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## Community Notes

### Freedom from Smoking Clinics Can Help You Quit!

If you or someone you know is a smoker with thoughts of quitting, there are programs available to help. The Will County Health Department offers the **Freedom From Smoking** program at several locations. Participants attend a 90-minute class once a week for seven weeks. **The program offers them the option of receiving either the nicotine patch or the nicotine lozenge for FREE!**

Registration is now open for classes beginning Wednesday, January 12 at Provena St. Joseph Medical Center (Joliet), Wednesday, February 9, at Lewis University (Shorewood Campus), and Tuesday, March 8 (Crete Public Library). A \$25 registration fee covers the cost of program materials. To register or for more information, telephone **815-727-8769**, or visit [www.willcountyhealth.org](http://www.willcountyhealth.org).

**If a quit smoking program isn't for you, try the Illinois Tobacco Quitline.** The Illinois Tobacco Quitline is a free, telephone-based cessation counseling service available to Illinois residents who want to quit using tobacco products. The Quitline can provide personalized assistance from certified counselors who are available Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. – 9 p.m. in more than 150 languages. Will County residents who call the Quitline may qualify to receive nicotine replacement therapy (examples include the nicotine patch or lozenge), while supplies last. For more information, call the Illinois Tobacco Quitline at 1-866-QUIT-YES (1-866-784-8937).

### Upcoming 2011 Child Seat Checks [www.Seatcheck.net](http://www.Seatcheck.net)

Don't wait till the last minute for child seat check offs, attend a check with an instructor present. Save the date for one of these upcoming child safety seat checks. To have your seat check listed email [rabrasky@att.net](mailto:rabrasky@att.net)

- January 15, 12p-3p D'Arcy Buick/GMC, 2022 Essington Road, contact David Fox [dfox@joliety.org](mailto:dfox@joliety.org), instructor will be present
- May 7, 2011, 9a-2p: Centre of Elgin, 100 Symphony Way, Elgin, IL. Robert Brasky 847-531-0096, Instructor. (Part of a cps class)

### Habitat for Humanity Opens Application Process

Will County Habitat for Humanity is seeking applicants willing to help build their new home in the Will County area. Up to four qualifying families will be chosen for the "sweat equity" homes in 2011-2012.

Qualifications include: current living conditions are substandard-such as overcrowded, unsafe or unsanitary--a stable income that does not qualify for conventional loans; and a willingness to invest 350 hours of sweat equity in the family's own and other Habitat homes.

In addition, candidates must attend two homebuyer education classes, make monthly house payments and maintain the home after closing. Applications must be picked up in person at the Habitat for Humanity Office at 417 W. Taylor St., Ste. 2W, in Joliet. For more information about the application process, please call (815) 726-1880.



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### Numbers You Should Know

**City of Joliet  
Neighborhood  
Services  
815.724.4090  
150 W. Jefferson St.  
Joliet, IL 60432**

**University of Illinois  
Extension  
in Will County  
815.727.9296  
100 Manhattan Road  
Joliet, IL 60433**

### City of Joliet New Garbage & Recycling Program Coming 2011

Beginning in April 2011, the City of Joliet will be launching a new garbage and recycling program for its residents. The program involves two major changes to Joliet's current garbage and recycling program.

1- With the new program, each resident will receive two new 96-gallon carts for garbage and recycling. The Garbage Cart will have a green hinged lid to contain waste materials to be disposed of in a landfill. The Recycling Cart will have a yellow hinged lid and provide each resident with five times the capacity for recyclable materials.

2- Effective April 2011, the City of Joliet recycling schedule will change to every-other-week pick up. The new program will collect recyclables on an every other week basis. A full schedule of information regarding pick up schedule for recycling will be delivered in an informational packet along with the new carts. Please note your garbage and yard waste pick up schedule will not change.

For additional information on the City of Joliet New Garbage & Recycling Program residents can call Waste Management at 815.280.7854 or visit [www.cityofjoliet.info/RecyclingGarbage](http://www.cityofjoliet.info/RecyclingGarbage)

## News You Can Use

### City of Joliet Recommends Snow Fighting Tips

As the winter season progresses, the City of Joliet reminds residents of helpful snow removal guidelines.

Residents can assist Roadways Division crews in their snow removal efforts by doing the following:

- Residents should not park on the street during a winter snow event. Parked cars are an obstacle to the snow plows. In addition, plowing around parked cars leaves large areas of snow and ice on the roadway.
- Property owners are responsible for plowing commercial parking lots, driveways and public sidewalks adjoining their homes and businesses. Not keeping sidewalks clear is a city code violation.
- Shovel snow from driveways into the parkway and not into the street. This will help to avoid creating dangerously slippery conditions for both motorists and pedestrians. Shoveling snow into the street is a city code violation.
- Shovel out fire hydrants that are in or around your property and around meters to aid utility meter readers. Clear sidewalks of snow for the safety of pedestrians and children walking to school. Uncover your mailbox.
- Help your neighbors. For many residents, age or medical conditions make it difficult to shovel snow without risking health.

