



CITY OF

McHenry

HEART OF THE FOX RIVER

Illinois

CITY SPRING/SUMMER NEWSLETTER



ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS

- Consolidated Election Information
- ShamROCKS the Fox 2025
- McHenry Music Festival
- 2025 Riverwalk Shoppes
- Spring Bulk Cleanup

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Fellow Residents of McHenry,

As we look forward to an event-filled 2025, I want to look back quickly at some accomplishments we can be proud of. Phase 4 of the Riverwalk has been completed, and we can now walk from Webers Park to Miller Point Park and Green Street. This is a great addition to help tie together two of our downtown areas. I look forward to the future where we can finish the development of Green Street and extend the Riverwalk with Phase 5.



Speaking of the future, we continue to add new housing options in McHenry. A high-quality neighborhood will soon go in near Chapel Hill Road and Route 120 with the Redwood development. Another beautiful new single-family home subdivision is also proposed near Curran Road and Bull Valley Road. We are lucky to have these new homes for residents to help support the great new businesses that are opening. Whiskey Diablo has already proven to be a success as they help strengthen our Riverside Drive area. The Treehouse Play Café is a fine example of a business coming in to give our youth new opportunities for play and recreation. We are proud that so many new and growing businesses across the City want to call McHenry home!

I hope you join me in downtown McHenry on March 14-16, when ShamRocks the Fox returns to kick off 2025 right. ShamRocks the Fox offers Irish fun for everyone, with the Shamrock Shuffle 5k, river dyeing, a parade, live music, food, and fun activities for the kids. In 2024, the Rise Up Foundation raised \$300,000 for the construction of an inclusive, ADA accessible playground that will be installed this year at Veterans Park. Now rebranded as the McHenry Music Festival, this year's fundraising event takes place September 11-13 at Petersen Park. Headliners include Sam Hunt on Friday, September 12 and Slightly Stoopid on Saturday, September 13. The headliner for Thursday, September 11 will be announced shortly, so stay tuned!

Check out the rest of this newsletter for all of the great things to see and do this spring and summer, along with useful information for you as a resident or visitor of our great City.



FACILITY DIRECTORY

Municipal Center

333 S. Green Street 815-363-2100
Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Public Works

1415 Industrial Drive 815-363-2186
Monday - Friday, 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Parks & Recreation

3636 Municipal Drive 815-363-2160

STAFF DIRECTORY

Mayor's Office

Wayne S. Jett 815-363-2108

City Administrator

Suzanne Ostrovsky 815-363-2108

Deputy City Clerk

Monte Johnson 815-363-2108

Community Development Director

Ross Polerecky 815-363-2170

Economic Development Director

Douglas Martin 815-363-2110

Finance Director

Carolyn Lynch 815-363-2100

Parks & Recreation Director

Bill Hobson 815-363-2160

Public Works Director (Acting)

Russ Adams 815-363-2186

Police Chief

John Birk 815-363-2200

Police Non-Emergency 815-363-2200
Emergency 911

CITY OFFICES HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

January 1st
(New Year's Day)

January 20th
(Martin Luther King Day)

February 17th
(President's Day)

May 26th
(Memorial Day)

July 4th
(Independence Day)

September 1st
(Labor Day)

November 11th
(Veteran's Day)

November 27th & 28th
(Thanksgiving)

December 24th & 25th
(Christmas)

FLOOD BROTHERS' HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

January 1st
(New Year's Day)

May 26th
(Memorial Day)

July 4th
(Independence Day)

September 1st
(Labor Day)

November 27th
(Thanksgiving Day)

December 25th
(Christmas Day)



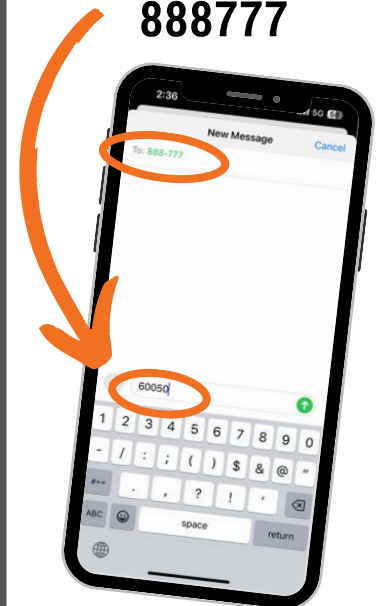
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Types of Alerts:

Severe Weather **Criminal Activities** **Severe Traffic**
Missing Persons **Local Events** **Service Updates**

**Text 60050 to
888777**



CITY COUNCIL

McHenry City Council meetings are scheduled on the first and third Mondays of the month and begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. Meetings that fall on a holiday will be held on the Tuesday after the holiday. The 2025 City Council Meeting Schedule is posted on the City [website](#).

If you can't attend a council meeting in person, you can watch online! The Zoom link for each meeting is at the bottom of the agenda. Meeting recordings are also posted on the City's [YouTube](#) channel the day after the meeting.

