



## Community Notes

### If You Smoke, Help is Just a Phone Call Away!

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, August 10 at Provena St. Joseph Medical Center, (Joliet), Tuesday, September 6 at Wilmington Public Library (Wilmington) and Saturday, September 24 at Silver Cross Hospital (Joliet).

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 daily from 7 a.m. – 11 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 gum), while supplies last.** For more information, call the Illinois Tobacco Quitline at 1-866-QUIT-YES (1-866-784-8937).

### Reminders about New Garbage and Recycling Totes

Garbage and recycling carts have been delivered to all City of Joliet residences that pay for garbage disposal on their water and sewer bills. Residents should use these carts as the primary receptacle for refuse and recycling.

#### Recycling Tote

The every other week recycling service began April 4, 2011. The recycling weeks are highlighted on the calendar that was attached to your recycling cart.

Residents that require additional maps can check online at:

<http://www.cityofjoliet.info/For-Residents/Recycling-sanitation.htm> to determine whether your pickup is on a red (even) or blue (odd) week. Once you look at the map and determine which week your recycling is picked up, you may also print off the calendar that shows your recycling week at the above website. Residents may also go to City Hall for additional calendars and a recycling pickup map is on display there in the lobby.

#### Yard Waste Pick Up

Recycling should be put at the curb on the same day as your garbage pickup and yard waste pickup (which resumed on April 4, 2011) on your designated recycling week. Garbage and yard waste will continue to be collected every week. If you have any questions, please contact Waste Management at 815-280-7854.

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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**

### Newly Formatted Water Bills

Joliet residents have started to receive their water and sewer bills in a new format. No rate changes have been made at this time, and payments can still be made at City Hall, Harris Bank locations, JD Brown, Basinger's Pharmacy, San Diego Mall, Sunshine Food Mart, and various currency exchanges throughout the City.

An insert will be included with the first bill in the new format explaining "How to Read Your Municipal Services Statement." To preview the new format and learn more about our utility services, please visit the web at [www.cityofjoliet.info](http://www.cityofjoliet.info) and click on the new billing statement icon. The insert explaining the bill and a power point presentation have been prepared, and is also translated into Spanish. The new utility bill format has numerous benefits, including:

- Easier to Read Format
- Privacy of Billing Information
- Detachable Portion to Return with
- Payment in an Envelope Provided
- Ability to Update Contact Information
- Communications Section for Public Service Announcements
- Delinquency Notice on a Red Statement
- Elimination of a Separate Delinquent Notice

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## News You Can Use

### Having a Garage Sale? Permit Needed

If you are having a garage sale this year, remember that a permit is required. Garage Sale permits are \$6 and last 4 consecutive days. Only 2 permits are allowed per calendar year. In accordance with City Ordinances: No advertisements regarding your sale may be affixed to utility poles, nor placed in parkways, and/or public right-of ways.

### Fair Housing Rights Under Illinois Law

**Does the Illinois Human Rights Act provide special protection in real estate transactions for people with children?**

Yes. The Act prohibits housing discrimination related to familial status. It is illegal to:

- Require a prospective tenant not have children under 18 residing in his or her family domicile (house) at the time of application;
- Insert lease provisions that call for termination of the lease if children come to live in the household;
- Discriminate against persons who are pregnant and persons who are in the process of adopting or securing legal custody of a child; or to
- Limit the "number of children" under age 18 as opposed to total occupants of a particular unit.

If you are not sure whether your concern might be covered by the Illinois Human Rights Act, you may telephone the housing inquiry line **312-814-6229**.

### City of Joliet Neighborhood Stabilization Program

#### City Offers Home at 7000 Monmouth

This could be your DREAM HOME! 4 spacious bedrooms that includes a large master suite...plus 3 full baths. Gigantic kitchen with island and TONS of cabinets! Large living room. Family room with inviting fireplace. 2 car attached garage AND a large backyard. The price is \$140,000 -- after all incentives from the City of Joliet's NSP (Neighborhood Stabilization Program.) Plus up to \$3,000 in paid closing costs offered through this incredible program. For more information, contact Jeff Gregory, owner of Realty Executives Success at 815-954-7314 or [JeffGrego@aol.com](mailto:JeffGrego@aol.com).



