

# JOLIET NEWSLETTER

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## A Message from Mayor D'Arcy



Mayor D'Arcy

Dear Neighbor,

Thank you for supporting all the wonderful events in Joliet - I hope you had the opportunity to visit downtown and enjoy a festival or baseball game with your family or loved ones. Our downtown area hosted New Orleans North, Star Wars Days, Fiesta En La Calle, and Kidz Fest to name a few. The Joliet Park District put on another great Taste of Joliet, an event that drew historic crowds.

The "Ready to Rock!" guitar display was also a huge success. The twelve 6-foot guitar sculptures uniquely designed by local artists were placed throughout the downtown area for residents and visitors to enjoy.

Bicentennial Park hosted a wonderful fireworks display on July 3 and residents also enjoyed the July 4 fireworks show at Busey Bank Field at Joliet Memorial Stadium. Our thanks to all who volunteered and worked on these events.

City crews worked throughout the summer on streets, sidewalks, and water and sewer repairs. Although this activity can be invasive, it is necessary and overdue. The I-80 improvements continue to advance, so please be vigilant while driving through construction zones.

To all the students, teachers, and administrators in our community, I wish you a healthy and productive school year.

I want to take this opportunity to say "Thank You and Happy Veterans Day" to all the men and women in Joliet who have served or are serving in the armed forces. Please keep our young men and women currently serving in your prayers during the upcoming holiday season.

Sincerely,  
Mayor D'Arcy

## Dedication of World War II Submarine Memorial

On Wednesday, June 14, the United States Submarine Veterans Chicago Base, in collaboration with the City of Joliet, unveiled a new monument to honor the 28 World War II submarines that passed through Joliet.

The United States contracted the Manitowoc Ship Building Company to build 28 Gato/Balao Class submarines for the U.S. Navy during WWII. After completion of crew training and sea trials in Lake Michigan, these submarines sailed through the Chicago River and the Sanitary & Ship Canal to Lockport where they were placed on specialty-built floating dry docks. These dry docks then moved through the locks, through Joliet, onwards to the Mississippi River and then down to New Orleans, Louisiana. Once their periscopes were reinstalled, they traveled across the Gulf of Mexico through the Panama Canal to the Pacific theater of WWII.

Four of the Manitowoc Submarines, the USS Golet SS-361, USS Kete SS-369, USS Lagarto SS-371, and USS Robalo SS273, were lost in combat during the war, with the loss of over 300 officers and men. These four submarines brought the total number of submarines lost in World War II, to 52. A total of 3,000 officers and men are now on Eternal Patrol.

On the front side of this Monument are replicas of Navy Submarine Dolphins and the USS Chicago Base Logo followed by a description of the Manitowoc Submarines Story. The opposite side lists the names of the 28 submarines that were built by the Manitowoc Ship Building Company. Of these 28, the four previously identified were lost in combat.

The monument is located next to the existing Veterans Memorial, on the south side of Bicentennial at 30 N Bluff Street. The City invites you to visit and pay your respects.



# What's Happening

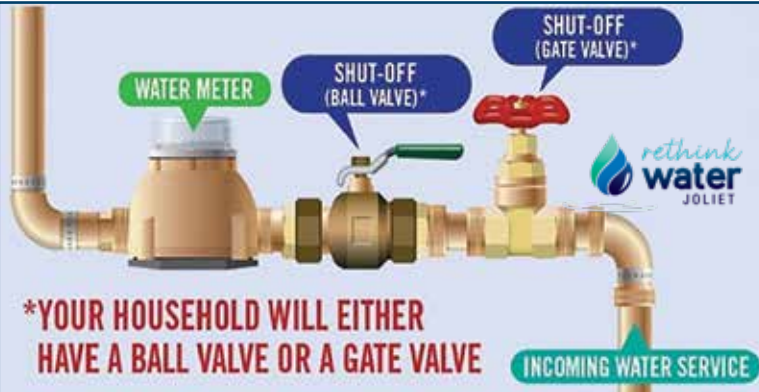
**2021**  
Preliminary Design

**2022-2024**  
Final Design

**2024-2030**  
Construction



The City of Joliet in conjunction with the Grand Prairie Water Commission has accomplished many milestones in its efforts to bring Lake Michigan water to our community. Engineering design has progressed on schedule and construction of the first project is anticipated to begin in 2024 with Lake Michigan water at your tap by 2030. Visit [www.RethinkWaterJoliet.org](http://www.RethinkWaterJoliet.org) and [www.GPWC-il.org](http://www.GPWC-il.org) for more information.



