

# The City Scoop

## Spring has Sprung!

Greetings friends! School is almost out, warm weather is upon us and we can officially say, it's spring time. Many great activities are scheduled for the next two months; I hope you and your families will take advantage of all Collinsville has to offer this season.

You'll see throughout this edition of "The City Scoop" details on all the fun things we have coordinated and scheduled so our community members can make this the best summer yet. Everything from "Movies on Main" to the "Rockin' for the Miner's" benefit concert ~ there will always be something exciting going on during the next 8 weeks!

Many of you have noticed the near completion of the urban park at the former Bert's Chuckwagon site along HWY 159. This space has been renovated to include a stamped brick walkway, a large brick wall, fencing, elaborate landscaping, and a backlit Collinsville logo. It is a beautiful addition to the City and will complement the Streetscape Project in its entirety.

Please pay special attention and take note that Spring Clean-Up begins next week on Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. If you look through the next few pages of "The City Scoop" you'll see a full page dedicated to listing the dates and details for this **FREE** service -- it is provided by Republic Services and they do a phenomenal job!

I would also like to encourage participation in the monthly electronics recycling drive the City hosts. We have partnered with WeCycle-Belleville, an electronics recycling organization that serves the Metro East area. Their purpose is to provide an eco-friendly solution to prevent electronic devices from piling up in landfills. WeCycle-Belleville doesn't just collect our unwanted electronics, but they turn around and donate the proceeds right back to us - specifically to the renovation of Miner's Theatre! So please, if you have items that you're looking to get rid of, keep us in mind and bring your items to the monthly drive. Thank you and enjoy your summer!

*John Miller,  
Mayor*

## ~ Just a Friendly Reminder ~



Warmer weather is here and many of us are ready to start yard-saling. The City wants to offer a friendly reminder of the process that must take place before a yard sale can occur.

Please remember to purchase a yard sale permit for \$2<sup>00</sup> at City Hall, prior to the day(s) of your sale. Permits are required if you live inside City limits. Yard sales are limited to two (2) per calendar year and you may run a sale for two (2) consecutive days with the same permit. It is also important to note that permits are non-transferrable; each household must have their own permit to operate a yard sale within City limits.

If you fail to purchase a permit, and have a yard sale without one, you will be cited and ticketed by City of Collinsville Code Enforcement Officers. When you purchase your permit at City Hall, you will also be given a sheet of yard sale rules and regulations. The policy must be followed accordingly to coincide with City code and to prevent citations and tickets.

## “Movies on Main” Debuts May 31<sup>st</sup>

Head Uptown for Collinsville’s **FREE** outdoor movie series, featuring today’s blockbusters and family favorites, every other Saturday night from May 31<sup>st</sup> to July 12<sup>th</sup>.

The series debuts on May 31<sup>st</sup> with a showing of **E.T. - The Extra-Terrestrial**. Both a classic movie for kids and a remarkable portrait of childhood, E.T. is a sci-fi adventure that captures that strange moment in youth when the world is a place of mysterious possibilities (some wonderful, some awful), and the universe seems somehow separate from the one inhabited by grown-ups.

June 14<sup>th</sup> features **Frozen**. After the kingdom of Arendelle is cast into eternal winter by the powerful Snow Queen Elsa, her sprightly sister Anna teams up with a rough-hewn mountaineer named Kristoff and his trusty reindeer Sven to break the icy spell.

Showing on June 28<sup>th</sup> is Steven Spielberg’s **The Goonies** which follows a group of seven young friends from a small Northwest town who find themselves on a thrilling underground adventure filled with humor and heart-pounding peril as they seek the secrets behind the treasure of the notorious pirate, One-Eyed Willie.

Wrapping up the series on July 12<sup>th</sup>, a lowly Lego figure joins a group intent on battling an evil force after a case of mistaken identity in the computer-generated comedy, **The Lego Movie**.

“Movies on Main” will be held outdoors at the public parking lot at the corner of Main and Seminary. All showings begin at dusk and 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.

