



CITY OF  
**McHenry** Illinois  
HEART OF THE FOX RIVER

# NEWSLETTER

FALL  
WINTER  
2017





**MAYOR  
CITY CLERK  
ALDERMEN**

- Ward 1
- Ward 2
- Ward 3
- Ward 4
- Ward 5
- Ward 6
- Ward 7

- Wayne S. Jett
- Lynzi Nevitt
- Victor A. Santi
- Andrew A. Glab
- Jeffrey A. Schaefer
- Scott L. Curry
- Chad Mihevc
- Patrick Devine
- Geri A. Condon

**MUNICIPAL CENTER HOURS**

Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

**CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**

McHenry City Council meetings are scheduled on the first and third Monday of the month. All meetings begin at 7:00 PM and are held in the Municipal Center Council Chambers. The 2017 Council meeting schedule is posted on the city web site at [www.ci.mchenry.il.us](http://www.ci.mchenry.il.us).

**CITY PHONE NUMBERS**

<b>Municipal Center</b>	815-363-2100
<b>Mayor</b> Wayne S. Jett	815-363-2108
<b>City Clerk</b> Lynzi Nevitt	815-363-2108
<b>City Administrator</b> Derik Morefield	815-363-2108
<b>Community Development</b>	815-363-2170
Director Ross Polerecky	
<b>Economic Development</b>	815-363-2110
Director Douglas Martin	
<b>Finance</b>	815-363-2100
Director Carolyn Lynch	
<b>Parks &amp; Recreation/Parks</b>	815-363-2160
<b>Maintenance</b>	
Dep. City Admin. Bill Hobson	
<b>Public Works</b>	815-363-2186
Director Jon Schmitt	
<b>Police</b>	815-363-2200
Chief John Jones	
Emergency	911
Non-Emergency	815-363-2200
<b>McHenry Township Fire Protection District</b>	
Emergency	911
Non-Emergency	815-385-0075

**IN THIS ISSUE**

- From the Mayor’s Desk . . . . . PG. 3**
- Community Events & Information . . . . . PG. 4**
- Community Development Department . . . . . PG. 8**
- Economic Development Department . . . . . PG. 9**
- Parks & Recreation Department . . . . . PG. 10**
- Police Department . . . . . PG. 13**
- Public Works Department . . . . . PG. 14**

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

**CITY OF MCHENRY OFFICES  
WILL BE CLOSED ON:**

September 4, Labor Day  
 November 23 & 24, Thanksgiving  
 December 25 & 26, Christmas  
 The Prairieland Disposal schedule will be delayed one day due to holidays.

**Trick or Treat**  
**Monday, October 31st**  
**4:00 PM - 7:00 PM**



## Message from Mayor Wayne Jett:

*This past May, I took an oath to represent and serve the citizens of McHenry. A little over four months have passed since I have been in office, and I would like to highlight a few projects currently underway in the city.*

*The City Council awarded a \$1 million Street Resurfacing contract to Peter Baker & Son. Work is underway on Centegra Drive, Medical Center Drive, Lawrence Parkway, Ridgeview Drive, Curran Road between Bull Valley Road and north of Dartmoor Drive, and Dartmoor Drive between Curran Road and the Boone Creek.*

*Construction has begun on the new Charles Miller Riverfront Park Public Boat Launch. The total project cost is \$225,000 and paid for using Park Developer Donations.*

*The McHenry Downtown Theater project is underway and on track to open in late fall. New screens, projectors and high-end seating along with DC Cobbs restaurant and rooftop dining will be a destination enjoyed by the entire community.*

### HEART OF THE FOX RIVER

*I am excited about the future of our community. I am excited to work with our City Council and our hardworking city staff. We are a great team dedicated to delivering the finest services to the community. I ask that you continue to support us in this time of opportunity for the City of McHenry.*



CHARACTER COUNTS!®

## Resident Feedback

Submit comments and suggestions on our website or to the Office of the City Administrator, 333 South Green Street, McHenry IL

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---



# 2017 SUMMER/FALL CONCERT SERIES

**VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK, 3400 PEARL ST.**

Food & Refreshments Available!



**MAY**

Thurs. 25th  
Through

**SEPT**

Thurs. 28th  
7:30 PM

## Schedule

August 3	Larry Breidenbach	Singing Your Favorites
August 10	Mississippi Stranglers	Folk to Progressive
August 17	Catfish Conspiracy	Blues to Classic Rock



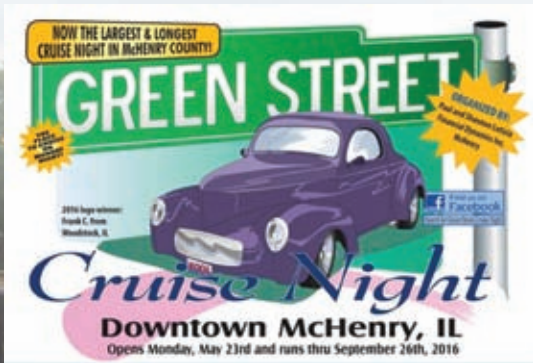
**With your continued support, the McHenry Farmers Market is proud to sponsor the following Summer Concerts in the Park:**



\*Beginning August 24, Concerts will start at 7 PM

August 24	Miles Over Mountains	Progressive Bluegrass
August 31	Saturday June Band	Oldies, Classic Rock
September 7	Kevin Purcell & the Root Doctors	Rockin' Acoustic Blues
September 14	K Michaels Band	Classic Rock & Horns
September 21	Mississippi Stranglers	Sponsored by Chain O'Lakes Brewery
September 28	Miles Over Mountains	Progressive Bluegrass