**\*YOUR HOUSEHOLD WILL EITHER HAVE A BALL VALVE OR A GATE VALVE**

Your water meter is an important tool for understanding and monitoring your water use. We have updated our website at [www.joliet.gov/watermeter](http://www.joliet.gov/watermeter) to help you get to know your water meter.

## Street Sweeping in the Fall

Residents are reminded that raking leaves onto the street is not allowed by City ordinance unless specific permission is granted by the City to a particular area to do so. The City will not collect leaves that have been placed in the street or the parkway. Any repeat violation of this prohibition could subject the homeowner to a fine of \$150.00 or more.

When leaves have been raked into the street in large piles, the street sweepers are unable to pick up those leaves as the leaves and hidden debris (branches, bottles, metal, etc.) could cause damage to the mechanical parts in the sweeper. Therefore, the street sweeper will go around these leaf piles and thus the roadway will not be cleared of leaves. The presence of leaves in the street and on the parkway will most likely close off drainage and cause drainage problems, as well as increasing the chance of vehicular and pedestrian accidents on slippery leaf-covered streets.

## Water Pipe Winter Preparedness

1. Disconnect outdoor hoses from spigots and turn off the outdoor spigot.
2. Make sure the main shut-off valve is in good working order. If not, contact Public Utilities at (815) 724-4220 to schedule your turn-off when you are ready to make your repairs.
3. Insulate pipes that are susceptible to freezing.

## Fall Cleanup – Yard Waste Collection



Waste Management has provided a few tips and pointers below for yard waste disposal. Remember, the last week for yard waste collection is December 4-8, 2023.

- Yard waste consists of grass clippings, leaves, shrubbery, tree branches (less than three inches in diameter), and brush.
- Brush and branches must be cut into 4-foot lengths and securely bundled with string or twine. Each bundle must not exceed 50 lbs. Unbundled brush and branches will not be collected.
- Sod, dirt, rock, whole trees, stumps, limbs greater than 3 inches in diameter, and animal feces are not part of the weekly yard waste program.
- YARD WASTE ONLY labels are available at no charge at Joliet City Hall and Joliet Jewel Osco store locations.
- Yard waste must be placed in either brown paper yard waste bags or in clearly labeled 32-gallon containers. All 32-gallon containers used for yard waste must be properly labeled if used for yard waste collection.
- Residents can also rent or purchase 96-gallon yard waste carts by calling Waste Management at the phone number below.

If a resident experiences a missed pick up or has questions concerning service, please contact Waste Management's Customer Service Center at (815) 280-7854 or live chat on [www.wm.com](http://www.wm.com).

## Adopt a Catch Basin



Help the City of Joliet help you in keeping your street clean and keeping the storm drains operational by "adopting" a catch basin which is usually a grate covered street drain in or near a curb. Adopt a catch basin by keeping an eye on any catch basins that may be located in front or near your house by keeping it clear of debris throughout the year.

## WELCOME, NEW BUSINESSES

- CITGO Gas and Carwash** | 356 N Scott St, 60431
- EVC Candy Party** | 317 E Cass St, 60432
- Fred's Auto Sales** | 509 E Washington St, 60433
- Green Earth Plastic Recycling** | 711 E Benton St, 60432
- Niko's Catering** | 113 Republic Ave, 60435
- Samm Food Mart** | 111 McDonough St, 60436
- Sherwin-Williams Paint Store** | 2707 Plainfield Rd, 60435
- Street Kitchen** | 1003 Essington Rd, 60435
- Tazza Coffee** | 2296 Essington Rd, 60435
- Tobacco City** | 2955 W Jefferson St, 60435

# Autumn Activities

## Fall into Fun at Billie Limacher Bicentennial Park & Theatre

Check out events for kids and those young at heart, with outdoor park and indoor theatre events, right down the street located at 201 W Jefferson St. For more details, call (815) 724-3761 or visit [www.bicentennialpark.org](http://www.bicentennialpark.org).

Interested in events emailed to you? Just email: [bipark@joliet.gov](mailto:bipark@joliet.gov) with "EVENTS" in the subject line.

### Saturday Drama Classes Begin

September 16 – October 14

9 – 10:15 am, Grades 1 – 5

10:30 am – 12 pm, Grades 6 – 12

Open to all levels of interest. Learn creative dramatics during five Saturdays on the indoor stage.

