



MARCH 2026

# Community Connection

CITY OF WATERLOO MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

## LOOKING AHEAD

- Mar 22:** Ham Shoot & Meat Raffle  
Noon at Waterloo Sportsmans Club
- Mar 28:** Helping Strays' Cause for Paws  
5:30pm at The Falls, Columbia
- Mar 28:** HSS/Caritas Family Solutions Client  
Vacation Fund Trivia Night  
7pm at Hecker Community Center
- Mar 29:** Midwest Bird & Animal Swap & Sale  
5:30-10am at Monroe County Fairgrounds
- Apr 3:** City Hall Closed for Good Friday
- Apr 5:** Easter Sunrise Service  
6:30am at Camp Wartburg
- Apr 5:** Easter Egg Hunt & Breakfast  
9-10am at Immanuel Lutheran
- Apr 10-12:** MASC presents "Tuck Everlasting"  
& 17-19 Shows all weekend.
- Apr 11:** Southern IL Sheep & Craft Festival  
9am-3pm at Monroe County Fairgrounds
- Apr 12:** Quilt Tying Day  
11:30am-4pm at Immanuel Lutheran
- Apr 18:** Remembering Rex's Corner  
1:30pm at MoCo History Museum

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)



## Word-Renowned Illusionist Jared Hall

Don't miss your chance to experience jaw-dropping illusions, laughter and family-friendly fun at St. Paul United Church of Christ! Tickets are just \$10 each (children 10 & under are free!) and can be purchased through the church.

### Performance Dates and Times:

- Saturday, April 25th at 7:00pm
- Sunday, April 26th at 3:00pm

## 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.

## SPRING TIME REMINDERS

### Call Julie Before You Dig



Know what's below.  
Call 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.

### 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!



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