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#### **Events**

Many community events are currently cancelled to comply with the Restore Illinois Metrics and to follow Social Distancing measures in an effort 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.

Feb 15 City Hall Closed for President's Day

Mar 20 Calling and Building Turkey Calls
1:30pm at MoCo History Museum

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

#### **Spring Forward**

In 2021 we'll "spring forward" one hour on Sunday, March 14, at 2 a.m. Be sure to set your clocks ahead before you go to bed Saturday night!



It's also a great time to replace the batteries in your smoke detectors!



#### WSA Signups

The WSA is hopeful that they will be able to have their 2021 Spring Sports season, following COVID safety guidelines.

Registration is open now through February 21 on the Waterloo Sports Association website: http://www.waterloosports.ws.



#### Welcome

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

Burnt Silk 219 West Mill Street

Farm Girl Finds 221 West Mill Street

Waterloo Mercantile (new location) 123 South Main Street

Remember to support local businesses and shop Monroe County first.



### **COVID Vaccine Information**

### From the Monroe County Health Department

All COVID vaccination clinics will be announced on the Monroe County Health Department's Facebook page, website, and through the CODE RED Call system. If you, or someone you know is not signed up for CODE RED, please visit the following URL to get signed up. <a href="https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/E4A1DADB51FB">https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/E4A1DADB51FB</a>

Also, if you have a family member, neighbor, or friend that may not be able to sign up for CODE RED by themselves, please either help them, or make sure to pass on the information from the calls to them. Calls will include the date and time of the clinic, as well as the residents eligible. If you do not meet the criteria of the subgroup, or live outside of Monroe County you WILL NOT be able to get vaccinated at that clinic. When registering for CODE RED, you will also have the ability to receive notifications via text message or email.

For questions or for additional information/updates, please contact the Health Department at 618-939-3871 or visit their website at **www.monroecountyhealth.org**.



## 2021 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 12, 2021. Applicants may contact IMUA's DeeDee Bunch at (217) 789-4632 or dbunch@imea.org for more information.

#### **Fund MoCo**

All across the country, people have started fundraisers to help small businesses during this pandemic. Hope Church has created a fund where anyone can donate and 100% of the proceeds will go directly to small businesses in Monroe County. Visit hopeforhim.com/fundmoco to donate. Local small businesses can apply to be entered into a raffle to receive a portion of the donations.

# Monroe County StartUP Application Time is Now

All Monroe County high school junior and senior students for the 2021-2022 school year are eligible to apply to participate in the Monroe County StartUP program.

The StartUp program is a community partnership between local high school students and area businesses that transforms the next generation of entrepreneurial leaders. Students work hand-in-hand with local businesses to develop the knowledge and skills to launch their own working business!

Applications are available from high school guidance counselors or online at <a href="http://monroecountystartup.com">http://monroecountystartup.com</a>. The application deadline is February 26 at 3pm. For more details, contact Jamie Matthews at jmatthews@roe45.net.



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