

# The City Scoop

## A Note from Mayor Miller

It's hard to believe that the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday is only days away. It's a special weekend that marks the summer season while also being the last big weekend before kids go back to school. I personally enjoy this time of year and I hope all of you will enjoy it too while staying safe and abiding by the laws and City ordinances.

Many residents may not know that fireworks are illegal inside Collinsville City limits; however, "consumer fireworks" such as sparklers and fountains are allowed. The consumer types of fireworks are generally weaker in explosive power compared to professional displays and include snake or glow worm pellets, smoke devices, party poppers, snappers, trick matches, etc. It is important to use extreme caution when using the consumer fireworks - though weaker in power, they can still cause severe burns and other bodily injuries.

Several well-known types of fireworks such as firecrackers, bottle rockets, and Roman candles are wholeheartedly illegal not just in Collinsville, but also in the State of Illinois. Any other type of firework and / or pyrotechnic display are also strictly prohibited. Our City is firm in what we do not allow during July 4<sup>th</sup> celebrations; anyone caught violating City code will be subject to a fine and confiscation of all illegal fireworks.

Each July 4<sup>th</sup> the Collinsville Police Department works hard to patrol our community. They want to ensure that our residents are celebrating safely and obeying the law. They are always ready to respond to reports of illegal firework activity and / or other complaints. Our Fire Department is also on-call and prepped to respond to calls as well.

I hope each and every one of you have a great summer and enjoy the coming weeks before school starts up again. Have a very happy and safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July and we'll see you again in the next edition of *The City Scoop* in September!

*John Miller,  
Mayor*

## City Hall CLOSED on July 3<sup>RD</sup>



We knew you wouldn't forget,  
but here's your friendly reminder  
just in case...

City Hall will be **CLOSED** on  
Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> to honor  
Independence Day.

Business hours will resume as  
normal on Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup>.



# *Benefit Car Cruise Block Party for Collinsville Food Pantry*

**Sunday, August 23, 2015**

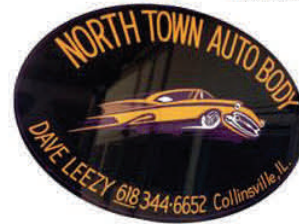
**12:00 pm–3:00 pm**

**Bert's Chuckwagon**

101 East Main Street  
Collinsville, IL 62234

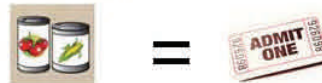
\$10 Registration Ticket Includes Buffet

*Buffet Open to the Public*



## **Canned Good Raffle**

Bring 2 can goods & get 1 ticket



For all registered cars there will be goodie bags & dash plaques  
*while supplies last*



For more information  
Call 618-346-1861

**Desserts—Snow Cones  
Balloons—Face Painting**

## Contemporary Indian Art Show

A UNIQUE SHOPPING EVENT FEATURING ORIGINAL NATIVE AMERICAN ART



JULY 11<sup>TH</sup> & JULY 12<sup>TH</sup>  
CAHOKIA MOUNDS STATE HISTORIC SITE  
9AM - 5PM BOTH DAYS

~ FREE ADMISSION ~

OVER 25 AMERICAN-INDIAN ARTISTS WILL  
DISPLAY AND SELL THEIR WORKS OF FINE ART, SCULPTURES,  
JEWELRY, BEADWORK, POTTERY, ETC.

CALL 618.346.5160 FOR MORE INFO.



## Yard of the Month Underway

The purpose of the Yard of the Month (YOM) Program is to recognize Collinsville residents who devote their time improving and maintaining immaculate landscaping and yards. Nominated yards are judged by members of the City's all-volunteer Community Appearance Board, who select a first place winner and a runner-up.

The Collinsville Community Appearance Board is a volunteer organization that is responsible for various initiatives relating to the beautification of the City. One of their many administered efforts is the Yard of the Month Program.

This YOM Program runs from May to October each year. Monthly first place award recipients are recognized at televised City Council Meetings, on the City's website, [www.collinsvilleil.org](http://www.collinsvilleil.org), here in *The City Scoop*, and on various other media outlets such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Several Collinsville businesses make generous monetary contributions to the Board which allows monthly winners to receive gift cards to sponsoring businesses. Each monthly first place winner receives a \$50 gift card to Creekside Gardens!

Additionally, every Fall, visitors to the City's website will be asked to cast their vote for their favorite yard of the six monthly winners. The yard with the most votes will be recognized as Collinsville's Yard of the Year. The Yard of the Year winner will be awarded a gift card and recognized at a community event.

