



CITY OF
McHenry Illinois
HEART OF THE FOX RIVER

NEWSLETTER

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SUMMER
2018



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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 held in the Municipal Center Council Chambers. City Council meeting agendas and minutes are posted on the city web site at www.ci.mchenry.il.us.

CITY PHONE NUMBERS

Municipal Center	815-363-2100
Mayor Wayne Jett Jr.	815-363-2108
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Community Development	815-363-2170
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Director Douglas Martin	
Finance	815-363-2100
Director Carolyn Lynch	
Parks & Recreation/Parks	815-363-2160
Maintenance	
Director Bill Hobson	
Public Works	815-363-2186
Director Jon Schmitt	
Police	815-363-2200
Chief John Birk	
Emergency	911
Non-Emergency	815-363-2200
McHenry Township Fire Protection District	
Emergency	911
Non-Emergency	815-385-0075

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HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

CITY OF MCHENRY OFFICES

WILL BE CLOSED ON:

Memorial Day Monday, May 28
Independence Day Wednesday, July 4
The Prairieland Disposal schedule will be delayed one day due to holidays.



CHARACTER COUNTS!®
The Pillar for April is RESPECT

Message from Mayor Wayne Jett:

In May, I will have been serving as your Mayor for one year. Much has happened this past year; our expectations are high and it is my commitment to you to meet those expectations.

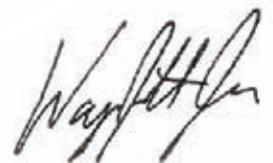
Inside this edition of the City Newsletter is information on infrastructure improvement projects, community events, information technology programs to aid in getting information out to our residents in an accurate and efficient manner, and new legislation enacted by the City Council to improve the quality of life for our community.

Looking ahead, our future is bright. Major infrastructure improvements such as the Pearl Street and Lincoln Road project will enhance traffic flow through our community.

The new *McHenry ShamRocks the Fox* event planned over the St. Patrick's Day weekend will enhance the exposure of our downtown businesses offering entertainment for our community and visitors. The McHenry Downtown Theater opened a few weeks ago adding another entertainment venue for McHenry that can be enjoyed by the entire community.

Also inside is information on the city's NIXLE 360 upgrade for all McHenry residents and businesses. This new communication platform will allow the City of McHenry to increase real-time communication with residents through text, email and voice messages. Be sure to sign up!

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!®
The Pillar for May is RESPONSIBILITY

APRIL

Sat. 7th
1-4 PM

Beer, Bacon & Bikes

Tour through many of Downtown McHenry's shops and restaurants for craft beer sampling from your favorite local breweries, appetizers and treats from local dining places, and downtown shopping. Tickets \$30 online or \$35 day of event. Price includes complimentary tasting glass, craft beer tasters, food samples and choice of craft beer howler (small growler served at the end). Event t-shirts available online at event. Registration & wrist banding begins 12:30 PM at Mixin Mingle & The Bike Haven. Valid driver's license or state ID required. This is a 21 and over event – no exceptions. Purchase advance tickets at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/beer-bacon-bikes-tickets-40088183837>



APRIL

Fri. 27th
3:00 PM

Arbor Day Ceremony

McHenry Municipal Center Council Chamber

Planting trees is a wonderful way to help the environment and memorialize someone special. As a part of the city's celebration, the Arbor Day Tree Donation Program has been established to help residents with all of the details for planting or donating a tree. Residents wishing to participate in this program must fill out the tree donation form available online at www.ci.mchenry.il.us, or at the Municipal Center. The deadline for tree donations is April 6, 2018. For further information regarding this program please contact the Public Works Department Forestry Crew Leader, Mike Harper at 815-363-2162.



MAY

Mon. 28th

Memorial Day

The annual Combined Veterans Memorial Day Ceremony will be held on Monday, May 28th, in Veterans Memorial Park at 10:00 AM. The ceremony includes a brief parade and placement of the ceremonial wreath at St. Patrick's Cemetery and in the Fox River, concluding with "Taps" and a rifle salute.



CHARACTER COUNTS![®]
The Pillar for June is FAIRNESS



2018 SUMMER/FALL CONCERT SERIES

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK, 3400 PEARL ST.

Food & Refreshments Available!



MAY

Thurs. 31st
Through

SEPT

27th
7:30 PM

**The 2018
McHenry Farmers
Market will be
here before
you know it.**



MAY

Thurs. 17th
Through

SEPT

27th
4:30 PM-8:00 PM

Mark your calendars...

Veterans Memorial Park, 3400 Pearl Street.

Keep informed by liking us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/mchenryfarmersmarket/>. Bring your cooler to keep your goodies safe and stay for the city band concerts.

The City of McHenry and the McHenry Farmers Market are proud to announce that Bella Cain Unplugged will perform immediately following the Thursday, August 16 market events. Spread the word!

Vendor applications can be requested by emailing tconaway@ci.mchenry.il.us.

Community Events & Information

JUNE

Sat. June 2
1-4:30 PM

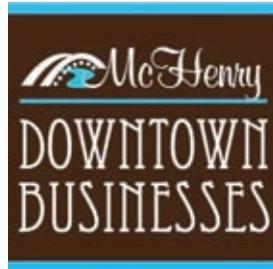
Come with family and friends to visit and TASTE from participating downtown food and beverage establishments!

