

The City Scoop

A Note from Mayor Miller

I can hardly believe I'm saying that Labor Day is next week! I feel like we were all just getting ready to start summer break and now we are wrapping it up. In the approaching weeks, many community-wide activities will start to take shape.

Tunes at Blum, the FREE concert series, will start off the month on September 2nd. These concerts are always one of the best ways to kick off the early fall season.

I always like to remind residents of the 9/11 Stair Climb at Cahokia Mounds. Crowds come from all around to partake in this unique event and it honors the men and women who lost their lives on that tragic day in 2001. You can read more about participating on page 9.

The biggest event Collinsville is known for, Italian Fest, is just two weeks out. Now might be a good time to start getting your appetite prepared! And how could I not mention the Fall Festival? It's one of my favorite Uptown events -- I always love seeing all the families and little ones (dogs included) dressed up for Halloween.

Hopefully in the coming months, we will see the IL-159 project reach completion. It has been a lengthy project that was necessary to improve the safety, capacity, and efficiency of traffic through Collinsville via the IL-159 corridor. Prior to the reconstruction, traffic volumes exceeded the amount that could safely and efficiently utilize the existing roadway. More importantly, a "high accident rate" location was identified on IL-159 from Spring Avenue to Johnson Street. Once this project is finished, we will all have the ability to travel through town at a safer, more efficient rate.

It's an exciting time to be in Collinsville and I hope you're all looking forward to the coming festivities. Please have an enjoyable and safe Labor Day weekend and I hope to see many of you out in the community this fall.

*John Miller,
Mayor*

City Hall Holiday CLOSURES



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

City Hall will be **CLOSED** on
Monday, September 7th
to honor Labor Day.

And on Monday, October 12th
to honor Columbus Day.

Tunes at Blum

Free Concert Series



7-9PM
Wednesday Nights
in September



September 2ND ~ Three Pedros
(Classic / Modern Rock Acoustic)

September 9TH ~ Quarter Draw Band
(American Twang & Roll)

September 16TH ~ Jeni & Dave of That 80's Band
(80's & Contemporary Music)

September 23RD ~ madBeats
(Variety of Pop to Dance and Alternative Hits)

The Blum House front lawn - 414 W. Main Street
Call 618-346-5200, EXT. 1140
or visit uptowncollinsville.org



State Senator Bill Haine to Speak at Library

FRAUD PREVENTION FAIR

**** FREE TO THE PUBLIC ****

Tuesday, September 8th ~ 5:00PM - 7:00PM

Collinsville Memorial Public Library

408 W. Main Street in Collinsville

- How you can protect yourself, your friends and your family from scam artists & fraudulent businesses;
- How to avoid identity theft;
- How to check your credit report; and
- How to file a consumer fraud complaint.



For more information, please visit: www.senatorhaine.com
or call (618) 465-4764

DISTRICT OFFICE: 307 Henry Street • Suite 210 • Alton, IL • 62002

Citizen's Police Academy

Beginning on Monday, September 21st the Collinsville Police Department will be hosting its 12th Citizen's Police Academy. The program is taught by officers from the Collinsville Police Department along with guest speakers from other agencies. It is designed to give Collinsville residents a realistic view of police work by providing instruction on different aspects of Law Enforcement. Academy classes will be held on Monday evenings from 6:30PM - 9:00PM, starting Monday, September 21st and will continue through Monday, November 9th at the Collinsville Police Department. Classes will be open to the first 25 qualified applicants. Participants will be introduced to the structure of the agency as well as basic information that all police officers must know to perform their jobs, including patrol tactics, general investigations, defensive tactics and use of force.

Enrollment is **FREE**. Priority will be given to citizens 18-years or older who live or work in the Collinsville area. **PLEASE NOTE** -- due to the nature of the course and curriculum, individuals with prior felony charges or convictions will be declined.

Applications are due no later than Friday, September 11th. Interested persons are encouraged to complete an application by clicking [here](#) or come to the Collinsville Police Department and pick up an application. Please contact Major Brett Boerm or Detective Mark Kuechle with any questions, just call (618) 344-2131. Inquires can also be emailed to either jboerm@collinsvilleil.org or mkuechle@collinsvilleil.org.

Italian Fest September 18TH & 19TH



Italian Fest is just days away ~ are you ready to celebrate the Italian heritage that Collinsville was built on?

Bring your appetite to Main Street the weekend of September 18th and 19th because the Italian cuisine you'll taste is undeniably some of the best around! The options are endless: bruschetta, cannoli, toasted ravioli, spiedini, bagna cáuda, Italian ice...just to name a few.

Opening Ceremonies will begin at 11:00AM on the Venezia Stage and will last roughly an hour. Afterwards, the annual

Grape Stomp will take place. Grape Stomping produces exciting entertainment and never disappoints. The competition between some of the biggest grape stomping rivals always results in many laughs and a lot of fun -- we encourage everyone to come out for this.

