

# The City Scoop

## Collinsville - A Blessed Community

As the end of 2014 is drawing near, I find myself looking around our great community and feeling blessed. As the Mayor of this fine City, I feel blessed and I feel so thankful for what we have in Collinsville. Our community is filled with amazing residents that are proud to call Collinsville their home. Our community has a unique, one-of-a-kind Uptown on Main Street. We have a proud, dedicated City workforce. We have seen immense infrastructure and reconstruction projects that are ongoing because Collinsville is fortunate enough to have received federal grant money to fund such endeavors - just to name a few. I think back to 3 years ago, even 5 years ago and I am proud and humbled at how Collinsville has evolved into such a magnificent place.

With that being said, 2015 promises to be just as much a blessing to our community as 2014 has been. In the coming year, you can expect to see the opening of Reifschneider's Grill and Grape in the historic Apex Building at 100 E. Main Street. The IL-159 construction project will conclude and will

ultimately boast a smooth and rather impressive roadway system through town. Construction of the new Water Treatment Plant will kick off in the Spring with a scheduled groundbreaking in April. This new facility will be located on Collinsville Road just east of the existing water plant and will be a 5-million gallon per day facility. These too, are just a few of the community happenings Collinsville is lucky to be a part of.

The past 10-months have been eventful - challenging and rewarding in every way. I am so proud to lead such a fine community. I hope you, the residents, recognize how truly lucky and blessed we are here in Collinsville. Our community has turned some outstanding projects and improvements in just 10-months. I can't wait to see where we are next year this time! Have a wonderful holiday season everyone ~ see you all in January!

*John Miller,  
Mayor*

## City Hall CLOSED on November 11<sup>TH</sup>



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

City Hall will be **CLOSED** on  
Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>  
to honor Veterans Day.

Business hours will  
resume as normal on  
Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>.

# *City Hall Holiday Hours*

City of Collinsville

City Hall will be **CLOSED** for the holidays on the following dates in November -- December -- January:

**Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**



## 'Fall Back' on November 2<sup>nd</sup>



Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ it's time to fall back one hour. Daylight Savings Time is a way of making better use of the daylight in the evenings by setting the clocks forward one hour during the longer days of summer, and back again in the fall. The 2AM changeover was originally chosen because it was practical and minimized disruption.

The Collinsville Fire Department encourages everyone to change the batteries in their smoke detectors when they change their clocks; Daylight Savings Time provides a convenient reminder! It is estimated that about 1/3 of homes in the United States have smoke detectors with either dead or missing batteries. So mark your calendars for November 2<sup>nd</sup> to set your clocks an hour back and to change your smoke detector batteries.

## Smoke Detector Check

**OUTDATED SMOKE DETECTORS ARE A FREQUENT CAUSE OF FALSE ALARMS.**

**THE COLLINSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS YOU REPLACE YOUR SMOKE DETECTORS EVERY 10 YEARS AND TO REPLACE YOUR CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) DETECTORS EVERY 5 YEARS.**

**IF YOUR UNITS ARE BATTERY OPERATED OR HAVE BATTERY BACK-UP, MAKE SURE YOU REPLACE THE BATTERY AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR.**

**HAVE QUESTIONS???  
CALL THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AT 346-5022.**



## 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.

- Amber M. Ash Insurance & Financial Solutions, 850 Vandalia, Suite 220
- Apex Physical Therapy, 1099 Beltline Road, Suite C
- Fluid Control Products, Inc., 1605 Eastport Plaza Drive, Suite 125
- LZ Entertainment, LLC., 907 N. Bluff Road, Suite 3
- Pride of Illinois Cheerleading & Tumbling, 1601 Eastport Plaza Drive, Suite 101
- Rich's Record Emporium, 131 W. Main Street
- Spirit Halloween Superstores, 1099 Beltline Road
- Spring Contracting, 771 Spring Street
- SSM Physical Therapy, 101 United Drive, Suite 100



## Holiday Trash / Recycling Schedule



Republic Services observed holidays for this season are listed below:

### THANKSGIVING DAY

### CHRISTMAS DAY

### NEW YEAR'S DAY

If the holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, there will be **no disruption** in the trash / recycle pick-up schedule. Should your pick-up day fall **on** or **after** the holiday, your pick-up will be **DELAYED** and collected one day late.

**PLEASE NOTE:** the week of Veteran's Day all trash / recycle pick-up will run as normal -- there will be no delay that week.

If you have any additional questions regarding your trash and/or recycle pick-up day during the holidays, please contact Republic Services at 618-656-6883.

## Christmas in Collinsville



The season for exciting holiday events is upon us! The Collinsville Main Street Community Association is excited to announce a weekend full of spectacular holiday happenings. So, mark your calendars for Friday and Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> for “*Christmas in Collinsville.*”

We will start off with the annual Tree Lighting at the Collinsville Township Office (307 E. Main Street) on Friday evening. Caroling will be held by *Curtains Up Theatre Company* and Santa will also be there! Make

sure you are at the Township Office **promptly** at 6:00PM so you don't miss Santa or the Tree Lighting. All attendees are encouraged to bring a new, unwrapped toy for Toys-for-Tots.

On Saturday, stroll Main Street and stop in the many local businesses that have great holiday shopping specials and stop by Miner's Theatre from noon - 4:00PM for a free wagon ride and picture with Santa.

Finish the weekend with the Holiday House Tour where attendees can experience some of Collinsville's finest festively decorated homes on Saturday from 2:00PM - 8:00PM. The Collinsville Main Street Association encourages everyone to partake in this one-of-a-kind tour.

