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## Events

- Feb 16 City Hall Closed & 18** in observance of President's Day
- Feb 24 SPPCS Wurstmarkt**  
Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic School
- Feb 27 Notable Women in Illinois History**  
6:30pm at Morrison Talbott Library
- Mar 2 How 'bout a Fiesta? Chamber Annual Social**  
5pm at Camp Wartburg
- Mar 9 SPPCS Spring Gala**  
6pm at Hecker Community Center
- Mar 9 Father Daughter Date Night**  
6pm at Concord Presbyterian Church

Visit the city's website for details and contact information.

## Annual Calendar of Events

Stay in the know about what's going on in 2019! You can pick up a copy of this year's Annual Calendar of Events at City Hall, or download it from our website. You can also view our online calendar of events that lists more details and is the most up to date information. There's always something to do in Waterloo!

## Good Neighbor Award

The City of Waterloo is proud to have outstanding citizens in the community. Each quarter, we honor an outstanding citizen by presenting to them the "Good Neighbor" Award. If you know someone who has been an ideal citizen or someone who has done a good deed, please nominate them. Complete guidelines and nomination form can be found on our website at [www.waterloo.il.us/our-community/good-neighbor-award-2](http://www.waterloo.il.us/our-community/good-neighbor-award-2).



## Welcome

The City would like to welcome the following new business to our community:

**Shorty's Smokehouse**  
121 South Main Street

Remember to support local businesses and shop Monroe County first.

## Waterloo Banner Program

The time has come to renew the Waterloo Banner Program. The purpose of this program is to enhance and beautify the appearance of Market Street and promote Waterloo businesses, community service organizations, school recognized organizations, churches and independent contractors with a home office in Waterloo.

**For participants wanting to join:** due to the high demand, any new participant applications will be put into a lottery for the available poles. New applications will be accepted at City Hall now through February 21 and the drawing will be held on February 22, 3 pm at City Hall. To get an application and read the full program guidelines, please visit [www.waterloo.il.us](http://www.waterloo.il.us).



## Need a Job or Extra Income?

The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting thousands of people across the country to assist with the 2020 Census count. Census 2020 is hiring for a variety of temporary jobs, including census takers, recruiting assistants, office staff, and supervisory staff that have flexible hours and competitive wages that are paid weekly. To be eligible, you must be at least 18 years old, have a valid Social Security number, and be a U.S. citizen. Candidates must complete an online job application at [www.2020census.gov/jobs](http://www.2020census.gov/jobs).



## 2019 IMUA Scholarship

The City of Waterloo, in partnership with the Illinois Municipal Utilities Association (IMUA), is again offering a scholarship competition program for eligible high school seniors. Each eligible applicant is asked to submit an application and an essay of 500 words or less addressing their choice of one of three utility-related questions. The top four will receive a finalist certificate and a \$1,000 scholarship award check from IMUA.

Applicants must be high school seniors whose parents or legal guardians are residential customers of the City of Waterloo Municipal Utility. The deadline for submitting applications and essays is Friday, March 8, 2019. Applicants may contact IMUA's DeeDee Bunch at (217) 789-4632 or [dbunch@imea.org](mailto:dbunch@imea.org) for more information.



## Beware of Scams

Scammers continue to target everyone, regardless of age, gender, education or income level. Scams can cost people a lot of money and cause a great deal of distress. Scams are increasingly sophisticated and use a variety of tactics, excuses and lies to convince you that it is a genuine request. Common types of scams include email from your bank scams, a surprise lottery win (they request prepayment of the taxes owed on the winnings), relative in jeopardy (they convince you a loved one is in jail and needs money) and Craig's List scams. Follow these golden rules to help protect yourself and your family from scams:

- If it looks too good to be true—it probably is. Use your common sense.
- ALWAYS get advice if an offer involves significant money, time or commitment.
- Remember there are no get-rich-quick schemes: the only people who make money are the scammers.
- NEVER send money or give credit card or online account details to anyone you do not know and trust.
- Check your bank account and credit card statements when you get them. If you see a transaction you cannot explain, report it to your credit union or bank.



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