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Events

Nov 26-28 City Hall Closed for Thanksgiving

Nov 26 **Share the Feast**

Nov 28-29 Christmas on the Square

Nov 28-29 Christmas Open House Peterstown House

Nov 28 GLOW Lighted Holiday Parade

Nov 29 Christmas Lamppost Decorating

Contest - Judging for People's Choice Award Noon-3pm at Courthouse Square

Nov 29 Hometown Harmony Concert

6:30pm at Hope Christian Church

Dec 1 Waterloo Garden Club Create Your Own Holiday Wreath

7pm at City Hall (upstairs)

Dec 5 Cookie Walk & Craft Fair

9am-Noon at Immanual Lutheran Church

Dec 6 **Hometown Harmony Performance**

1:00pm at MoCo History Museum

Dec 11-12 Christmas Tree Walk

5-9pm at The Beacon

Visit the City's website for details and contact info.



Basketball Hoops

Please move basketball hoops off of sidewalks and make sure they are not overhanging the street, as these areas are public right of way. They also interfere with trash pickup and snow plowing in the winter. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Holiday Recycling Pickup

REMINDER: Curbside recycling will be picked up on *Friday following Thanksgiving*, due to the holiday falling on Thursday, the normal pickup day for recycling.

Santa Hut

Santa's Hut will be open between Noon and 4pm the following Saturdays and Sundays:

> November 28th & 29th December 5th & 6th December 12th & 13th December 19th & 20th

Share the Feast

The Waterloo Lion's Club Annual "Share the Feast" Thanksgiving Dinner will be held Thursday, November 26th at SPPCS Cafeteria. Meals will be served from 11:30 am until 1:00 pm. You may dine in or have your meal delivered to your home. Carry outs are also available. Contact Ron & Ruth Ann Mueller at 939-6867 to make reservations.

Leaf Pick-Up

Once again, as a free community service, LIFECHURCH has volunteered to pick up prebagged leaves from residents within Waterloo city limits. The pickup date this year will be December 12. You must call City Hall to be placed on the pick up list and have your bags of leaves curbside before that morning.

Christmas on the Square

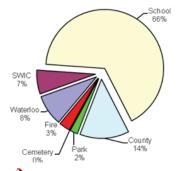
The 34th Annual Christmas Walk will be the weekend after Thansgiving, November 28-29th. Come join us for shopping, carriage rides, a cookie walk, holiday music, Santa and more! Pick up a card at any of the participating merchants, get them stamped and turn it in to be entered into a drawing for \$1,000 worth of gift certificates! City Hall will have an open house with coffee, hot cocoa and peanut cake from 11am-4pm on Sunday. Also, the Monroe County Bicentennial Committee will have items for sale, commemorating the County's 200th Anniversary, which takes place next year. For a complete listing of events, visit the City's website at www.waterloo.il.us.

GLOW Lighted Holiday Parade

Great Ladies of Waterloo (GLOW) is hosting its 4th annual lighted holiday parade as part of Christmas on the Square weekend. The parade will be held on Sat., Nov 28th at 5:30pm and will use the same route as the Porta Westfalica parade. To enter a float, forms are available at www.waterlooglow.com. The parade will end in front of SPPCS, where there will be an awards ceremony, a chili dinner and pictures with Santa!

Toy Drive

The Waterloo Optimist Club will sponsor its annual Gift Drive to benefit Waterloo families this Christmas. New items can be dropped of at City Hall or the Republic-Times office now through December 4th. The primary age group of the children are ages 5-18. For more information, contact Kelly Lerch at (618) 980-0731 or klerch@wcusd5.net.



Real Estate Taxes

City residents have recently paid their real estate tax; however, the amount of real estate tax paid to the City of Waterloo is only a small portion of the total bill. Other taxing bodies that appear include Monroe County, Southwestern Illinois College District, Waterloo School District, Waterloo Park District, Waterloo Cemetery District and Waterloo Community Fire Protection District. Each taxing district has a different rate.

Santa Float

The Waterloo German Band float will be bringing holiday cheer (and Santa!) to all who are near. The Waterloo German Band, the City of Waterloo, the Chamber of Commerce and Sister Cities-Portaloo are in planning stages for this year's float. You will be able to find the schedule on the City's website and in December's Newsletter.

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