On Saturday morning, you can start off with the 5K Run/Walk and Kids Fun Run at 8:00AM. It's fun for the whole family and a great way to work off all the Italian food you'll eat later that day. Online registration is available by clicking [here](#). The Diaper Dash is a fun event for all the little ones; a 10-foot carpet crawl for the diaper crowd (12-months and under). Prizes are given for the first three (3) crawlers to cross the finish line, each contestant will receive a goody bag just for joining in the fun.

Don't forget about the parade on Saturday at 4:00PM. Kids and grown-ups alike always enjoy it; there are magnificent floats, classic cars, the Marching Kahoks and so much more!

Both days will feature performances by several music groups at the various stages on Main Street. Regardless of where you are on Main, the sounds of great live music will surround you. And don't forget about all the other Italian Fest activities like the Little Miss and Mister Pageant, the Pisan Pedal Push, and the Bocce Ball Tournament. Be sure to spend some time in Uptown Collinsville during Italian Fest weekend; it's two days of festivities you won't want to miss.



SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 • 1PM SHOTGUN START • 12NOON REGISTRATION & LUNCH
ARLINGTON GREENS GOLF COURSE • 200 ARLINGTON DRIVE IN GRANITE CITY
\$80 PER GOLFER OR \$320 PER TEAM
Dinner & Auction immediately following tournament

3RD ANNUAL
GOLF SCRAMBLE FUNDRAISER
PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE COLLINSVILLE EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

- Cash Prizes
- Closest to Pin Prizes
- Straightest Drive Prizes
- Skins Game
- 50/50 Raffle
- Mulligans

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE!

- Presenting Sponsor ~ \$1,500 -- Includes Recognition, Banner, 2 Foursomes, and 2 Tee Signs.
- Silver Sponsor ~ \$1,000 -- Includes Recognition, 1 Foursome, and 1 Tee Sign.
- Foursome **PLUS** Tee/Green Sponsor ~ \$375 {Save \$20}.
- Tee/Green Sponsor ~ \$75.
- Entry Fee ~ \$80 per golfer or \$320 per Foursome -- Includes Golf, Cart, Lunch, Dinner, Goody Bag & Auction.



Please mail Registration & Payment by September 15, 2015

Collinsville City Hall
ATTN: Education Scholarship Foundation
125 S. Center Street
Collinsville, Illinois 62234

FOR QUESTIONS, CONTACT:

BILL -
BMETZGER@FNBWATERLOO.COM
618.920.3667
~ OR ~
KAI - KAI@REDMONAGENCY.COM
618.344.0381

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
**COLLINSVILLE EDUCATION
SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION**

Fall Clean-Up Dates!

It's that time of year ~ Fall Clean-Up 2015. Please see the pick-up schedule and dates below:

REGULAR trash pick-up on **Monday** -- Fall Clean-Up day is October 12TH

REGULAR trash pick-up on **Tuesday** -- Fall Clean-Up day is October 20TH

REGULAR trash pick-up on **Wednesday** -- Fall Clean-Up day is October 14TH

REGULAR trash pick-up on **Thursday** -- Fall Clean-Up day is October 22ND

REGULAR trash pick-up on **Friday** -- Fall Clean-Up day is October 16TH



LARGE ITEMS INCLUDE:

Furniture, mattress sets, large carpets (cut into manageable bundles no longer than 4-feet); lawn furniture and other miscellaneous household items.



- Place items at the curb by 6:00AM on your pick-up day.
- Do not set out loose trash in cardboard boxes.
- Please bag and contain all trash.
- Glass portion of doors, windows, etc. should be broken & placed in a small box marked "glass."
- Tires, other car parts, cardboard boxes, loose debris, concrete, shingles, construction debris, yard waste, and electronics are **prohibited** and will not be picked up.

****This is a complimentary service provided by Republic Services: (618) 656-6883****

Keep Collinsville Beautiful



Fall Festival Saturday, October 24th

Main Street in Uptown Collinsville

Sponsored by Scott Credit Union



Trick or Treating 11:00am - 2:00pm

Chili Cook-Off 10:00am - 3:00pm

Kids Costume Contest 12noon

(Under 3-years-old; Pre-K - Kindergarten; 1st - 3rd Grade; 4th - 6th Grade)

Three Categories:

MOST CREATIVE - TV/MOVIE/CARTOON - MAYOR'S CHOICE

Awards given in three age groups

“Critter Crawl” Pet Parade 2:00pm

Gather in the Dog Park at 509 W. Main Street @ 1:00PM

Pet goodie bags awarded at the ARRF booth

For general Fall Fest info, contact Tami @ 558-1372 or email mrsspringer@hotmail.com

For Pet Parade info, contact Linda @ 779-2980 or email lindarayho@cs.com



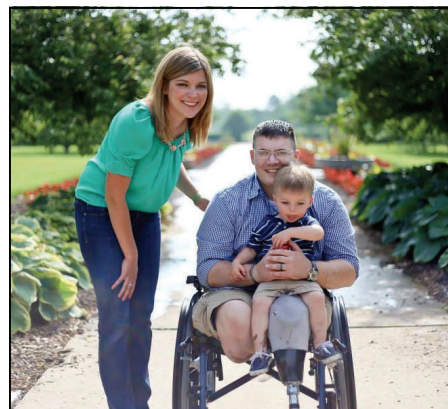
Collinsville Main Street
Community Association.



