



JANUARY 2026

Community Connection

CITY OF WATERLOO MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

LOOKING AHEAD

- Jan 19:** City Hall Closed in Observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Jan 31:** Waterloo Chamber of Commerce Bourbon & Bags Bingo
7pm at St. Mary's Parish Center
- Jan 30-Feb 1 & Feb 6-8:** MASC presents "The Outsider"
Various showtimes at Capitol Theatre
- Feb 5-8:** Gibault Theatre presents "Fools"
Thurs-Sat: 7pm, Sun: 2pm at Gibault
- Feb 16:** City Hall Closed in Observance of President's Day
- Feb 21:** Trivia Night
7pm at Waterloo Sportsmans Club

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



Holiday Trash Pickup

There will be trash pickup on Monday, January 19th (MLK Day) and Monday, February 16th (President's Day).



Radon Awareness

January is National Radon Awareness 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.

AMERICA 250

Celebrating 250 Years of Independence

In 2026, our nation will commemorate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The City of Waterloo is proud to be a participant in the



America 250 celebration, honoring our shared history, civic pride, and the ideals that have shaped our country for nearly two and a half centuries. Throughout 2026, residents can look forward to special events and activities taking place in our community and across the county as we come together to honor America's past, celebrate the present, and inspire the future. Watch for more details in the months ahead.

For more information on national and state efforts, visit america250.org and il250.org.

2026 LARGE ITEM PICKUP DATES

The City of Waterloo has contracted with Reliable Sanitation to pickup household items that are not included in our regularly 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 are too large to be included in the regular pickup. Doors, compressors and electric motors must be removed from appliances.

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

Reliable Sanitation has split the city in half for large item pickup. A map showing the split and a list of items that are not allowed is available on our website at:

www.waterloo.il.us/our-community/trash-recycling/large-item-pickup/

Scheduled Dates for 2026:

- Section 1 (East of Market & North of HH Rd): Mondays, Mar 2, May 4, July 13, Oct 19
- Section 2 (West of Market & South of HH Rd): Thursdays, Mar 5, May 7, July 16, Oct 22

BUSINESS BANNER PROGRAM

The time has come to renew the Waterloo Business Banner Program. Banners are installed on the utility poles along Market Street from Route 3 to Hartman. The purpose of this program is to enhance and beautify the appearance of Market Street and promote Waterloo businesses, community service organizations, school recognized organizations, churches and independent contractors with a home office in Waterloo.

- January 12-23 renewals from the 2023 participants will be accepted.
- January 26-February 13 applications from new participants will be accepted to fill any spots that were not renewed. If more applications are received than spaces available, a lottery drawing will be held on February 18 at 3pm at City Hall.

To download an application and read full program details, please visit www.waterloo.il.us/business-banner-program.



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