MAYOR	Wayne S. Jett
CITY CLERK	Trisha Ramel
WARD 1 ALDERMAN	Victor A Santi
WARD 2 ALDERMAN	Andrew Glab
WARD 3 ALDERMAN	Frank McClatchey
WARD 4 ALDERWOMAN	Chris Bassi
WARD 5 ALDERMAN	Andy Davis
WARD 6 ALDERMAN	Michael Koch
WARD 7 ALDERWOMAN	Sue Miller

HOW DO I CONTACT COUNCIL MEMBERS?

Residents can fill out the City Council contact form on the City's website:
www.cityofmchenry.org/contactcitycouncil

WHO'S MY ALDERPERSON?

Find your representative by using the ward map on the City's website:
www.cityofmchenry.org/wardmap

2025 CONSOLIDATED ELECTION

The 2025 Consolidated Election will take place **April 1, 2025**.

The following offices will be elected:

- Mayor
- City Clerk
- Alderperson Ward 1
- Alderperson Ward 3
- Alderperson Ward 5



Voter Registration

For questions such as voter's registration, what precinct you are in, and early voting, contact the McHenry County Clerk's office at 815-334-4242 or visit their website:
mchenrycountyil.gov/countyclerk

YOUR VOICE MATTERS! CAST YOUR VOTE FOR THE FUTURE OF MCHENRY.

MARCH

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McHenry ShamROCKS the Fox Festival

- 📍 Miller Point Park
- 🕒 5:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
- Live Music: 5:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
- Alcohol Sales: 5:00 p.m. - 10:45 p.m.

ShamROCKS the Fox Market

- 📍 McHenry Riverwalk Shoppes
- 🕒 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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Kiwanis ShamROCK Shuffle 5K

[Register here](#)

- 📍 McHenry High School - Lower Campus, 1012 N. Green St.
- 🕒 8:00 a.m. - race start time

ShamROCKS the Fox Market

- 📍 McHenry Riverwalk Shoppes
- 🕒 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Fox River Dyeing

- 📍 Webers Park, Pearl Street Bridge, and Miller Point Park
- 🕒 10:00 a.m.

McHenry ShamROCKS the Fox Festival

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- 🕒 5:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
- Live Music: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
- Alcohol Sales: 11:00 a.m. - 10:45 p.m.
- (Open Carry of alcohol throughout downtown from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.)

Parade

- 📍 **Route:** Starts on Kane Ave. towards Green St., proceeds north on Green St. to Pearl St., turns east to Riverside Dr. and then north on Riverside Dr. until W. Broad St., then turns west on Broad St.
- 🕒 12:00 p.m.

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ShamROCKS the Fox Market

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Fireworks

- 📍 Miller Point Park
- 🕒 7:00 p.m.



For More Info, visit naturallymchenrycounty.com



APRIL

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Arbor Day Ceremony



-  Municipal Center
-  3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- Celebrate the planting, upkeep, and preservation of trees. For more information, visit [page 19](#).



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McHenry Riverwalk Shoppes Grand Opening

-  Miller Point, 1202 N. Riverside Dr.
-  9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.



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The Spring Sip



-  Downtown McHenry businesses
- Register:** mchenrychamber.com

Tickets on sale April 3rd at 11:00 a.m.



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Pearl Street Market

-  Veteran's Memorial Park
-  Every Thursday from May 15 - August 28
- Facebook:** [pearlstreetmarketmchenry](https://www.facebook.com/pearlstreetmarketmchenry)



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Memorial Day Ceremony


-  Veteran's Memorial Park
-  10:00 a.m.



JUNE

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Miss McHenry Scholarship Pageant 2025



-  The Vixen
- Applications are due by March 27, 2025.
- Website:** www.cityofmchenry.org
- Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/missmchenrypageant>



JULY

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Cask and Barrel Night

-  Petersen Park
-  6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

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Music Fest Weekend

Taste of Fiesta Days, Carnival, Yard Games, RC Racing, Live Bands

-  Petersen Park
-  6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

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Lakefront 5K & Kids Fun Run

-  Petersen Park Beachfront
-  7:00 a.m. - 7:45 a.m. Check-in
8:00 a.m. Race starts

[Register here](#)



Music Fest Weekend

Taste of Fiesta Days, Carnival, Yard Games, RC Racing, Live Bands

-  Petersen Park
-  1:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.



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41st Annual Fiesta Days Car Show



-  Petersen Park
-  8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Music Fest Weekend & Beach Bash

Taste of Fiesta Days, Carnival, Yard Games, RC Racing, Live Bands

-  Petersen Park
-  12:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Big Wheel Race 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (ages 3-5)



Fireworks

-  Petersen Park
-  9:30 p.m.

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Parade Marshal Ceremony & Concert in the Park



Food Vendors, Beer Tent, Concert, Recognition Ceremony

-  Veteran's Memorial Park
-  5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

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Art and Street Fair

Arts and Crafts, Food, Children's Activities

-  Veteran's Memorial Park & Miller Point
-  9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Kiwanis Duck Derby 11:00 a.m.

