews work very hard to keep our roads safe and clear of snow and ice - sometimes working up to 24 hours straight! However, they can only do so much before relying on City residents to help them out.

The snow plows must push snow and ice to the sides of the roads. There is no other alternative since the streets must be cleared to ensure everyone's safety. Anything you can do to park your vehicle off the street during these times will allow Street Department crews to plow quicker and easier. It will also benefit you by not having to shovel your car out of a snow pile.

We ask that you please be patient when expressing your concerns and remember the time, effort, and manpower that is required to clean and maintain all streets in the City limits. Thank you for your cooperation during these times!

## **Empty Bowl Fundraiser ~ February 18<sup>th</sup>**

Join us for:  
“A Simple Soup Lunch”  
to benefit the  
**Collinsville Food Pantry**



Wednesday, February 18, 2015

11:00AM - 2:00PM

Collinsville K of C Hall on Rt. 157

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Tickets cost just \$10

Please contact Barbara @ 618.910.1646

Sponsored by the Collinsville Woman's Club & Junior Service Club

## Collinsville Library Hosts FREE Movies

Every Saturday during the month of January, the Collinsville Library at 408 W. Main Street will play **FREE** action movies and the whole community is invited!

Starting on January 3, 2015, two movies will be played each Saturday; one for the kids and one for the adults.

The kids movies will play on the Children’s Floor and are rated PG while the adults movies will be played in the Community Room and are rated PG-13.

All movies start at 2:00PM, so be on time! The schedule for each Saturday movie is outlined below:

**January 3** ~ Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (2014) -- Community Room  
Kung Fu Panda -- Children’s Floor

**January 10** ~ X-Men: Days of Future Past -- Community Room  
Puss in Boots -- Children’s Floor

**January 17** ~ Dawn of the Planet of the Apes -- Community Room  
Earth to Echo -- Children’s Floor

**January 24** ~ The Expendables 3 -- Community Room  
Megamind -- Children’s Floor

**January 31** ~ Hercules -- Community Room  
The Adventures of Tintin -- Children’s Floor



## Collinsville Food Pantry on Facebook!



A MINISTRY OF COLLINSVILLE AREA  
MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

The Collinsville Food Pantry is excited to share its new Facebook page with the community! The new page was published on December 19, 2014 and since then, outstanding progress has been made with exposure and page likes.

Please join in their mission ~ to show the love of God to those in need in our community by providing food and other assistance, and inspiring them to overcome their current circumstances by offering them the hope of the Gospel.

All the information about the Collinsville Food Pantry is on their Facebook page, but here are the basics: they are located at 201 E. Church Street and can be reached by calling 618-346-1861. They

also have an email set up, [cama@camacollinsville.com](mailto:cama@camacollinsville.com). For anyone who does not have a Facebook account, the Collinsville Food Pantry will launch a website in the coming months.

For everyone in our great community who uses Facebook, please find their page, **Collinsville Food Pantry**, and ‘like’ it. Also, stay tuned to their page for posts and frequent updates!

# Follow Us Online

**“Staying Connected”  
has never been easier!**

**Twitter**

@CollinsvilleIL

**Facebook**

City of Collinsville, Illinois (Official)

**CITY WEBSITE**

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

**CITY OF COLLINSVILLE TV\***

Charter channel 993 & AT&T U-Verse channel 99

*\*Only available to Charter and AT&T U-Verse customers.*

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## Welcome to Collinsville!

The following businesses have opened their doors in our great community. We would like to take a moment to welcome them to Collinsville and to thank them for selecting Collinsville as their development location.

- Countryside Plumbing, LLC., 400 East Main Street
- Farmers Insurance - Perez Agency, 607 Vandalia Street, Suite 100
- Laura Buick-GMC, Inc., 105 United Drive
- Liberty Tax Service, 501 Beltline Road, Suite 20L
- Lindenwood University, 1101 Eastport Plaza Drive
- Lowry Electric Company, 926 McDonough Lake Road, Suite C
- Patty's Emporium, 1303 Vandalia Street
- RSN, Inc., 106 N. Clinton
- Tiger Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioner Services, 1902 Vandalia, Suite 100
- Wicket Scentsations, 2105 Vandalia Street, Suite 2B



## “An Evening with the EDC”



Planning for the 7<sup>th</sup> annual “An Evening with the EDC” is well underway. This yearly event is the City’s Economic Development Commission’s annual business attraction event with a guest list focusing on potential developers and/or business owners in other communities that are considering relocating or expanding their operations.

This special affair offers attendees the opportunity to get information about available properties, development opportunities, incentives and all the amenities Collinsville has to offer. Furthermore, this occasion also serves as a networking event for professionals in the fields of real estate, development, finance, and more!

“An Evening with the EDC” is an invitation-only event, but anyone who is interested in learning about development opportunities in Collinsville is certainly welcome to request an invitation.

This gathering is paid for by sponsorship contributions which include in-kind donations as well as financial contributions to cover any outright costs. Thank you to our sponsors (to date): TheBANK of Edwardsville, Southern Illinois Builders Association, DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Collinsville, Anderson Hospital, Terra Properties, Brotcke Well and Pump, Illinois Business Journal, Oates Associates, Laura Buick, Louer Facility Planning, Gateway Center, MOW Printing, and Cork Tree Creative. It is because of the many dedicated sponsors that the City is able to host this unique business attraction.

For information about sponsoring or attending “An Evening with the EDC” please contact the Economic Development Department at 346-5200 EXT. 1129.





# ELECTRONIC BILLING IS HERE!

In an effort to reduce costs and improve valuable customer service, our Direct Debit customers have the option of receiving their water bills via email!

By switching to electronic bills, we are able to streamline our mailing process, and our Direct Debit customers are helping the City save on postage costs - furthering our endeavors to GO GREEN!

If you're a Direct Debit customer and are interested in receiving your bills electronically, please call 346-5200 EXT. 1116 or email [nfuentes@collinsvilleil.org](mailto:nfuentes@collinsvilleil.org) to get started.

**DIRECT DEBIT CUSTOMERS ONLY!**



~ GO GREEN ~  
~ GO PAPERLESS ~

