

Neighborhood News



City of Springfield

Mayor J. Michael Houston

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Mayoral Message



Happy Spring!

It was a cold, snowy winter, but I think we are finally on the upswing. Most of us will take this time to spruce up our yards and homes. I want to encourage you to take advantage of the services provided by the City to make your cleanup easier.

On Saturday, April 11, the annual Household Hazardous Waste collection will be held at the Illinois State Fairgrounds from 8am-Noon. By responsibly disposing of these items, you are helping to keep the entire community clean! The City's yard waste collection begins April 13. Please be sure your leaves are bagged by Monday, April 13.

Thank you for your commitment to the City.

J. Michael Houston

2015 Spring Leaf Pick-Up

The spring city-wide leaf collection will begin on **April 13, 2015**. Brown leaf bags must be placed curbside no later than 7:00am on **Monday, April 13**. Leaf bags do not require stickers during this pick-up. During April, residents may also **drop off leaves for no charge at:**

Evans Recycling-
2100 J. David Jones Parkway
Monday-Friday, 7am-5pm
Saturday, 7am-2pm
217.391.0886



Branch Pick-Up

Residential branch pick up will be on a three to five week pick-up schedule, **May through November**. A map indicating where branch pick up will occur in your area will be posted on the City website and in the Sunday edition of the State Journal-Register.

Residents may drop off branches at Evans Recycling.

Office of Public Works, 300 S. 7th St., Springfield, IL 62701
217.789.2255 or public.works@springfield.il.us

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

APRIL 11, 2015

ILLINOIS STATE FAIRGROUNDS (Enter at Gate 11)

8AM-NOON

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD RESIDENTS ONLY!

Please bring ID with address.



Acceptable Waste:

<i>Oil-based paints</i>	<i>Used motor oil</i>	<i>Pool Chemicals</i>
<i>Paint thinners</i>	<i>Drain cleaners</i>	<i>Aerosol paints and pesticides</i>
<i>Herbicides</i>	<i>Lawn chemicals</i>	<i>Cleaning Products</i>
<i>Insecticides</i>	<i>Solvents</i>	<i>Mercury</i>
<i>Pesticides</i>	<i>Antifreeze</i>	<i>Old Gasoline</i>
<i>Hobby chemicals</i>	<i>Household Batteries</i>	
<i>Old and outdated medications and pharmaceuticals</i>		

UNACCEPTABLE WASTE:

<i>Agricultural chemicals</i>	<i>Propane Tanks</i>	<i>Business/commercial sector wastes</i>
<i>Smoke detectors</i>	<i>Explosives</i>	<i>Farm machinery oil</i>
<i>Fireworks</i>	<i>Fire extinguishers</i>	<i>Lead Acid Batteries</i>
<i>Institutional Wastes</i>	<i>Controlled substances</i>	<i>Fluorescent light bulbs</i>
<i>Sharps, needles and potentially infectious medical wastes</i>	<i>Tires</i>	

Do not bring latex paint!

It can be dried by leaving the lid off or mixing in kitty litter or sand. Once dry, discard into the trash.

It is not hazardous material!

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EARTH DAY SPRINGFIELD!
SATURDAY, APRIL 25
Lincoln Park
10am-2pm



Kids Games and Activities
Food & Fun!
Music by "As of Today"

Bike Ride around the park at 11:00am with
the Bike Advisory Council

Reused Art Fair with local high school students



Come see what's going on
'green' in Springfield!



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NEIGHBORHOOD SPOTLIGHT

LINCOLN PARK NEIGHBORHOOD

Jennifer Aholt is President of Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association.

Where is Lincoln Park located?

We are bordered by 3rd St. on the west, 8th St. on the east, Black St. on the north and the north side of North Grand is our southern border. We are just south of Lincoln Park.

What makes Lincoln Park great?

We are what folks imagine when they think of a neighborhood and its' positive attributes. We know each other's names and sincerely care about one another. Our homes are shaded by 100 year old trees, allowing us to rake and bag leaves together. There will be a neighbor clearing the sidewalks in a big snow, another few dedicated to picking up trash, and a willing ear if we just need a friend on a walk. We have all types of homes. There is a mansion that has been turned into the Rippon Kinsella Bed & Breakfast, painted ladies (Victorian homes painted in vibrant colors), and modest homes built by the working families of the old Watch Factory all mingled together.

What are some of the issues with which you struggle?