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Fiesta Days Parade

-  Parade route is Main St. to Green St. to Pearl St. to Riverside Dr.
-  1:30 p.m.

For More Info, visit mchenryfiestadays.com



SEPTEMBER 11th - 13th



MCHENRY

MUSIC FESTIVAL

2025 LINEUP

THURSDAY
TO BE ANNOUNCED

FRIDAY
SAM HUNT
Zach Miller

SATURDAY
SLIGHTLY STOOPID
The Elovaters

MORE TO BE ANNOUNCED



mchenrymusicfest.com



[Facebook](#)



PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Every property owner is required to maintain their properties and buildings. This is in the interest of the health, safety, and welfare for all who live and work in McHenry. The Community Development Department has the responsibility of enforcing codes and ordinances adopted by the City of McHenry. The department conducts inspections when complaints and property maintenance issues are reported. We work closely with all residents and businesses to bring into compliance any properties that do not meet the standards set in City ordinances.

Maintain Your Yard This Season

With winter weather behind us, it is important to remember to maintain your yard in accordance with City ordinances. The most common code violation complaint Community Development receives from residents in the summer months is regarding tall grass/weeds. City Code states grass/weeds shall not exceed 8 inches.

Exterior Maintenance

Property maintenance standards exist to ensure a minimum level of safety, welfare, and health in the community. Property maintenance codes protect against a variety of concerns including fire hazards, deteriorating structures, and unsanitary conditions. Left unaddressed, these types of concerns could lead to unsafe conditions and decreased property values.



DRAINAGE

With winter thaw and spring rain around the corner, be sure to pay attention to potential drainage improvements needed on or around your property.

Tips to prevent or minimize drainage problems:

- Check your gutters for any blockages.
- Make sure that grass and plantings are in healthy condition, and that soil is properly stabilized. Exposed soils not only erode quickly, they also can build up in underground piping, causing water to not flow properly.
- Never dump anything into storm sewers or drainage ditches.



BUILDING PERMITS

It is the time of year when many people start home improvement projects. Many projects require building permits. Permits and inspections ensure each project meets the minimum requirements of the adopted building, electric and plumbing codes. These processes provide the City with a way to protect the public from potential hazards and unsafe construction.

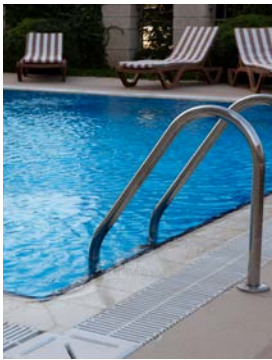
For more information & to fill out a permit online, visit our website!

Common projects that require a building permit:

- | | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| • Additions | • Driveways | • Pools/Spas/Hot Tubs |
| • Alterations/Remodels | • Fences | • Electric Upgrades |
| • Accessory Structures | • Generators | • Roofing |
| • AC/Furnace | • Sewer/Water Repairs | • Siding |
| • Decks | • Lawn Irrigation | • Sidewalks/Stairs |
| • Demolition | • Patios | • Solar Panels |
| | | • Windows/Doors |

*****Please note this is NOT an all inclusive list*****

If you have any questions about permits, please contact Community Development at 815-363-2170.



SWIMMING POOL SAFETY

Swimming pools are a great way to beat the summer heat. However, electricity and a body of water can be a recipe for disaster if not handled safely. Pools can also be dangerous for young children if certain barrier requirements are not met. This is why permits are required for ALL swimming pools and spas.

Please contact Community Development at 815-363-2170 with any questions pertaining to swimming pool requirements and permits.

SUBMITTING A CODE COMPLAINT OR CONCERN:

If you have a concern regarding a code violation in your neighborhood, please contact Community Development at 815-363-2170 with the location and nature of the complaint.

You may also submit your complaint using our online form at: www.cityofmchenry.org/codeviolation

Ordinance Violation Reporting
City of McHenry, IL

Date: 2/11/2025

Reporter Information

Name:

Address:

Email:

Phone Number:

Suspected Violation:

TRANSFORMING MCHENRY

Façade Grant Program

Our Façade Grant Program continues to breathe new life into our city by enhancing the exterior appeal of non-residential buildings. This program funds improvements or repairs that are permanent and visually uplifting, helping to create a more vibrant and inviting community. The City provides \$0.50 in public funding for every \$1 of private investment toward eligible façade improvements. From older shopping centers to historic buildings and Riverwalk-facing properties, the Façade Grant Program is helping transform McHenry's visual landscape.

Program Goals:

- Support the rehabilitation and renovation of exterior facades on existing non-residential buildings.
- Foster job creation and business development in McHenry.
- Revitalize older and historic buildings across the community.
- Enhance the McHenry Riverwalk's charm with improved facades.
- Modernize older shopping centers and public-facing facades.
- Empower small businesses to invest in upgrades that might otherwise be unattainable.