- ☀️ \$1.00 – \$3.00 per taste
- ☀️ Specials and discounts at downtown shops and businesses

mchenrydowntown.biz
Like Us on Facebook

Taste of Summer

Food, Friends & Fun



JUNE

4th
Through

OCTOBER

1st

NOW THE LARGEST & LONGEST CRUISE NIGHT IN McHENRY COUNTY!

GREEN STREET

ORGANIZED BY Letizia Financial

2016 Organized by: Frank C. Foss, Woodstock, IL

Cruise Night

Downtown McHenry, IL
Opens Monday, May 23rd and runs thru September 26th, 2016

Green Street Municipal Lot

6-8:30 PM

Organized by Letizia Financial



JUNE

Sat. June 9

(rain date June 10th).



Kiwanis All American Soap Box Derby

Applications are available at the McHenry Savings Bank or online at www.mchenrykiwanis.org



Day at Petersen Farm

The City of McHenry Landmark Commission partnering with the McHenry County Farm Bureau will sponsor the eleventh annual A Day at Petersen Farm at McHenry's historic farm site on Sunday, June 24th from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM. This year's theme is Illinois' Bicentennial. Last year over 2200 residents enjoyed 4-H animals, antique farm tractors & equipment, a dairy cow exhibition with cow milking, craft presentations, hayrides, a 1913 steam-powered tractor, farm gardens, house & barn tours, magic shows & live music and three food vendors. If you need more info Pat Wirtz can be contacted at 815-385-0191 patwirtz@att.net

JUNE

24th
10 AM - 4 PM



Celebrate Independence Day!

Petersen Park

McHenry Area Jaycees Day Fireworks
Park Opens at 4:00 PM – Fireworks at Dusk



JULY

7th

JULY

12th
Through
22nd

Fiesta Days

Eleven days of family fun that includes a parade, Music Fest, Arts & Crafts In The Park, Sidewalk Sales, Food Fest, Teen Night, Car Show and lots of entertainment designed to please the entire family. To learn more visit www.mchenryfiestadays.com.



CHARACTER COUNTS!®
The Pillar for July is Caring

A graphic for the "Blues + Brews + BBQ 2018" event. It features a wooden background with a red sign on the left that says "McHENRY ROTARY BLUES + BREWS + BBQ 2018". To the right, the schedule is listed for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. A red banner at the bottom indicates the location: "PETERSEN PARK • McHENRY, ILLINOIS".

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
AUG 17	AUG 18	AUG 19
5:00p - 11:00p	3:00p - 11:00p	11:30a - 6:00p



CITY OF MCHENRY ANNOUNCES NEW COMMUNICATION PLATFORM FOR 2018

The City of McHenry announces NIXLE 360 upgrade for all McHenry residents and businesses. Since 2009 the McHenry Police Department has used Nixle as a method for communicating with its residents and local business. The City upgraded to NIXLE 360 to include all city departments to improve overall communications to those we serve.

This new communication platform will allow the City to increase real-time communication with its residents through text, email and voice messages. Through Nixle 360 the City will have three distinct platforms to keep residents informed; McHenry Police Department, McHenry Public Works and McHenry City Hall.

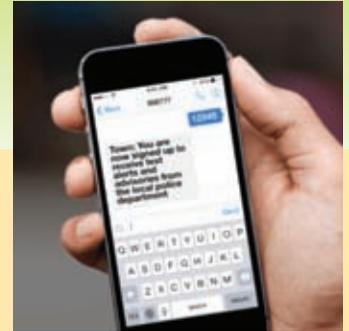
Through the McHenry Police Department residents will be alerted to public safety Alerts, Advisories and Community Notifications. Through McHenry Public Works and McHenry City Hall residents will be advised of Advisory Notices and Community Notifications.

Alerts will be broadcast via text message and email with the option to send out voice message to landlines in time of extreme emergencies. Typical Alerts will include; missing persons, attempted abductions, abductions, traffic emergencies, wanted subjects, attempted kidnappings, kidnappings, police activity, criminal activity, blue alert and silver alert.

Advisories will be broadcast via text message and email. Typical Advisories will include; health advisories, weather advisories, school advisories, gas leaks, police activities, traffic congestion, water main breaks, water boil orders and road closures.

Community Notifications will be sent out via email only. Typical Community Notifications will address; community news, community updates, road construction notices, public event reminders, community group invitations and volunteer information.

The City of McHenry is asking all residents, visitors and business owners and employees to sign up, it's free! Please pass along this information to others so we can build upon the success of the program.



Signup can be accomplished in three ways:

1. Text 60050 to 888777 from your mobile phone: This signup method will allow you to receive text notifications (only) from McHenry for Alerts and Advisories but will not get you email notifications.
2. Visit the Nixle website (www.nixle.com), enter your McHenry zip code, and complete the online registration: This signup method will allow you to input your cell phone, home phone and email which allows you to get information through all three delivery platforms.
3. Go to <http://www.ci.mchenry.il.us/nixle> and enter your information in one or all of the three forms at the bottom of this page to receive targeted alerts as follows: This is the RECOMMENDED method of signup as it will allow you to input your cell phone, home phone and email which allows you to get information through all three delivery platforms. Please sign up using all three forms so you get information and notices by City Hall, Police and Public Works.