# GREEN STREET CRUISE NIGHT



Green Street  
Municipal Lot

6-8:30 PM

Organized by Letizia Financial

**MAY**

22nd  
Through

**SEPT**

25th



“Honoring the legacy of the men and women of America’s Greatest Generation on the anniversary of their Greatest Day”

[www.spiritof45.org](http://www.spiritof45.org)

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 13 • 5 PM • VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK**

**AUGUST**

Sunday  
13th @ 5 PM





**SEPTEMBER**

Monday 11th  
9:00 AM

## 9/11 MEMORIAL CEREMONY

**Veterans  
Memorial  
Park**

3400 Pearl Street



**SEPTEMBER**

8th, 15th,  
22nd & 29th  
5:30 PM

## BACK TO FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Family rated movies will be presented in Veterans Memorial Park on Friday evenings - September 8th, September 15th, September 22nd, and September 29th. Activities will begin at 5:30 PM and movies will begin at Dusk. There is no charge to attend the events.



**OCTOBER**

Saturday 7th  
1:00-4:30 PM



## FLAVORS OF FALL TASTE FEST

Saturday, October 7th, 1:00 - 4:30 PM.  
Riverside Drive, Route 120, Pearl Street,  
Court Street, Green Street, Main Street  
Restaurant Specials from \$1 to \$3!  
In-Store Sales!

**OCTOBER**

13, 14, 20 & 21  
7-10:30 PM

## HAUNTED HAYRIDE AT PETERSEN PARK



The Wonder Lake Water Ski Show Team presents the Haunted Hayride at Petersen Park on Friday October 13, Saturday, October 14, Friday, October 20 and Saturday, October 21 from 7 to 10:30 p.m. A portion of each admission will be donated to local charities. Refreshments are available and parking is free. [www.wonderlakeskiteam.org](http://www.wonderlakeskiteam.org)

## DOWNTOWN CHRISTMAS WALK

This annual event features an array of activities for kids including a visit from Santa Claus, Dickens Carolers, free trolley rides and special shopping & savings at participating downtown businesses and much more! The City Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony in Veterans Memorial Park begins at dusk.



**NOVEMBER**

Saturday  
18th  
12:30-4:30PM

## TOYS FOR TOTS PARADE

The parade is staged on Main Street and concludes at Veterans Memorial Park. The "Presentation of Toys" will be made to the U.S. Marine Corps on behalf of the Local Harley Owners Group followed by an appearance by Santa Claus in the park gazebo. The parade will begin at 1:00 PM. More details about these events including a Map & Trolley Guide will be posted on the City of McHenry and Downtown Business Association Facebook pages.



**NOVEMBER**

Sunday  
19th @ 1PM

## START THANKSGIVING OFF ON THE RIGHT FOOT!

8 AM  
McHenry High School  
East Campus



**NOVEMBER**

23rd @ 8AM

Register Online at [www.mchenryturkeytrot.com](http://www.mchenryturkeytrot.com) or in person on Race Day

## CODE ENFORCEMENT AND BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR!

One of the many functions of the Community Development Department is to receive and act upon complaints that are called into our office. One of the complaints we most often receive relates to the outside storage of refuse containers. As the fall and winter seasons approach, there are ways we can be good neighbors and keep our community looking good. One way is to follow the Municipal Code and keep refuse containers out of sight of the public view. According to the McHenry Municipal Code, “No person shall place any garbage and refuse container adjacent to any street, alley, or other public place more than 24 hours prior to the regular and customary collection schedule established by such person’s scavenger, nor shall any person permit such garbage and refuse containers to remain adjacent to any street, alley or other public place more than 24 hours after the aforesaid regular and customary collection schedule. At all other times such garbage and refuse containers shall be stored out of public’s plain view.” This ordinance is in place to help our neighborhoods remain beautiful, safe and healthy places to live. We ask that you please do your part, and always take in your refuse containers after your garbage has been collected, and to store your containers out of sight of public view. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.



## BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR!

A reminder for the upcoming fall season, that the burning of leaves is prohibited in the City of McHenry. Being a good neighbor is more than just helping someone in need. It is also helping to make sure we are respectful to our neighbors. The smoke that is emitted during the burning of leaves can be extremely harmful and dangerous to those people who suffer from health problems, ranging from asthma to chronic heart and lung diseases. The City’s burning ordinance prohibits burning leaves. We ask for your assistance in this regard, and thank you in advance for being a respectful neighbor!



## HOLIDAY DECORATING

**Christmas is a time for decorating your home, and what better way to do it safely than to follow these few simple tips!**

- Always inspect light sets, lighted figurines and other electrical items for damage to insulation, cords or plugs before use.
- Do not mount or support light sets in a manner that will damage or cut the wire insulation.
- Do not place lights or other heat generating items near flammable materials or metal. The heat can ignite flammable materials and cause metal to heat up.
- Do not plug in more light sets in a single outlet than are recommended by the manufacturer.
- Use caution with extension cords. For example, extension cords rated for use indoors should NOT be used outdoors!
- Holiday decorations should not be installed more than 45 days prior to the holiday and must be removed within 45 days after the holiday.
- Remember to always turn off all your lighted decorations when you are not home.



