

Neighborhood News



City of Springfield

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Fall is Here!

Happy Fall! With this time of year, comes cooler weather, a new school year and...leaves!! We all love the colors and crunch under our feet, but could do without the yard work. In this issue of the Neighborhood News you will find information about the upcoming yard waste pick up in the month of November and some frequently asked questions. Please be sure to call the city's Office of Public Works with any other questions you may have. Enjoy this beautiful weather and family fun activities.

Yard Waste

The City of Springfield's fall leaf pick up will begin in **November**. Please visit the City's website for exact dates of collection. Only during this time will yard waste bags be collected without a sticker. Until this time, please continue to use your waste hauler and sticker for pick up.

Residents can drop off yard waste at Evans Recycling for free during the month of November.

Evans Recycling-

2100 J. David Jones Parkway; 217.391.0886

Monday-Friday, 7am-5pm and Saturday, 7am-2pm

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

Branch Pick Up

Residential branch pick up will be on a three to five week pick up schedule, **May through October**. A map indicating where branch pick up will occur in your area is posted on the City's website. Visit,

www.springfield.il.us,

Sunday edition of the *State Journal-Register*.

Residents may drop off branches at Evans Recycling.



LEAF PICK UP FAQ'S

When is the City's leaf pick up?

The City's leaf pick up will occur during the entire month of November.

Where do I place my bags for pick up?

Leaf bags should be placed on the city right of way, between the sidewalk and the street. Do not place them in the street or on private property.

What size and type of containers are acceptable?

Leaves should be placed in paper yard waste bags only. Leaves will not be collected if they are not bagged.

How do I dispose of sweet gum balls?

Gumballs should be placed in the yard waste bags with your leaves.

Are bushes, flowers, and/or grass acceptable?

Please keep to a minimum.

When is the free drop off at Evans?

Evans will accept leaves free of charge during the month of November, only.

How often will they collect my leaf bags?

Ideally, leaf bags will be collected once per week. Many factors can alter this, such as weather. Once the bags have been placed out by the curb, please leave them until they are collected.

Do I need to call and schedule a pick up?

No. Public Works will not schedule pick ups.

What if I did not get my leaves out in time?

If you miss the city pick up in November, you can still drop off your bags at Evans Recycling. Otherwise you will need to place a yard waste sticker on the bags and have your waste hauler collect them.

When do my leaves need to be set out for pick up?

Place your leaves on the city right of way by 6am each Monday morning during the month of November.



NEIGHBORHOOD SPOTLIGHT

C. LEE CAREY NEIGHBORHOOD

Sandra Gimble is the President of the C. Lee Carey Neighborhood Association

Where is C. Lee Carey Neighborhood located?

C. Lee Carey is located on the east side of Springfield. It is bordered to the north by South Grand Ave., M.L. King Jr. Dr. to the west, Pope Ave. to the east, and Laurel to the south, west to Wirt, South to Ash and west again to M.L.K. Jr. Dr.

What makes your neighborhood great?

We have organizations like St. Patrick's Church, which helps the community in so many ways! Our neighborhood police officers are wonderful and help keep the neighborhood safe.

What are some of the issues with which you struggle?

We struggle with the same issues as many other inner city neighborhoods. We have properties with abandoned homes and owners who do not keep up with property maintenance. This neighborhood has many absent landlords that do not invest in their homes and this community.



In what activities is the neighborhood association involved?

C. Lee Carey Neighborhood has an Annual Community Clean Up Day for residents. We encourage residents to take the time to not only clean up their homes, but their yards, streets, etc. The Association also helps with Juneteenth and is involved with the Faith Coalition for the Common Good.

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

Hopefully, in the next few years the neighborhood will move into the 3 B's - Better, Beautiful, and Brighter! We want our neighborhood to be a safe place for our children to play, walking to and from school or the bus stop and playing on the the playground.

The Yard of the Month initiative has been a great success in our neighborhood.

We encourage residents to not only take pride in their property, but to show it off!



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City of Springfield Phone Numbers

City Offices

Mayor's Office 217-789-2200

City Clerk 217-789-2216

City Treasurer 217-789-2224

Community Relations 217-789-2270

Lincoln Library 217-753-4900

Planning & Economic Development

217-789-2377

Police (non-emergency) 217-788-8325

Human Resources 217-789-2446

Business Licensing 217-788-8411

Council Coordinator 217-789-2151

Corporation Counsel 217-789-2393

CWLP 217-789-2116

Office of Budget & Management 217-789-2191

Office of Public Works 217-789-2255

To get information pertaining to CWLP

Electric Division 217-789-2116 x559

Water Division 217-789-2116 x501

Trimming trees around power lines 217-757-8520, x2207

CWLP Customer Service Office 217-789-2030 (Electric/water service hookup, transfer or termination; billing questions; meter reading)

CWLP Energy Services Office 217-789-2070 (energy and water efficiency information; efficiency rebate programs)

Electric service outage/emergency 217-789-2121

Water service outage/emergency 217-789-2323

For help with business issues

Building, electrical or plumbing inspectors 217-789-2171

Business permits and licenses 217-789-8411

Schedule a vacation premise check 217-788-8325

Electric and water service hookup 217-789-2030

Electric service for new construction or service upgrade for existing facility 217-757-8520 x2155

To plan a special event, block party or parade

217-789-2255

To report a code violation

Building & zoning violations 217-789-2171

Housing & environmental violations 217-789-2167

Fire safety violations 217-789-2170

Loud music 217-788-8311

To find out about employment with the city

JOBS Hotline 217-789-2440

For help in my neighborhood

Branch pickup 217-789-2246

Report weeds, need for alley clean-up 217-789-2167

Trash and garbage service complaints 217-789-2255

Starting a Neighborhood Watch Program 217-788-8390

Contact my neighborhood police officer 217-788-8325

Barking dogs 217-788-8325

Stop sign and traffic signal issues 217-789-2255

Public health concerns 217-789-2185

Trimming trees around power lines 217-757-8520, x2207

To make a complaint

File a formal complaint about the police 217-788-8325 (ask for a supervisor)

Complain about a city employee 217-789-2000 (ask for Director of Department employee works for)

Call the Mayor's Office 217-789-2200

For City Government questions

Council Coordinator's Office 217-789-2151

When is the next City Council meeting? 217-789-2216

How do I reserve the Council Chambers for a meeting? 217-789-2216