

May 2014

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Events

- May 17 4-H Electronic Recycling (Excludes TVs) 8am-Noon at Walmart Parking Lot
- May 24 Memorial Day
- & 26 City Hall will be closed
- May 25 Midwest Bird & Animal Swap & Sale 5:30-11am Monroe County Fairgrounds
- May 26 Memorial Day Ceremony 11am at Courthouse Square
- May 29 Realities of Retirement 3pm & 7pm at Morrison-Talbott Library
- May 31 Wing Ding Dance 8:30pm at Waterloo VFW
- June 2 Shriner's Circus Monroe County Fairgrounds
- June 3 Municipal Band Concert 8pm at Courthouse Square
- June 6 VFW Golf Tournament 1pm Shotgun Start at Acorns
- June 7 GLOW Community Yard Sale 7am-3pm Visit *waterlooglow.com* for map
- June 7 Paws to Read Summer Program 11:30am-1:30pm at Morrison-Talbott Library
- June 8 Optimist Club Car Show Registration at 8 at Courthouse Square
- June 10 Municipal Band Concert 8pm at Courthouse Square
- June Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic 13&14 Church Picnic
 - 4pm-204 West Mill Street
- June 13 Discover Historic Waterloo M&M (Mill & Main) Historical Walking Tour 6pm-begins at Courthouse Square
- June 14 Monroe County Garden Tour 9am-1pm Maeystown Area Gardens
- June 17 Porta Westfalica Festival Parade begins at 6pm

SUNSET FORD

Visit the City's website for details and contact info.

Award Winning Auto Dealer

In 2013, Sunset Ford of Waterloo won their 4th President's Award in the last 5 years, which is one of Ford Motor Company's highest honors. The President's Award is only presented to the top 10% of Ford Dealers in the country determined by customer service, while achieving sales objectives. Sunset Ford is also a ONE Ford Elite winner by finishing 1st place in their competing group for the 2nd year an a row!

"Thank you to our team and all of our great customers for this wonderful honor! It is very special and difficult to win this award, which is why we will never take it for granted." -Pete Heutel, General Manager

Remember to support local businesses and shop Monroe County first.

Newsletter Courtesy of your Mayor and City Council

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Yards of Distinction

Do you have a beautiful flower garden, or a well manicured lawn? The fourth annual Yards of Distinction contest is underway and open to all homeowners or rental tenants within the City of Waterloo. Several categories will be considered and judged by the newly formed Waterloo Garden Club. Details of the contest and entry forms are available at City Hall, Chamber of Commerce office, or online at *www.waterloo.il.us* and will be accepted through May 31, 2014.

April Showers Bring May Flowers...and Tall Grass!

With Spring in full bloom, a few things to remember:

- All grass must be kept below a maximum height of 8" in accordance with City of Waterloo ordinance 29-8-8 Weeds.
- Trim bushes around your utility meters so your meters can be read accurately.
- The City of Waterloo does not pickup tree limbs and branches. However, the City of Waterloo yard waste site is available to city residents.

Don't forget your drainage! Spring storms often leave behind water problems. Be proactive by cleaning out guttering, maintaining adequate foundation backfill that allows water to drain away from your home and clear any storm sewer inlets on your property. The City of Waterloo is **not** responsible for clearing debris from storm sewers on easements.

Reminder:

Do NOT put grass clippings or yard waste into trash/recycling totes. City residents may take it to the yard waste site located at Lakeview Park.



Home Alone Program

The City of Waterloo is again sponsoring the annual Home Alone Child Safety Program at City Hall on June 14 from 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. The American Red Cross, Waterloo Fire Department, Waterloo Police Department and Monroe County EMS will teach the children what to do in various situations - especially if they are home alone.

- Does your child know basic first aid?
 Does your child know stranger rules?
- Does your child know stranger rules?
- Does your child understand how to contact you if they have problems?
- Can your child handle unexpected situations such as bad weather?

This program is recommended for children ages 7-13, but all are welcome. RSVP: sdeutch@waterloo.il.us or 618-939-8600 ext. 211 with the child's name and age.



Needed: Historic Sports Memoribilia

We need your "schtuff".

The Hometown Teams-Field of Dreams Committee has been working diligently to prepare for this summer's Smithsonian and local supporting exhibits at the History Museum (July 26-Sept. 7, 2014). The committee is organizing sports memorabilia/artifacts from county sports, teams and players. We are also collecting local sports quotes, and very short stories/tales! If you or someone you know have items that you would like the committee to consider for exhibit use at the History Museum, please call Norma at 618-514-1628 or email Sarah Deutch at sdeutch@waterloo.il.us to submit a list of items. Item submissions are needed by June 15.



Plant Pumpkins Now

Now is the time to plant pumpkins! Pumpkins take about 120 days to grow from planting to harvest. So plant now to have your pumpkins ready this fall, and bring the biggest of your harvest to compete in PumpkinFest's Heaviest Pumpkin Contest on October 11!

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