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Events

Community events are currently cancelled or postponed, to comply with the Restore Illinois Phase 3 gatherings limitation of 10 people or fewer and to follow Social Distancing measures to help prevent the spread of the Coronavirus. Please do your part to follow these mandates, so that we can keep our community safe, and return to our "normal" lives as soon as possible.



Looking for an Adventure?

Plan a day, or a weekend to explore The Kaskaskia-Cahokia Trail!

The 60-mile long auto tour route connects you with so many opportunities to learn about the area's history along scenic backroads and peaceful prairie land.

Visit the brand new website to learn more! <https://www.kctrailillinois.org>. Here you can see all of the attractions that are situated along the trail. There is also a self-guided tour booklet that you can download. You can also pick up a paper copy of the booklet at Waterloo City Hall!

Large Item Pickup

July 9th is large item pickup day. Please note, not all items are allowed, such as televisions, tires, doors, toilets, etc. For a complete list of unacceptable items, visit the City's website. Also, each household is limited to 2 items.

Fireworks Prohibited

Per City Ordinance, it is unlawful for any person, firm, co-partnership or corporation offer for sale, expose for sale, sell at retail or use or explode any fireworks within the city limits. Please help keep our neighborhoods safe.

City Hall is Open

As of June 1st, City Hall is open to the public during regular business hours Monday through Friday, 8am - 4pm, closed on Saturdays. However, we would like to still encourage you to use the dropboxes available outside and call us at 618-939-8600 to try and handle business remotely first - only come inside if absolutely necessary.

If you must come inside, **face coverings and social distancing will be required.** If you do not feel well, DO NOT come inside - please stay home. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our employees and our community safe.



Yards of Distinction Reminder

There's still time to enter! If you or someone you know has a beautiful yard, please consider nominating them for this award. Details and entry forms are available online at www.waterloo.il.us. Entry forms are due June 24th.

PumpkinFest Update



With so many unknowns due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we do not yet know whether or not PumpkinFest will be possible in 2020. We are constantly evaluating the rapidly changing situation, working on possibilities for alternate plans and we hope that by the end of the month we will have the answers needed to make a decision.

Vendors: Usually by now we are already accepting applications. Please note that we will not be taking applications for the 2020 festival until we make this decision.



Grass Clippings

As spring passes and summer approaches, the rumble of running lawn mowers becomes quite familiar. Sometimes we tend not to think about where our grass clippings end up, but we need to be aware that grass clippings on the street cause major problems and safety concerns:

- Grass clippings are often blown or left in the road, which can lead to serious injuries or even death for motorcyclists. For motorcyclists, grass clippings can be as slippery and hazardous as black ice, especially on curves.
- Grass clippings and other yard waste blown into the street can cause localized flooding by clogging curb inlets and pipes.
- Grass clippings in the street can also affect our water quality and harm aquatic wildlife by causing high levels of nutrients in local creeks and streams.

*What you can do...*if your mower shoots grass clippings out of the side, mow a couple of passes with your mower blowing towards your yard, and not the street, before mowing the rest of your yard, or simply blow or sweep the grass back into your yard once you are finished mowing.



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