

JOLIET NEWSLETTER

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SUMMER 2024

A Message from Mayor D'Arcy

Dear Neighbor,

It's hard to believe that over a year has passed since I took office as your mayor. Reflecting on our progress and the road ahead, I'm grateful for the support and dedication of our community.



Mayor D'Arcy

Since the beginning, my goal has been clear: to enhance Joliet and create a thriving environment for all residents, from young families to seniors and everyone in between. We're committed to building a city that thrives today and into the future.

Currently, we're in the early stages of developing a comprehensive long-term plan for Joliet—a roadmap that will guide us over the next 18-24 months. This plan will be crucial in shaping our community's growth and development.

As part of our progress, we're moving forward with crucial infrastructure improvements, including the installation of new water piping to facilitate the transition to Chicago water. I appreciate your patience as we work through this important process.

As you may be aware, the Joliet Slammers have new owners—none other than legendary actor Bill Murray and businessmen Mike and Night Train Veeck! Let's show our support by attending some games and cheering on our team.

This summer promises to be vibrant with cultural events and entertainment. Mark your calendars for the Taste of Joliet Friday, June 21st through Sunday, June 23rd at Busey Bank Field at Joliet Memorial Stadium and the return of the Blues Brothers on Saturday, August 17th at the Old Joliet Prison, and stay tuned for other special concerts and gatherings.

As we embrace the warmer months, please remember to adhere to city guidelines for pool safety, fireworks, and other seasonal activities to ensure a safe and enjoyable summer for all.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to our community's growth and well-being.

Sincerely,

Mayor D'Arcy

Annual Water Quality Report

The annual Water Quality Report which explains where the City's water comes from, the treatment process, and how it is delivered to our customers, is now available at www.joliet.gov/waterqualityreport. A paper copy can be obtained by calling (815) 724-4230.



Joliet Community CARES Program

Do you, a loved one, or a neighbor need assistance with basic needs such as housing, addictions, mental health issues, unemployment, or help in the home? The Joliet Fire Department has partnered with community agencies to help residents access services. To request services, please email jfdccr@joliet.gov, call (815) 724-3500, or scan the QR code to complete a request form. A Fire Department member will be in contact within 48 hours.



WELCOME, NEW BUSINESSES

- Card Pop #2** | 2543 Plainfield Rd. | Dist. 1
- Uncle Joe's Candy** | 1112 W. Jefferson St. | Dist. 5
- Blissful Bytes** | 100 W. Jefferson St. | Dist. 5
- Loko JC Juice Bar** | 3 Ohio St. | Dist. 4
- All That & A Touch of Soul** | 318 S. Chicago St. | Dist. 5
- El Rincon Latino** | 138 E. Cass St. | Dist. 4
- Audiophil's Record** | 76 N. Chicago St. | Dist. 5
- Mundo de Dulce** | 18 S. Larkin Ave. Ste. 4 | Dist. 5

For an updated listing of new businesses, please visit www.joliet.gov

What's Happening

Roadway Reconstruction

Since 1982, the Department of Public Works has reconstructed neighborhood streets within the City of Joliet. The 2024 Roadway Reconstruction Program includes both streets from previous years reconstruction programs that were delayed due to utility conflicts as well as additional streets for 2024. The following is a listing of streets to be reconstructed as part of the 2024 Roadway Reconstruction Program:

NO. STREET

- 1. Broadway St. (Marion St. – Jefferson St.):**
Storm Sewer Installation and Road Reconstruction
- 2. Garnsey Ave. Bridge over Spring Creek:**
Bridge Replacement
- 3. Stone St. (Hickory St. – Center St.):**
Storm Sewer Installation and Road Reconstruction
- 4. Wallace St. (Pleasant Ave. – Center St.):**
Storm Sewer Installation and Road Reconstruction
- 5. Adella Ave. (Washington St. – Second Ave.):**
Storm Sewer Installation and Road Reconstruction
- 6. Second Ave. (Adella Ave. – Court St.):**
Storm Sewer Installation and Road Reconstruction
- 7. Russell St. (Clement St. – Highland Ave.):**
Storm Sewer Installation and Road Reconstruction
- 8. Bridge St. (Nicholson St. – Center St.):**
Storm Sewer Installation and Road Reconstruction
- 9. Richmond St. (Fairlane Dr. – Sunset Strip):**
Storm Sewer Installation and Road Reconstruction

Roadway Reconstruction Projects will be ongoing through late Fall, 2024.