All Nixle notifications are targeted geographically, allowing residents to receive localized, relevant alerts from the City of McHenry, McHenry Police Department, and McHenry Public Works Department. Through www.nixle.com, users can also choose to receive notifications from other surrounding public organizations - such as the McHenry County Sheriff's Office and McHenry School District 15.

The City of McHenry is committed to the open and timely exchange of information to our residents and those who work and visit McHenry. This new free communication platform will help to ensure we can reach all our residents in times of need.



MISS MCHENRY SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT

Applications are now being accepted for the 69th Annual Miss McHenry Scholarship Pageant. The pageant will be held on June 2nd in the McHenry High School West

Campus Auditorium. Applications are available at East & West Campus, Marian Central, McHenry Municipal Center, and on the city website, www.ci.mchenry.il.us.

Miss McHenry is a scholarship pageant, and the queen receives a \$1,000 scholarship! The pageant does NOT require talent or swimsuit competition. All applicants will be personally contacted by Pageant Director Vanessa Kaszubowski.

Registration is open to young women between the ages of 16 and 20. Contestants must live within the boundaries of McHenry School District 156 with a McHenry

Left to right: Jessica Holzer, Lindsey Huff

address and have never been married. Only the first 15 applications will be accepted. Contestants are required to obtain business sponsorship/sponsorships (2 maximum) in an amount equal to \$200.

**Contact Pageant Director
Vanessa Kazubowski
missmchenrypageant@yahoo.com
or
call 815-451-2782.**

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. 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.

2018 SPRING HYDRANT FLUSHING PROGRAM

The city will begin its spring hydrant flushing operation throughout the city on April 9th, 2018 for a two week period ending April 20th. Should a delay arise, the flushing operation will be completed the week of April 23rd. 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.**

2018 YARDWASTE PROGRAMS

Curbside Collection begins April 2nd. Residents may use either 2-ply, 50# weight Kraft paper bags or garbage type cans that do not exceed 33 gallons in size with a maximum weight of 50 lbs per container. No plastic bags are allowed. Containers must have a pre-paid yardwaste sticker affixed to each bag or can. Stickers may be purchased at the Municipal Center or any location that sells refuse stickers. Branches must be bundled to a maximum length of 4 feet, a maximum of 2 feet in diameter and a maximum of 50 lbs. per bundle and must also have a pre-paid yardwaste sticker attached to each bundle.

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 opened on Saturdays from 7 AM until noon beginning April 7. The facility is located at Knox Park and can be accessed from Bank Drive. There is no charge for this service to residents but the vehicle used to transport the material must display a current city vehicle sticker.

Yard waste may either be in 2-ply, 50# weight Kraft paper bags or garbage type cans. Plastic bags are allowed if they are untied upon drop-off and taken home with the resident.

Acceptable Materials: grass clippings, leaves, branches 3” in diameter or less, brush, garden plants, flowers, weeds, bark pieces, pine cones.

- o All branches must be bundled to a maximum length of 4 feet, a maximum of 2 feet in diameter and a maximum of 50 lbs. per bundle

Materials Not Allowed: tree trunks & stumps, branches larger than 3” in diameter, fence posts, railroad ties, firewood, rocks, sod or dirt.

2018 E-WASTE COLLECTION

On January 1, 2012, the Illinois Electronic Products Recycling and Reuse Act banned certain types of electronics from being disposed in Illinois landfills such as televisions, monitors, computers, laptops, electronic mice and many other common electronic items you may have in your home.

Prairieland Disposal will remove e-waste at the curb on your regular pickup day beginning March 26th and ending March 30. Residents are limited to five (5) electronic items per pickup. Out of those five (5) items, only one (1) may be a television or one (1) computer monitor.

During last September's collection 18,677 pounds of CPUs, televisions, monitors, and printers were removed.

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

A complete list of electronics that are banned from landfills is available online from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency website at:

www.epa.illinois.gov Click on the Citizen's tab, on the drop-down list click on land pollution and waste disposal.



RESTORATION WORK

Restoration work to parkways damaged by snowplows and water main breaks will begin in the spring. Materials such as black dirt, sod, and blacktop need to be available before work can begin. Restoration of damaged sidewalks and curbs will start as soon as the weather permits. This is ongoing work for the Public Works Utility and Street Divisions and will commence as soon as possible.



2018 SPRING BRUSH PICKUP PROGRAM BEGINS APRIL 30TH

The City of McHenry's Spring Brush Pickup Program will begin on **April 30** for the entire City.

Please be aware of the changes that were implemented last year in the program. There is no longer designated weeks for the different areas of the City. Beginning on April 30th, 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 April 30th 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.

If you have any questions, please call the Public Works Department at 815-363-2186.

STORM DAMAGE PICK-UP CRITERIA

The City will pickup storm damage only if it has fallen as the result of a “High Wind Warning” storm event as defined 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 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 either 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 yard waste 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.