Nominations for Yard of the Month can be submitted through the City website: [www.collinsvilleil.org/yard-of-the-month](http://www.collinsvilleil.org/yard-of-the-month). Nominations may also be emailed to Kim Wasser; [kwasser@collinsvilleil.org](mailto:kwasser@collinsvilleil.org) or called in at 618.346.5200, EXT. 1113

This program would not be possible without the sponsors who kindly donate. They deserve a special thanks and are listed, in no particular order, below:

- **Creekside Gardens, 721 Johnson Hill Road**
- **Brown Construction, 104 Greer Court**
- **The Home Depot, 1049 Collinsville Crossing**
- **Naturescapes Nursery, 1674 N. Bluff Road**

The Yard of the Month winners for May 2015 and June 2015 are listed on the following page.

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## Yard of the Month Winner ~ May 2015

*Ken & Rita Keene • 218 Marie*



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## Yard of the Month Winner ~ June 2015

*Ken & Pat Quinlan • 700 Ostle*



## Last Movie Scheduled for July 11<sup>TH</sup>



The last movie shown for the 2015 Movies on Main series, is **Back to the Future II** on July 11<sup>TH</sup>. In this zany sequel, time-traveling duo Marty McFly and Dr. Emmett Brown return from saving Marty's future son from disaster, only to discover their own time transformed. In this nightmarish version of Hill Valley, Marty's father has been murdered and Biff Tannen, Marty's nemesis, has profited. After uncovering the secret to Biff's success - a sports almanac from the future, Marty and the Doc embark on a quest to repair the space-time continuum.

**Back to the Future II** will be held outdoors at the public parking lot at the corner of Main and Seminary, and will begin at dusk. Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets. Be sure to grab a soda, water, snow cone and candy or fresh-popped popcorn from the Collinsville Jaycees. In addition, guests are welcome to bring their own picnic supper, baskets, or coolers.

This **FREE** outdoor movie series is made possible by the following generous sponsors: Ashmann's Pharmacy, Cedarhurst Assisted Living & Memory Care, Collinsville Jaycees, ComputerEase, Horseshoe Lake Animal Hospital, Jim's Pawnshop, Laura Buick-GMC, Scott Credit Union, TheBANK of Edwardsville, Tourism Bureau Illinois, and Wish Upon a Star With Us.

# First Day!

A partnership between the  
City of Collinsville +  
Unit 10 School District



Friday, August 7, 2015

4:00-7:00pm

Gateway Convention Center

Sponsored  
by:



**FREE ADMISSION & SCHOOL SUPPLIES!**

# Don't Miss Out!

**WORLD'S LARGEST CATSUP BOTTLE Festival**

**"BIRTHDAY PARTY & CAR SHOW!"**

**SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2015**

**Collinsville, Illinois USA**

**JOIN US AT OUR NEW LOCATION!**  
**WOODLAND PARK**  
 PINE LAKE ROAD - NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF BELTLINE ROAD & IL RT 159

**10:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

TRAILNET BIG BOTTLE BIKE RIDE (7:30 AM)  
 THE C.I.A. "CRUZIN' IN ANTIQUES" CAR, TRUCK & MOTORCYCLE SHOW  
 FOOD, DRINK & ART VENDORS  
 OLD-FASHIONED BIRTHDAY PARTY GAMES  
 BROOKS® KETCHUP TASTING  
 LITTLE PRINCESS TOMATO & SIR CATSUP CONTEST  
 TATER TOTS SMOTHERED-IN-KETCHUP EATING CONTEST  
 HOT DOGS SMOTHERED-IN-KETCHUP EATING CONTEST  
 RONALD MCDONALD SHOW  
 ST. LOUIS RAMS CHEERLEADERS

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**Catsup Bottle Fan Club**  
**CARD** COLLINSVILLE AREA RECREATION DISTRICT  
**Laura stlcars** BUICK • GMC TRUCK  
**Cruzin' In Antiques Classic Car Club**

## Collins Park Construction Underway



June 2, 2015 demolition progress  
Main Street Apartment Building -- W. Main Street

After many years of planning, demolition of the old Martha Manning Warehouse and Main Square Apartments began in mid May.

Once the demolition process is complete, the City will create Collins Park, a new community gathering place that will also serve as an attractive entryway to the Uptown area. The focal point of the park will be the City-owned D.D. Collins House.

The D.D. Collins House is a Greek revival home built in 1845. Its architecture is rare, preceding Victorian style architecture. The home was built by Judge Daniel Dove Collins (Madison County 2<sup>nd</sup> court, 1853-1857), first President of the Collinsville Village Board. The historic home is undergoing complete restoration to return it to its original state. This will be the first historic home attraction for the City and plans are to furnish it to the period of 1840-1860.

