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## Community Notes

### For a Healthier You...

#### **Program Offers Free Nicotine Patches and Nicotine Gum to Tobacco Users Wishing to Quit**

A special program headed by the **Illinois Tobacco Quitline** plans to offer free nicotine replacement therapy by mail to Will County residents looking to kick the tobacco habit permanently.

The Illinois Tobacco Quitline is a free cessation counseling service provided to state residents who want to quit using tobacco products. Staffed with registered nurses, respiratory therapists and addiction specialists, Quitline counselors are specially trained and qualified to customize a cessation program to each caller's needs.

Quitline services are available seven days a week from 7 am – 11 pm in more than 150 different languages. **For a limited time, Will County residents who call the Quitline may be provided up to eight weeks of the nicotine gum, nicotine patch, or nicotine lozenge free of charge, by mail.** Some limitations may apply.

If you use tobacco products and wish to quit, please call the Illinois Tobacco Quitline at 1-866-QUIT-YES (1-866-784-8937).

### Wildlife Control Program

#### **Offered by Joliet Township Animal Control Center**

Joliet Township Animal Control Center has a Trapping Program available to all City of Joliet residents to assist in the control of: feral cats, opossum, raccoon, skunks, groundhogs, and squirrels.

Residents currently facing a problem with these animals are encouraged to contact the Joliet Township Animal Control Center at 815.725.0333 for assistance during their regular business hours. The Joliet Township Animal Control Center is open Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and is closed on Saturday & Sunday. The Joliet Township Animal Control Center is located at 2807 McDonough St., Joliet, IL 60436.

Fees are associated with the animal control service as follows: **Trap Usage fee & Deposit:** \$150.00 (\$100 Refunded upon return of trap) **Deposit Only:** \$100.00-Senior Discount, **Set Trap Fee:** \$25.00-Animal Control delivers trap baits and sets trap. *Please note that Senior Citizens, those 65 years of age and older are exempt from the user or set trap fee; however, they are required to pay the \$100.00 refundable deposit.* Residents are encouraged to call ahead to make pick up arrangements as there are limited traps available. Call Joliet Township Animal Control Center at 815.725.0333.

For tips on dealing with wild life, prevention techniques and frequently asked questions, visit the University of Illinois Extension guide at:

<http://livingwithwildlife.extension.uiuc.edu>

For additional assistance from the Joliet Township Animal Control Center on guidelines and precautions regarding animal control, please contact them at 815.725.0333.



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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**

### News You Can Use...

#### **Winter Heating Requirements for Landlords**

**Question:** I just moved into my first apartment and the landlord controls the heat. Are there any heat requirements they must follow?

**Answer:** Yes! There are regulations. With the approach of winter and falling temperatures, landlords and tenants need to be aware of the City ordinance regarding heat requirements:

During the period from September 1<sup>st</sup> to May 15<sup>th</sup> of the following year, landlords are required to supply sufficient heat to their tenants to maintain a room temperature of not less than 65° Fahrenheit in all habitable spaces during the hours between 6:30 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. of each day and maintain a temperature of not less than 60° Fahrenheit during other hours. Furthermore, when the temperature falls below 0° Fahrenheit and the heating system is operating at its full capacity, a minimum room temperature of 60° Fahrenheit shall be maintained at all times.

**The Neighborhood Services Heat Hotline is  
815-724-4103**

If you have any further questions regarding these topics, call the Neighborhood Services Division at (815) 724-4090.

## News You Can Use

### Joliet Park District to open Organic Community Garden

An Organic Community Garden is coming to Joliet in 2012 courtesy of the Joliet Park District. Gardeners can get a glimpse of their new digs during a groundbreaking ceremony Saturday, October 22 from 10:30 a.m. to noon on property across from Inwood Golf Course on McDonough Street. Parking for the event and for the future garden is at the River Valley Justice Center, 3200 W. McDonough Street.

The use of synthetic and chemical pesticides, fungicides and herbicides are not permitted in the garden. However, gardeners will be able to use organic or natural pesticides, which can be effective and less toxic. Starting in January, Joliet Park District will offer organic gardening classes to help gardeners learn about organic gardening techniques. Check the Joliet Park District Winter Leisure Guide for course offerings.

Sen. A.J. Wilhelmi, D-Joliet, helped the Joliet Park District acquire 74 acres of state-owned land on McDonough Street. The park district used some of the land for 20 new soccer fields for youth sports and 13 acres for the organic community garden that will consist of 897 full-size garden plots and 1,794 half-size plots, said Debbie Greene, superintendent of the Pilcher Park Nature Center.

Starting Nov. 1, people can sign up for full-size plots, of 10 feet by 20 feet, or half-size plots, of 10 feet by 10 feet. Full-size lots cost \$50 for residents and \$75 for nonresidents and half-size plots cost \$25 for residents and \$37.50 for nonresidents.

Applications will be available beginning Oct. 22 at the Provena Saint Joseph Inwood Athletic Club Front Desk, 3000 W. Jefferson St. Raised garden plots are available for people with special needs. Starting in January, Joliet Park District will offer organic gardening classes. All plots must be planted by June 15. For more information, call Lead Horticulturist Kevin Eberhard at 815-741-7278.

### **Illinois Home Weatherization Assistance Program**

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is designed to assist Will County low-income residents pay for winter energy services. LIHEAP will provide a one-time benefit to eligible households to be used for energy bills. The amount of the payment is determined by income and household size. You do not have to own your home or pay energy bills directly to be eligible for assistance. Your source of fuel does not have to be natural gas or electricity in order to receive assistance.

Beginning this year, LIHEAP customers will be offered the option of a one-time payment sent directly to their utility company, or enrollment in a PIPP (Percentage of Income Payment Plan) monthly budget billing plan.