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 located east of Route 31, including east of the River, and Pebble Creek, Millstream, Timber Ridge, Oaks of McHenry, and Riverside Hollow subdivisions will be receiving door hangers. Please make every attempt to schedule an appointment within five days of receiving the door hanger. Water Division personnel have been changing meters in Winding Creek, Whispering Oaks, Cooney Heights, Lakeland Park, Legend Lakes, Boone Creek and Park Ridge Estates subdivisions and will soon be completed. Please call the **Public Works Department at 815-363-2186 with any questions or to set up an appointment.**



THE CITY OF MCHENRY & STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Stormwater discharges are governed under the National Pollution Elimination Discharge System (NPDES), which is run by the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The NPDES has its origins in the Federal Clean Water Act of 1972. The stormwater discharge requirements of NPDES are administered by the IEPA Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Program.

Requirements of the program are:

1. Development of a stormwater management program comprised of best management practices and measurable goals for each of the following six minimum control measures:
 - Public education and outreach on storm water impacts
 - Public involvement and participation
 - Illicit discharge detection and elimination
 - Construction site storm water runoff control
 - Post construction storm water management in new development and redevelopment
 - Pollution prevention/good housekeeping for municipal operations
2. Submit a completed Notice of Intent.
3. Annual reports to the IEPA by June 1 for each year the permit is in effect.



As part of the City's public education and outreach on stormwater impacts, the City of McHenry has produced a pamphlet called "After the Storm." It is a citizen's guide to understanding stormwater. The pamphlet explains what stormwater runoff is, why it is a pollution problem and what we as citizens of McHenry can do to prevent it. These pamphlets are available at the Municipal Center at 333 S. Green Street and at the Public Works Facility at 1415 Industrial Drive. The pamphlets are available in English and Spanish.

WASTEWATER CONSOLIDATION

In January of 2016 the City began the consolidation of the Central and South Wastewater Treatment Plants. As a result of this consolidation a regional pump station and conveyance line have been built to direct the flow from the Central Wastewater Treatment Plant on Waukegan Road to the South Wastewater Treatment Plant on Charles Miller Road. An entirely new state-of-the-art wastewater treatment plant was built on Charles Miller Road to treat the flow from the regional pump station. With completion of the project in January 2018, all of the City's wastewater treatment has been consolidated to one location on Charles Miller Road.



PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

Pearl Street and Lincoln Road Improvements between Route 31 and Chapel Hill Road. Improvements include intersection capacity improvements if warranted, an off-street bicycle path between the Fox River and Chapel Hill Road on Lincoln Road, sidewalk improvements in conformance with the latest accessibility guidelines, curb and gutter replacement, bridge deck rehabilitation and hot mix asphalt pavement removal and replacement with binder and surface courses. The McHenry County Council of Mayors authorized \$1,500,000 in Surface Transportation Project funding for up to 80% of the total cost of construction with a 20% match from the City. Project letting is expected in April and construction is expected to begin in 2018.

Elm Street Lighting: The City has applied for Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program funding to replace street lighting along Elm Street from Green Street to River Road. Notification of funding approval will be released spring 2018.

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.

MANUFACTURING TRADES AND INDUSTRY (MTI) EXPO A SUCCESS



The 2017 Manufacturing Trades & Industry Career Expo was a huge success. The 3rd annual MTI Expo date is set for **October 2, 2018** from 6-8 PM at McHenry East Campus High School. The Expo is a collaborative effort of numerous organizations and features 45-50 companies and organizations targeting parents and students junior high through high school to provide them a canvas of options available to them after they graduate high school. It's never too early to start planning. Everyone is welcome and the event is free.

CITY OF MCHENRY PARTNERS WITH MCHENRY TOWNSHIP TO CONTINUE OFFERING FREE DIAL-A-RIDE VOUCHERS

The City of McHenry has partnered with McHenry Township to offer bus vouchers at no cost to City residents 60 years of age and better who live in McHenry and Nunda Townships. Anyone wishing to use the McHenry Township Bus Service must first register by calling McHenry Township at 815-385-5605. You must register with the Township even if you have already provided proof of residency with the City of McHenry.

The City no longer provides bus vouchers through the MCRide Dial-A-Ride program. MCRide Dial-a-Ride service remains available to all City residents however, riders will need to pay the appropriate fare.

Dispatching for McHenry Township and Dial-A-Ride is done through the Pace Call Center. To schedule a ride for McHenry Township or MCRide Dial-A-Ride, simply call 800-451-4599.

UPDATE TO COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The City of McHenry Planning and Zoning Commission has been busy updating the city's land use map, formulating a proposed consistency policy, and developing recommended changes to the Comprehensive Plan.

Planning and Zoning Commission General Statutory Responsibilities

- Provide overview of major land use and transportation changes since 2005 Future Land Use Map Update and 2008 Comprehensive Plan and Development Policies Update.
- Review Existing and Future Land Use Maps and Relationship to Zoning Map and Comprehensive Plan and Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances.
- Discuss concurrency and consistency policies.
- Discuss developing policy for consistency for City.
- Provide overview of City of McHenry's existing boundary agreements and their purpose.
- Discuss Public Input Strategy and obtain input from the public on future land use map; comprehensive plan and other plans and ordinance updates.