### Joliet Pride Fest

Saturday, September 23

12 – 6 pm

FREE ADMISSION

Celebrating inclusion and individual freedom through music, vendors, food, and beverage in a family-friendly atmosphere outdoors.



### Whiskey Neat

September 29 – October 1 & October 6-8

Friday & Saturday, 7 pm | Sunday, 2 pm

Indoor theatre production set in a 1949 Chicago illegal, high-end gambling club, explores loneliness, loss, love, and redemption.

### Skip Griparris: 70's Heroes of Rock

Friday, October 13 | 7:30 pm

Relive the magic of 70's big rock hits and fun stories by singer, guitarist, impressionist, and IL Rock 'n Roll Hall of Famer, Skip, on the indoor stage.

### Dia De Los Muertos (Day of the Dead)

Wednesday, November 1 | 6-9 pm

FREE ADMISSION

Celebrate the rich Latino culture of honoring past loved ones through music, art, dance, contests, displays, and food in the outdoor event.



The City of Joliet's trick-or-treating hours will be from 4 – 7 pm on Tuesday, October 31, for those who choose to participate. For more bone-chilling thrills, residents can also partake in the annual Halloween/Fall Décor Map. This easy-to-use map helps make finding spooky and fun seasonal décor within the City of Joliet simple for everyone!

As October approaches, be on the lookout for Halloween-themed activities, trick-or-treating safety tips, local events, as well as the Halloween/Fall Décor Map and address submission form at: [www.joliet.gov/halloween](http://www.joliet.gov/halloween).



### Panic at the Plaza

Saturday, October 7 | 5 -11 pm

Downtown Joliet - Van Buren Street Plaza

Panic at the Plaza is the official Downtown Joliet kick-off to spooky season. Guests will enjoy live music from multiple bands, food, beverages, and unique Halloween-themed vendors. This is a free festival for the 21 and over folks.

### Stone & Steel Spooky 5k

Sunday, October 15 | 8 am

Downtown Joliet - Van Buren Street Plaza

This chip-timed race starts at the historical Rialto Square Theatre and runs through the Joliet Iron Works Historic Site. Walkers and runners are welcome to participate. Participants are encouraged to wear their favorite Halloween costumes for a chance to win prizes.

### Spirits with the Spirits

Wednesday, October 25 | 5-10 pm | Downtown Joliet

This paranormal event will have visitors walking from business to business enjoying food and drinks from secret menus. In addition to local ghost stories, there will be psychics, tarot card readers, aura readings, mediums, ghost hunting sessions, and more!

For more Joliet CCP information, visit [www.jolietccp.com](http://www.jolietccp.com).

### Other Great Events

Visit [www.joliet.gov/events](http://www.joliet.gov/events) or [www.visitjoliet.com](http://www.visitjoliet.com) for upcoming events. The following affiliate organizations also have upcoming programs, events, and festivals scheduled:

Joliet Area Historical Museum: [www.jolietmuseum.org](http://www.jolietmuseum.org)

Joliet Park District: [www.jolietpark.org](http://www.jolietpark.org)

Joliet Public Library: [www.jolietlibrary.org](http://www.jolietlibrary.org)

Rialto Square Theatre: [www.rialtosquare.com](http://www.rialtosquare.com)

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Q: Can I burn excess yard waste, leaves, tree limbs, garbage, or any other unwanted materials on my property?

**A: No. Open burning of any waste material within the Joliet city limits is prohibited.**

- To report an open burning issue, contact our Non-Emergency Police and Fire Department Line at (815) 726-2491 as it is occurring, or 9-1-1 in emergency.
- Ordinance No. 18216 – Search Open Burning.

### Q: Can I have a fire pit?

**A: Yes, however, the fire pit must be a commercial built pit with steel legs, wire mesh sides, and have a top.**

- Fire pits must be 15 feet from any combustible building or fence, and a garden hose nearby is recommended.
- Only hardwood logs or commercially made logs (Dura-Logs) are to be burned.
- Smoke from a fire pit that is found offensive may be ordered to be extinguished.
- To report a contained fire pit issue, contact the Non-Emergency Police and Fire Department Line at (815) 726-2491 as it is occurring, or 9-1-1 in emergency.
- Ordinance No. 18216 – Search Fire Pit.

