



City Limits Newsletter

December 2023

Happy Holidays from City Hall

Wilmington is a wonderful place to celebrate the season because of its charm and tradition. If you joined us for the Lighting of Claire’s Corner Park or the Chamber of Commerce Holiday Parade the weekend after Thanksgiving, you witnessed firsthand the magic and wonder!

Congratulations to the Wilmington High School Class 2A Football 2023 State Champions! The team and coaches will be recognized at the December 19th City Council meeting.

From all of us at the City of Wilmington, may your holidays and New Year be spectacular! We look forward to so many exciting things to come in 2024!

Snow Reminders



Take Time to Clear at least a 3-foot radius around fire hydrants in your neighborhood. During a fire, seconds count. The extra minutes removing snow around fire hydrants may save your neighbor’s home or your own.

NO PARKING after 2 inches of snow accumulation. At any time after two inches or more of snow has accumulated on any public street or alley, whether the accumulation is due to new fallen snow or drifting or blowing snow from previous snowfalls, it is unlawful to park any vehicle on any such public street or alley until the City has plowed the public street or alley. This critical ordinance allows plow drivers the space to do their work quickly, efficiently and safely. Wilmington has more than 350 lane miles of streets, in addition to cul-de-sacs and alleys, maintained by Public Works.

Tips for Protecting Valuables During Holiday Season

The holiday season typically brings families together, joy to the masses and reasons to shop at our favorite stores. In the midst of the celebrations, this also means there is an increased possibility of being more vulnerable to theft and other holiday-related crimes. Whether you are traveling or staying local, the Wilmington Police Department encourages all residents to remember to remain alert and be proactive to stay safe this holiday season.

If you have to leave your packages in your car, be sure to place them out of sight in your locked trunk. Whenever possible, it is highly encouraged to park in well-lit areas that heighten visibility and never leave your car unlocked or left running with keys in it while untended.

For online shoppers, be on alert for porch pirates. Porch pirates aim to snatch your joy by stealing packages that have been delivered to your home. To help prevent this, try to schedule the delivery at a time when you are home or pick them up from the shipping facility.

Remember, if you see something, say something.



Happy Workaversary!!

December

- Adam Zink** **16 years**
- Fabian Reyes** **8 years**
- Bernard Hogencamp** **2 years**
- Brian Kolinski** **1 year**

Other Important Info

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

Meeting Calendar

**December 5 - 7:00 PM
City Council**

**December 7 - 5:00 PM
Planning & Zoning**

**December 12 - 5:30 PM
Committee of the Whole**

**December 19 - 6:30 PM
Finance, Admin, Land Acq**

**December 19 - 7:00 PM
City Council**

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Electronic Recycling Continues in 2024

Will County will continue its free electronic drop-off program with the City throughout 2024. This service takes place the second Thursday of each month from 5 PM to 7 PM at the City Hall front parking lot.



Items for recycling include the following: televisions (limit 2), monitors, printers, computers (desktops, laptops, notebooks, tablets), electronic keyboards, fax machines, videocassette recorders, portable digital music players, DVD players, DVD recorders, video game consoles, small scale servers, scanners, electronic mice, digital converter boxes, cable receivers, satellite receivers, cell phones, computer cable, portable digital assistants, and zip drives. Holiday string lights that are no longer working may also be dropped off for recycling.

The 2024 dates for electronic recycling are as follows:

January 11	July 11
February 8	August 8
March 14	September 12
April 11	October 10
May 9	November 14
June 13	December 12

**Employee Spotlight
Fabian Reyes**

What is your role at the City? How long have you been with the City and what position did you start at? ***I have recently been promoted to Sergeant. I originally started as a part-time Officer in December 2015 and was hired full-time in June 2016.***



If you could switch your job with anyone else within the City, whose job would you want? ***Firefighter/Paramedic - it's another great way to serve the public and they have really cool tools to get the job done. Plus, they have great leadership over there.***

What is on your wish list for the next 5 years with the City? ***I would like to see the Police Department continue to grow as the city grows. I believe the city has great potential to see population and industry growth as people look to move to cities/towns with lower crime statistics. This department will continue to work tirelessly to help the citizens feel safe in their communities.***

If you could have an unlimited supply of one thing, what would it be? ***Twizzlers (Redvines are gross).***

What is your favorite aspect of your job? ***Serving the community.***

What has been your favorite project that you worked on here at the City? ***National Night Out. Getting out with the youth from our community to establish and fortify those relationships early is key to doing our jobs efficiently. It is important for them to understand that we are allies not enemies.***

Three words that best describe you? ***Determined, Loyal & Sincere.***

People would be surprised if they knew what about you or what's your secret talent that no one knows about? ***I got nothing, I'm actually quite boring.***