The Planning and Zoning Commission wants and needs your input. Commission meeting schedule and agendas are posted on the City's website at www.ci.mchenry.il.us under the Government tab. Meetings are open to the public and public attendance and participation is welcome and encouraged.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FORMED

Mayor Jett and the McHenry City Council adopted an ordinance creating The City of McHenry Economic Development Commission. The primary functions of the Commission are business communication, business attraction, and business retention and expansion.

The Economic Development Commission information is located on the City website at www.ci.mchenry.il.us under the Government tab.

The Commission consists of nine members who endeavor to attract business and industry to the City and serves as an advisory body to the City Council on matters related to the business community along with additional powers and duties as may be assigned from time to time by the Mayor and City Council.

To carry out its primary functions, the Economic Development Commission prepares an annual work plan and outline that varies annually but generally includes the following projects:

- Provides advice to improve business section on website as well as other forms of marketing to assist the City in carrying out the primary functions of the Economic Development Commission.
- Discusses opportunities to carry out primary functions through use of focus groups, business retention visits, and other potential gatherings with a designated sector of the business community.
- Perform an annual review and update of business informational materials and new business welcome letter and other materials.
- Mail recognition letters to noted business successes and other forms of business recognition.
- Provide an annual report to the City Council with goals to be completed at the end of each fiscal year.
- Annually, special projects are conducted as needed, such as surveys, business recognition events, seminars and newsletter.

ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUDICATION

The City of McHenry's Administrative Adjudication Division hears a wide range of cases involving violations of municipal ordinances that were once heard in the McHenry County Circuit Court. Hearings are held at City Hall to expedite resolutions, reduce litigation expenses and are more convenient for residents and visitors who wish to contest a ticket or other citation.

An Administrative hearing is a civil, not a criminal proceeding. Cases are punishable by fines and a variety of other penalties, excluding jail time. Under the administrative hearing system, an Administrative Law judge, not the City entity that issued the ticket, complaint, or notice of violation, hears cases. Law judges, all of whom are experienced attorneys, are required to undergo state-mandated training to be professional, fair, and courteous.

Cases heard in Administrative Adjudication include police issued tickets, fire code violations, building code violations, and zoning violations.

Hearings are held in the Municipal Center, 333 S. Green Street. **For questions regarding Administrative Adjudication, please contact the Administration Adjudication Clerk at (815) 363-2155.**



DRAINAGE

With the winter thaw and spring rains around the corner be sure to pay attention to drainage improvements on and around your property.

Here are several recommendations to help prevent or minimize drainage problems:

- Check the gutters on your house, drainage ditches and storm sewer inlets around your property before and after any rainfalls.
- Remove and properly dispose of anything that could cause a blockage such as litter, grass clippings, branches, mulch etc. Remember, blockages are not only a nuisance they can cause real damage.
- Make sure that grass and plantings are in a healthy condition, and that bare soil is properly stabilized. Exposed soils not only erode quickly, they look bad and can build up in underground piping causing water not to flow properly.
- Never dump anything into storm sewers or drainage ditches such as grass clippings, leaves or motor oil.



PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

WHAT IF I HAVE A NEIGHBORHOOD COMPLAINT OR CONCERN?

You can speak directly with an employee of Community Development by calling 815-363-2170 Monday through Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. A property address with a specific location and description of the alleged violation will be required for all complaints. Complaints will be addressed within 5 business days of receipt. Emergencies will be addressed immediately.

Inspectors are available to discuss any problems you may have in correcting violations. Through a combined effort between you and the inspectors, the City of McHenry will continue to be a safe and good place to live and work.

If you have a concern regarding a property in your neighborhood, please contact Community and Economic Development at 815-363-2170 or email at ced@ci.mchenry.il.us with the location and nature of the complaint.

The Community Development Department has the responsibility of enforcing the Property Maintenance Code and related ordinances of the City of McHenry. Every property owner is required to maintain their properties and buildings. This is in the interest of health, safety, and welfare.

Our department has inspectors whose duties include responding to complaints when property maintenance issues are brought to our attention.

The City conducts property maintenance inspections to ensure compliance with City Ordinances to promote a safe environment while maintaining a high quality of life. We work closely with all residents to bring into compliance any properties that do not meet the standards of the City's Ordinances.

Typical violations include:

EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE

The purpose of exterior maintenance standards is to ensure a minimum level of health, safety, and welfare for everyone within the City of McHenry. The Property Maintenance codes protect against a variety of concerns including fire hazards, deteriorating structures, and unsanitary conditions. Left unmanaged, these concerns could lead to unsafe conditions and decreased property values.

WEEDS/GRASS

Every owner of property within the City shall maintain their entire property (including the parkway) to keep it free of weeds and grass in excess of eight inches in height. In the event the grass or weeds exceeds eight inches, the City has the authority to cut the weeds and grass at the expense of the property owner.

