



MARCH 2025

# Community Connection

CITY OF WATERLOO MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

## LOOKING AHEAD

- Mar 23:** Sweetie and the Toothaches  
Fine Arts Concert  
3pm at St. Paul UCC
- Mar 29:** HSS Client Vacation Fund Trivia Night  
7pm at Hecker Community Center
- Mar 29:** Helping Stray's A Cause for Paws  
5:30pm at The Falls, Columbia
- Mar 30:** Midwest Bird & Animal Swap & Sale  
5:30-10am at Monroe County Fairgrounds
- Mar 30:** Quilt Tying Day  
11:30am-4pm at Immanuel Lutheran
- Apr 1:** Election Day  
Visit [mococlerk.com](http://mococlerk.com) for details.
- Apr 4-6 & 11-13:** "Fiddler on the Roof"  
presented by MASC  
Various showtimes at Capitol Theatre
- Apr 6:** Ham Shoot & Meat Raffle  
Noon at Waterloo Sportsman's Club
- Apr 12:** Explore Waterloo's Spring Shop & Stroll  
Participating Merchants & Restaurants
- Apr 12:** Southern Illinois Sheep & Craft Festival  
8am-4pm at Monroe County Fairgrounds
- Apr 12:** History of the Ruma Convent  
1:30pm at History Museum
- Apr 18:** City Offices Closed for Good Friday
- Apr 18/19:** That's What She Said Monroe County  
6:30-8:30pm at Capitol Theatre

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



## Swim Team Signups

It's time to register for Waterloo Piranhas Swim Team! Starting April 1st, register online at [waterloopiranhas.com](http://waterloopiranhas.com)

## SPRING TIME REMINDERS

### Call Julie Before You Dig

Before starting a project, remember to avoid personal injury and damage to your utility lines by contacting JULIE first. This not-for-profit corporation provides homeowners and professional excavators with one place to call for safer digging.

Simply go online and visit [www.illinois1call.com](http://www.illinois1call.com) or call 811. Within two working days of receiving your request, your underground utilities will be marked with different colored flags, stakes or paint, indicating what is below. The call and services are free.



**Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.**

### Building Permits

Please keep in mind that building permits are required for all new construction, additions and accessory structures over fifty square feet. This includes porches, decks, swimming pools and storage sheds. Permits are not required for fences, but fencing heights, setbacks and easements must be taken into consideration.

Commercial building permits are required for all new construction, additions or structural, electrical or plumbing modifications. Commercial building permits are also required for change of occupancy. *The best thing to do before starting any new project is to give us a call first. It could save a lot of unnecessary hassle later!*

### City Yard Waste Site and Free Mulch

The City Yard Waste site is available to **city residents** for yard waste only. Do not dump any other trash at this site. It can cause serious damage to the tub grinder, which is the machine that processes this waste into usable mulch. The mulch is available to you for free, so feel free to take some to freshen up your landscaping this spring!

## DIRECT PAYMENT FOR UTILITY BILLS

*Save a trip, and a possible late fee or convenience fee -- sign up for direct pay today!*

Simply complete an authorization agreement and each month your checking or savings account will automatically be debited on the due date of the bill. You will continue to receive a copy of your monthly utility bill for your personal records.

If you would like to sign up for this free service, you can get a copy of the authorization agreement at City Hall, or on our website: [www.waterloo.il.us](http://www.waterloo.il.us) under Printable Forms.

## CODE RED EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

While severe thunderstorms can occur any month of the year, the peak Severe Weather Season is during the spring months of March, April, and May.



Sign up for the **CODE Red Emergency Notification System**, so you will be aware when a dangerous storm is approaching. You can choose to be notified by phone, email or text.

The City of Waterloo also uses the CODE Red Notification System to notify citizens of utility alerts, such as boil water orders and planned power outages.

Register on our website: [www.waterloo.il.us/our-community/emergency-services](http://www.waterloo.il.us/our-community/emergency-services).

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