2022-2024 Impact:

- 19 façade grants approved by the McHenry City Council.
- \$241,742 in public investment.
- An impressive \$816,297 in private investment.

The transformations below were made possible by facade grants. Together, let's continue to build a more beautiful McHenry!



MCHENRY RIVERWALK SHOPPES

A Thriving Third Season

Excitement is brewing as we gear up for the third season of the McHenry Riverwalk Shoppes! Since their debut, these charming small businesses have brought energy, community, and unique offerings to the Riverwalk District and Miller Point.

The McHenry Riverwalk Shoppes have become a beloved feature of our city, enriching the Riverwalk District and providing a vibrant destination for residents and visitors alike. Whether you're searching for a unique gift, a delicious treat, or simply a relaxing afternoon by the water, the Shoppes are the place to be! We can't wait to see you there. Here's to another fantastic season!



Meet the 2025 Shoppes:

- [Windy City Wheelers](#)
- [The Olive Tap](#)
- [Curated by Laney](#)
- [AteaCo Coffee & Tea](#)
- [Oh My Ganache](#)
- [Big Bear Glasses](#)
- [Hello Darling Books & Beyond](#)
- [Marvin's Toy Store](#)
- [KEST Jewelry](#)
- [Patina Kitchen & Wine Shop](#)

Hours:

Friday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

*Shoppes may have additional hours. Check their social media pages for updates.

Lasting Impact

We're thrilled to announce that four of last year's Shoppes—AteaCo Coffee & Tea, Marvin's Toy Store, KEST Jewelry, and Patina Wine Shop—are returning for another amazing year. Their continued presence is a testament to the Shoppes' success and the warm support of our community.

In addition, **four of last year's Shoppes will be opening brick and mortar stores** – Preserved Peculiarities, Bumble Bread, and The Pieceful Project in McHenry, and Edge Designs in Crystal Lake.

LOCAL BUSINESS UPDATES

NEW BUSINESSES

Biggby Coffee	3523 Diamond Dr.
Dickson Law Group LLC	5415 Bull Valley Rd.
Drip	3923 Mercy Dr. Suite F
Fox Meadows Apartments	Route 31 & Veterans Parkway
HomeSmart Connect	4925 W. Elm St.
MSU Federal Credit Union	353 Bank Dr.
My Little Bow Peeps Children's Boutique & RW Graphix	4915 W. Elm St.
Starlight Motors	4719 W. Elm St.
State Farm Insurance -Michelle Wolf	2734 Barney Ct.
State Farm Insurance-John Sutton	3424 W. Elm St.
Treehouse Play Café	2328 N. Richmond Rd.
Trio Gas Station	5520 W. Elm St.
Warehouse 3315	3315 Pearl St.
Whiskey Diablo	1325 Riverside Dr.

IN PROGRESS

Cantaritto's Mexican Restaurant	1228 Green St.
Chick-Fil-A	1911 N. Richmond Rd.
Green Street Collective	1257 N. Green St.
Leona's Pizza	3102 W. Route 120
Redwood Senior Apartments	Route 120 & Chapel Hill Rd.
Taylor Place Apartments	812 N. Mill St.
The Orchard Church	5214 W. Elm St.

WE'VE MOVED

Bumble Bread	1114 N. Green St.
Lighthouse Church	4100 Shamrock Ln.
Preserved Peculiarities	1312 N. Riverside Dr.
The Pieceful Project	1118 N. Green St.
Wild Hunny Boutique	1213 Riverside Dr.



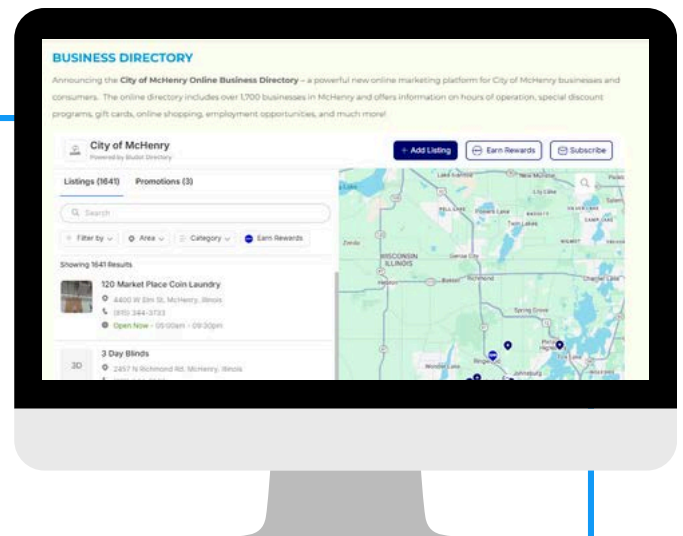
BUSINESS DIRECTORY

This interactive directory serves to connect residents and visitors with the businesses that call the City of McHenry home. Visit ThinkMcHenry.com/business-directory to plan your next McHenry outing!

