

The City Scoop

Seasonal Festivities Begin

It's hard to believe Labor Day is upon us, and with the fall months rapidly approaching, so are many great community activities.

First and foremost is the Annual 9-11 Memorial Stair Climb at Cahokia Mounds. There is no fee or donation required to participate. It is an open event to anyone who wants to experience honoring the first responders who were among 2,977 victims on September 11, 2001. Simply show up and do your best or just come out to cheer for someone else. It truly is an amazing event that draws in hundreds including children. There have been little ones as young as 5-years-old taking the climb. During one annual event, a 62-year-old City employee participated and she completed the entire climb! Sign-in begins at 5:00PM and the climb begins at 6:00PM. Many first responders that participate wear their gear for a more intense experience. All are welcome and attendance is largely encouraged. Please try to RSVP for the climb on the Brevity Fitness Facebook page: www.facebook.com/events/273255216198035/ as this is how the participation numbers are more easily tracked. Please mark your calendars to participate as we

look forward to seeing many more Collinsville residents at Cahokia Mounds on September 11th.

Something new and exciting for folks who love a good auction is the Benefit Auction on October 5th. This type of auction has a unique spin to it - the person or group who donates an auction item, gets to decide where the money raised from that item will go. The three options for giving the proceeds are The Miner's Theatre, the D.D. Collins House, and the Collinsville Historical Museum. Please plan to attend on October 5th at 11AM at the Collinsville VFW on Vandalia Street. And if you have questions or would like to donate items, just call Miner's Board Member Lavadna Hines at 618-420-0288 - she'll get you going in the right direction.

Read through the rest of "The City Scoop" as there are numerous other seasonal activities that are about to kick-off. It is going to be a great fall season and I look forward to seeing you all around town during these fun-filled times.

*John Miller,
Mayor*

City Hall CLOSED on September 1ST



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

City Hall will be **CLOSED** on Monday, September 1st to honor Labor Day.

Business hours will resume as normal on Tuesday, September 2nd.

Trick-or-Treat Hours



Friday, October 31st
5:30 - 8PM

The City is offering the following safety recommendations for a safe and Happy Halloween:

- ◆ Wear brightly colored clothing that fits well to prevent tripping; also add reflective tape so that drivers can see Trick-or-Treaters.
- ◆ Make sure children can see well through face masks, or use make-up.
- ◆ Adults should always accompany young children and older children should always Trick-or-Treat with a friend.
- ◆ Try to go out in daylight, and carry a flashlight for when it gets dark.
- ◆ Stay in well-lighted areas at all times.
- ◆ Advise children to stay within your neighborhood, and to only visit homes you know.
- ◆ Only accept wrapped or packaged candy.
- ◆ Parents should examine all candy before allowing children to eat it.
- ◆ Keep costumed children away from pets as they may not recognize the child and become frightened.
- ◆ Avoid hard plastic or wooden props such as daggers or swords; substitute soft and flexible foam rubber for props.

2014 FALL CLEAN-UP DATES

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

REGULAR trash pick-up on **Monday** -- Fall Clean-Up day is OCTOBER 13TH

REGULAR trash pick-up on **Tuesday** -- Fall Clean-Up day is OCTOBER 21ST

REGULAR trash pick-up on **Wednesday** -- Fall Clean-Up day is OCTOBER 15TH

REGULAR trash pick-up on **Thursday** -- Fall Clean-Up day is OCTOBER 23RD

REGULAR trash pick-up on **Friday** -- Fall Clean-Up day is OCTOBER 17TH



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



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.

- Freedom Plastering & Drywall, 507 W. Clay Street
- Jan's Bookkeeping, 1197A Vandalia Street
- Ovations Food Services, LP, 14 Gateway Drive
- Palm Tree Realty, LLC, 2105 Vandalia, Suite 4
- Pride of Illinois Cheerleading & Tumbling, 1601 Eastport Plaza Drive, Suite 101
- Spirit Halloween Superstores, 1099 Belt Line Road
- Tropical Sno, 1234 Vandalia
- Weaver Boos Consultants - Architects / Engineers, 1604 Eastport Plaza Drive, Suite 104



Italian Fest ~ Eat Well, Eat Italian!