“Movies on Main” is made possible by the following generous sponsors: Ashmann’s Pharmacy, Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site, Cedarhurst Assisted Living & Memory Care, ComputerEase, Enjoy Church, Horseshoe Lake Animal Hospital, Jim’s Pawnshop, Laura Buick - GMC, Scott Credit Union, TheBANK of Edwardsville, and the Tourism Bureau ILLINOISouth.

**MOVIES ON MAIN**

**FREE outdoor movie series at the corner of Main and Seminary**

 <b>May 31</b>	 <b>June 14</b>	 <b>June 28</b>	 <b>July 12</b>
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## 2014 Spring Clean-Up Dates

It's that time again ~ Spring Clean-Up 2014. Please see the pick-up schedule and dates below:

REGULAR trash pick-up on **Monday** -- Spring Clean-Up day is MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>

REGULAR trash pick-up on **Tuesday** -- Spring Clean-Up day is MAY 13<sup>TH</sup>

REGULAR trash pick-up on **Wednesday** -- Spring Clean-Up day is MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>

REGULAR trash pick-up on **Thursday** -- Spring Clean-Up day is MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>

REGULAR trash pick-up on **Friday** -- Spring Clean-Up day is MAY 9<sup>TH</sup>



### 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



## Mark Your Calendars



# First Day!

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




Friday, August 1, 2014

4:00-7:00pm

Gateway Convention Center

Sponsored  
by:





FREE ADMISSION & SCHOOL SUPPLIES!

## City Hosts Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

In honor of the 100+ volunteers who donate their time and efforts on the City's Boards and Commissions, Emergency Management Agency (EMA), and Senior Citizen Shuttle Bus, an appreciation dinner was held on April 16<sup>th</sup> at the Gateway Center.

- *Civil Service Commission*
- *Community Appearance Board*
- *Convention Authority Board*
- *Economic Development Commission*
- *Emergency Management Agency*
- *Fire & Police Board*
- *Historic Preservation Commission*
- *Planning Commission*
- *Senior Citizen Shuttle Bus*
- *Uptown Development Commission*
- *Zoning Board of Appeals*

Hosting this dinner is the City's way of recognizing the members of our community that selflessly donate their time in the pursuit of making Collinsville the preferred place to live. These volunteers serve the City in a broad capacity, ranging from the hiring of employees and reviewing proposed developments, to facilitating the City's 'Yard of the Month' program and preserving components of Collinsville's history.

One of the strengths of the City's volunteer group is that they come from a variety of backgrounds. They are interested citizens, local business owners, representatives from other governmental agencies and organizations that are able to use their diverse backgrounds to ensure the City functions as smoothly as possible.

Many thanks goes out to these volunteers. Their dedication, service, and support to Collinsville's wellness and growth is much appreciated!

## INFO. TO KNOW

**ANNUAL PLANT SALE** - The Collinsville Garden Club will be holding their Annual Plant Sale on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8AM until 12noon at 303 N. Morrison in Collinsville ~ rain or shine.

**SPRING FARM DAY** - Come out to Willoughby Farm on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> for Spring Farm Day. Anytime between 10AM and 3PM; cost is \$2 per person; 5 years and under is free. Call CARD at 346-7529 with any questions.

**HORSERADISH FESTIVAL** - Mark your calendars for the weekend of June 6<sup>th</sup> through June 8<sup>th</sup> for the Horseradish Festival at Woodland Park.

The Festival features food booths, root toss, craft fair, root sacking contests, Bloody Mary contest, Little Miss Horseradish Festival Pageant, the annual Horseradish Root Derby, a children's area and more! And by the way, admission and parking are **FREE!** The Madison County Transit District provides shuttle service to the Festival and will put you closer than on-site handicap parking. Please check [www.horseradishfestival.net](http://www.horseradishfestival.net) for specific date and time information.

**YARD OF THE MONTH** - Just as in years past, the Collinsville Community Appearance Board will sponsor the "Yard of the Month" contest for all Collinsville residents. The awards will take place between the months of May and October. If you would like to nominate a yard for this award, please contact Kim Wasser of the Community Appearance Board at 346-5200, EXT. 1126.

**DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS** - Now that mowing season is upon us, please make sure to blow all grass clippings back into your yard. When grass clippings are blown into the street, storm drains clog up and cause standing water which attracts mosquitoes, and creates road hazards and water problems for residents. Standing water can also create unnecessary problems for the road base allowing road conditions to deteriorate quicker than normal. Because of concerns like these, the City has an Ordinance in place prohibiting blowing grass clippings into City streets. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping Collinsville beautiful during the summer season.

# Compassion Café

Every Tuesday @ 6PM  
Collinsville First Assembly of God  
1105 W. Beltline Road in Collinsville



We all need compassion in our life ~ Compassion Café has been established to bring hope and love into the lives of families in the Southwestern Illinois Region by providing weekly meals, **FREE** of charge, to those who have fallen into tough times. For more information, call us at 618.344.1000 or visit [www.firsttagcoll.org](http://www.firsttagcoll.org)

# Electronics Recycling Fundraiser



**Proceeds benefit  
Miner's Theatre**

Bring items to:  
227 W. Main Street  
Public Parking lot  
across from Spirito's  
Italian Market.

2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each  
month thru December  
12noon - 6PM



## ACCEPTED ITEMS:

Everything related to a computer or electronic including household batteries, flat-screen televisions, holiday lights and decorations, cell phones, A/V equipment, appliances, and more!!!

CRT (tube) televisions **NOT** accepted.  
Only one (1) computer monitor per tower please.

For more information, please call 618-365-4275  
Or visit <http://wecycle-belleville.com/>

## “Rockin’ for the Miner’s” Benefit Concert



A benefit concert featuring four area bands will raise funds and awareness for the effort to renovate and reopen Collinsville’s historic Miner’s Theatre.

“Rockin’ for the Miner’s” is sponsored by *Scott Credit Union* and will run from 7:30PM to midnight on Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at the American Legion Post 365, 1022 Vandalia in Collinsville. Tickets cost \$10 each; \$5 for children 12 and under, and are available at the door or in advance at the Collinsville Chamber of Commerce, 221 W. Main Street and [www.historicminersinstitute.org](http://www.historicminersinstitute.org).

All proceeds will benefit the Miner’s Institute Foundation (MIF), which is working to raise funds to make the building ADA accessible and complete other improvements required to reopen the historic theatre. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Miner’s Theatre was funded by union miners and opened on December 28, 1918 as a performance space, United Mine Workers union hall, and a place to hold community meetings.

“The Miner’s Theatre is one of Collinsville’s most valuable historic, architectural and cultural assets, and we’re delighted to be part of the effort to raise the funds needed to reopen it,” said Jennifer Riebold, Community Relations Representative for Scott Credit Union. “The benefit promises to be a great time, and it’s certainly for a fantastic cause.”

In addition to live music, the event will feature a silent auction, 50/50 drawing, and other activities. There will be a cash bar, and food will be available.

Several area bands are donating their time and talents for the show, including:

- **The VCR’s** ~ A St. Louis-based band dedicated to the music of the 1990s, spitting out Weezer and Pearl Jam covers like all good alterna-kids should. *The Riverfront Times* named the VCR’s “Best Cover Band St. Louis 2013.”
- **Pro Bono & the Non-Billables** ~ A rock band made up of co-workers from St. Louis public relations firm FleishmanHillard that has organized and played shows that have raised more than \$100,000 for charities like the United Way of Greater St. Louis, Our Little Haven, and Challenger Baseball. Collinsville area residents may be more familiar with the band as **Spaghetti Western** - the name it uses when it’s not playing for charity, including eight appearances at the Italian Fest from 2003 to 2013.
- **Quarter Draw Band** ~ A Madison County-based band that plays everything from rock ‘n roll to southern-fried boogie, greasy blues, even a bit of honky-tonk country. QDB was one of two Illinois bands chosen to play the Governor’s Day Picnic in Springfield last year and has appeared at area bars and festivals including the International Horseradish Festival, the Italian Fest and the World’s Largest Catsup Bottle Festival.
- **The Jammin’ Ringtonz** ~ A five-piece mostly acoustic band from the Edwardsville area. The band draws its repertoire from a wide variety of musical genres, from traditional folk and blues to songs by John Prine, Greg Brown, the Grateful Dead, the Band and Lou Reed, along with original material.
- **DM Audio** ~ A Highland business run by Darin Meskil, provides premium concert support services for area bands and events, and is providing sound and lights.