## MCHENRY MARKET PULSE

Get the latest updates on new businesses coming to town, community events, and much more in the McHenry Market Pulse online blog! [www.mchenrymarketpulse.blogspot.com](http://www.mchenrymarketpulse.blogspot.com).



**MTI** MANUFACTURING,  
TRADE, &  
INDUSTRY EXPO  
**CAREER EXPO**  
MCHENRY EAST HIGH SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 27, 2017  
6:00-8:00PM  
MCHENRY HIGH SCHOOL EAST CAMPUS  
1012 N. GREEN ST.

**SAVE THE DATE**

ALL SENIOR STUDENTS  
WILL BE ABLE TO REGISTER  
FOR A \$500  
POST-SECONDARY TECH  
SCHOLARSHIP SPONSORED  
BY THE  
MCHENRY ROTARY  
CLUB - SUNRISE!

Second annual Manufacturing Trade and Industry Expo featuring more than 30 manufacturers; trade and industry organizations throughout McHenry County. MTI is geared towards students and parents. Senior students can register for an opportunity to receive a \$500 post-secondary tech scholarship sponsored by the McHenry Rotary Club-Sunrise. McHenry County College will be in attendance to offer parents and students a glimpse of all their programs. This is an interaction event to provide students and parents an opportunity to talk directly to employers about what their companies do, services they offer, and possible internships.



**MFG DAY**

**NATIONAL MANUFACTURING DAY**

Celebration of modern manufacturing meant to inspire the next generation of manufacturers.

[www.mfgday.com](http://www.mfgday.com)



**November 25th**

Small Business Saturday

**Shop McHenry!**

# Parks & Recreation

Over the summer, the Parks & Recreation Department selected an independent research firm to conduct a **Community Interest Survey**. The feedback collected will help us better understand your views about our programs, facilities, parks and services; and how we can better serve you. As we spend the fall months analyzing the information obtained, we look forward to using this information in order to continue to improve our community recreation offerings for you. Join us this fall for these great programs. Registration begins August 17 for residents.

## Fitness Programs

### TURKEY BURN

Thursday 11/23 7:30-9:00am	AGE-14
Fee:	\$6R-\$9NR

\*Back by popular demand!  
Do it for the PIE! What better way to start your Thanksgiving than a circuit style workout with friends. Come young, old, fit or start cold turkey. This workout can be modified for any fitness level and has been called the best sweat session of the year! Bring a non-perishable item for the local food pantry at registration and deduct \$1.

### FALL FITNESS CHALLENGE

AGE-14+	
9/18-10/29 — Personal Trainers	\$50

If you need a little extra help getting back on track this fall or want to learn more about the best ways to train and nourish your body, this is the challenge for you! During the 6 week team challenge, you will receive nutritional guidance, personalized small group training, weekly emails from a certified trainer, two physical assessments and 10 training sessions designed for rapid results. The team with the most progress between the initial and final assessment wins \$500 split between team members in the form of a parks and rec gift certificate.

### 4 P'S

Thursday 7:00-7:45pm A-B	AGE- 14+
11/2-11/30	\$29R / \$39NR

Learn how to PLAN, PURCHASE, PREP and PACKAGE nutritious meals that will keep you on track through the holiday season. Cindi Stoffel, a personal trainer and certified nutritionist at McHenry Recreation Center, will make it simple and quick. Learn a few tips and tricks to use in your own kitchen, every week of the year.

### MAN CAVE CIRCUIT

Wednesday 7:30-8:15pm	AGE-14+
10/25-11/15	\$39 R / \$49 NR

No fluff, no frill, no dance. Standard strength training exercises presented in a circuit style workout that will challenge not only your muscular strength but your endurance, balance and willpower. All circuits are designed by a Personal Trainer Rob Longbottom and group exercise instructor especially for men.

### FALL ADULT DOUBLE-HEADER LEAGUE

Roster forms for softball leagues will be available at the McHenry Recreation Center or by e-mailing [nthompson@ci.mchenry.il.us](mailto:nthompson@ci.mchenry.il.us). Leagues start after Labor Day. Complete roster and full payment are required in order to secure a spot in the league.

### MEN'S 12" SOFTBALL LEAGUE

The Men's 12" Softball League consists of an 8 game schedule followed by single-elimination tournament with seeds based on league standings. Prizes awarded for 1st place of each night and 1st-3rd place in playoffs.

Reg #	Ages	Day	Dates	Time
17FT	18+	T	Sept 5	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
17FW	18+	W	Sept 6	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Location: Knox Park Ball Fields				
Fee: \$400 + \$25 Forfeit Fee				



## CO-ED 12” SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Co-Ed 12” Softball League consists of an 8 game schedule and playoff tournament. Friday will consist of a recreation and competitive division. Limit 6 per division.

Reg #	Ages	Day	Dates	Time
17SCF	18+	F	Sept 8	6:30 pm – 9:30 pm
Location: Knox Park Ball Fields				
Fee: \$400 + \$25 Forfeit Fee				

## FALL OPEN GYMS

Stay active this fall and bring some friends for a night of recreational basketball, pickleball, or volleyball. Our open gyms will start in October and run through March. All it costs is \$5 at the door! Participants must be over 18 years old.

Volleyball/Pickleball:  
Parkland School, Tuesday Nights | 7:30-9:30 PM

Basketball/Pickleball:  
Parkland School, Sunday Nights | 7:00-9:00 PM

## MCHENRY MARLINS AQUATIC CLUB

The Fall/Winter swim program in McHenry competes in Northern Illinois Winter Swim Conference meets and Illinois Swimming Inc. (ISI)/USA official meets. Note: All swimmers are required to register with USA swimming which requires a yearly \$70 membership fee. Practices are held at McHenry High School West Campus swimming pool beginning Monday, September 18 and continue through mid-March.