In addition to reconstructing numerous streets, the Department of Public Works completes an annual Roadway Resurfacing Program on various streets throughout the city. The 2024 Roadway Resurfacing Program is funded with approximately \$3.1 million of Motor Fuel Tax and \$6.2 million in Capital Improvement funding. A full list of streets to be resurfaced in 2024 will be available soon on the City's website.

Improvements are also completed on collector and arterial roads throughout the city in order to improve safety and relieve traffic congestion. Both new and ongoing projects scheduled for 2024 include:

NO. STREET

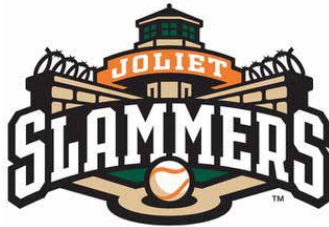
- 1. Emerald Dr. & IL Route 53:**
Traffic Signal Installation and Intersection Improvements
- 2. Olympic Blvd. (Houbolt Rd. – Rock Run Creek):**
Bridge Construction and Roadway Widening
- 3. Theodore St. (Drauden Rd. – Wesmere Pkwy.):**
Traffic Signal Installation and Roadway Widening
- 4. Chicago St. (Jefferson St. – Cass St.):**
Road Reconstruction and Streetscape Installation

Property owners are advised to seek alternate routes when a given street is being reconstructed. Please contact the **Department of Public Works at (815) 724-4200** with questions or concerns regarding roadway projects scheduled for 2024.

Residents are encouraged to check for construction updates by visiting www.joliet.gov/our-city/residents/construction.

Water Conservation Night – Slammers Game

Join the City of Joliet Public Utilities Department at Water Conservation Night on **Tuesday, July 23rd!** Stop by for water tips, raffle giveaways, and a great game!



Water Meter Exchange Program

Water meters deteriorate with age, losing accuracy as their moving parts wear out. As a result, the meter's gauge slows down and is unable to effectively track the total amount of water that moves through the meter. Planned replacement of older meters ensures customers will be billed fairly and accurately. To help increase the efficiency of the water meter reading process, the city of Joliet routinely replaces older water meters that have outlived their useful life when maintenance is no longer viable. Homeowners will receive a letter from our Public Utilities Department when their home's meter is slated for replacement. When the letter is received, please contact us at **(815) 724-4220** to schedule your meter exchange.

Got Questions?

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

What's Happening

Joliet Railroad Museum

All aboard! The Joliet Railroad Museum is now open!

The Railroad Museum is a former circa 1913 interlocking signal tower, known locally as Union Depot Tower, that was preserved and incorporated into the City's new Gateway Center Train Station. It features information on the railroad companies that operated lines through Joliet as well as shows mechanisms and controls that coordinated the movement of trains through this critical intersection of national east-west and north-south rail travel. Watch trains come and go from all directions from the Railroad Museum's third story tower!

The Joliet Railroad Museum is located at 90 E. Jefferson St. within the City's Gateway Center Train Station. The Railroad Museum is ADA accessible. Metered parking is available in public lots surrounding the train station as well as on the street. The Joliet Railroad Museum is owned by the City of Joliet and operated by the Joliet Area Historical Museum. For the current hours of operation, call the Joliet Area Historic Museum at **(815) 723-5201** or visit their website: www.jolietmuseum.org/.



A Santa Fe freight train waits for a Rock Island train to cross the diamonds in downtown Joliet on October 14, 1951. Photograph by Wallace W. Abbey.

Summer Events at Billie Limacher Bicentennial Park & Theatre

Joliet's downtown scenic park along the river is rolling out fun for all ages!