Get rewarded for shopping local

While shopping local, take advantage of the City's seasonal Shop & Dine Rewards Program through the Open Rewards App. **Earn 5% rewards for every purchase at small downtown McHenry businesses by using the Open app.** Redeem your rewards towards purchases at select McHenry businesses.

Visit: shopndinemchenry.com for more information



MCHENRY RECREATION CENTER

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- The McHenry Recreation Center features a 4,500 square foot fitness center
- 50+ weekly group exercise classes for members, including Les Mills classes, TRX suspension training and Cycling
- Individual, senior, teen and military annual passes receive 5 guest passes each year
- Convenient monthly payment plans
- Available childcare while you exercise (additional fee)
- Locker rooms and showers
- Cardio equipment with touch screen technology, Internet capability and television screens
- Treadmills, incline trainers, ellipticals, ARC trainers, stepmill, recumbent and upright bikes
- Rig functional training system, weight machines, free weights



GET YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

Membership Type	Monthly Rate	Enrollment Fee
Individual (18-61)	\$38	\$30/R - \$50/NR
Add'l Family Member (12+)	\$23	\$20/R - \$30/NR
Individual Senior (62+)	\$30	\$30/R - \$50/NR
Individual Teen (14-17)	\$30	\$30/R - \$50/NR
Military/Police/Fire (Act/Ret)	\$33	Waived
Monthly	\$48	N/A
10-Punch Pass	\$80	N/A
20-Punch Pass	\$150	N/A
Individual Daily	\$10 Daily	N/A

View Group fitness schedule: cityofmchenry.org/parks&rec

HOURS

Monday - Thursday 5:00 am - 9:00 pm

Friday 5:00 am - 8:00 pm

Saturday & Sunday 7:00 am - 6:00 pm

Holiday Hours 7:00 am - 1:00pm

MCHENRY RECREATION CENTER ROOM RENTALS

Take advantage of the spacious community rooms available for meetings, parties, or receptions accommodating up to 100 guests. Rooms can be rented individually for smaller groups or combined to cater to larger groups. Food storage and prep is allowed in the kitchen adjacent to Community Room A. Rentals cannot extend beyond 11:00 pm.



Room Rental Fees				
Room	Seated Capacity	Resident Rate	Non-Res Rate	After Hours Fee
A	40	\$50/hr	\$65/hr	\$50 flat fee
B	50	\$50/hr	\$65/hr	\$50 flat fee
C	40	\$50/hr	\$65/hr	\$50 flat fee
A-C	100	\$125/hr	\$165/hr	\$125 flat fee
Kitchen	NA	\$35 flat fee	\$35 flat fee	NA

PARK SHELTER RENTALS

Choose from a variety of affordable, scenic parks for a rustic, natural setting for your special event, family reunion, picnic or corporate function. All shelters include picnic tables. Some include nearby washrooms, water and recreation opportunities.

Veterans Memorial Park Gazebo: Located in the heart of McHenry, this scenic setting offers an intimate gazebo for weddings or similar ceremonies. The front rails on the gazebo can be removed with a \$25 maintenance fee.



Shelter Locations:

- Knox Park, 330 S. Knox Drive
- Petersen Park, 4300 Petersen Park Road
- Veterans Memorial Park, 3400 Pearl Street
- Ft. McHenry, 4300 Front Royal Drive (max 30 people)

*Book
Now!*

For available dates and additional information, call 815-363-2166 or email recinfo@cityofmchenry.org.

At time of booking: full payment is required for shelter reservations; at least half payment is required for room reservations.

Beer & wine and special uses are allowed with a minimum of four weeks' notice.

Shelter Rental Fees		
Group	# People	Reservation Fee
Resident/ Resident Non-Profit	25 - 50	\$55
	51 - 150	\$85
	151 - over	\$115
Non-Resident/ Non-Resident Non-Profit	25 - 50	\$110
	51 - 150	\$170
	151 - over	\$230
Company	In City	\$220
	Out of City	\$440



UPCOMING POLICE EVENTS

APRIL
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COFFEE WITH A COP

McDonalds - 4411 W. Route 120
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.



Stop by McDonalds and meet some of our officers! Join them for a cup of coffee and learn about the Police Department.



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COP ON A ROOFTOP

Dunkin' Donuts

Stop by and see our officers on the roof of a Dunkin' Donuts near you and help support Special Olympics of Illinois!

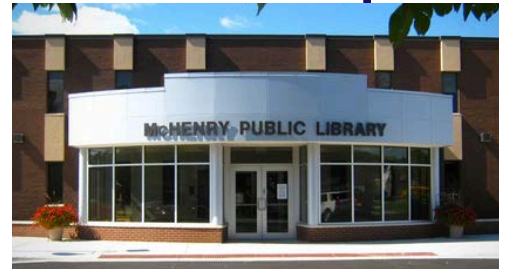


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COFFEE WITH THE CHIEF

McHenry Public Library

Learn about the current happenings within the Police Department and the City with Police Chief John Birk. At these events, open Q&A on any topic relating to our Police Department is encouraged.