Try It First on Wed, Sept 6 from 6-8 pm. Do you wonder if your child will like swim team? Want to know what it takes to be a Marlin? Children will meet with coaches, spend 15 minutes in the pool being evaluated, learn about the team, and be assigned a practice level. Tryouts are free and will be held at McHenry High School West Campus pool. Walk-ins are welcome. Children need a suit, goggles, and towel for tryouts.

5-Day Trial: First-time swimmers can do a 5-day trial. This will help new swimmers adjust to the rigors of practice before our returning swimmers enter the pool for the season. 5-day trial swimmers must still complete the registration form prior to the try-out day. 5-Day trial runs the week of September 11-15 with mini-practice from 5:15-6:15 PM before joining their regular practice group and time. Contact us for more information!

## TEAM INFORMATION:

McHenry Marlins Aquatic Club  
3636 unicipal rive D  
McHenry West Campus Pool  
4724 W. Crystal Lake Road  
McHenry, IL 60050

**Head Coach:** Sharon Lesniak (USA Swimming Certified Coach w/ 20+ yrs. experience)

**Team Website:** [www.macswimmers.org](http://www.macswimmers.org)

Our website is the go to place for swim team families. The team website offers a monthly calendar of meet and practice changes for your swimmer. The website is a place to keep track of team news, find equipment, events, and results.

## Special Events

**Preteen Jam:** Friday, October 13 from 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm at Duker School (early release day) Children must be in grades 4 & 5 only. Send your child off to a safe after school event, which includes great music, dance contests, games, prizes and other fun activities! **\$5/person at the door.**

**Pumpkin Party:** Wednesday, October 25 from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm at McHenry Recreation Center This event is for ages 2 & up. Bring your family to a unique Halloween party where each child will receive a mini pumpkin to decorate. Kids can try pumpkin-themed games & make simple Halloween crafts. Enjoy a piece of pizza & drink and popcorn snack. **Registration deadline Fri, Oct 20. \$10/child, \$5/adult.**

# Parks & Recreation

## WATERPARK TRIP

**Thursday, November 2 from 7:30 am – 6:00 pm  
departing from McHenry Recreation Center**

Join us for a trip to Jelly Belly Factory in Pleasant Prairie and Timber Ridge Water Park in Lake Geneva! Kids will be treated to lunch and will get plenty of splash-time on the slides, in the activity pool and down the lazy river!

**This trip is for youth ages 7 – 12. \$45/R, \$55/NR.**

## MOM & SON GAME NIGHT

**Friday, November 17 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at  
McHenry Recreation Center**

The best night of your life is back!! This a special evening devoted to moms and their sons. Dress comfortably and come enjoy a crazy, slightly competitive night of Minute-To-Win-It games and activities! Drinks and light snacks will be provided. Ages 5 – 10. Registration deadline Wed, Nov 15. \$8/son, \$8/mom.

## SANTA'S CANDY CANE HUNT

**Saturday, December 2 from 9:00 am – 11:00 am at  
McHenry Recreation Center**

Children Ages 1 & up will hunt for candy canes hidden outside by Santa's elves! Warm-up after the hunt with hot chocolate, decorate a cookie and make a simple holiday craft. Listen to carols and the story Twas the Night Before Christmas. Each child gets a chance to meet Santa, so make sure to bring your camera! Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Registration deadline Wed, Nov 29. \$5/child, adults and children under 1 free.**

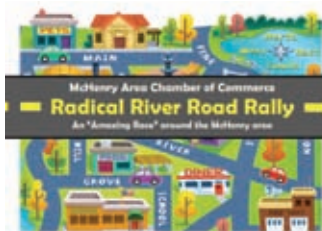
## YOUTH DANCE

**Fall classes begin the week of September 18**

Style of dance include Ballet, Tap, Jazz & Hip Hop classes for children ages 3 & up. Check the brochure for more information or contact us for more information!



McHenry Downtown Uncorked  
September 16th  
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM



September 30th, 1:00 – 4:00  
PM McHenry Area Chamber's  
own "Amazing Race"



Veterans Expo: November 9,  
6:00 – 8:00 PM, McHenry VFW  
Post 4600





On March 24th, 2017, Derek Schmidt was sworn in as a Probationary McHenry Police Officer. Derek is a life-long McHenry resident and a U.S. Marine Corps Veteran.

## NALOXONE TRAINING

In February 2017, the McHenry Police Department partnered with the McHenry County Mental Health Board and CENTEGRA Health System to better address the ongoing opioid crisis occurring nationwide. Centegra Health System provided naloxone (Narcan) nasal spray training for all officers of the McHenry Police Department and provides a point of distribution of Narcan, which is funded by the McHenry County Mental Health Board.

Narcan™ (naloxone) is a prescription medicine that blocks the effects of morphine, codeine, oxycodone, methoadone and Vicodin, and reverses an overdose. It cannot be used to get a person high. If given to a person who has not taken opioids, it will not have any effect on him or her, since there is no opioid overdose to reverse.

Since the beginning of the 2017 year, McHenry officers have dispensed Narcan on five separate occasions to individuals experiencing an opioid overdose.



