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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 11 Large Item Trash Pickup Day**

*See guidelines at right.*

**Feb 15 City Hall Closed**

for President's Day

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

## Holiday Trash Pickup Reminder

Trash WILL BE picked up on President's Day, February 15th, for all Waterloo residents.



## Radon Awareness

January is National Radon Action Month! Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers and causes more than 20,000 deaths in the US annually. Radon is radiation and like all other forms of radiation, is completely invisible. Radon can cause extensive cell damage and creates the mutated cells that turn into cancer. Approximately 42% of Illinois homes have elevated radon levels.

Please take action by testing your home. Call Gloria Linnertz at 618-830-4660 for a \$10 test kit.



This holiday season, we were in awe with how beautiful our city looked. We want to express a sincere **thank you** to all of the residents and businesses who spent the time to decorate. It truly felt magical driving the streets of Waterloo this year!



## Snow Removal Policy

The goal of the Waterloo Public Works Department is to provide snow and ice control in a safe, timely and cost-efficient manner. Below are a few highlights of the City's Snow Removal Policy and How Residents Can Help.....

- **Please park your car off-street whenever you can. Reminder: Recreational vehicles (campers, trailers, motor homes, boats, etc) are not permitted to park on city streets at any time.**
- Please make sure that basketball goals and other obstructions are not placed in or adjacent to the street.
- Attempts will be made to keep excessive amounts of snow from accumulating at the end of driveways or in front of mailboxes. However, this is a reality of snow plowing and cannot be helped. Property owners are responsible for cleaning their driveway approaches and around mailboxes.
- The City will not be responsible for plowing alleys.

You can find the complete Snow Removal Policy on the City's website at [waterloo.il.us](http://waterloo.il.us).



## 2021 Large Item Pickup Dates

The City of Waterloo has contracted with Reliable Sanitation to pickup household items, that are not included in our regular scheduled pickup, four times each year. A special truck will be used on these days. Such items to include are old appliances, furniture, etc. that is too large to be included in the regular pickup. Doors, compressors, and electric motors must be removed from appliances.

Please keep special and regular trash pickup items separate. Items must be placed next to the curb and ready for pick up by 6:00 am. Limit 2 items per household.

**Scheduled Dates for 2021:** February 11, April 29, July 22, October 28

Visit the City's website at <http://www.waterloo.il.us/our-community/trash-recycling/large-item-pickup/> for a list of items that are not allowed.

## Story Walk at Morrison-Talbott Library

With the help of many donations and volunteers, Ethan Ellis recently completed his Eagle Scout Project - the new StoryWalk® at Morrison-Talbott Library! A StoryWalk® is a succession of book pages mounted outdoors to encourage early literacy, family togetherness, physical fitness and time spent in a natural setting for all ages. Morrison-Talbott Library's StoryWalk® consists of 12 structures placed along an accessible path that winds through the library's property, including around the historic Col. Morrison home. Check it out! January's story is *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats.



## 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.

**Reminder:** If you received a notice from Second Sight Systems to have your water meter changed, please call to schedule an appointment. Rest assured, guidelines have been established for the field employees for COVID-19 social distancing protocols.

Second Sight: 618-368-2600

City Hall: 939-8600 ext.216



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