Fire Department 'Supports Our Troops'

In August, the Collinsville Fire Department participated in the Metro East Professional Fire Fighters AFFI Warrior Program. This fundraiser, held at the Madison County Fireman's Hall, consisted of a Golf Scramble and Poker Run. Afterwards, participants settled in for a BBQ dinner, auction, and live musical entertainment -- all for just \$20!

The proceeds will go towards purchasing a new, specially equipped vehicle for wounded veteran, Sgt. Cameron Crouch. The Illinois resident was deployed to Iraq and was severely injured in 2007 while providing security on an exposed rooftop in Baghdad. A section of the roof gave way below his feet, causing him to fall 70-feet to a marble floor where he landed feet first. He shattered both legs and his L4 vertebrae, snapped his pelvis resulting in substantial internal bleeding, and suffered serious head trauma. He was placed in a medically induced coma for two and a half weeks, had both of his legs amputated below the knee, and went through a total of 61-surgeries. Our Fire Department was truly honored to support Sgt. Crouch through this phenomenal fundraiser.



Sgt. Cameron Crouch pictured with his wife and son.



The Metro East Professional Firefighters AFFI are a group of local union firefighters, working together to support charity and give back to our communities. Members come from the following area Fire Departments: Alton, Belleville, Collinsville, East Alton, East St. Louis, Edwardsville, Godfrey, Granite City, Maryville, and Wood River.

It is with great pleasure and pride that the Collinsville Fire Department serves such a heart-warming organization. We are very proud of their efforts to give back and to support the men and women fighting for our freedom.

New Officer Joins CPD Staff



Please join us in welcoming the newest employee to join the Collinsville Police Department; Officer Martin Volkman. Officer Volkman was sworn in on August 18, 2015 and immediately began his duties serving our community.

Twenty six year-old police recruit Martin Volkman grew up near Springfield, Illinois. He graduated from Sacred Heart Griffin High School in Springfield, and later attended the University of Illinois Springfield, where he obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice.

During his time at the University, he began working part-time at a retail pet store. After graduation he was promoted to a full-time management position, which he held up until just a few weeks ago. In addition to working at the pet store, Martin also had the opportunity to intern at the Decatur, Illinois Police Department. There he was able to gain valuable work related experience, while

acquiring beneficial firsthand knowledge that he could combine with teachings from the Police Academy.

During his spare time, Martin can be found at the gym, or on a golf course, struggling to save par. So let's give a warm welcome to Officer Martin Volkman; we look forward to seeing him around town keeping our community safe.

Welcome to Collinsville!

The following establishments have chosen to do business in our great community. We would like to welcome them to Collinsville and thank them for choosing us as their development location.

- 157 Diner Family Restaurant -- 115 N. Bluff Road
- AdvantaClean of Madison County -- 518 Western Avenue
- Fusion Gates, LLC -- 907 N. Bluff Road, 8B
- Illcity Productions -- 2003 Mall Street, Apt. 108
- Marco's Pizza -- 108 St. Louis Road
- Robinson Realty -- 1832 Vandalia Street
- Waves 2.0 -- 28 White Lily
- Xtreme Clean -- 703 Greenwood Place



9/11 Memorial Stair Climb



We hope you'll join the fun for the 4th Annual Brevity Fitness 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb. The yearly event, scheduled for Friday, September 11, 2015 is held at Monks Mound of Cahokia Mounds to honor the efforts by all first responders at the World Trade Center (WTC).

The stair climb activity consists of:

- 9 laps - equivalent to the 110 flights of stairs at WTC;
- 6 laps - equivalent to the number of flights climbed by first responders in the South Tower of WTC;
- 5 laps - equivalent to the number of flights climbed by first responders in the North Tower of WTC.

Sign-in starts at 5:00PM with the climb beginning at 6:00PM. If you are a police officer or a firefighter, you can wear your gear for a more intense experience. Other participants are encouraged to wear a weighted vest or backpack, turnout gear, SWAT gear, etc. Children are welcome at this event too, we've had them as young as 5-years old climbing and 6-months old being carried.

There is no fee or donation to participate -- the event is open to anyone who would like to join. It is simply about the experience of remembering and honoring those who were among the 2,977 victims on September 11, 2001. Feel free to bring friends and family to join you or cheer you on; we hope to see everyone there!



Yard of the Month Winner ~ July 2015

Seung Kim • 14 Addison



Yard of the Month Winner ~ August 2015

Renee Taake • 8 Meadowlark