## MCHENRY POLICE PREPARE FOR CALEA RE-ACCREDITATION

In 2006, the McHenry Police Department became the first accredited police agency in McHenry County. Since then, the Department has strived to maintain its excellence through re-accreditation. In December McHenry Police will be assessed to achieve its fifth consecutive re-accreditation award through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement (CALEA).

The successful re-accreditation of the McHenry Police has proven that the McHenry Police Department has followed the goals set by CALEA:

- Strengthen crime prevention and control capabilities;
- Formalize essential management procedures;
- Establish fair and nondiscriminatory personnel practices;
- Improve service delivery;
- Solidify interagency cooperation and coordination; and
- Increase community and staff confidence in the agency.



### A REMINDER ABOUT VARIOUS WAYS TO PAY YOUR WATER SEWER BILL, PARKING TICKET OR ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE INVOICES TO THE CITY

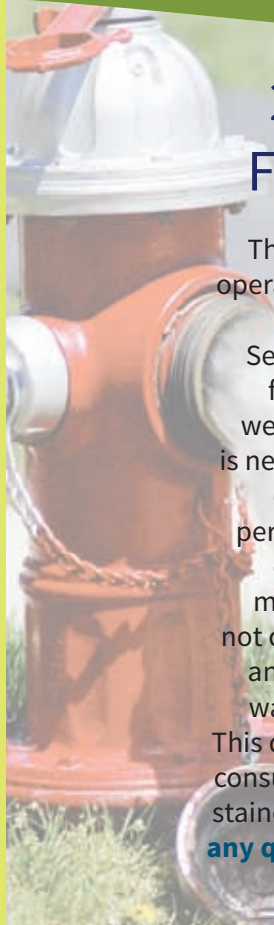
Besides paying by cash or check, we also offer other options for making payments. Want to avoid paying late fees? One way to avoid that is to sign up for direct debit for your water/sewer bill payment. To sign up, you can either come into our office and complete a form, or print a form from the City website [www.ci.mchenry.il.us](http://www.ci.mchenry.il.us). On the website, go to the Permits, Applications and Forms tab on the right side of our homepage then scroll down to Utility Debit Authorization. Please note we do need a voided blank check attached to the form. When you receive your water bill, it will look as it normally does however it will have "DO NOT PAY" printed across it. The amount due will be automatically debited from your account on the bill due date.



If you would like to make a Water Sewer Bill, Parking Ticket, or any Accounts Receivable invoice payments, you can also use our website. Go to the On-line Payment tab on the right side of our homepage. Click either Utility Bill, Parking Ticket or Accounts Receivable, and follow the prompts; you will need your water sewer account number, parking ticket number, or, if you're paying an Accounts Receivable invoice, you will need your customer number and invoice number. It is very user friendly, and your payment will show on the site immediately. We post payments made on the website daily.

### 2017 FALL HYDRANT FLUSHING PROGRAM

The City will begin its Fall hydrant flushing operation throughout the City on September 18th, for a two week period ending September 29th. Should a delay arise, the flushing operation will be completed the week of October 2, 2017. Hydrant flushing is necessary to clean and maintain the water distribution system. During the flushing period water can become discolored. If this occurs, run your cold water tap for a few minutes until the water clears. If this does not correct the problem, wait approximately an hour and try again. Do not run your hot water until the cold water tap has cleared. This discoloration is not hazardous to human consumption; however, clothing can become stained during laundering. **Should you have any questions, please call the Public Works Department at 815-363-2186.**



### WATER METER CHANGE OUT PROGRAM



The City of McHenry is currently conducting a meter change out program. Some of the meter reading infrastructure has reached its useful life, and batteries used within the equipment are beginning to fail. Residences that are affected by this program in the Winding Creek, Whispering Oaks, Cooney Heights, and Park Ridge Estates subdivisions will be receiving door hangers. Please make every attempt to schedule an appointment within five days of receiving the door hanger. Meter personnel have a small amount of meters to change out in the Lakeland Park, Legend Lakes, and Boone Creek Subdivisions. Please call the Public **Works Department at 815-363-2186 to set up an appointment.**



## REFUSE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION CHANGES

The new contract with Prairieland Disposal for refuse and recycling collection services began on August 1, 2017 and will affect single-family and multi-family dwellings (four or less units per dwelling).

### STICKER BUY-BACK:

The Waste Management buyback for unused garbage and yardwaste stickers will be held at the Municipal Center (333 S. Green Street) Monday through Saturday from 8:00 am until noon beginning on July 31st. Waste Management personnel will be at the Municipal Center from July 31st through August 12th to accept unused stickers and provide residents with forms to fill out for a refund check. Forms for refund checks will still be available at City Hall until September 30th. The refund checks will take 6-8 weeks to process.