ITALIAN FEST
COLLINSVILLE, IL

September 19-20, 2014

Italian Fest is back and we are ready to celebrate the Italian culture and heritage that our great City was built on.

Bring your appetite with you on September 19th and 20th because the Italian cuisine is the best of the best! You'll have the option to munch on toasted ravioli, spiedini, bagna cauda, bruschetta, and cannoli, just to name a few!

On Friday, the Opening Ceremonies will begin at 11:00AM and run until 12noon on the Venezia Stage. Shortly thereafter, the annual Grape Stomp will begin. We encourage everyone to come out for this, it's always an exciting competition between grape stomping rivals that results in many laughs and a lot of fun.

Start your Saturday morning off with the 5K, Kids Run & Diaper Dash beginning at 8AM. It's fun for the whole family and it's a great way to work off all the Italian food you'll eat later that day. A live band will be performing at the finish line as you cross over to victory! Just like last year, electronic chip timing will be provided for instant

and accurate race results. Online registration is available at italianfest.net/5k.html.

Don't forget about the parade on Saturday at 4PM. Kids and grown-ups alike always enjoy the parade filled with magnificent floats, cool cars, the Marching Kahoks and much more!

Both days will feature performances by several music groups at multiple locations. No matter which part of Main Street you're on, the sounds of live musical entertainment will surround you. Not to mention a number of other activities like the Little Miss and Mister Pageant, the Pisan Pedal Push, Bocce Ball Tournament, etc. Be sure to spend some time in Uptown Collinsville during Italian Fest weekend; it's two days of festivities that you won't want to miss.

Tunes at Blum

Free Concert Series



7-9PM
Wednesday Nights
in September



September 3RD ~ NIGHTLIFE BAND
(Oldies & Motown)

September 10TH ~ North of Quarter
(New Orleans, Memphis Blues, St. Louis Soul)

September 17TH ~ David Gerald
(Blues)

September 24TH ~ Dave & Greg Show
(From Elvis to Johnny Cash to Today's Hits)

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



FALL FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

MAIN STREET IN COLLINSVILLE
SPONSORED BY SCOTT CREDIT UNION

TRICK OR TREATING
11AM - 2PM

CHILI COOK-OFF
10AM - 3PM



KIDS COSTUME CONTEST | 12NOON

(PRE-K THRU KINDERGARTEN; 1ST - 3RD GRADE; 4TH - 6TH GRADE) THREE CATEGORIES: MOST CREATIVE | TV/MOVE/CARTOON | MAYOR'S CHOICE
AWARDS GIVEN IN THREE AGE GROUPS

"CRITTER CRAWL" PET PARADE | 2PM

GATHER IN THE DOG PARK AT 509 W. MAIN STREET @ 1:30PM PET, GOODIE BAGS AWARDED AT THE ARRF BOOTII

FOR GENERAL FALL FEST INFO
CONTACT TAM @ 558-1372 OR VIA EMAIL KISSSPRINGER@HOTMAIL.COM

FOR PET PARADE INFO
CONTACT LINDA @ 719-2980 OR VIA EMAIL LINDARAYROCKS.COM



Collinsville Main Street
Community Association



OCTOBER 1, 2014 • 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

2ND 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 26, 2014

Collinsville City Hall

ATTN: Education Scholarship Foundation

125 S. Center Street

Collinsville, Illinois 62234

FOR QUESTIONS, CONTACT:

BILL - BMETZGER@CFBANK1.COM

618.920.3667

~ OR ~

KAI - KAI@REDMONAGENCY.COM

618.344.0381

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
COLLINSVILLE EDUCATION
SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

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 distinguished;
- Means of putting out 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.

Electronics Recycling Fundraiser



**Proceeds benefit
Miner's Theatre**

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

*2nd 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/>

Yard of the Month Winner ~ July 2014

Dennis & Sandra Dressel • 10 Oakleaf Circle



Yard of the Month Winner ~ August 2014

Heather Stolte • 339 S. Jefferson