Applications are taken at the Will County Center for Community Concerns located at 304 N. Scott Street in Joliet. Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. or until the daily sign-in sheet is full. In addition, applications are scheduled at various locations throughout the Will County area. For more information please visit [www.wcccc.net](http://www.wcccc.net) and click on "Services" and select "Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program".

If you have any further questions regarding this topic, call Will County Center for Community Concerns at (815) 722-0722

## Mark Your Calendar

### Billie Limacher Bicentennial Park Happenings

**"Class Act" Youth Saturday Drama Classes October 8 –November 12 Saturdays 9:00 am-12:00 noon at Bicentennial Park**

All skill levels welcomed! This 6 Saturday workshop provides a wonderful introduction to theatre, as well as an expansion of theatre knowledge for students 1st-12th grade. Held on indoor theatre stage, students learn creative dramatics, script work, theatre terminology and more while working on a fun skit for the finale. Material is geared towards each student's ability. Registration form online. May call to preregister. Grades 1-5 meet 9:00-10:15 am (\$45), Grades 6-12 meet 10:30 am-Noon (\$50).

**"Transylvania General" Oct 21, 22 & 23 Friday 7:00 pm, Saturday 3:00 pm & 7:00 pm, Sunday 3:00 pm.**

A family-friendly Halloween comedy told with live actors and puppets. A variety of creatures — each with their own unique situation — meet at Dr. Frankenstein's hospital on Halloween eve. Sure to tickle your funny bone! For more details, also visit [www.transylvaniageneral.com](http://www.transylvaniageneral.com). Great for all ages — only \$5. Reservations 815-724-3760

**"Sleeping Beauty" by Providence High School at Bicentennial Park November 3-6, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 7:00 pm, 2:00 pm Sunday Tickets – PHS 815-485-2136 [www.providencetheatre.org](http://www.providencetheatre.org)**

Students bring the magical tale to life. Tickets are available through the school. Tea Party with the stars Sunday 12:30 pm before the show — enjoy refreshments, meeting the actors and many surprises. Call school for special pricing.

**"Uninvited" by Joliet Catholic High School Academy at Bicentennial Park Nov. 17, 18 & 19 Thursday, Friday and Saturday 7:00 pm**

**Tickets – JCA 815-741-0500 [www.jca-online.com](http://www.jca-online.com)**  
Students bring the mysterious drama to life. Tickets are available through the school. Enjoy special promotions before during and after the show.

**35<sup>th</sup> Festival of the Gnomes at Bicentennial Park December 3 Saturday 1:00 & 3:30 pm**

Gnome lore is brought to life by actors of all ages. In two live shows, gnomes unfold their mysterious good works for man and nature. Come visit the gift shop filled with "gnomemade" crafts, for as little as 25¢. Try your luck in the raffle for two soft-sculpture, hand-crafted gnome dolls. First year? Gnome caps are here! Every year after, have a free tassel sewn on by our grandma gnomes. Come join us in this family tradition! Reserve early. Tickets \$5.

**"A Christmas Carol" Dec 5, 6 & 7 at Bicentennial Park Mon, 12/5 @ 7:00 pm, Tues, 12/ 6 @ 11:00 am, 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm Wednesday, 12/7 — 9:30 am, 11:00 am & 1:00 pm**

Lively, interactive version of classic tale told with help from the audience. Every show is different! From sound effects to bit parts on stage, the audience is involved from start to finish. The meaning of the season is presented with goodwill — and a good dose of hilarity and imagination! Matinees are great for field trips (reservations required, call for availability). Evening shows added for Monday and Tuesday at 7:00 pm (reservations recommended). All ages \$5.

**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**

## Neighborhood Association News

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

#### October-December 2011 Update

All are welcome to join us for our **Fall General Meeting** that will be held **October 19, 2011 at 7:00pm** in the St. Pat's School Gym.

Speakers will include the **New Joliet Police Chief, Mike Trafton** and **Joliet Fire Chief, Joe Formhals**. Also, by popular demand, we will have the "Information Buffet" all of the City of Joliet Service Departments, including Neighborhood Services, Police and Engineering, and Joliet Township Animal Control. University of Illinois Master Gardener, Nancy Kuhajda, will also be there to answer your gardening questions. All are welcome to attend and bring a neighbor! There will be a great deal of valuable information to share!

On August 6, 2011, the St. Pat's Neighborhood Association had a very successful Neighborhood Picnic at Spieler Park. Well over 250 St Pat's area residents came out to enjoy the festivities meet their neighbors and share food (many brought dishes to pass). The children enjoyed piñatas, kid's games, a jumpy slide, bean bag tournament and snow cones. Spikes the Slammer mascot came to enjoy the picnic and sign autographs for all the kids. The Joliet Fire Department stopped in to teach about Fire Safety and Equipment; the Fire Department also sprayed the kids with water to bring relief on that very warm day. The Joliet Police and many other public officials stopped in to enjoy the day as well. A big thank you to all for making the SPNA Picnic such a successful event!

On September 16 and 17, the St. Pat's Neighborhood held an area wide Garage Sale. Several neighborhood homes participated. It was a very prosperous event for all!!

**SPNA Meeting Schedule: 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/St Peters neighborhood group meets every third Thursday of the month. The meeting is held at the Fr. Medard Center at 260 Division at 6:30 p.m. Neighborhood Police and Neighborhood Services are always in attendance to help with issues. All are welcome. Any questions call Lorna at 815.727.7230

### **Free Gardening Advice**

As you prepare your garden and landscape for winter, do you have any gardening questions? The University of Illinois Will County Master Gardeners can help.

Contact them at (815) 727-9296 or on the web at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/gkw/>