### Workshops for Disadvantaged Business Owners

Visit [www.cityofjoliet.info](http://www.cityofjoliet.info) for continued announcements on Disadvantaged Business Owner Workshops hosted by the Housing Authority of Will County (click on the Housing Authority logo)

## Mark Your Calendar

### Billie Limacher Bicentennial Park Happenings

#### **Celtic Fest: July 29 & 30**

Friday 5:30-10:15 pm, Saturday 9:00 am-10:15 pm  
Sponsored by the Irish American Society of Will County 815-791-1150  
Celebrate Irish-style with live music, dance, contests, ethnic and festive food, beverage and more. Money raised goes back to the community. Admission \$5.

#### **"Jekyll and Hyde" August 12-14, 19-20 & 26-28**

**Fridays & Saturdays 8:00 pm, Sundays 2:00 pm**  
The classic tale spins music and dance around Dr. Jekyll's dual personality. Presented by Joliet Drama Guild. Tickets \$13 adults, \$11 students/ seniors. Group discounts. 877-JDG (534)-1933 or on the web at: [www.jolietdramaguild.org](http://www.jolietdramaguild.org)

### Concerts on the Hill

**FREE! 37<sup>th</sup> Season of "Concerts On The Hill"  
The Fun Continues All Summer Long!  
6:30 pm every Thursday thru Sept 1**

*Relax on the big grassy hill while enjoying free, quality entertainment and tasty concessions in a scenic setting along the waterway.*

**July 7**  
Bicentennial "Pops" Band  
American Legion Band

**August 4**  
Jimmy & The Bavarians  
Chorus of DuPage

**July 14**  
Bicentennial "Pops" Band  
Ultimate Party Band

**August 11**  
Bicentennial "Pops" Band  
Joliet Drama Guild's "Jekyll & Hyde"  
Musical Preview  
Vocalist Matt Persicketti sings Dean  
Martin favorites accompanied by  
Pianist Richard Deal

**July 21**  
Variety of Girl Vocalists:  
Alyssa Emelio, Lexi Smith,  
Lizzy Stone,  
Karlie Traversa  
Cloggin' Craze & Kidz Clog  
Frankfort Brass Band

**August 18**  
Too Loud Polka Band  
Vocalist Karen Isberg  
Times III Arts Academy Dancers

**July 28**  
Keigher Academy of Irish Dance  
Anne Hatfield & Company with  
guitarists Max Dunne & Marty Walsh  
The Plow Boys (preview of the  
upcoming weekend's Celtic Fest)

**August 25**  
Eddie Korosa, Jr. & Boys from IL Polka  
Band  
Joliet Central High School Marching Band  
American Legion Band

For more information, visit [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.

## More on the Newly Formatted Water Bills

This new format will help to prevent identity theft, as the bill will now arrive in an envelope. A return envelope will also be included in which to return your payment to the City. Please include the remittance slip with your payment and note on the back of the form any necessary changes to your name and address. The City encourages you to provide an email address for further communication.

The message area of the bill will be used to communicate information to residents such as public meetings notices, when City Hall will be closed, if there is a scheduled road closure, or if water and sewer repairs are being made in your area. Please pay close attention to that section, as it may change often.

The City will no longer send separate delinquency notices to residents. If you are late in making a payment or if your water is going to be shut off for nonpayment you will receive a red bill instead of a blue bill. This will be the only notification you receive regarding nonpayment on your account.

The newly formatted bills are Phase 1 of the changes to the utility bills. Phase 2 will include the ability to sign up for online bill presentment and online bill pay, both are completely voluntary. Phase 2 should be available by the end of the summer.

Please contact Customer Service at 815.724.3820 or email us at [customerservice@jolietcity.org](mailto:customerservice@jolietcity.org) with any questions you may have.

## Neighborhood Association News

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

July-Sept 2011 Update

**August 6 from Noon-4:00 pm- SPNA Annual Picnic at Spieler Park.** Hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks will be provided at no charge to area residents. Please bring a dish to share with your neighbors to help us make this a festive occasion. There will also be kid's games, piñata's and a bean bag tournament with prizes.

**September 16, 17, & 18-SPNA is sponsoring an Area-wide Garage Sale** SPNA will provide advertising, maps and the G/S Permit at no charge to participants. Please contact Susan Rains @ 815-727-1530 or [lrains@juno.com](mailto:lrains@juno.com) with your contact information if you wish to participate in the garage sale weekend.

**SPNA Meeting Schedule:** 7/13, 8/3 *please note this date changed from* 8/10, 9/14, 10/12, **10/19- General Meeting**-11/9 and 12/14. Meetings are held in St. Pat's School, Teacher's Lounge.

For more information on St Pat's Neighborhood Association, contact Carol Ann Heinemann, President, SPNA (815-774-0336 or [spnajoliet@comcast.net](mailto:spnajoliet@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.