The home will be relocated approximately 200-feet towards the corner of Main Street and Combs Avenue, the site will be returned to green space, and a community park will be created. The project will utilize native plantings and sustainable attributes. When the Collins Park is complete, the home will serve Collinsville residents and youth, as well as regional tourists with informational displays, educational programs, and interpretive gardens.

Though ownership of the home and park will remain with the City of Collinsville, a 501(c) Friends group has recently been formed. The *Friends of the D.D. Collins House* will act as a support group for the site. The group will maintain the educational garden, select and acquire interior décor, conduct tours, fundraise and develop educational materials and programs. Those interested in joining the Friends group may contact President Lavadna Hines at (618) 420-0288.

The land remaining after the creation of the park will be marketed to developers for new residential or mixed-use development.

The creation of Collins Park is yet another key element in the City's effort to revitalize the Uptown area which has seen significant public and private investment in recent years. For more information about Uptown please visit [www.uptowncollinsville.org](http://www.uptowncollinsville.org).



## Unit 10 Students Receive Scholarships



Seven high school graduates from Unit 10 were recognized at the May 26<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting. Each student received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Collinsville Education Scholarship Foundation. The proud recipients were:

- Zoe Bauer
- Ryan Burns
- Alexandra Holten
- Amanda Hoyt
- Kelsie Jeffries
- Brandon Reinkensmeyer
- Grace Rukavina

The Collinsville Education Scholarship Foundation was developed and formed five years ago. The intent of the program is to raise money for the purpose of giving it back to students in our community in the form of scholarship dollars. Congratulations to these students; we wish them the best of luck with their college plans!

## Street Department Attends Training Seminar



In an effort to maintain a safe work environment and an educated workforce in the newest technology, the Street Department attended a Safety and Air Knife Excavating Training at PSC Industrial Outsourcing, Inc. in Columbia, Illinois.

The seminar included a classroom training session, as well as essential hands-on labor for the participants. Topics included Three-Pronged Safety System, Large-Scale Deep Air Excavation, Air Excavation (trenching in contaminated areas), Precision Air Excavation (pot-holing) and Hydro-Excavations.

Let's give a thumbs up to our Street Department! These guys work a tough job and staying safe & smart while operating such intense machinery is the most important part of each day.



## 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.

- 604 Chops & Rods, 604 Caseyville Road
- D. Boozer's Food & Fire, 118 E. Main Street
- Home Cleaning Centers of America, 620 W. Main Street
- JDS Labs, Inc., 909 N. Bluff Road
- La Quinta Inn & Suites, 6 Gateway Drive
- Lucky's Vape Escape, 1309-A Vandalia Street
- Sloan's Pub House, 119 W. Main Street
- Staffmark, 118 S. Seminary



## CFD Trains with ARCH Air Medical

The Collinsville Fire Department (CFD) is involved with numerous training initiatives to stay on top of critical life-saving practices. One recent effort was to participate in sessions with ARCH Air Medical (a critical care air ambulance service).

Three training dates were scheduled to ensure each member of the CFD would have the opportunity to attend. Each session covered a variety of information including, establishing landing zones, securing landing zones, emergency engine shut downs (in the event of helicopter damage), patient placement into the aircraft, and general ARCH Medical knowledge.

We are extremely lucky and should all be very proud to have such a dedicated, proactive Fire Department. They do a phenomenal job in staying trained to save lives in our community.



*CFD Lt. Brian Hamilton asks questions of ARCH Medical Pilot Doug Rhodes during training on June 23, 2015*



*ARCH Medical crew members & CFD employees listen closely during the helicopter training.*

## City Employees Volunteer @ HHH Summer Camp

Each summer, St. John Church sponsors Homework Help & Hoops (HHH) Summer Camp. A number of school-age children under 18-years of age participate in the program which runs until July 30, 2015. Each day, the children receive a free hot lunch, and participate in 45-minute rotations of various activities. This year, Collinsville City employees volunteered to read to the kids each day.

Firefighter John read the story "Fire! Fuego! Brave Bomberos" and firefighters from Station Houses 1 and 2 talked with the kids about fire safety. They were also given a tour of a fire truck and they all had a great time.

Street Department Director, Rod Cheatham, spent time with the kids and read one of his family's favorite books, "The Giving Tree." The children listened to him discuss the responsibilities of the Street Department and the kids got to explore a big dump truck, which was a huge hit!

Police Officer Mike Bauer was another guest reader. He read "Officer Buckle and Gloria" and talked with the kids about being a police officer. A patrol cruiser was waiting in the parking lot for the kids to play in and enjoy.

Even Mayor John Miller visited camp and read a book called "Vote!" to the kids. He explained what it is to be Mayor and the importance of voting and exercising your rights.

A very special thank you goes out to these City workers for volunteering their time at HHH Summer Camp!