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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Petersen Park

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie.



Stay up to date on all Police Department events by following them on social media!

 [@mchenrypd](https://www.facebook.com/mchenrypd)

 [@mchenrypd](https://www.instagram.com/mchenrypd)





CHILD SAFETY SEAT CHECKLIST

Is your child using the correct car seat?

- ✓ Visit the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) at www.nhtsa.gov/campaign/right-seat to complete the Car Seat Finder. It's an easy-to-use tool that uses your child's age, height, and weight.
- ✓ The McHenry Police Department can help you check the installation of your child safety seat. The Department has several technicians on different shifts, but an appointment is recommended. Contact **Officer O'Herron at 815-363-2135** to set up an appointment.
- ✓ Visit the McHenry Police Department's Facebook page [@McHenryPD](https://www.facebook.com/McHenryPD) for dates on upcoming events, including "pop-up" car seat checks!

SUPPORT THE SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAM

The McHenry Police Department has mini stuffed therapy K9 Oakley and K9 Eli for the public to purchase. Proceeds will go right back into the department's Social Services Unit to help benefit clients in need.

CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE : cityofmchenry.org/policedogs



PREVENTING CAR THEFT

Keep your car safe by sticking to the 9:00 p.m. routine!



Lock your doors and windows.



Take your keys out of your car.



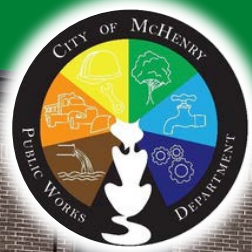
Remove valuables from your car.



Turn on outside house lights.



Close your garage door.



2025 DATES

E-Waste Collection

Spring: March 17 - 21

Fall: September 8 - 12

(on regular garbage collection day)

Yard Waste Curbside Collection

April 7 - December 12

Hydrant Flushing

Spring: April 7 - 25

Fall: September 15 - October 3

Brush Pick-Up

Spring: April 28 at 7:00 a.m.

Fall: October 6 at 7:00 a.m.

Unlimited Bulk Item Cleanup

May 12 - 16

(on regular garbage collection day)

Leaf Vacuuming (Zoned)

Zone 1: October 6 - December 5

Zone 2: October 13 - December 12

Pumpkin Drop-Off

October 27 - December 5

Holiday Lights Recycling Drop-Off

December 1 - January 30, 2026

Please check the City's [website](#) for any program updates or date changes.

IL Route 31 Widening Update

The City is actively engaged in the IL Route 31 widening project with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). The project will expand Route 31 to four lanes (2 northbound and 2 southbound) from IL Route 176 in Crystal Lake to IL Route 120 in McHenry. Tree removal and right-of-way clearing began in January 2025. Utility relocation is anticipated in 2026 - 2027, and road construction is expected to occur 2028 - 2030.



2025 Road Resurfacing Program

The City Council continues robust funding of the City of McHenry's Local Road Resurfacing Program, with the improvement of 6.1 miles of local neighborhood roads and a total investment of \$2.3 million scheduled for 2025. This program is targeted for an early Spring 2025 start. All streets are anticipated to be completed by July, weather permitting.

In an effort to provide up-to-date information on the schedule, the Public Works Department will share project updates via X (formerly Twitter) at @CityMcHenryRoad and via the City website at cityofmchenry.org/projects.

PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY

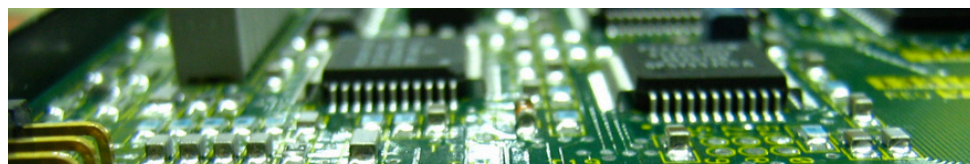
1415 INDUSTRIAL DRIVE, MCHENRY, IL 60050

Monday - Friday, 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Phone: 815-363-2186

publicworks@cityofmchenry.org

 [Service Request Form](#)



E-WASTE COLLECTION

March 17 - 21

Flood Brothers will remove e-waste at the curb **on the resident's regular refuse pick-up day beginning March 17, 2025, and ending March 21, 2025.**

Residents are limited to five (5) electronic items per pick-up. Out of those five (5) items, only one (1) may be a television or one (1) computer monitor.

Acceptable Electronic Items:

- 1 Television or 1 Computer Monitor
- Any type of Telephone
- Cameras
- CD Players, MP3 Players, Stereos
- Computer Drives, Mice, Keyboards
- Fax Machines
- Holiday Lights
- Paper Shredders
- Printers without ink
- VCRs
- Video Games and Players
- Microwave Ovens
- Small Household Appliances



HYDRANT FLUSHING

April 7 - 25

The Public Works Department will begin its spring hydrant flushing operation throughout the City on **April 7, 2025, for a three-week period ending April 25, 2025.** Hydrant flushing is necessary to clean and maintain the water distribution system. During the flushing period, water can become discolored. If this occurs, run your cold water tap for a few minutes until the water clears. If this does not correct the problem, wait approximately one (1) hour and flush the cold water again. Do not run your hot water until the cold water tap has cleared. This discoloration is not hazardous for human consumption; however, clothing can become stained during laundering.