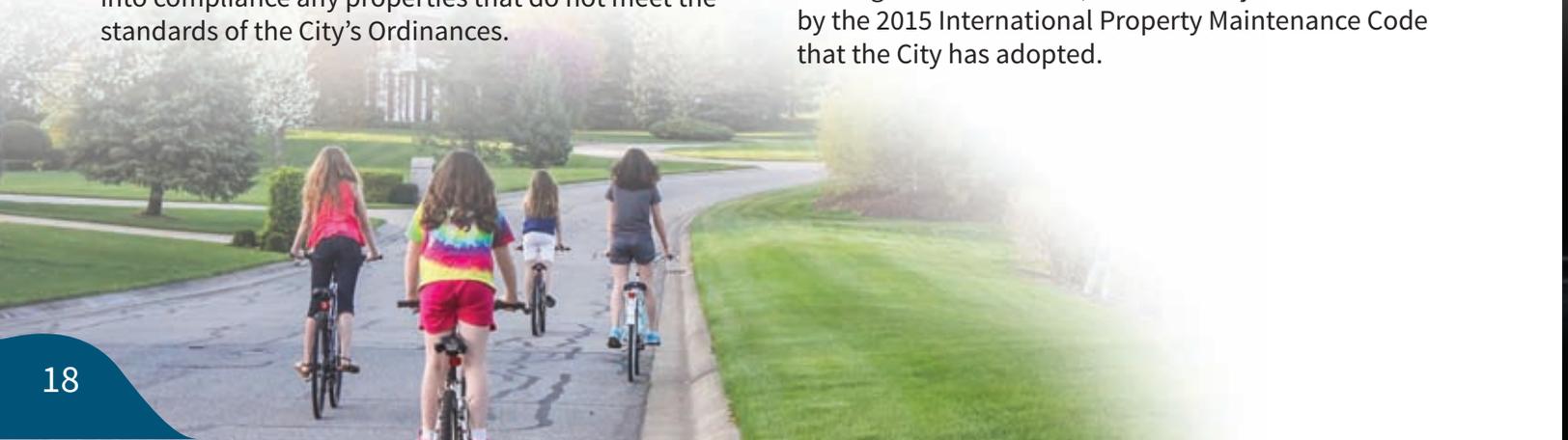
RESIDENTIAL PARKING

All automobiles and non-commercial vehicles in residential areas shall be parked on an approved surface. An approved surface shall mean asphalt, bituminous, concrete, or brick pavers. Commercial and recreational vehicles are subject to specific requirements based on type of commercial vehicles, size, height, and length.

RUBBISH, GARBAGE AND JUNK

Building staff continues working with the public to maintain a clean and safe environment for our citizens that is free of litter, rubbish and junk.

The regulations for litter, rubbish and junk are covered by the 2015 International Property Maintenance Code that the City has adopted.



NEW OFFICER

On Monday, December 4th, 2017, Roger Hendrickson was sworn in as a Probationary Police Officer. Roger is a Schaumburg High School graduate and attended Illinois State University. After serving as a police officer in Dallas (TX) for over seven years, Roger and his wife decided to return to the Chicagoland area to be closer to family. Roger then served as a police officer with Elk Grove Village for just over one year.



OVERNIGHT PARKING

The McHenry Police Department is excited to introduce a new program to make overnight parking requests easier for those who need to park on the street. We are launching a program called Frontline Public Safety Services to assist in the overnight parking requests.

This will lower the amount of calls that come into our busy dispatch center and you won't have to wait on hold if a higher priority call comes in!

At Parkingrequest.com you will be able to input your overnight parking request in just a few minutes. Your information, which we would normally take over the phone, will be immediately entered into our system.

When you access the website, you can add your vehicle to the list in a few easy steps:

1. Select "Illinois" from dropdown box
2. Click on "McHenry"
3. Click the orange "submit now" button under "Over Night Parking"
4. Fill in the requested information
5. When done, click submit

You will be sent a confirmation email and that's it! We hope this automated process works well for you. If you do not have access to this program, you can still call your request in. Please be aware of all parking ordinances prior to requesting overnight parking. Please, don't hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Non-Emergency 815-363-2200

Looking to receive alerts from the police department and other surrounding agencies? Sign up for Nixle 360 by texting your zip code to 888777 to opt-in.



COFFEE WITH A COP

The Police Department will begin a monthly “Coffee with a Cop” at various locations for general Q & A and conversation. Keep an eye out on the Police Department’s Facebook page for updates! [Facebook.com/McHenryPD](https://www.facebook.com/McHenryPD)



TORCH RUN

The McHenry Police Department raised over \$18,000 in donations for the Special Olympics of Illinois in 2017. It was our best year ever! We are looking for continued support for this amazing cause. Consider joining us for any of the events the police department participates in.



TEXTING & DRIVING

Distracted Driving:

Cellphone use, especially texting, has become the leading cause of death in teen drivers. It can be hard to grasp the dangers of texting and driving, but once you know the facts, this hazardous habit starts to become a reality.

In the United States:

- **26% of all car crashes** in 2014 involved cell phone use.
- At least 9 people are **killed every day** because of a distracted driver.
- More than 1,000 people are **injured every day** due to a distracted driver.
- In 2015 42% of teens **say they have texted while driving**—and texting and driving is the leading cause of death in teens.