### ONLY PRAIRIELAND DISPOSAL'S TOTES AND STICKERS WILL BE ACCEPTED BEGINNING AUGUST 1.

#### Prairieland Disposal Inc. includes the following program features:

- Refuse toter available for monthly rental
  - o 35 gallon \$22.79
  - o 64 gallon \$23.79
  - o 96 gallon \$24.79
- Refuse and yardwaste stickers are the same sticker and price
  - o 33 gallon size container \$3.10
- Free twice a year curbside e-waste collection on resident's regular pick-up day
  - o September 24 – September 30, 2017
  - o March 25 – March 31, 2018
- 35, 65, or 95 gallon toter for recyclable materials
- Free Christmas Light Recycling at the City Municipal Center at 333 S. Green Street, and the Public Works Facility at 1415 Industrial Drive November thru January
- 20% Townhome discount – 35 or 65 gallon refuse cart and choice of 65 gallon recycling cart or 18 gallon bin (excluding sticker program)
- 20% Senior discount (age 65 and older) – 35 or 65 gallon refuse cart and choice of 65 gallon recycling cart or 18 gallon bin (excluding sticker program)
- Food scraps can be co-mingled with yardwaste at the free Saturday drop-off site at Knox Park and also with the yardwaste removal at the curb with a pre-paid sticker.
- Unlimited household paint and chemical curbside pick-up for a \$25.00 handling fee billed to residents upon request
- Weekly bulk item pickup
- Curbside leaf collection the first full week of October through the first full week of December
- Christmas tree pick begins January 2nd and ends January 12th.
- A suspension of cart rental is available for people who are leaving their residence for one month to three months at a time.
- There is a free drop-off site for e-waste, textile, gym shoes, Christmas lights, white goods, automotive and rechargeable batteries at the Prairieland Disposal Facility located at 21N988 Pepper Road, Lake Barrington, Illinois (including one television per year per resident)



If you have any questions, please call Prairieland Disposal at 847-381-9300 or the Public Works Department at 815-363-2186.

# 2017 YARDWASTE PROGRAMS

**Curbside Collection** will end December 8th. Residents may use 2-ply, 50# kraft paper bags or garbage type cans not to exceed 33 gallons in size with maximum weight of 50 lbs. per container. Containers should be marked with a large X. Affix pre-paid sticker to each bag or can. No plastic bags allowed. Residents can purchase stickers at the Municipal Center or locations throughout the city. Branches must be bundled to maximum length of 4 feet, maximum 2 feet in diameter, and maximum 50 pounds per bundle also with pre-paid sticker attached to each.

- Acceptable Materials – grass clippings, leaves, branches 3” in diameter or less, brush, garden plants, flowers, weeds, bark pieces, pine cones.
- Materials Not Allowed – tree trunks & stumps, branches larger than 3” in diameter, fence posts, railroad ties, firewood, rocks, sod or dirt.
- To make the containers more visible, please mark containers with a large YW or X.

**Drop-Off Facility** located at Knox Park is open Saturdays from 7 AM to Noon until December 9th. Vehicle used to transport material must display a current city vehicle sticker. Yard waste may either be in a 2-ply, 50# kraft paper bags or garbage type cans. Plastic bags are allowed only if untied and taken home with the resident. This program is free.

- Acceptable Materials – grass clippings, leaves, branches 3” in diameter or less, brush, garden plants, flowers, weeds, bark pieces, pine cones.
- Branches must be bundled to a maximum of 2 feet in diameter and a maximum of 50 pounds per bundle.
- Branches must be bundled to a maximum length of 4 feet, a maximum.
- Materials Not Allowed – tree trunks & stumps, branches larger than 3” in diameter, fence posts, railroad ties, firewood, rocks, sod or dirt.

## FALL BRUSH PICKUP PROGRAM CHANGE

The City of McHenry’s Fall Brush Pickup Program will begin on October 2, 2017 for the entire City. Please be aware of the changes being implemented in the program. There will no longer be designated weeks for the different areas of the City. Beginning on October 2nd, the crews will visit each street once and continue until they have gone through the entire City. No callbacks will be made.

**Note:** This program is for tree material only; yardwaste belongs in the Yardwaste Collection Program provided by the City of McHenry’s waste hauler. When placing branches at the curb, make sure they are not in the street and that all branches are as long as possible and no more than 5 inches in diameter. Residents are advised to place their brush on the parkway parallel to the street no later than October 2nd at 7:00 a.m. This program is intended for larger tree branches resulting from trimming or storm damage. No stumps or roots will be taken. The program is for residential properties only.

## FALL LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM

The City’s Refuse and Recycling Program provides for a special leaf collection program beginning October 2nd and ending December 8th. Prairieland Disposal will perform this service utilizing specially designed vacuum equipment. Collections will generally be made the same day as refuse collections. Schedules may be delayed during periods of heavy rain.

Rake leaves to be collected into piles alongside the roadway or between the roadway and sidewalk within 4 feet of roadway edge or curbing. Do not rake leaves onto the roadway. Do not place piles of leaves in drainage ditches.

In addition, please note that cars cannot be parked in the roadway when collections are made. The contractor must have clear access to the curb line or roadside to properly collect leaves, thank you for your cooperation.



## POOL DRAINING TIPS TO PROTECT WATER QUALITY

With fall right around the corner, numerous McHenry area residents will be preparing their swimming pools for the winter. Prior to winterizing or draining your pool, the water must be checked for chemicals and additives. Follow these tips to properly drain your pool and protect our community's water resources.

If possible, it is best to allow the water to drain onto your landscape. This recycles the pool water, conserves irrigation water, and avoids environmental risks associated with draining your pool to the street. When pool water is drained to the street, it can carry pollutants such as grease, sediment, trash, harmful additives and chemicals into the storm drain, nearest creek, pond or Fox River. If the water is not properly treated to remove these chemical pollutants, they can cause further damage to the health of our waterways and to plants and animals. For chlorine pools, chlorine levels must be lowered to less than 1 part per million prior to draining. This can be done naturally by allowing the pool water to sit in the sun for a minimum of three days. Alternatively, de-chlorination kits can be purchased at pool supply stores that contain what you need to reach appropriate chlorine levels prior to draining your pool to the curb and gutter.