“This is going to be a blast - I can’t wait,” said Miner’s Institute Foundation President Leah Joyce. “These bands are great and really bring an enormous range of musical styles. Some of them even use picks - although I don’t think they are the same kind Collinsville’s miners used a century ago.”

## Trivia Night ~ June 21<sup>st</sup>

MINER'S INSTITUTE FOUNDATION PRESENTS

# Trivia Night

June 21, 2014 • 7:00pm

All Proceeds help the restoration and reopening of Miner's Theatre

### Fireman's Hall

9510 Collinsville Rd, Collinsville, IL

**\$10** /per person

**Reserve Your Table Now!**

618-972-4236 or [MinersInstitute@gmail.com](mailto:MinersInstitute@gmail.com)

Tables of 8-10. Doors Open at 6:30pm.  
Trivia Starts at 7:00pm. Outside food is allowed.  
Alcohol must be purchased on site. Mulligans available.  
Cash prizes for winners. Plus tons of more fun events!





## Collinsville is Going Green



Recycling in Collinsville has been terrific since the City received the large 95-gallon recycle carts. In 2013, the City recycled 1,805 tons of material and 6,277 tons of trash. Our percentage of waste being recycled increased from 15% in 2012 to over 22% in 2013! That's a fantastic number for us in just one year ~ let's make 2014 even better.

Many residents still ask about what items can be recycled - see the listings below of acceptable items:

- Cardboard & Cartons of all kinds
- Newspapers & Magazines
- Junk Mail & Phone Books
- Office Paper
- Folders
- Tin/Steel/Aluminum Cans
- Plastic containers with recycling symbol #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, and #7
- Glass containers

A common question asked about the materials the City recycles is: "Where does it all go after Republic Services picks it up?" All recycling collected in Collinsville gets deposited on Republic's "recycle pad" in Roxana and is then transferred to their Material Recovery Facility (MRF) in Hazelwood, Missouri. The recycled product, once sorted and baled, is shipped out, but most of it stays in an 8-state region for processing. Cardboard goes to Louisiana and Oklahoma; steel stays in Missouri; aluminum goes to Kentucky and Tennessee; plastic #1 and #2 goes to Indiana, Alabama, Ohio, and to Missouri while plastics #3-7 are exported. Let's keep up the hard work in recycling and keeping Collinsville a "green" community.

## Italian Fest Committee Announces Details

The 2014 Italian Fest Committee has announced this year's food theme and is open for applications. Float group applications are now being accepted for the Italian Fest Parade, which is scheduled for Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> beginning at 4PM in Uptown Collinsville. This annual tradition embodies the spirit of Italian Fest and wraps up the festival's activities with a bang.

This year's parade theme is "EAT UP, Italian Style!" What says "Italian dinner" to you? A pot of spaghetti? A bunch of tomatoes? Steaming lasagna? Decorate a float according to the theme for the best chance of winning the decorating competition. Judges award prizes to the top three floats, scoring according to theme, emotional appeal, originality, and overall effect.

- 1<sup>st</sup> place wins \$200
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$100
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$50

The Parade Committee gives priority to float applications, but walking groups, bands, classic cars, and other entries are also accepted. Register with the parade entry form and indemnification agreement by September 6, 2014. Participants can download registration packets from [www.italianfest.net/parade](http://www.italianfest.net/parade).

For more information regarding the parade, please use this contact email, [parade@italianfest.net](mailto:parade@italianfest.net). And for details about the Italian Fest itself, information is always available on [www.italianfest.net](http://www.italianfest.net).

# CPR Certification



City of Collinsville

- Get certified in 2014 -  
Infant, toddler, and adult CPR & choking

## WHEN:

Classes are held the first Wednesday of each  
month from 6PM - 9PM



## WHERE:

Fire Station 1 ~ 130 S. Clinton Street

## WHO CAN ATTEND:

Anyone over the age of 10  
(first preference given to Collinsville residents)

# \$5.00 per person

Call 346-5200,  
EXT. 1145 to register