### Private Snow Plowing

Property owners should be aware that placing, dumping, or pushing of snow onto City streets or right-of-ways from adjacent properties is prohibited as per City of Joliet Ordinance 26-209.

### Mailboxes

The City of Joliet Snow Fighters make every effort to clear the roads from curb to curb where cars are not parked in the street. In many cases of wet snow the snow or plow blade may damage/remove mailboxes that are set close to the street. This is unavoidable. Mailbox damage complaints will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. The City of Joliet will not reimburse for any mailbox damage on improperly located mailboxes. The standard and accepted mailbox placement should be 42 inches measured from the ground surface to the bottom of the mailbox. The mailbox should be located so the front of the box is no closer than 6 inches from the back of curb. Any questions regarding the placement of mailboxes should be directed to the Joliet Post Office at 815-773-1089.

### Fair Housing Corner

It is illegal for property owners landlords, real estate agents or any other person engaging in a real estate transaction to take any of these actions based on a protected class:

- Falsely deny the availability of a property for inspection, rental or sale
- Engage in steering
- Refuse to provide reasonable accommodations or to allow a disabled person to make reasonable modifications to a dwelling
- Intimidate, threaten or interfere with anyone making a fair housing complaint or exercising their housing enjoyment

For more information contact the Illinois Department of Human Rights  
800-662-3942 [www.state.il.us/dhr/fh](http://www.state.il.us/dhr/fh)

## Mark Your Calendar

### Billie Limacher Bicentennial Park Happenings:

#### January 22 - February 26 "Class Act" Youth Drama Classes

Six-week workshop held on Saturday mornings provides a wonderful introduction to theatre, as well as an expansion of theatre knowledge for student's 1st-12th grade. Held on the indoor theatre stage, students learn creative dramatics, script work, theatre terminology and more while working on a skit. Grades 1-5 meet 9:00-10:15 am (\$45). Grades 6-12 meet 10:30 am-12:00 noon (\$50). Registration form available on the website or through the office.

#### February 11-13 & 18-20 "12 Angry Jurors" by Joliet Drama Guild Fridays & Saturdays 8:00 pm, Sundays 2:00 pm

A young man is on trial for murdering his father. The jurors' strong emotions rise while discussing guilt and innocence, leading to an explosive climax. Tickets \$10 adults, \$9 students & seniors. Group discounts for 10 or more. Contact the Joliet Drama Guild at 877-JDG(534)-1933

For more information [www.bicentennialpark.org](http://www.bicentennialpark.org) or 815.724.3760. Billie Limacher Bicentennial Park is located at 201 W. Jefferson at Bluff St. in Joliet.



### Saturday, May 21, 2011 Save the Date for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Festival Celebrating Sustainability: GR 2011

This FREE festival celebrating sustainability will be held at the Black Road Branch of the Joliet Public Library from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on May 21, 2011  
Details coming in the next Neighborhood Newsletter!

## More Info on the New Garbage and Recycling Bins

The City of Joliet new garbage and recycling program is a result of a partnership between the City of Joliet and Waste Management. Through a combination of a federal Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant from the Department of Energy and a partnership with Waste Management, by extending their contract through 2017, the City of Joliet and Waste Management will be rolling out the new cart program beginning in January of 2011.

Residents can also view the new garbage and recycling carts on display at the following locations:

- Joliet City Hall: 150 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet IL 60432
- Joliet Park District: 3000 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet IL 60435
- Joliet Public Library - Main Branch: 150 N. Chicago Street, Joliet IL 60432
- Joliet Public Library - Black Road Branch: 3395 Black Road, Joliet IL 60435

## Neighborhood Association News

### St. Pat's Neighborhood Association (SPNA)

#### January-March 2011 Update

*The St. Pat's Neighborhood Association Board wishes everyone a Very Happy & Healthy New Year!*

St. Pat's Neighborhood Association will be sponsoring a **Candidates Night** in March for the upcoming District 5 Councilperson's position-tentatively scheduled for March 16, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Pat's Gym, 110 Willow St. Date and location are subject to change.

SPNA 2011 Scheduled Monthly Meetings: 1/12/2011, 2/9/2011, 3/9/2011, 3/16 (Tentative Date) for **Meet the Candidates for the District 5 Election** St. Pat's Gym (in lieu of 4/20 - General Meeting), 4/13/2011, 5/11/2011, 6/15/2011, 7/13/2011, 8/10/2011. Meetings are held in St. Pat's School in the Teacher's Lounge.

For more information contact Carol Ann Heinemann, President, SPNA at 815-774-0336 or [spnajokiet@comcast.net](mailto:spnajokiet@comcast.net)

### St. John's and St. Peter's Neighborhood Association

The St. John's and St. Peter's Neighborhood Association meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. All meetings are being held at St. John's Church, located at 404 N. Hickory in Joliet. Call St. Peter's Church at 815.722.3567 or Lorna Paisley at 815.409.1187 for more information.