



City Limits Newsletter

January 2024

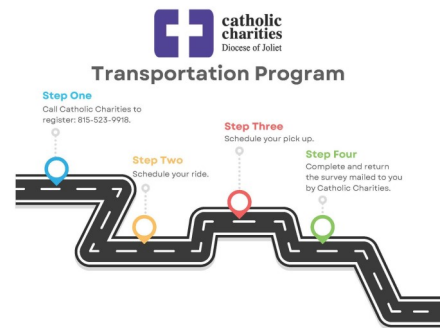
The City of Wilmington is updating its Comprehensive City Plan and preparing a NEW Master Parks Plan! This is a great opportunity for YOU to provide the City with feedback on our collective future vision with long-term goals and objectives for ALL public spaces and activities that affect the City of Wilmington.



Mark your calendar and please join us on January 31, 2024, for the first Public Open House, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Wilmington High School (209 Wildcat Court). The open house will be a great opportunity to learn more about the project, engage with interactive exhibits, identify key community issues, and share other thoughts and ideas.

Need a lift? You're in good hands with the [Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet](#) Transportation Program!

This program is available to eligible participants until the end of 2024 and rides are FREE! Where can you go? Medical appointments up to 75 miles, one way – shopping – dining – spiritual needs – education needs – and more.



The Transportation Program is being offered through the [Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet](#). To register, please contact (815) 523-9918.

211

United Way
Will County, Illinois

Did you know that 211 is the most comprehensive source of information about local resources and services in the country? To make it even better, 211 is powered by real people - trained specialists who work to identify and address the root causes of a client's problem. That means from the first hello, someone in crisis is reaching a real person who can provide a connection to help.

If you're feeling overwhelmed or facing difficulties with your mental health, remember that support is readily available. Reach out to the 211 hotline for assistance and guidance. You don't have to go through it alone. Let's prioritize our well being and extend a helping hand to one another.

To learn more visit: <https://uwwill.org/211-2/>

Yes, Homewood Disposal will dispose of your live Christmas tree at no extra charge. Christmas tree removal is part of your curbside service. Please put your tree out for removal on your regularly scheduled residential garbage pick up day. Homewood Disposal encourages us to dispose of our Christmas tree within the first few weeks of January. Even a well watered tree will dry out eventually and can become a fire hazard.



Please follow these guidelines when setting out your Christmas tree for curbside collection:

- Remove all lights, ornaments, tinsel, and the tree stand
- Place tree at curb on your regular pick up day
- No flocked trees, please

January Workiversaries!

Nick Hansen	17 years
Lynn Rung	5 years
Jeannine Smith	2 years
Curtis Knippen	2 years
Jacob Jasnosz	1 year
Kollin Salazar	1 year

Other Important Info

2024 Golf Cart Stickers are available for purchase. Applications are available at City Hall or online.

Meeting Calendar

January 9 - 7:00 PM
Committee of the Whole

January 11 - 5:00 PM
Planning & Zoning

January 16 - 6:00 PM
Finance, Admin, Land Acq

January 16 - 7:00 PM
City Council

February 1 - 5:00 PM
Planning & Zoning

February 6 - 7:00 PM
City Council

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Avoid Frozen Water Pipes

It's the freezing season! As the temperature drops for more prolonged periods of time, the greater the chance that pipes could freeze and burst causing costly damage to homes. The City wants to remind you of a few simple preventative steps:

- When the weather is very cold outside, let the water drip from faucets with pipes in outside walls. Running water through the pipe, even at a trickle, helps prevent pipes from freezing. The temperature of the running water is above freezing.
- Open kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing. Be sure to move any harmful cleaners and household chemicals up out of the reach of children.
- Keep the thermostat set to the same temperature day and at night. Don't lower the temperature at night during the cold spell. It might raise the heating bill a little bit, but can prevent a much more costly repair job if pipes freeze and burst.
- If you will be going away during cold weather, leave the heat on in your home or business set to a temperature no lower than 55°F.

Employee Spotlight Philip Bukovic

What is your role at the City? How long have you been with the City and what position did you start at? ***I have been working for the city as a part-time patrol officer since May, 2016. For 7 1/2 years, I work in place of an officer who needs time off, be it training, sick, injury, special assignment, or personal reasons.***

If you could switch your job with anyone else within the City, whose job would you want? ***I enjoy what I do and the officers I work with so if the opportunity was available I would accept an administrative position.***

What is on your wish list for the next 5 years with the City? ***Continue with the positive improvements and future improvements to strengthen our city and our small business base. Add to the public safety staff and continued technology improvements.***

If you could have an unlimited supply of one thing, what would it be? ***Diet Pepsi. Those that know me know I drink a lot.***

What is your favorite aspect of your job? ***I really enjoy talking with people and helping people when they need help. A large majority of our residents respect and appreciate the police and the officers respect and appreciate the residents. Makes for a great work environment.***

What has been your favorite project that you worked on here at the City? ***I enjoyed National Night Out, great time with awesome people.***

Three words that best describe you? ***Honest, respectful, demanding.***

People would be surprised if they knew what about you or what's your secret talent that no one knows about? ***I don't know if it's surprising but something that nobody would guess, I collect Christmas ornaments, all year round. Law Enforcement, Disney, travel locations, and special event. Shush, don't tell anyone.***