ARBOR DAY CEREMONY

April 25 at 3:00 p.m.

Planting trees is a wonderful way to help the environment and memorialize someone special. As part of the City's Arbor Day celebration (the last Friday in April), the Arbor Day Tree Donation Program has been established to allow residents to donate a tree at the Municipal Center or a City park. The cost is \$400.00 per tree, and a memorial brick will be installed in the ground near the tree. Residents wishing to participate in this program must submit payment and complete the Tree Donation form by **April 1, 2025:**
<https://lf.cityofmchenry.org/Forms/treedonation>

For further information regarding this program, please contact Arborist Mike Harper at 815-363-2186.



REFUSE & RECYCLING

The City of McHenry's residential refuse, recycling, and yard waste contract with Flood Brothers Disposal concludes on July 31, 2027.

2025 RATES	YEAR 3 August 1, 2024 - July 31, 2025	YEAR 4 August 1, 2025 - July 31, 2026
35-gallon cart	\$19.63/month	\$20.22/month
65-gallon cart	\$21.11/month	\$21.75/month
95-gallon cart	\$22.23/month	\$22.89/month
Refuse Sticker*	\$3.20 each	\$3.30 each

*Refuse stickers are available for purchase at the Municipal Center, Angelo's Fresh Market, Meijer Store, Ace Hardware & Jewel Food Store. **SOLD IN SHEETS OF 5.**



HOLIDAYS

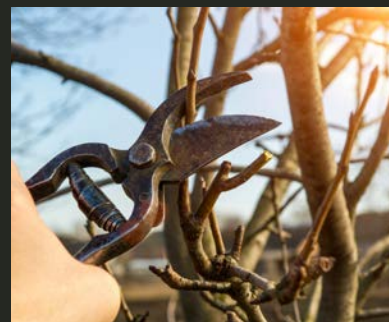
Flood Brothers observes the following holidays which will affect scheduled collection days by one (1) day after the holiday for the remainder of the week:



- New Year's Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

UNLIMITED YARD WASTE COLLECTION

April 7 - December 12



Flood Brothers Disposal's unlimited yard waste curbside collection program begins on April 7, 2025, and concludes on December 12, 2025. This program includes free weekly pickup of yard waste bags, properly sized bundles, or acceptable containers for every residential refuse account in the City on the resident's regular refuse pickup day.

Residents may use either 2-ply, 50-pound weight disposable kraft paper bags or plastic/metal containers with a tight cover which do not exceed 35 gallons in size and 50 pounds in weight. Two-wheeled yard waste carts distributed by Flood Brothers are also available for a monthly fee for those residents that are interested.

No plastic bags are allowed. Personal containers for yard waste must be marked with an X, Y, or YW. Branches must be bundled/tied together: each bundle cannot exceed five (5) feet in length, cannot exceed two (2) feet in diameter, cannot exceed more than 50 pounds, and cannot contain limbs greater than three (3) inches in diameter.

ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS:

Grass clippings, leaves, branches 3 inches in diameter or less and no more than 5 feet in length, brush, garden plants, flowers, weeds, bark pieces, pine cones, pumpkins, mums, hay bales and corn stalks. Food scraps are acceptable too!

MATERIALS NOT ALLOWED:

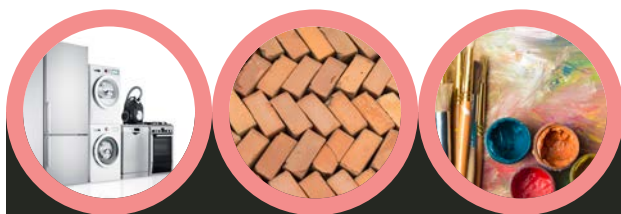
Tree trunks & stumps, branches larger than 3 inches in diameter and longer than 5 feet, fence posts, railroad ties, firewood, rocks, sod or dirt.

BRUSH PICK-UP

April 28 at 7:00 a.m.

The Public Works Department will begin its spring brush pick-up program on Monday, April 28, 2025, at 7:00 a.m. for the entire City. **All residents must have their brush out to the curb by 7:00 a.m. on April 28th.** Crews will visit each street once and continue until they have gone through the entire City. No callbacks will be made.

This program is for tree material only; yard waste belongs in the Yard Waste Collection Program provided by Flood Brothers. This program is intended for larger tree branches resulting from trimming or storm damage and is for residential properties only. No stumps or roots will be taken. Branches should be as long as possible and no more than 5 inches in diameter. Residents are advised to place brush on the parkway parallel to the street but not in the street.



