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## Events

- Jan 25 Nelson Rex Book Signing**  
10 am at Morrison-Talbott Library
- Jan 28 Children's Rummage Sale**  
3-6 pm at SPPCS
- Jan 31 Gibault's Winter Play**  
& Feb 1-2 Gibault Auditorium
- Feb 1 & 15 WSA Baseball/Softball Signups**  
8:30 am to 12:00 pm - Basement of VFW  
Visit [www.waterloosports.ws](http://www.waterloosports.ws) for more info
- Feb 1 Taste of the Region**  
5:00 pm at Gibault Hustedde Gym  
Contact 618.939.3883 for more info
- Feb 7-9 Hay Fever**  
& 14-16 presented by Monroe Actors Stage Co.  
[www.masctheatre.org](http://www.masctheatre.org)
- Feb 7 Vendors for a Cause Quarter Auction**  
Supporting: Humane Society  
visit [vendors4acause.weebly.com](http://vendors4acause.weebly.com) for more info
- Feb 7 A Presidential Taste of Literature**  
7 pm at Morrison-Talbott Library  
Visit [www.waterloolibrary.org](http://www.waterloolibrary.org) for more info
- Feb 20 Large Item Trash Pick-up Day**
- Feb 22 Mardi Gras Party**  
The Black Swan Restaurant  
Sponsored by Waterloo Chamber of Commerce  
Contact 618.939.5300 for more info



## Radon Awareness

January is National Radon Awareness Month. Radon is a radioactive gas that is the leading cause of lung cancer in nonsmokers. Forty two percent of the homes in Illinois have elevated levels of radon. Test and fix your home if the levels are high and perhaps save a life. Contact Gloria at 618.830.4660 or [seascape@htc.net](mailto:seascape@htc.net) for a \$10 test kit.



## Welcome

The City would like to welcome the following new business to our community.

**Green Forest Vapor Shop**  
742 North Market

*Remember to support local businesses and shop Monroe County first.*



## Ready for Some Baseball?

Even though it's still cold outside, spring is just around the corner. That means it's time to start thinking about baseball. The Waterloo Sports Association will be holding sign ups from 8:30 am 'til noon on Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup> and February 15<sup>th</sup> in the basement of the Waterloo VFW. Divisions are listed below and eligibility is based on the child's current age/grade at the time of registration.

### Baseball Divisions

- Pre-K and T-Ball  
(4 years old and Kindergarten)
- Atoms  
(1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade boys)
- Bantams  
(4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade boys)
- Midget  
(6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys)
- Juvenile  
(8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade boys)

### Softball Divisions

- Petites  
(1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade girls)
- Chics  
(4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls)
- Robins  
(6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls)



## Fireplace Safety

As weather outside is frightfully cold, many households will be using their fireplaces. Having your fireplace or wood stove flue cleaned is a very important step in preventing a chimney fire. Also, burning only seasoned wood will contribute in keeping your flue clean. If you think you have a chimney fire, close the fireplace doors and call 9-1-1 for your local fire department. A chimney fire can lead to a more serious situation.



## New Cell Phone Law

Beginning January 1, 2014 the State of Illinois issued a new Act concerning cell phone use while operating a vehicle. It's now illegal for drivers to talk while holding a cell phone while driving. If you're going to talk on the phone while driving, you've got to use a hands-free device, or have it on speaker, out of your hands. A person who violates this will be fined \$75 for the first offense, and it increases \$25 each subsequent offense.



## Snow Removal Policy

The goal of the Waterloo Public Works Department is to provide snow and ice control in a safe, timely and cost-efficient manner. Below are a few highlights of the City's Snow Removal Policy and How Residents Can Help.....

- **Please park your car off-street whenever you can.**
- Please make sure that basketball goals and other obstructions are not placed in or adjacent to the street.
- Attempts will be made to keep excessive amounts of snow from accumulating at the end of driveways or in front of mailboxes. However, this is a reality of snow plowing and cannot be helped. Property owners are responsible for cleaning their driveway approaches and around mailboxes.
- The City will not be responsible for plowing alleys.
- If you have a neighbor who is unable to remove the snow from their driveway or in front of their mailbox, please assist them in removing the snow.

You can find the complete Snow Removal Policy on the City's website at [waterloo.il.us](http://waterloo.il.us)



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