

#### APRIL 2024 COMMUNITY CONNECTION CITY OF WATERLOO MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

# LOOKING AHEAD

- Apr 19-21: MASC presents "The Mousetrap" Shows all weekend at Capitol Theatre
- Apr 20: Earth Day Community Clean Up See information at right.
- Apr 20: What the Kimmswick Bone Bed Reveals About Life 12,000 Years Ago 1:30pm at MoCo History Museum
- Apr 22: Ice Cream Social 1-3pm at Camp Wartburg
- Apr 25: A Whole Lot of Shaking Going On 6:30pm at MoCo History Museum
- Apr 28: Midwest Bird & Animal Swap & Sale 5:30-11am at Monroe County Fairgrounds
- Apr 28: Gibault Women's Club Poker Run Starts at 11:30am at Hopskeller
- May 2: National Day of Prayer Breakfast HOPE Christian Church
- May 2: A Tale of Two Forts 6:30pm at MoCo History Museum
- May 4-5: WHS Band Parents' Flea Market 8am-3pm Saturday, 9am-2pm Sunday at Monroe County Fairgrounds
- May 9: Tea & Talk 1:30pm at Waterloo Suites
- May 11: Optimist Club Beer-B-Que Courthouse Square
- May 18: FirebirdFest See information at right.

For more details, visit the city's website or scan the QR code: www.waterloo.il.us/our-community/ community-calendar



#### Large Item Pickup Reminder

May 6th and May 9th are the next large item pickup days. Please refer to the map on our website to find out the date for your area.

#### EARTH DAY CLEAN-UP

You are invited to a group effort clean up around Waterloo on Saturday, April 20th in honor of Earth Day! Volunteers will gather at 10am across from 115 E Mill Street to distribute trash bags and gloves, and direct volunteers to specific areas. Volunteers are



also welcome to pick up trash in their own neighborhoods. Thank you to Zach Smith, Amanda Chase and the group Waterloo Listens, for coordinating this event!

#### **HOME ALONE PROGRAM**

The City of Waterloo is once again hosting the Home Alone Program! The program will take place on **Saturday, June 8th at City Hall from 9 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.** The Waterloo Fire Department, Waterloo Police Department and Monroe County EMS will teach the children what to do in various situations that may arise while home alone.

- Does your child know basic first aid?
- Does your child know stranger rules?
- Does your child understand how to contact you if they have problems?
- Can your child handle unexpected situations such as bad weather?

This program is recommended for children ages 8-13. Space is limited, please RSVP to sdeutch@waterloo.il.us or 618-939-8600 ext. 211 with the child's name and age.

## **COMMUNITY YARD SALE**

GLOW (Great Ladies of Waterloo) is hosting their annual Community Yard Sale on Saturday, June 1st from 7am until 2pm. Register by May 23rd to be included on the yard sale map so shoppers can find you! Registration is only \$10 for a home listing, or \$15 if you would like to have your sale in two parking spaces at City Hall. For more information and to get a registration form, stop by City Hall or visit *www.waterlooglow.com*.

# **FIREBIRDFEST IS BACK!**

Approximately 200 Firebirds will be coming to downtown Waterloo!! Bring your friends and family to the Courthouse Square on Saturday, May 18th. The fun will begin with a parade of the cars into Waterloo at 2:30pm, a car show at 3pm, followed by a live concert featuring American Idol contestant Tori Martin, The Voice Finalist Ruby Leigh and the ZZ Top Tribute Band "ZZ-KC". This event is free to attend with donations collected for The Song Society. The Waterloo Optimist Club will once again have food for sale also!

## NATURAL GAS SAFETY

Stay safe with natural gas! Natural gas is a convenient and efficient energy source, but it's crucial to handle it with care.

- Schedule regular maintenance for gas appliances to ensure they're working safely.
- Keep vents and chimneys clear of debris to maintain proper ventilation.
- Install carbon monoxide detectors on every floor of your home to detect any leaks.
- Learn to recognize the signs of a gas leak, such as a rotten egg smell or hissing sounds.

In case of a gas leak, evacuate immediately and call emergency services.



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