Before draining the water to the street, sweep the curb and gutter between the discharge point from your yard to the storm drain downhill from your home. This will remove any pollutants from the gutter that may be carried into the storm drain.



### MAILBOX POLICY

The homeowner will be responsible for the repair and replacement of the mailbox and post if it is damaged or knocked down by the snow coming off of the plow, (the windrow) and not the direct hit from the city plow.

#### If your mailbox is damaged by a direct hit from the city plow:

- It will be repaired or replaced with a standard rural steel mailbox unit and posts will be replaced with a 4x4 wooden post.
- The City is not responsible for any cost of repair or replacement in excess of \$50.00 for damage to mailbox. All reimbursements will be made only with the presentation of sales receipts for materials used in such repair and replacement of the mailbox.
- All labor costs to install the mailbox will be the responsibility of the owner.

Curbside mailboxes in the city right of way will be mounted on a wooden post no smaller than 4 inches by 4 inches and firmly secured in the ground. Use of masonry columns and structures erected on the parkway to protect mailboxes such as large boulders, steel beams, concrete or brick structures, or similar devices are prohibited. Mailboxes and support structures will be installed within but no closer than 6 to 8 inches from the edge of the street pavement or the back of the street curb if a curb exists. The bottom surface of the mailbox cannot be less than 41 inches and not more than 45 inches from the ground as illustrated in Figure 1:

Curbside mailboxes and support structures cannot be installed within 10 feet of the point of curvature at any street intersection as illustrated in Figure 2.

This ordinance is located in the City of McHenry Municipal Code, Section 1, Chapter 21, Article VII, Sec. 21-120 "Damaged Mailboxes" and can be viewed on the City website [www.ci.mchenry.il.us](http://www.ci.mchenry.il.us).

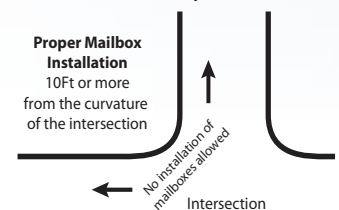
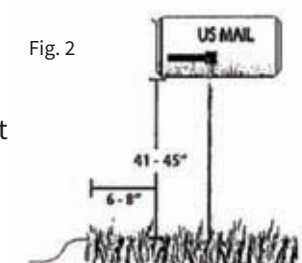


Fig. 1

Fig. 2



# WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT CONSOLIDATION UPDATE



In January of 2016 construction began on an addition to the South Wastewater Treatment Plant to replace the aging Central Wastewater Treatment Plant located on Waukegan Rd. A regional pump station is being built to direct the flow from Central to the South Plant. The underground pipeline that connects the regional pump station and the treatment plant has been completed. The remainder of the construction is expected to be completed by December 2017.

Electricians continue pulling wires into place and making the necessary connections. Pipefitters have been fabricating and installing the stainless steel process piping and most of the larger pieces of equipment are put in place. All the exterior brickwork on the buildings has been completed.

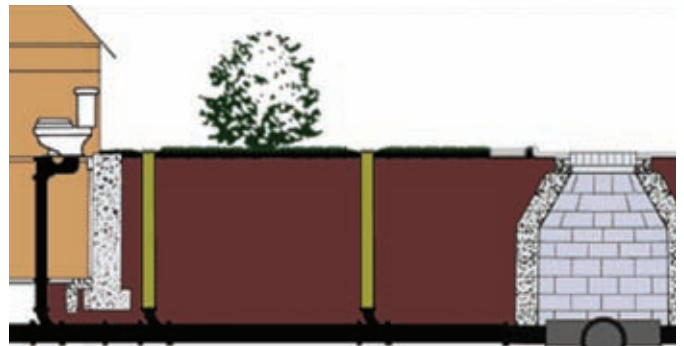
Upgrades to the South Wastewater Treatment Plant will be put into service in stages over the next few months. Residents and businesses will see no disruption or change in their sanitary sewer service.

By the end of 2017 all of the City's wastewater treatment will be consolidated into the South Wastewater Treatment Plant located at 3200 Charles J Miller Rd.

## EXPERIENCING A SEWER BACKUP? CALL PUBLIC WORKS FIRST

If you are experiencing a sewer backup, contact the Public Works Department at 815-363-2186 during the hours of 7:00 am to 3:30 pm or after 3:30 pm, call the non-emergency police phone number at 815-363-2200, before you call a plumber. Public Works personnel will be sent to your location to assess the problem. If the blockage is in the City's sewer main line, the City will take corrective action as quickly as possible. If the blockage is in your line (that portion from the building to the sewer main line), you will be requested to call a plumber to clear your building's service. In this instance, all necessary repairs and restoration are the responsibility of the homeowner.