North Grand's transitional state has brought its own set of struggles. We have business owners that we hope will have a lasting business and some that do not bring the positive commerce we would prefer. The other issue, which may be shared among many neighborhoods, is the gum ball trees! They provide amazing shade, but wow are they EVERbearing!

In what activities is the neighborhood association involved?

We have been working with the city, business owners, and our neighbors to the south, Enos Park, on a North Grand improvement effort over the past few years. We are ready to go forward with an implementable plan to seek TIF funds. Opening the Original Gates of Oak Ridge Cemetery was initiated by the \$25,000 allocated to LPNA by Representative Raymond Poe. We just hosted an Aldermanic forum with our two strong candidates, and help course marshalling the Lincoln Half Marathon, Abe's Amble, and the Moonlight Marathon that all touch our neighborhood. We also coordinate clean up days, "parknics" in Lincoln Park, chili cookoffs and Historic Home Tours.

How would you like to see the neighborhood evolve in the next few years?

Having a determined direction from Benedictine would help set course, but as it stands, the approach for non-traditional students is a positive for our area. Having a stronger commitment to the neighborhood association from more residents would help to expand our momentum.

Tells us about your neighborhood and what makes your group unique to Springfield.

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Sangamon County Curb Your Car Challenge May 11th – 16th, 2015

This will be the 8th Curb Your Car Challenge to commuters in Sangamon County. Places of employment are encouraged to enter the challenge as a team. Employees who leave their cars at home and instead bike, walk, run, or take the bus to work during the week of May 11th – 16th are counted as team participants. Three team awards are given based on size of registered places of employment: 5-49 employees, 50-299 employees, and 300+ employees. Teams with the highest percentage of employees curbing their car at least one day of the challenge week are deemed the winners. Winning teams receive a traveling trophy and a gift certificate for dinner for two at Maldaner's Restaurant.

Incentives and Encouragement:

Each team must have a team leader who is responsible for registering the team, communicating with employees regarding the event, and motivating employees to participate. The Curb Your Car Committee and local sponsors also provide incentives and encouragement to participate.

Free Stuff:

- A Curb Your Car Passport encourages participants to bike, walk, run, or take the bus to nine locations where their passport will be stamped. A participant with 1-6 stamps receives a free cookie from Café Moxo while passports with 7 or more stamps are good for a free lunch from Café Moxo.
- Grab-A-Java will give a coupon for a free cup of coffee to passport holders.
- Prize drawings will held to award participants with gifts from our many sponsors.

Support:

- A group commute bicycle ride will be held on Wednesday, May 13th. Led by the Springfield Bicycle Club, the ride will start at Washington Park at 7:30 AM and end at the Old Capitol Farmer's Market in downtown Springfield.
- Grab-A-Java will provide water stations at each of their drive-through coffee shops.
- The Springfield Mass Transit District will provide free rides to passengers with bicycles.
- Online information about safe commuting using active transportation is available on the Planning Commission website.

Curb Your Car Committee:

Bicycle Doctor
City of Springfield
HSHS St. John's Hospital
Maldaner's Restaurant
SIU School of Medicine
Springfield Bicycle Advisory Council

Springfield Bicycle Club
Springfield Mass Transit District
Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning
Commission
State of Illinois
The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce

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Lincoln Funeral Procession Re-enactment

Save The Date for Lincoln's Funeral Procession Reenactment.

This extraordinary event will begin on April 14, 2015, and throughout April, scholarly symposiums culminating with poetry, visual arts and musical performances and the re-enactment of the original 1865 funeral, May 2-3, 2015.

Don't miss this once in a lifetime opportunity to relive history and to honor President Lincoln.

***For more information, visit:
www.lincolnfuneralcoalition.org***

Company's Coming... Again!

Company's Coming Again is an effort to prepare the City of Springfield for the thousands of visitors expected to attend the Lincoln Funeral Re-enactment events. We seek your participation as we "Spring into Action," preparing the city by cleaning downtown and the route to the Lincoln Tomb through the Enos Park and Lincoln Park neighborhoods, and providing greeters to help visitors find their way to the myriad of activities that will be taking place around April 30 through May 3. We hope each neighborhood will take this opportunity to use the month of April to beautify their own yards, sidewalks and parking lots by raking, picking of litter, and making Springfield shine. Fortunately, April is the City's yard waste pick-up month, so we can ensure that bags are collected in a timely manner, before the company arrives. Thank you in advance for making Springfield an inviting city people will want to visit again.



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