### Q: Who can I contact to report a water or sewer issue, fire hydrant, or watermain break?

**A: Residents should contact the 24-Hour Emergency Public Utilities line at (815) 724-4220 to report any problems with the City's water and or sewer systems.**

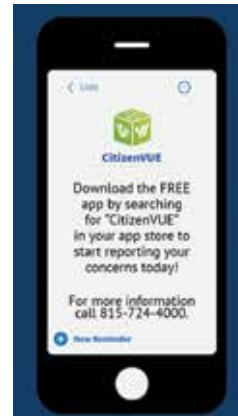
- If an operator is not available at the time of your call, leave a detailed message of the issue, the address location the issue is occurring at, along with a contact name and number.
- Residents are not given prior notice of temporary repair work due to the urgency of the repair and number of homes affected by the break.

### Q: Who can I contact to report a street light outage?

**A: Street light outages can be reported to Public Works at (815) 724-4200 or through our free VUEWorks: CitizenVUE citizen engagement mobile app or online portal available on [www.joliet.gov](http://www.joliet.gov), click on the report button on our homepage to start your request. When calling to report the issue, the caller should be prepared to give the following information:**

- Closest address location, along with resident's contact information.
- Type of pole - wood, concrete, steel, decorative green or black.
- Pole number, if applicable, to determine if the pole is maintained by the City of Joliet or ComEd.
- Repair times can vary depending on the issue that is causing the outage.
- To report a ComEd street light issue or outage call (800) 334-7661 or visit [www.comed.com](http://www.comed.com) online to report.

For a list of other Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's), visit [www.joliet.gov/faq](http://www.joliet.gov/faq).



### Waste Management Holiday Schedule

Labor Day | Monday, September 4 | Service one day late all week.  
Columbus Day | Monday, October 9 | No change in regular schedule.  
Veterans Day | Saturday, November 11 | No change in regular schedule.

### City Hall Holiday Closure

Labor Day | Monday, September 4  
Columbus Day | Monday, October 9  
Veterans Day | Observed on Friday, November 10

Downtown parking decks will be free of charge and there will not be enforcement of parking meters on these holidays.

### Smart Message Community Alerts

Smart Message provides residents with alerts from the City of Joliet. Information includes notice of water main breaks and boil orders. Don't Delay! Sign up today at [www.joliet.gov/smartmessage](http://www.joliet.gov/smartmessage).

## We Are Here

**Police and Fire Emergency**  
9-1-1

**Police Non-Emergency**  
(815) 726-2491

**City Hall Information Desk**  
(815) 724-4000 [infodesk@joliet.gov](mailto:infodesk@joliet.gov)

**Customer Service**  
(815) 724-3820 [customerservice@joliet.gov](mailto:customerservice@joliet.gov)

**City Manager**  
(815) 724-3730 [citymanager@joliet.gov](mailto:citymanager@joliet.gov)

**Mayor**  
**Terry D'Arcy**  
(815) 724-3700 [tdarcy@joliet.gov](mailto:tdarcy@joliet.gov)

**Councilman**  
**Larry E. Hug (District 1)**  
(815) 724-3746 [lhug@joliet.gov](mailto:lhug@joliet.gov)

**Councilman**  
**Pat Mudron (District 2)**  
(815) 724-3749 [pmudron@joliet.gov](mailto:pmudron@joliet.gov)

**Councilwoman**  
**Sherri Reardon (District 3)**  
(815) 724-3720 [sreardon@joliet.gov](mailto:sreardon@joliet.gov)

**Councilman**  
**Cesar Cardenas (District 4)**  
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**Councilwoman**  
**Suzanna Ibarra (District 5)**  
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(815) 724-3747 [jclement@joliet.gov](mailto:jclement@joliet.gov)

**Councilman**  
**Cesar Guerrero (At Large)**  
(815) 724-3129 [cguerrero@joliet.gov](mailto:cguerrero@joliet.gov)

**Councilwoman**  
**Jan Hallums Quillman (At Large)**  
(815) 724-3744 [jquillman@joliet.gov](mailto:jquillman@joliet.gov)

All City Department contact information can be found at [www.joliet.gov](http://www.joliet.gov).

**Joliet City Hall**  
150 W Jefferson St  
Joliet, IL 60432

**Hours of Operation**  
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday\*  
Entrances to City Hall are located on both Des Plaines and Joliet streets.

\*Except on observed holidays

**Official City website:** [www.joliet.gov](http://www.joliet.gov)

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[y @JolietPolice](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJolietPolice)

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