**If you have any questions,  
need additional details or  
assistance, call  
815-363-2186.**



Public  
Works

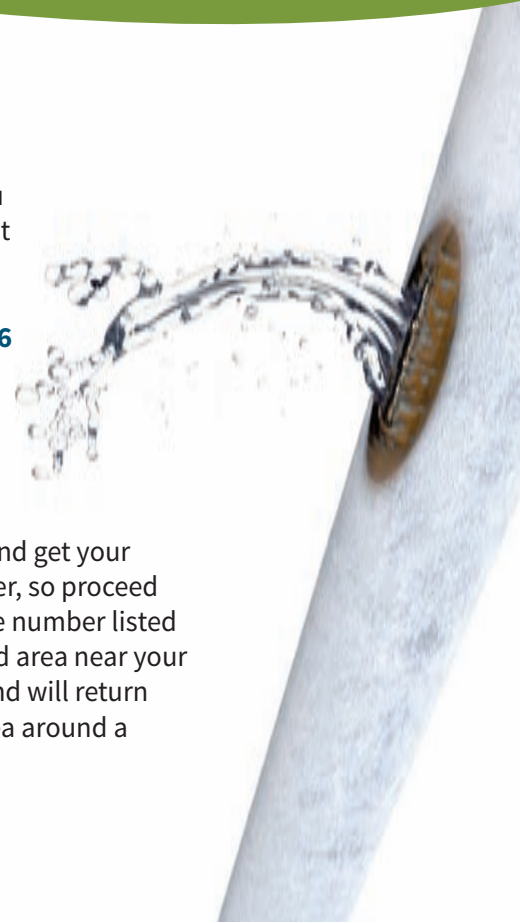


## WATERMAIN BREAKS

Each year the freezing and thawing temperatures can cause watermain breaks. If you should see water coming out of the ground that is not normal for the area, or feel that something else might be happening with regard to watermain breaks, please call:

**MONDAY – FRIDAY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7 AM & 3:30 PM CALL 815-363-2186  
AFTER HOURS, HOLIDAYS & WEEKENDS CALL POLICE NON-EMERGENCY  
AT 815-363-2200.**

At times, it may become necessary to shut off water service to residents in order to repair a watermain break. When possible, residents are notified prior to having their water turned off. Public Works crews will work around the clock to repair the break and get your water back in service. Areas around a watermain break can freeze during cold weather, so proceed with caution on roadways and sidewalks. If icy conditions exist, please call the phone number listed above. Excavation is required to repair the watermain break. If you have an excavated area near your home, do not attempt to fill in the site. The City will leave the site in a safe manner and will return to repair the area in the spring when the ground has thawed. Should the restored area around a previous break settle, please call for a crew to come out.



## STORM DAMAGE PICKUP CRITERIA

The City will pick up storm damage only if it has fallen as the result of a “High Wind Warning” storm event as described by the National Weather Service Chicago Weather Forecast Office. This weather is described as an event that has sustained winds of 40 mph or greater and gusts of 58 mph or greater. If a weather event has winds at or in excess of these speeds, residents may call Public Works within one week to make an arrangement to have the branches picked up.

Residents can visit the National Weather Service’s website at [www.weather.gov](http://www.weather.gov) to find out whether an event qualifies as a “High Wind Warning” or has wind speeds at or greater than mentioned at any time. The page that opens will indicate if a “High Wind Warning” was issued. This is how the City will determine whether an event is a “storm.”

If the event was not a “storm,” residents who do not have a landscape service should follow the Prairieland Disposal guidelines for Yardwaste Pickup or Yardwaste Drop-off.

### *Prairieland Guidelines Are As Follows:*

#### **YARDWASTE PICK-UP:**

- Branches must be bundled to a maximum length of 4 feet, a maximum of 2 feet in diameter and a maximum of 50 pounds per bundle and must also have a pre-paid yardwaste sticker attached to each bundle.
- This program begins the first full week of April and ends the first full week of December on your regular garbage collection day.

#### **YARDWASTE DROP-OFF:**

- All branches must be bundled to a maximum length of 4 feet, a maximum of 2 feet in diameter and a maximum of 50 pounds per bundle.
- This program is held on Saturdays from 7:00 a.m. until noon beginning the first full week of April and ending in the first full week of December.

**For more information please contact the Public Works Department at (815) 363-2186.**

## SNOW AND ICE POLICY

With snow comes the opportunity to be a good neighbor and make sure that your driveway and public sidewalks are cleared of snow and ice. Please remember it is unlawful to deposit or cause to be deposited snow and ice from private property on or against a fire hydrant, public sidewalk, roadway or public loading and unloading areas.

The City encourages all residents to remove accumulations of snow and ice from public sidewalks adjacent to their homes and property within 24 hours after the accumulation of snow and ice began. The cleaning of snow makes it possible for school children and all residents to walk and move safely through our community.

**For complete details on city ordinances, please call 815-363-2100 or view them online at [www.ci.mchenry.il.us](http://www.ci.mchenry.il.us) under the Government tab.**



## 2018 CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP PROGRAM

The annual Christmas Tree Recycling Program will begin January 2, 2018 and conclude January 12, 2018. Residents are asked to place their trees at the curb prior to 7:00 AM on January 2nd. Trees must be free of decorations, wire and lights, and may not be placed in plastic bags. Wreaths and evergreen garland will not be accepted. Trees will be recycled into wood chips.



## HOLIDAY LIGHTS RECYCLING PROGRAM 2017-18

Prairieland Disposal's Holiday Light Recycling Program will begin December 1, 2017 and end January 31, 2018. There will be two locations available Monday through Friday. One of the drop-off sites will be located at the Public Works Facility, 1415 Industrial Drive from 7:00 am through 3:30 pm. The other drop-off site will be at the Municipal Center, 333 S. Green Street from 8:00 am through 5:00 pm. Acceptable lights are mini-lights (Italian lights), C7 lights, C9 lights, rope lights, LED lights, extension cords etc. All colors and lengths will be accepted. Garland, live greens, wreaths or other non-recyclable are not accepted in the program. **If you have any questions, call Prairieland Disposal at 847-381-9300 or the Public Works Department at 815-363-2186.**

