

JOLIET NEWSLETTER

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SPRING 2024

A Message from Mayor D'Arcy

Dear Neighbor,

Joliet has passed some major milestones in recent months, including welcoming our first female City Manager, Beth Beatty. Beth brings nearly 20 years of municipal government experience working closely with members of the Chicago City Council and a law degree to her new position. She will be responsible for the daily operations of our nearly 900 employees and \$500 million dollar budget.

The 2024 city budget was adopted in late November with the City Council approving funding for road and sidewalk repairs and for the proposed City Square and Chicago Street Projects.

With spring upon us, the city will continue our annual program to upgrade and replace water mains throughout the city under the 2024 Water Main Replacement Program. Water main replacement is an essential part of the city's infrastructure maintenance to keep our water system in good condition, improve reliability, and reduce water loss from leaks in old water main pipes. The city will be replacing over 20 miles of water mains in 2024 and continue the process through 2030 as required prior to switching to Lake Michigan water.

Our collective thanks to the city's Public Works Department for their efforts in salting roads and snow removal during the winter months. They will now begin the process of beautifying our community for the spring and summer months.

On behalf of the City Council and staff we thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Mayor D'Arcy



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Joliet Slammers

The Joliet Slammers are the City of Joliet's pro baseball team playing in the Frontier League. They play their home games at Duly Health and Care Field in downtown Joliet – within walking distance of Joliet Union Station and two Metra commuter lines. The Joliet Slammers will open their 2024 season on Friday, May 10th against the Evansville Otters. Gates will open at 5:35 p.m., and the game will begin at 6:35 p.m.



Recently, the Joliet Slammers have come under new ownership consisting of actor Bill Murray and baseball marketers Mike and Night Train Veeck.

The Slammers have made their first off-season signing in new Manager, Mike Pinto. Pinto started his professional coaching career in 2002 in Joliet with the JackHammers before going to manage the Sioux Falls Canaries in the American Association. In 2007, Pinto joined the Southern Illinois Miners in their inaugural season and went on to become the winningest manager in Frontier League history. He is looking forward to returning to Joliet during such an exciting window for the team and city.

Season and group ticket packages are now available for the 2024 season! To join in on the FUN, head to www.jolietsslammers.com or call 815-271-7792 to learn more about suites, picnics, and more!

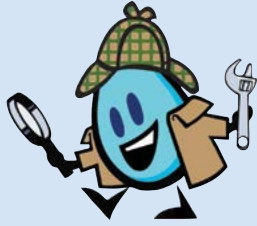
WELCOME, NEW BUSINESSES

Factor75, LLC | 1101 Cherry Hill Rd, 60433
Magpie's Joy of Eating | 753 Ruby St, 60435
Pollo Loco Latino | 751 N. Hickory St, 60435
Radicle Foods | 2250 S. Chicago St, 60436

What's Happening

Fix a Leak Week – March 11-17, 2024

Early detection of water issues can save you money and prevent potential damage to your property. Toilets are the #1 culprit of household water loss. Make it a habit to test them in the spring and fall as part of your regular maintenance. Check our website at www.joliet.gov/customerwaterportal for additional ways to monitor your usage and for a checklist for chasing down leaks. This is an easy way to observe #FixALeakWeek



Sign up for the Customer Water Portal at www.joliet.gov/customerwaterportal

- 24/7 access to monitor water usage hourly, daily, weekly, or monthly
- Set alerts if usage is nearing previous month usage
- Set vacation alerts
- Find possible leaks quickly by monitoring usage during overnight hours or while gone

Dye test your toilets

- Add a few drops of food coloring to your toilet tank
- Wait 15 minutes
- If any color shows up in the bowl, you need to check the seals and flapper

Spring Cleaning is in the Air

Hazardous Household & Electronics Collection

Waste Management offers a convenient special collection service called "At Your Door" for all residents that pay for municipal waste on their City of Joliet water and sewer bill. This service allows residents to properly dispose and recycle common hazardous household and electronic items safely, easily, and responsibly. Items such as automotive products, electronics, garden chemicals, household cleaners, paint products, along with needles, lancets, and more. Residents should call 800-449-7587 for program info or to set up a collection appointment. Visit www.wmatyourdoor.com for more details.

Water Main Replacement Program

We invite all Joliet water customers to attend the Department of Public Utilities Open House to learn more about the 2024 Water Main Replacement Projects on Wednesday, March 13, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Eastside Wastewater Treatment Plant Admin Building located at 815 Alder Street, Joliet IL. Project Representatives will be available to answer questions about the 18 projects slated for 2024. Unable to attend? Visit www.joliet.gov/construction-zone for more information.

Got Questions?

Residents can visit our FAQ page at www.joliet.gov/faq or for more information visit www.joliet.gov/our-city/residents

Low Flow Toilet Rebate Program

Was your house built prior to 1994 and you still have a toilet original to the home or installed prior to 1994? If yes, you may have a 3.5 gallon flush toilet or higher. Please check out our rebate program to replace a high flow toilet with a WaterSense 1.2 gallon flush toilet at www.joliet.gov/toiletrebate or contact Public Utilities at 815-724-4220.

Rain Barrel Subsidy Program

ReThink Water by installing a rain barrel outside of your home or business using the city's subsidy program! Joliet water customers are allowed to purchase up to three barrels with the subsidy pricing through the life of the program. Learn more by visiting www.joliet.gov/rainbarrel

ReThink Conservation Incentive Program

We are nearing the end of our first quarter incentive for 2024 – Install a WaterSense efficient fixture. Visit www.rethinkwaterjoliet.org/incentive-program for more information and submit Quarter 1 entries by March 31st for a chance to win! The Quarter 2 incentive begins April 1st and runs through June 30th. Check back each quarter to enter for prizes. Kids ages 5-12 can participate too!



