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Department Phone Numbers

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Emergency	911
Mayor's Office	724-3700
City Manager	724-3720
Deputy City Manager	724-3730
Bicentennial Park	724-3760
City Clerk	724-3780
Planning-Zoning-Building	724-4040
Neighborhood Services	724-4090
Police	724-3100
Fire	724-3500
Human Resources (Personnel)	724-4020
Legal (Claims)	724-3800
Management and Budget	724-3900
Public Works Utilities	724-4200
Public Information Officer	724-3738
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City Council	724-3700

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Sixth Annual Christmas Parade set to light up Joliet's City Center



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH

The sixth annual "Light Up the Holidays" parade will take place on Friday November 28th in Joliet's City Center. Last year over 20,000 people packed the streets of downtown Joliet to witness the festivities. The tree lighting ceremony will take place at a new time this year. Mayor Arthur Schultz will select a child to flip the switch on the City Center Christmas Tree at 5:00 p.m. followed by a short fireworks display. The parade will step-off at 5:30 from the Will County Office Building parking lot on Chicago Street. The parade route is south on Chicago Street to Jefferson Street, then east to Scott Street, then north back to the County Building. The Mayor and City Council's float will lead the parade and Santa Claus will also be coming to town as part of the festivities. New to the parade will be the Harris Bank mascot "Hubert" who will serve as the Grand Marshall this year. Harris Bank sponsors several area bands that will be participating in this years event including Joliet Grade School District 86, Joliet West and Central High Schools, Troy School District 30-C, Rockdale, Wilmington and the



Plainfield School District will all be participating in this year's event. Fireworks, sponsored by Harris Bank, will be a part of the parade

as well. The fireworks will be set off from the corner of Cass and Chicago streets as well as the Ottawa Street parking deck following the tree lighting ceremony and during the parade and. Following the parade, parents and children can have their picture taken with Santa Claus in the rotunda of the Rialto Square Theatre.

The day of the parade will feature several activities for parade-goers to enjoy. The Renaissance Center will sponsor a brunch with Santa Claus starting at noon. An ice sculpting demonstration by Joliet Junior College students will take place outside the Joliet Area Historical Museum starting at 2:00 p.m. Two free movies will be shown at the Rialto Square Theatre. "The Muppets Christmas" will be shown at 3:00 and "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" will be shown after the parade at 7:00 p.m. The windows of several Joliet City Center businesses will also be painted by local school children.



From our Mayor



Believe it or not, another year has almost passed us by and once again the City of Joliet is celebrating many accomplishments. With a population of almost 120,000 residents Joliet is now the 10th fastest growing city in the United States. This is a very significant milestone for Joliet considering the other cities in the top 10 are in California, Nevada and Arizona. Record housing starts are just one of the many factors that have led to the increase in population. New housing starts have averaged over 1,400 a year since the last census was taken. The new population numbers show that Joliet has become a destination city and now the entire country is starting to notice. More people moving into the City creates a better tax base for our residents...and more new homes built in Joliet creates more jobs. We will continue to provide the necessary services in addition to providing amenities such as the new baseball stadium, water park, library and a museum for our residents.

I also would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Holiday Season. Please join the City Council and myself as we light the City Center Christmas Tree and ride in the annual downtown Christmas Parade on November 28th. Also please keep in mind and in your prayers those who fought and died for our country this year in our war on terrorism. Many area residents fought, and continue to fight that war and we are eternally grateful.

"Keep the Wreath Red"

During this holiday season, the Joliet Fire Department will once again participate in the annual "Keep the Wreath Red" campaign. Every fire station in the city will display a wreath with red holiday lights. The idea is to keep the lights red. Should a fire occur that involves holiday lights or decorations, a bulb in the wreath will be changed from red to white. The purpose of this campaign is to remind everyone that the happiness of the holiday season can be forever changed in a moment by fire. Common sense and awareness of fire threats can help to keep our wreaths red.

Far too many fires occur due to unattended open flames, such as in



fireplaces or with the use of candles. Use your fireplace with caution. Never burn holiday wrapping paper or boxes in your fireplace. Use a fire screen anytime you burn and ensure that candles are well secured in their holder and kept away from anything combustible.

Natural trees are a big part of our holiday tradition, however Christmas trees become serious fire hazards if not kept well watered. Use extra care with electrical extension cords and tree lights. Frayed cords and overloaded electrical circuits remain a major cause of holiday season fires.

JackHammers name new manager



The Joliet JackHammers named Jeff Isom as their new manager, the second manager in the team's brief history. Isom succeeds Matt Nokes, who managed the JackHammers in the franchise's first two seasons. The JackHammers begin their third Northern League season in May of 2004.