FREE Thursday night concerts (celebrating 50 years!), drama camp, 3 musicals, 4 festivals, fireworks, flea market and more!
For details and updates visit: www.bicentennialpark.org. To sign up for event emails: bipark@joliet.gov.
Location: **201 W. Jefferson St. (815) 724-3761**.

FREE "Concerts On The Hill" – 50th Year!

June 6, 13, 20 & 27 | 6:30 p.m.

Live music tradition continues! We began in 1974 as "Concerts in the Rough," before the bandshell was built. Bring blankets and chairs for hill seating. Visit us online for the lineup.

"Seussical" Musical

June 14, 15, 21 & 22 | 7:00 p.m. June 16 & 23 | 2:00 p.m.

Dr. Seuss' best-loved characters collide and cavort in an unforgettable musical caper! Ticket details online.

Independence Celebration

July 3 | 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. Fireworks | 9:30 p.m.

FREE admission! Kick-start the holiday early with bands on 2 stages, food vendors, beverage tent and fireworks over the river near Jefferson Street bridge.

FREE "Concerts On The Hill" – 50th Year!

July 11, 18 & 25 | 6:30 p.m.

Live music tradition continues! Bring blankets and chairs for hill seating. Visit us online for the lineup. **Special note: July 11 - Veterans' Night and July 25 - Polka Party Night.**

"Family Fun Festival" by Including You, Inc.

July 20 | 5:00 – 11:00 p.m.

Kids age 12 and under FREE! Family fun activities, live music, prizes, food vendors and beverage tent. New location during downtown construction.

"Heathers" by Joliet Drama Guild

July 26, 27 August 2 & 3 | 7:00 p.m.

July 28 & August 4 | 2:00 p.m.

This dark-comedy rock musical delves into the complexities of high school social dynamics, bullying, and the desire for acceptance. Ticket details online.

FREE "Concerts On The Hill" – 50th Year!

August 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 | 6:30 p.m.

Live music tradition continues! Bring blankets and chairs for hill seating. Visit us online for the lineup.

6th Joliet Blues Festival

August 10 | 3:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Four acts on the pavilion stage, featuring The Mike Wheeler Band with Peaches Staten. Lawn seating, food vendors and beverage tent. Ticket details online.

2nd "Stuff On Bluff" Flea Market

August 17 | 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

FREE admission! Stroll the scenic grounds for one-of-a-kind treasures. Food and beverages available. Interested in a spot? Contact the park office.

Wine, Jazz and Art Fest by IL Rock and Roll Museum on Route 66

August 24 | 3:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Relax and enjoy cool jazz on the big pavilion by the river and artists along the walkway, lawn seating, food vendors and beverage tent. Ticket details online.

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 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 summer and fall meeting dates to infodesk@joliet.gov, availability subject to first come first serve.

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

Mayor, Terry D'Arcy
(815) 724-3700 tdarcy@joliet.gov

Councilman Larry E. Hug (District 1)
(815) 724-3746 lhug@joliet.gov

Councilman Pat Mudron (District 2)
(815) 724-3749 pmudron@joliet.gov

Councilwoman Sherri Reardon (District 3)
(815) 724-3720 sreardon@joliet.gov

Councilman Cesar Cardenas (District 4)
(815) 724-3745 ccardenas@joliet.gov

Councilwoman Suzanna Ibarra (District 5)
(815) 724-3742 sibarra@joliet.gov

Councilman Joe Clement (At-Large)
(815) 724-3747 jclement@joliet.gov

Councilman Cesar Guerrero (At-Large)
(815) 724-3129 cguerrero@joliet.gov

Councilwoman Jan Hallums Quillman (At-Large)
(815) 724-3744 jquillman@joliet.gov

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

Joliet City Hall
150 W. Jefferson St., Joliet, IL 60432
(815) 724-4000 info@joliet.gov

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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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.



Waste Management Holiday Schedule

Memorial Day | Monday, May 27 | Service one day late all week

Independence Day | Thursday, July 4 | Thursday and Friday service one day late

City Hall Holiday Closure

Memorial Day | Monday, May 27

Independence Day | Thursday, July 4

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