



City Limits Newsletter

August 2023

Road Construction Set To Begin

The City is preparing to begin its road construction project. This project includes pavement milling, patching, and paving of Daniels Street, Kahler Road (from Water Street to Wildcat Court), and North Water Street. During construction, intermittent lane closures and detours will occur. Residents should anticipate delays and impacts to travel. This work is scheduled to begin on August 7th and is anticipated to last 20 days, weather dependent.



Additionally, Kahler Road (from Butcher Lane to Barr Road) will also be getting rehabilitated. This portion of the project will consist of full-depth pavement milling, regrading, base repairs, and seal coat. This segment of the project will be closed to thru traffic for the duration of construction. The Contractor has requested to begin this work, starting the road closure and detour, on August 7th and is expecting a duration of 45 days to complete the project.

Nuisance Greenery Ordinance



Don't get fined! The City's ordinance code ([Chapter 91](#)) limits the height of weeds and grasses to a maximum of eight inches. It also enforces the state of untrimmed trees & shrubs. Enforcement is done on a routine checking basis or in response to a complaint.

Residents with complaints, or questions about the code or properties around town are encouraged to contact the Code Enforcement Officer at (815) 476-2175.



Check out the great events planned for 2023...

[August 17](#), and [September 21](#) from 4 PM to 7PM - Farmers Market
Hosted by the [Wilmington Park District](#)
Event Location: N. Water Street Parking Lot

August 5 - [Wilmington Sharefest](#)
Hosted by the [Wilmington Rotary](#), [Wilmington Park District](#), Wilmington Pastor's Association
Event location: 209 Wildcat Court (Wilmington High School Campus)

August 12 - [Grilling for Freedom BBQ Competition](#)
Hosted by the [Wilmington VFW Post 5422](#)
Event Location: 557 W. Baltimore Street

October 8 - [Autumn Festival of Crafts](#)
Hosted by the [Wilmington Chamber of Commerce](#)
Event Location: North Island Park

Happy Workaversary!!

August

Maureen Surman 35 years
Kyle Davis 16 years
John Sadrakula 7 years
Dan Seaton 2 years
John Paquette 1 year

Other Important Info

Electronic Recycling is held each month on the second Thursday from 5pm to 7pm at City Hall in the front parking lot.

2023 Golf Cart Stickers are available for purchase. Applications are available at City Hall or online.

Meeting Calendar

August 1 - 7:00 PM
City Council

August 8 - 5:30 PM
Committee of the Whole

August 8 - 7:00 PM
Special City Council

August 15 - 6:30 PM
Finance, Admin, Land Acq

August 15 - 7:00 PM
City Council

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Business License Ordinance Amended

Anyone conducting business within the City of Wilmington is required to obtain a business license. This summer the City Council amended the fee schedule based on total square of the business. If your renewal is coming due or you are interested in starting a new business you can reach out to the Deputy City Clerk at (815) 476-2175 for assistance.

Annual Registration Fees: (Due at the time of application)	
Less than 5,000 sq ft =	\$50
5,000 up to 9,999 sq ft =	\$100
10,000 up to 24,999 sq ft =	\$250
25,000 up to 49,999 sq ft =	\$500
50,000 up to 99,999 sq ft =	\$750
100,000 up to 749,999 sq ft =	\$1,250
750,000 sq ft or more =	\$1,500
Tobacco Products =	\$50

Additional fees will apply for liquor and video gaming terminals

Planning A Home Project?



Remember, regardless of what your home improvement project is, you should always check with the City's Building Department for permit requirements.

The Building Inspector can also help you with all code requirements prior to starting any project.

You can reach the Building Inspector at (815) 476-2175 or at inspector@wilmington-il.com.

Employee Spotlight *Justin Dole*

What is your role at the City? How long have you been with the City and what position did you start at? ***I am currently the Deputy Chief of Police and I started here 10 years ago as a Patrolman.***

If you could switch your job with anyone else within the City, whose job would you want? ***A Firefighter... so I could catch up on some sleep and get paid while doing so.***

What is on your wish list for the next 5 years with the City? ***A fully staffed police department.***

If you could have an unlimited supply of one thing, what would it be? ***Reese's Peanut Butter Cups***

What is your favorite aspect of your job? ***The camaraderie within the police department and serving the people of Wilmington.***

What has been your favorite project that you worked on here at the City? ***Being part of the warrant apprehension team with Sgt. Hopper back in 2014-2016***

Three words that best describe you? ***Cool, calm, and collective***

People would be surprised if they knew what about you or what's your secret talent that no one knows about? ***I enjoy playing Chess with my 12 year old son Jack. According to him, I am a mid-level player. For the few times that I have beat him, I take mid-level as a compliment.***