The 2004 season will be Isom's fifth as a manager and 12th overall in professional baseball. As a manager, he holds a 177-and-99 record (.641 winning percentage) and has been to the post-season in each of the past three years. His first managerial role was during the 2000 season when he took over the independent Frontier League's Canton (OH) Crocodiles and guided them to a 20-and-20 record. The 2001 season was his second as manager, but it was his first full season at the helm. He led the Crocs to a 47-and-37 record. In the league rankings, Isom's squad ranked first in pitching and defense, and they were ranked fourth in hitting.

Isom moved to the Frontier League's Washington (PA) Wild Things in 2002, their inaugural season, and was tabbed as

the league's Manager of the Year. His team was 56-and-28 that year and ranked first in pitching, first in defense and second in hitting. Isom followed that season with a 54-and-34 record in 2003, and his team ranked first in hitting, first in defense and second in pitching.

Isom's seven-year professional playing career was spent as a pitcher. Through 163 games (44 starts), Isom was 25-and-28 with 9 saves and a 4.51 ERA. The Pittsburgh Pirates drafted Isom in the 18th round of the 1993 June draft. The Pirates released him on June 10, 1994. The San Diego Padres signed him as a free agent on July 11, 1994, and they released him on March 21, 1996. Isom also spent several years playing at various minor league levels.

The JackHammers begin their 3rd season of play at Silver Cross Field in May 2004. JackHammers ticket representatives are standing by to assist those looking to book full season tickets, mini-plans, luxury suites, groups (including picnics) and the DesRochers Spa & Party Patio (hot tub) for the 2004 season. For additional team information, the JackHammers can be contacted at 815-726-BALL (2255) or visit www.jackhammerbaseball.com.

What's happening at the Museum?

The award winning **Joliet Area Historical Museum** in downtown Joliet has several upcoming programs for the Holiday Season. The museum houses seven core exhibits, each core serving as an introduction to the many stories of the Joliet area and its people. Our Museum will encourage an understanding and appreciation of Joliet's significant history, stimulate the imaginations of diverse audiences, and provide thought provoking interactions with objects, historical concepts, and real life experiences. The Joliet Area Historical Museum is located at 204 N. Ottawa St., Joliet, IL. Free parking is in the lot at the corner of



Ottawa and Webster Streets. Museum hours are Tues.-Sat.: 10am – 5pm, Sun.: Noon – 5pm. Closed Mon. except for school holidays. For more information call (815) 723-5201 or visit www.jolietmuseum.org

Family Programs

An Old Fashioned Holiday
Friday, November 28, 2003
10:00 am – 5:00 pm
FREE DAY OF ADMISSION,
COURTESY OF BANK ONE

TCF Bank Family Fun Day!

Tollhouse Cookie Houses
Sunday, December 7, 2003
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Lunch and Lecture – 100 Years of the Joliet Public Library

Wednesday, December 10, 2003
11:30 am – 1:00 pm

CHICAGO RADIO ICONS COMING BACK TO THE RIALTO



The #1 afternoon radio talk show in the Chicagoland area will hit Joliet in December. **Roe Conn** and **Garry Meier** host afternoons on WLS AM 890 from 2 to 6 p.m. They will be doing a live broadcast from the Rialto Square Theatre on Friday December 12th. Roe and Garry brought in over 1,000 people in the summer of 2002 and are expected to do the same this time around. The broadcast is being sponsored by the City of Joliet, the Heritage Corridor Convention & Visitor's Bureau, the Joliet City Center Partnership, Provena Saint Joseph Medical Center and the Rialto Square Theatre. Tickets to the event will only be available by listening to WLS AM 890 from 2–6 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

Following the event, several downtown restaurants will be participating in a "Music Night" event in Joliet's City Center. Louis Joliet Renaissance Center, Barolo Ristorante, Champions Eatery and Spirits, Chicago Street Bar and Grill, McBrody's, Eo Vannus and Down from the Tracks Sports Bar and Grill will all feature live music starting at 7:00 p.m. For more information and a listing of musical acts check out:

www.jolietdowntown.com

Park District Resident Cards Yield Big Savings

The Splash Station Water Park will be open for a full season in 2004 and the Joliet Park District is urging residents to get their resident discount cards for the new year. The aquatic park is affordable family fun for all Joliet residents, including those who do not live within the boundaries of the Park District. City Residents will pay \$8.00 and non-residents will pay \$11.00 to visit the park. The Park District Board has agreed to let all City of Joliet residents use all Park District aquatic facilities at resident rates. If you are a City of Joliet resident who is not a Joliet Park District resident, you may obtain the resident rate at aquatic facilities by purchasing an Aquatic Resident Discount Card. These cards may be purchased at the Inwood Recreation Center or the Multi-Purpose Center, both located at 3000 West Jefferson Street. If you are a Joliet Park District resident and a Resident Discount Card Holder, you do not need an Aquatic Resident Discount Card.