Unacceptable Items:

- Items weighing more than 50 pounds
- Items longer than 5 feet
- Rocks and concrete
- Construction debris: lumber, drywall, roofing materials, old cabinets, glass windows, glass doors, etc.
- White goods (appliances): freezers, refrigerators, stoves, washing machines, dryers, etc., even if broken up, cut up, crushed or flattened
- Any type of metal post, pipe, swing set, antenna, etc.
- Electronic waste or e-waste: computer equipment, televisions, printers, etc.
- Household hazardous waste: gasoline, solvents, pesticides, motor oil, pool chemicals, paint, paint thinner, propane tanks, etc.
- No tires of any kind

UNLIMITED BULK ITEM CLEANUP

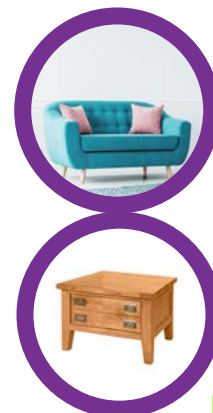
May 12 - 16

The contract with Flood Brothers Disposal includes one spring bulk cleanup event per year. This year's unlimited bulk item cleanup collection will occur Monday, May 12, 2025, through Friday, May 16, 2025, **on the resident's regular refuse pickup day.**

This curbside collection allows residents to dispose of unlimited bulk items. A bulk item is considered an item the resident would take with them if they moved out of the residence and manageable for one person to lift (not drag). **Please call Flood Brothers at 630-261-0400 if you have any questions regarding the program.**

Acceptable Items:

- Couch, small tables, mattresses, chairs, box springs weighing no more than 50 lbs. and no longer than 5 feet.
- Rolls of carpeting will be accepted, but must be rolled, taped, or tied, and weigh less than 50 pounds and be no more than 5 feet long, 2 feet in diameter.



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Test Your Tank

Leaking toilet tanks are sometimes called the “sneaky leak”. Unlike a dripping faucet, you cannot usually see or hear a leaking toilet tank. When the flapper valve in the bottom of your toilet tank begins to wear out and does not seal properly, water from the toilet tank can leak into the toilet bowl. Sometimes this is just a drip or trickle that cannot be seen without some help.

If you would like to test your toilet tank to see if you are flushing money down the drain, simply remove the cover on the toilet tank and put a few drops of dark food color in the toilet tank. Red, green, or blue food coloring work the best. Wait 25 minutes and DO NOT flush the toilet. If the water in the toilet bowl becomes colored, you are losing water and your flapper valve needs to be replaced.

Pick Up...Help Out

When the white blanket of snow melts each spring, it reveals a wondrous new year full of surprises. Unfortunately, some surprises are trash and it is doubtful the people who left it there are going to come back to get it. Before this trash is carried away into our streams and ponds by the spring rains, let's pick it up – pay it forward – pollution starts and stops with people. Picking up trash and debris helps protect our waterways and wildlife habitats and instantly makes the area look better. What you might not see are the benefits to the earth. Each time we pick up trash and put it in the right place, we take a step toward making the planet we live on happier and healthier.

Restoration Work

Restoration work to parkways damaged by snowplows and water main breaks will begin in the spring. Materials such as black dirt, sod, and blacktop need to be available before work can begin. Restoration of damaged sidewalks and curbs will start as soon as the weather permits. This is ongoing work for Public Works' personnel and will commence as soon as possible.

If your lawn has suffered any damage, a quick and easy way to notify the Public Works Department is via our online form:

cityofmchenry.org/PWServiceRequest



Experiencing A Sewer Backup?

If you are experiencing a sewer backup during the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., contact the Public Works Department at 815-363-2186 before calling a plumber. If after 3:30 p.m., call the non-emergency police phone number at 815-363-2200. Public Works personnel will be sent to your location to assess the problem. If the blockage is in the City's sewer main line, the City will take corrective action as quickly as possible. If the blockage is in your private sewer line (the portion from the building to the sewer main line), you will be requested to call a plumber to clear your building's service. In this instance, all necessary repairs and restoration are the responsibility of the homeowner.

Free Wood Chips

The City's spring and fall brush pick-up programs result in free wood chips for City of McHenry residents. Wood chips are available only at the Public Works Facility, located at 1415 Industrial Drive. They are stored in a bin on the east side of the parking lot. You may take as much as you need, but you must bring and fill your own containers.

Storm Damage Pick-Up Criteria

The City may provide a storm damage pick-up following a major storm event that has **impacted large areas of the community**. This service is intended to assist in the clean-up of severe damage and not the result of tree trimming. The City uses the Weather Command Weather Service to help determine if weather events meet the criteria and are severe enough to warrant a storm damage pick-up.

Criteria

- Sustained wind speeds of 40mph or greater
- Wind gust speeds of 58mph or greater



If the need for a storm damage pick-up has been determined by the City, notification of the storm damage pick-up will be communicated via Nixle, the City website, and the City Facebook page. Residents should place branches on the parkway parallel to the street but not in the street, making sure that the branches are as long as possible and not more than 5 inches in diameter. No stumps, roots, or root balls will be taken.