As you can see, texting while driving has very **real consequences that will only get worse unless we work together** to make these statistics a thing of the past. (dmv.org)

The McHenry Police Department is asking that you put the phone down while you drive, and monitor your teens driving habits.



Come play with us this summer!

There's a lot to love about the McHenry Parks & Recreation Department. Check out our Summer Program Guide for all the fun you can have with us. The Summer Program Guide will be hitting mailboxes the first week of April.

CAMP MCHENRY

Summer day camp provides a fun, adventurous outdoor experience for kids ages 6 – 12! Experienced and trained camp counselors provide a safe and friendly atmosphere where children can make new friends and enjoy a variety of activities. Campers participate in arts & crafts, nature, adventure, games, team building, sports, swimming and field trips. Camp is held weekly Monday through Friday beginning June 4, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. Before & After Camp is available 7:00 am – 9:00 am and 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm for additional fees. Three and five day options are available this summer.

MINI EXPLORERS CAMP

New for this summer! This is a great opportunity for young children ages 4 – 6 to try camp on a part-time basis. Several 1 day themed mini-camps will be held at Knox Park from 9:00 am – 11:30 am. Themed games and arts & crafts will fill an adventurous morning. Sample themes include Super Heroes, Dinosaur Dig, Hawaiian Luau, In the Jungle, Lil' Green Thumbs, and so much more. Space is limited, register early!

SAFETY TOWN

Safety Town is a fun, hands-on educational program teaching children 4 – 6 years of age safe practices both at home and school. Each session includes instruction, fun activities and practice at our mini "town" located in Knox Park, complete with roadways and "buildings." Safety Town students are taught safety on variety of topics: bicycle, fire, stranger-danger and more. Weeklong camps will be held June 12 – 16. Several one day themed clinics will also be held throughout the summer.

DAY OF PLAY & FITNESS FAIR

Saturday, May 5 at 11:00 am – 3:00 pm, McHenry Recreation Center & Knox Park
Come out for a day of play and enjoy glimpses of our athletics, youth and fitness programs. Local health vendors will be on site to offer advice as well. This is an all ages, family fun event!

SUMMER 2018 RIVER RUN

Come enjoy a nice run along the river with 400 of your closest friends! We have a course designed for the walker or runner in your life. Courses are certified and chip timed. Fee includes t-shirt, swag bag, and after-race festivities. Medals given to top overall finishers along with age group 1st-3rd place finishers. Check out the course routes online at: www.ci.mchenry.il.us/special_events.

Saturday, July 14
10K at 8:00 am
All Ages 5K at 8:15 am
McHenry East Campus
\$15/youth 18 & under, \$25/adult

We are looking for sponsors to help with the event. Get your company in the spotlight. Sponsors receive a booth at vendor fair and company name on all promotional materials. Contact Nicole at 815-363-2165 to discuss the different levels of sponsorship today!

BIG WHEELS RACE

Monday, July 16 at 5:30 pm, Petersen Park
It's a McHenry tradition! Children ride their all-plastic big wheels and race around the "track" to pass the checkered flag!

PARK QUEST

Many people don't know the McHenry Parks & Recreation Department has 38 parks and approximately 650 acres of land. To promote your parks and to get you out there to enjoy them, McHenry Parks & Recreation is kicking off Park Quest! This program is free to anyone wishing to participate and is perfect for families and individuals or even groups of friends. Park Quest includes a map, clues, program instructions and a listing of prizes. Maps and additional program information will be available May 1.

Parks & Recreation

SUMMER SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Roster forms for softball leagues will be available at the McHenry Recreation Center or by emailing nthompson@ci.mchenry.il.us. League starts May 1. Teams must be in before Friday, April 22! Top teams receive prizes which include discounts on future team and league payouts. (NT)
Complete roster and full payment are required in order to secure a spot in the league. Payment is deposited immediately.

MEN'S 12" SOFTBALL LEAGUE

The Men's 12" Softball League consists of a 14 game schedule followed by single-elimination tournament with seeds based on league standings. Rec Division (Wed) - Teams will compete for discount voucher to winner of the night. Playoff winner receive payout of plaques and shirts. Competitive Division (Mon or Tue) - Team will compete for discount voucher to winner of the night. Playoff winners receive payouts of plaques and partial reimbursement of league fee. Competitive playoffs are combined and runs across two nights.

Early bird discount of \$100 if paid in full by April 6.

Reg #	Ages	Day	Dates	Time
18SLCM	18 & up	M	Apr 30	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
18SLCT	18 & up	TU	May 1	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
18SLRW	18 & up	W	May 2	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Location: Knox Park Ball Fields

Fee: \$700 + \$25 forfeit fee

CO-ED 12" SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Co-Ed 12" Softball League consists of an 8 game schedule and playoff tournament. Rec Division (Thu) - Teams will compete for discount voucher to winner of the night. Playoff winners receive payouts of plaques and shirts. Competitive Division (Fri) - Team will compete for discount voucher to winner of the night. Playoff winners receive payouts of plaques and cash/vouchers.

Early bird discount of \$50 if paid in full by April 6.