The Park District has also established a pricing plan for their three golf courses for those who are Joliet residents but don't live within the park district boundaries. The rate is called the "Partnership Rate" and will be less expensive than the non-resident rate. If you have any questions, please call the Joliet Park District at (815) 741-7275 or check out their website at www.jolietpark.org.

On The WEB
www.cityofjoliet.info

For downloadable community profiles, information about city departments including Police and Fire, city employment applications, and the latest Calendar of Events.

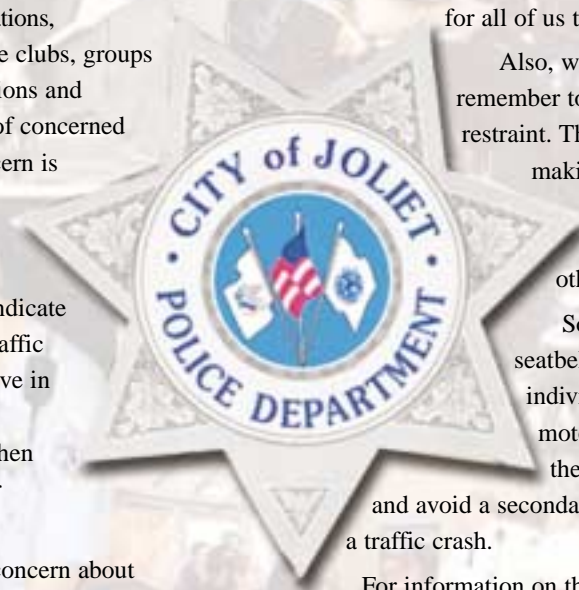
Neighborhood Safety

Drive carefully and
buckle-up



Each month Joliet police officers attend dozens of meetings with various organizations. These include homeowners associations, neighborhood watch groups, service clubs, groups of residents from various subdivisions and neighborhoods, and other groups of concerned citizens. Their one consistent concern is traffic violators in their neighborhoods. Our residents want stricter traffic enforcement. Joliet Police Department studies indicate that as high as 80 percent of the traffic violators in any subdivision also live in that subdivision. Drivers are also involved in more traffic crashes when they are closer to home in familiar surroundings.

As a result of the increasing concern about traffic violators, the Police Department has increased enforcement. Through September of 2003, 24,556 tickets were issued to violators. This is a 20 percent increase over the same period last year.



Studies indicate that stricter traffic enforcement leads to a decrease in violations and crashes. However, the most effective method to reduce needless injury and suffering is for all of us to be alert, drive safely, and obey our traffic laws.

Also, while you increase your traffic safety vigilance, remember to buckle up and exercise proper child safety restraint. The State of Illinois recently passed legislation making non-compliance of seatbelts a primary violation.

This means a police officer can stop and cite a motorist for not wearing a seatbelt even though no other offense occurred.

Some people are of the opinion that the use of a seatbelt by the driver of a motor vehicle should be an individual choice. That is not correct. It affects other motorists and pedestrians. The use of a seatbelt by the driver often enables that driver to maintain control

and avoid a secondary impact after being initially struck in a traffic crash.

For information on the proper installation of child safety restraints, contact the Joliet Police Department at 815/724-3083. Questions about traffic laws can be directed to 815/724-3010. Respect your neighborhood—drive carefully.

David L. Gerdes, *Chief of Police*
Joliet Police Department



- November 28** Light Up The Holidays Parade, Chicago Street in Joliet City Center, Friday, 5:30 p.m. Call for information on schedule of activities: 774-6066.
- December 6** Festival of the Gnomes, Bicentennial Park, Saturday, 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Crafts, food, music, raffle, shows. For information, call 724-3760.
- December 13** Jeff Foxworthy, Rialto Theatre, Saturday, 8:00 p.m. For information, call 726-6600.
- December 14** Brunch with Santa, Renaissance Center, Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. For information, call 280-1404.
- February 28** Irish Rovers, Rialto Theatre, Saturday, 8:00 p.m. For information, call 726-6600.
- March** Downtown Irish Fest, Date to be determined. For information, visit www.jolietdowntown.com
- April 11** 2004 Easter Parade, Sunday. For information, call 744-9175

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