



DECEMBER 2025

Community Connection

CITY OF WATERLOO MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

LOOKING AHEAD

Dec 14-23: Santa Float *see info at right*

Dec 24-25: Merry Christmas!
City Hall will be Closed

Dec 30: Noon Year's Eve Party
Morrison-Talbott Library

Dec 31-Jan 1: New Year's Holiday
City Hall will be Closed at Noon 12/31

Jan 19: City Hall Closed in Observance of
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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



Holiday Trash Pickup

Christmas Week:

December 22: Trash pick up per usual.
December 25: No recycle pick up. It will be picked up on Friday, December 26.

New Year's Week:

December 29: Trash pick up per usual.
January 1: No recycle pick up. It will be picked up on Friday, January 2.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day:

January 19: Trash pickup per usual.

Merry Christmas

The Mayor, City Council and staff at Waterloo City Hall would like to wish each of you a joyous holiday season and a healthy and happy new year! Thank you for everything you do throughout the year to make Waterloo a wonderful place to live.



SANTA FLOAT

The Santa Float will again make its way through Waterloo, bringing gifts and holiday cheer to all! The City of Waterloo, Waterloo Chamber of Commerce and Sister Cities of Porta Loo, with the help of many continued donations from individuals, businesses and organizations, have come together to continue this beloved tradition, which was started by Harry Wolf and the Waterloo German Band.



Check out the schedule online (*see URL below*) to find out when Santa and his elves will be in your neighborhood. On the second night of each route, the route will be reversed to give young children that may live at the end of the route a chance to visit Santa. The float departs at 5pm each evening and will be led by a City of Waterloo vehicle with red and green flashing lights, so you know Santa is close by!

We also have a **Santa Tracker**!! No more guessing where Santa may be! There is a link on our website (*same URL below*) to access the Santa Tracker.



Each night there will be **three golden tickets** hidden amongst the candy bars. If you are lucky enough to find one, bring it to City Hall at 9am on Christmas Eve to receive a gift from Santa!
(Only children ages 13 and under are eligible to win gifts.)

Visit www.waterloo.il.us/our-community/santa-float for the Santa Tracker, routes and all details!

AMERICA 250 RINGING OF THE BELLS



Join us as Monroe County kicks off its America 250 Celebration with the *Ringing of the Bells* on New Year's Day at noon! Each municipality will host its own gathering at a designated location, where communities will come together to ring in 2026 and the start of this historic commemoration. Waterloo's Ringing of the Bells will be at the Monroe County Courthouse, at 100 South Main Street.

Be among the first to arrive and receive a free commemorative bell—available in limited quantities. Come celebrate, and help launch America 250 in Monroe County!



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 vehicle 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 hoops 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 at times. Property owners are responsible for cleaning their driveway approaches and around mailboxes.
- The City is not responsible for plowing alleys.

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