Reg #	Ages	Day	Dates	Time
18SLRT	18 & up	TH	May 3	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
18SLCF	18 & up	F	May 4	6:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Location: Knox Park Ball Fields

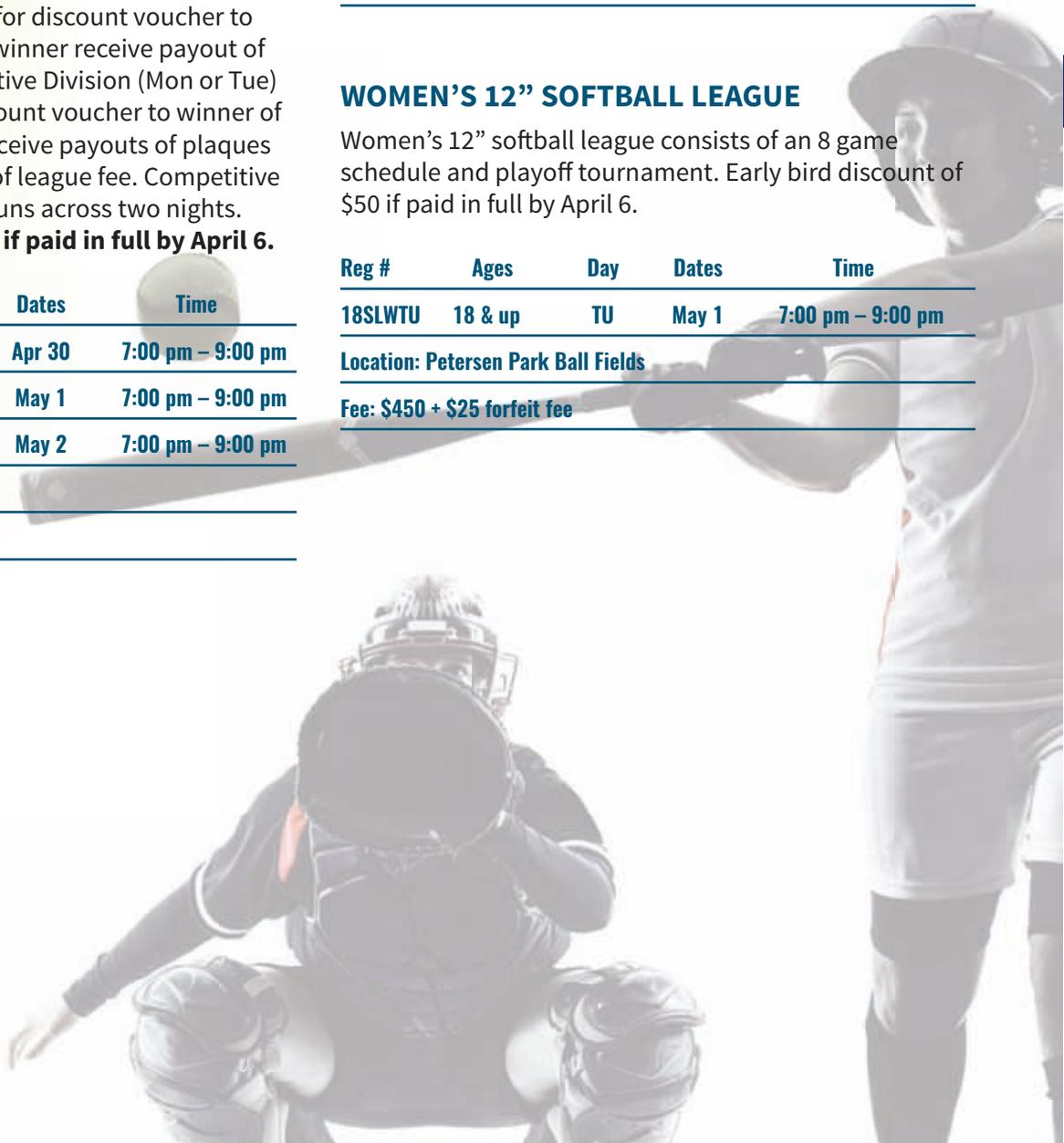
WOMEN'S 12" SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Women's 12" softball league consists of an 8 game schedule and playoff tournament. Early bird discount of \$50 if paid in full by April 6.

Reg #	Ages	Day	Dates	Time
18SLWTU	18 & up	TU	May 1	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Location: Petersen Park Ball Fields

Fee: \$450 + \$25 forfeit fee



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DOWNTOWN MCHENRY'S SHAMROCKS THE FOX

March 17 - 18th

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day weekend with a new McHenry event filled with fun activities for every age!

- Live music at Miller Point
- ShamRock Shuffle 5K Race
- Pancake Community Breakfast
- Children's activities
- Parade
- Green beer!
- **and the first ever dyeing the Fox River GREEN**

March 20, 2018 General Primary Election

McHenry Municipal Center Early Voting Hours:

Monday, March 5th - Friday, March 9th 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Saturday, March 10th, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Sunday, March 11th, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Monday, March 12th - Friday, March 16, 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Saturday, March 17th, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Sunday, March 18th, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Monday, March 19th 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM

March 20th Election Day Hours: 6:00 AM to 7:00 PM

For more information about early voting or voting locations, email the McHenry County Clerk's office at mchenryelection@co.mchenry.il.us or call 815-334-4242.