What's Happening

Spring Events at Billie Limacher Bicentennial Park & Theatre

Spring has sprung at the Park! Walk the historic walk to see what's in bloom or look below to see what's on stage – inside and out. For details, updates, and more events, visit: www.bicentennialpark.org. To sign up for event emails: www.bipark@joliet.gov. Location: 201 West Jefferson Street 815-724-3761.

Spoken Word

April 5 | 7:30 p.m.

Celebrate Poetry Month with original works by local authors. This is our first event devoted to the spoken word.

Skip Griparis' Elvis, Buddy, Roy & Ricky

April 5 | 7:30 p.m.

Skip – the powerhouse singer, guitarist, and impressionist – recreates the magic of these rockabilly heroes on the indoor stage with his Big Little Band.

Musical Auditions

April 10 & 11 | Time TBA

Summer musicals by Bicentennial Park and Joliet Drama Guild are in the works. Stay tuned for details.

“Where Are You Jay Bennett?”

April 12 | Time TBA

Film presented by the Illinois Rock & Roll Museum on Route 66. Question and answer with the producer to follow.

Taylor Swift Eras Party

April 13 | 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

All ages
Ottawa Street Branch, Joliet Public Library
Are you ready for it? Grab your favorite Swiftie and join us for an Eras party with crafts and snacks.

An Evening with WriteOn Joliet: Readings to Entertain and Inspire You

April 19 & 20 | 7:00 p.m.

Local writers group presents their creative writing with wit and wisdom.

Local Author Fair

April 27 | 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

All Ages
Black Road Branch, Joliet Public Library
Meet real authors from our area to talk about books, publishing, and the power of words!

Shakespeare & Art in the Park “Merry Wives of Windsor”

May 18 & 19 | Time TBA

Here ye, here ye – enjoy this classic comedy/drama live on the outdoor pavilion, artists and some good ol' renaissance fun. FREE ADMISSION!



GARAGE SALE PERMIT INFORMATION

Spring Cleaning means Garage Sales for many people. City of Joliet residents must get a garage sale permit if they intend to conduct a garage sale. Each individual can have two sales per year. Neighborhood/Subdivision/Groups can also have two sales per year for 5 or more addresses. Dates of sale must be consecutive and cannot exceed 4 days. Cost for 1 individual is \$6 per sale and for a Neighborhood/Subdivision/Group the cost is \$30 per sale.

Garage Sale Permits can only be obtained in person at the City of Joliet City Hall located at 150 W. Jefferson St. in downtown Joliet during regular business hours Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Parking is free for up to 30 minutes outside of City Hall in designated spots. Residents cannot apply or pay online for a garage sale permit, and permits will not be mailed.

For Neighborhood/Subdivision/Groups (5 or more addresses), applicant(s) will need to provide the following: name of subdivision, name of person in charge of the garage sale, names (first and last) of all participants, complete addresses of all participants. Names cannot be added after permit has been issued. There are no rain dates, no substitutions, and no refunds.

OTHER GREAT EVENTS

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

Joliet Public Library | www.jolietlibrary.org

City Center Partnership | www.jolietccp.com

Joliet Area Historical Museum | www.jolietmuseum.org

Joliet Park District | www.jolietpark.org

Rialto Square Theatre | www.rialtosquare.com

City Information & Resources

Did you know that the City of Joliet offers a "FREE" app that enables residents to easily report non-emergency community concerns? Our VUEWorks: CitizenVUE app is available on the Apple, Google Play, and Windows stores. Concerns such as overgrown grass, trash and junk in yards, street light outages, potholes, parkway tree trimming, and more can be reported directly to the city from your mobile device.

City of Joliet Citizen Engagement - Stay Connected

The City of Joliet's Information Desk would like to attend one of your neighborhood meetings to give an informative presentation on how residents can stay connected via social media (**Facebook, Twitter, and Smart Message Community Alert**) and in contact with the City of Joliet. We will also discuss how residents can report non-emergency neighborhood concerns using the city's new "**VUEWorks: CitizenVUE**" citizen engagement app and portal. Don't delay sign up today, send your neighborhood spring meeting dates to infodesk@joliet.gov, availability subject to first come first serve.

Waste Management Reminder

The City of Joliet and Waste Management would like to remind the residents of Joliet that the resumption of yard waste collection will begin the week of March 11, 2024. Yard waste collection had been suspended for the winter.

Yard Waste Only labels are available at City Hall and Jewel-Osco for yard waste cans. If cans are used they must have the Yard Waste Only label.

Acceptable items include grass clippings, leaves, tree branches (broken into a manageable length) and brush which must be bundled and tied into 4-foot lengths. Non-acceptable items include dirt, stone, concrete and rock, whole trees, and sod.

Waste Management Holiday Schedule

Good Friday | Friday, March 29 | No Change - Regular Schedule
Memorial Day | Monday, May 27 | Service one day late all week

Yard Waste pick up begins the week of March 11, 2024!

City Hall Holiday Closure

Good Friday | Friday, March 29
Memorial Day | Monday, May 27

Downtown parking decks will be free of charge. There will be no enforcement of parking meters on these holidays.

CitizenVUE
City of Joliet
Citizen Engagement App

Report non-emergency residential and community concerns

www.joliet.gov/servicerequest
815-724-4000
infodesk@joliet.gov

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

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

Customer Service
(815) 724-3820 customerservice@joliet.gov

City Manager
(815) 724-3730 citymanager@joliet.gov

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All city department contact information can be found at www.joliet.gov.

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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

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