Participants will begin the tour at one of Collinsville's most notable historic landmark homes, the Blum House. The stately, two-story home was built by the internationally-known Blum Bell Factory founder J. Henry Blum circa 1906 and is located at 414 West Main Street. Here participants will pick up their informational packet before embarking on the self-guided tour.

Tickets are \$10 and are available at Ashmann's Prescription Pharmacy, Antiques and Accents by Vadna, the Collinsville Chamber of Commerce office, the CounterTop Shop, or The Flower Basket. Proceeds from the event benefit the Collinsville High School Student Council and Pep Club. Tickets may also be purchased in advance from a Student Council or Pep Club member or at the Blum House on December 6<sup>th</sup> beginning at 2:00PM. Please feel free to contact the Event Coordinator, Tami Springer at 558-1372 with any questions.

Also, make a note on your calendars for Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> to celebrate the Festival of Trees. For over 20 years, the Gateway Center Board of Directors has given local, non-profit organizations the opportunity to raise money for community-based projects. The proceeds this year will benefit the Irving Dillard Memorial Literacy Program in conjunction with the Collinsville Unit 10 School District.

Irving Dillard could best be described as a proud citizen of Collinsville. Over a lifetime, he wrote thousands of editorials, articles, and essays on a broad range of topics from current political issues to hundreds of book reviews and biographies. In 2001, he bought the historic D.D. Collins House and gave it to our great City. He was a lifelong supporter of the City of Collinsville and of our school district. His love for reading and the students of Collinsville led to the creation of this literacy program in 2013, which benefits Unit 10 students directly.

Please visit [www.gatewaycenterfestivaloftrees.com](http://www.gatewaycenterfestivaloftrees.com). You may contact Festival Chair Gary Clark at [gclark@collinsvilleil.org](mailto:gclark@collinsvilleil.org) or Co-Chair Kyle Gordon at [kgordon@kahoks.org](mailto:kgordon@kahoks.org).

## Streetscape Phase III Complete

Phase III of the City Streetscape Project is complete! This portion has reconfigured the area around City Hall, creating a new, more pedestrian-friendly entrance as well as improvements along Center and Church Streets. The upgrades include new handicap accessible sidewalks, curb and gutter replacement, the installation of historic light standards, decorative street signage, street trees and grates, new trash receptacles and stamped brick crosswalks.

As completed, we present you with a more beautiful City Hall! The conclusion of this project boasts impressive landscaping in a courtyard-type setting with decorative benches, flagpoles, and charming Uptown lighting.

Crews did a phenomenal job with this project from the very beginning and we are more than pleased with their dedication to making City Hall look like the true gem it is.

This 3<sup>rd</sup> Phase is just one more proactive approach City staff is taking to beautify our community as we strive for excellence in making Collinsville the preferred place to live and work!



Summit Avenue Bridge remains **CLOSED**  
for complete reconstruction.

It is estimated that the bridge will  
be shut down for 3-months.

Upon completion, the bridge will feature  
new expanded lanes and ADA  
(Americans with Disability Act)  
compliant sidewalks.

Thank you for your patience and  
cooperation during this time!



## Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet



Brad Akers ~ Police Officer of the Year



Amber Denbow ~ Teacher of the Year



Chris Frawley ~ Firefighter of the Year



Lois Metzger ~ Spirit of Excellence Award

 Congratulations 



## Open Burning - Prohibited

As the seasons change and leaves begin to fall, please think twice about burning leaves and brush. While the City of Collinsville allows small fires such as campfires and bonfires set for recreational or religious purposes, burning is **strictly prohibited** inside City limits. If you think you'd like to roast marshmallows or hotdogs, feel free to do so following the rules listed below; just remember...no open burning!

- Fire is contained in an area under 36 inches in diameter and under 24 inches in height;
- Fire should be at least 25 feet from structures or combustible materials;
- Fire shall be constantly attended until extinguished;
- Means of extinguishing the fire shall be immediately available, such as a garden hose, extinguisher, shovel and dirt, etc.;
- Extra caution must be used with any recreational fire in dry or windy conditions;
- Patio fireplaces may be utilized following the manufacturer's guidelines. Be careful to maintain proper clearance from combustibles and in the disposal of hot coals;
- City ordinance prohibits the burning of brush, leaves, limbs, etc.

**\*\*Please note ~ a copy of this ordinance is outlined below\*\***

### 8.16.010 - Revised 3/2/1998 by Ordinance 2848



#### Chapter 8.16 OPEN BURNING

##### Sections:

- 8.16.010 -- Restrictions
- 8.16.020 -- Violations (Penalty)



**8.16.010 for RESTRICTIONS** - No person, firm, company, corporation, association, joint venture, partnership, trust, estate, or other legal entity shall burn any leaves, brush, grass, wood, tree limbs, rubbish, garbage, trash, or other combustible materials in the City. Notwithstanding the provisions herein, the Ordinance shall not be construed to prohibit wood fires in fireplaces, stoves, heaters, furnaces, and incinerators safely designed, constructed, and installed for such purposes and complying with all applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, and building codes. Further, this Ordinance shall not be deemed to prohibit outdoor wood fires for recreation or ceremonial purposes.

**8.16.020 for VIOLATIONS (PENALTY)** - Any person violating this chapter is subject to a fine not to exceed seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750) for each offense. A separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues.

## **Yard of the Month Winner ~ September 2014**

*James & Carolyn Wanagat • 147 Rolling Oaks Drive*



## **Yard of the Year Winner ~ 2014**

*Brian & Marsha Brueggemann • 15 Ramsgate*

