



MAY 2025

Community Connection

CITY OF WATERLOO MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

LOOKING AHEAD

- May 17:** Electronics Recycling Event
9am-2pm at Monroe County Fairgrounds
- May 19:** Wayne Collmeyer Memorial Golf Outing
11am at Acorn's Golf Course
- May 22:** Monroe County EMS Open House
5-8pm at Monroe County EMS Base
- May 25:** Midwest Bird & Animal Swap & Sale
5:30-10am at Monroe County Fairgrounds
- May 26:** City Hall Closed
Memorial Day Ceremony
11am at Monroe County Bandstand
- May 27:** Summer Concert Season Opening Night
8pm at Monroe County Bandstand
- May 29:** Genealogy Program
6:30pm at MoCo History Museum
- Jun 6:** VFW 14th Annual Golf Tournament
1pm at Acorn's Golf Course
- Jun 6-8:** MASC presents "Savannah Sipping Society"
& **13-15** Shows all weekend at Capitol Theatre
- Jun 6-7:** Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Picnic
- Jun 7:** GLOW Community Yard Sale
- Jun 8:** Chamber Downtown Concert Series
4:30-7pm at Monroe County Bandstand
- Jun 9-12:** Driving Disciples Summer Golf Camp
8:30am-Noon at Concord Presbyterian
- Jun 13:** HSS Shine Your Light Gala
5pm at The Falls, Columbia
- Jun 17:** Porta Westfalica
Every Saturday: Farmer's Market
7:30am-Noon at Annex
Building Parking Lot

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



Trash Pickup Reminder
There **will be** trash pickup on the Memorial Day holiday, Monday, May 26th.

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

GLOW
Women Empowering Women

GLOW (Great Ladies of Waterloo) is hosting their annual Community Yard Sale on Saturday, June 7th from 7am until 2pm. Register **by May 28th** to be included on the yard sale map so shoppers can find you! Registration is \$10 for a home listing, or \$15 if you would like to have your sale at the City Hall parking lot. For more information or to obtain a registration form, stop by City Hall or visit www.waterlooglow.com.

Shoppers: the Yard Sale map will be available at City Hall and local banks on June 4th. You can also download it at www.waterloo.il.us or www.waterlooglow.com.

PORTA WESTFALICA FESTIVAL

The 43rd Annual Porta Westfalica Festival, which celebrates Waterloo's German heritage, will be held on June 17th from 4-10pm in Downtown Waterloo. Come and enjoy live German music, dancing, food, German beer and inflatable bounce houses for the kids!

The parade will begin at 6pm, leaving from the VFW parking lot with the route traveling to Columbia Avenue, turning right on Main Street, then right on Mill Street and ending at the corner of Mill and S. Library Street.

Thank you to the Sister Cities of Porta Loo, Waterloo Chamber of Commerce and Waterloo Lion's Club for continuing this beloved tradition!



YARDS OF DISTINCTION CONTEST

The Waterloo Garden Club will be hosting the Annual Yards of Distinction Contest. Judging will be on Sunday, July 13th. Show us your colorful flower gardens and well-manicured lawns! The contest is open to all homeowners or rental tenants within the City of Waterloo. Details of the contest and entry forms are available online at www.waterloo.il.us. Entry forms are due June 29th.

NATURAL GAS SAFETY

How to recognize a leak:

- **Smell**- an odorant is added to give natural gas the distinct odor of sulfur or "rotten eggs"
- **Sight**- visual clues of a possible gas leak are blowing dirt or dust, dead vegetation in a normally green area, a dense white cloud over a gas line, continuous bubbles in standing water or ground fires
- **Sound** - any unusual sound near a gas line such as hissing, a high-pitched whistle or roaring sound indicate a gas leak



What to do if a leak is recognized:

- Everyone leave immediately. If in a building, keep the door open as you exit.
- Call the City of Waterloo from a safe location, such as a neighboring house or business, at 939-8600 or our utility emergency line 939-1000 after hours
- Don't use a landline, TV, radio, computer, appliance, garage door opener or anything that may create a spark
- Don't touch outlets, light switches, door bells or anything that may create a spark
- Do not smoke, use a lighter, light a match or use any other open flame device
- Do not start up, shut off or operate any type of gas or electric powered vehicle or equipment

STAY CONNECTED.



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