



MAY 2026

Community Connection

CITY OF WATERLOO MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

LOOKING AHEAD

- May 22:** Monroe County EMS Open House
5-8pm at Monroe County EMS Base
- May 25:** City Hall Closed
Memorial Day Ceremony
11am at Monroe County Bandstand
- May 26:** Summer Concert Season Opening Night
8pm at Monroe County Bandstand
- May 30:** Waterloo Sportsman's Club Open House
8am at Waterloo Sportsmans Club
- May 31:** Midwest Bird & Animal Swap & Sale
5:30-10am at Monore County Fairgrounds
- Jun 2, 9, 16:** Municipal Band Concerts
8pm at Monroe County Bandstand
- Jun 5-7:** MASC presents "12 Angry Jurors"
& 12-14 Shows all weekend at Capitol Theatre
- Jun 5-6:** Rummage Sale
8am-1pm at SPPCS Gymnasium
- Jun 5:** VFW 15th Annual Golf Tournament
1pm at Acorn's Golf Links
- Jun 6:** GLOW Community Yard Sale
- Jun 6:** Optimist Club Beer-B-Que
Noon-4pm in Downtown Waterloo
- Jun 7:** Optimist Club Car Show
Downtown Waterloo
- Jun 8-11:** Driving Disciples Summer Camp
8:30am-Noon at Concord Presbyterian
- Jun 12-13:** Ss. Peter & Paul Picnic
- Jun 13:** Thrive Music Festival & Car Show
11am, Downtown Waterloo
- Jun 14:** Chamber Downtown Concert Series
4:30-6:30pm at Monroe County Bandstand
- Jun 16:** 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

CELEBRATE AMERICA 250: FUN RUN, PARADE & FESTIVAL

Join us on Saturday, July 4, 2026 from 9am-2pm for a special celebration honoring the 250th Anniversary of American Independence. This family-friendly event will feature a patriotic 2.50k Fun Run, Parade and community festival in downtown Waterloo - all designed to celebrate this historic milestone while leaving time to enjoy traditional Independence Day festivities later in the day.

REGISTER FOR THE 2.50K

Registration is open for the 2.50k Fun Run, welcoming participants of all ages and abilities. Dress patriotically, lace up your shoes and have fun!

BE PART OF THE PARADE

Parade entries are now being sought from community groups, businesses, schools, clubs and individuals. Patriotic, historical, and creative entries are encouraged!

MILITARY VEHICLES WANTED

We are also looking for historic and modern military vehicles to participate in the parade and festival. If you own a military vehicle, or know someone who does, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact Sarah at 618-939-8709.

For registration and participation details, visit <https://bit.ly/4vKXYqy>

PORTA WESTFALICA FESTIVAL



The 44th Annual Porta Westfalica Festival, which celebrates Waterloo's German heritage, will be held on June 16th from 4-10pm in Downtown Waterloo. Come and enjoy live German music, dancing, food, German beer and more!

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.

AMERICA 250 CHALLENGE COIN

The City of Waterloo is proud to commemorate America's 250th anniversary with a limited-edition Waterloo Celebrates America 250 Challenge Coin, now available for \$10 at City Hall, while supplies last.

The coin honors both our nation's founding and Waterloo's early history, featuring the America 250 logo and historic local landmarks including the Bellefontaine House and the James Moore Cabin.



Waterloo's coin is part of a six-coin collection created in collaboration with Monroe County, the City of Columbia, and the Villages of Maestown, Hecker and Valmeyer. Each coin reflects the unique heritage of its community while celebrating this historic milestone.

Trash Pickup Reminder: There will be trash pickup on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25th.

STAY CONNECTED.



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