



City Limits Newsletter

March 2024

Mayor's Summer Youth Internship Program Returns

Attention all high school and college students in Wilmington! Are you ready to gain valuable professional experience, build your resume, and make a difference in your city? The City of Wilmington is excited to offer you the opportunity to work in various local government departments through the Mayor's Summer Youth Internship Program.

This 10-week paid summer internship is your chance to work in various local government departments in Wilmington and interact with city officials, civic leaders, and local residents. You'll get to make a real impact on your community while honing your skills and gaining valuable experience in the workforce.

We're looking for candidates with a strong sense of ethics, integrity, and courage. You should have excellent communication, interpersonal, and organizational skills, as well as experience with Microsoft Office and Google Suites. You should also be a self-starter with critical thinking and problem-solving skills, as the work environment is fast-paced.

Internship positions are available in Economic Development and Operation & Utilities. If you're passionate about public service, have a positive attitude, and are open to mentorship, you're an ideal candidate. This opportunity is perfect for anyone looking to pursue their passion for public service, improve their writing skills, and gain valuable professional experience in local government departments.

Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity! Apply now and take the first step towards building a bright future. This internship is a 10-week program, scheduled for June 10, 2024 – August 16, 2024 at \$15.50 per hour. For more information, visit the City's website at www.wilmington-il.gov.



Yard Waste Collection Resumes

The City of Wilmington's residential weekly yard waste collection program **resumes on April 5, 2024.**

Landscape waste must be placed in paper yard waste bags or clearly labeled cans or carts. Bundled small branches will also be picked up.

How to Participate in Curbside Collection

On your regular refuse pick-up day, by 6 AM, place grass, weeds, small branches, twigs and leaves in paper yard waste bags, can or cart clearly labeled **Yard Waste Only**. Alternatively, branches less than 3 inches in diameter may be tied in bundles that measure up to 4 feet long and 2 feet wide. Secure each bundle with biodegradable twine. Bags and bundles have a 60-pound weight limit.

What's not included with the pick-up program

Unbundled brush, whole trees and limbs greater than 4 inches in diameter, stumps, sod, and dirt.

This weekly pick up program runs until November 30, 2024.

Questions or concerns regarding yard waste collection, or a missed pick-up, should be directed to Homewood Disposal at 1-815-932-1115 or www.mydisposal.com/wilmington.

Catholic Charities Diocese of Joliet Transportation Program



Are you in need of transportation? Look no further than the Catholic Charities Diocese of Joliet Transportation Program! This program is available to eligible participants until the end of 2024 and the best part is that all rides are completely FREE of charge. You can travel up to 75 miles, one way, to medical appointments, go shopping, dining, fulfill your spiritual needs, education needs, and more. The Transportation Program is offered by Catholic Charities Diocese of Joliet. To register, please contact (815) 523-9918.

January Workiversaries!

David Soucie 18 years

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.

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

Meeting Calendar

March 5 - 7:00 PM
City Council

March 7 - 5:00 PM
Planning & Zoning

March 12 - 6:00 PM
Committee of the Whole

March 20 - 6:30 PM
Finance, Admin, Land Acq

March 20 - 7:00 PM
City Council

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Time for a Celebration!

Join us for an exciting evening of free entertainment at the Let Freedom Rock Celebration! This year's festivities are scheduled for Friday, June 28, 2024, at Island Park. The event will have a live performance by Maggie Speaks, food trucks, a beer tent, and a spectacular fireworks display! We are also planning to add more activities, so stay tuned for updates.



Remember to bring your lawn chairs and blankets for comfortable seating. Also, don't forget to bring bug spray to protect yourself from pesky insects. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Spring Ahead & Office Closure

Remember to set your clock ahead on March 10th for Daylight Saving Time!

City Hall Administrative Offices will be closed on March 29th in observance of Good Friday.

Employee Spotlight Tony Ritz



What is your role at the City? How long have you been with the City and what position did you start at? *I'm a part-time Patrol Officer with the City of Wilmington since starting in 2016. I also serve as an Evidence Custodian, plan the National Night Outs, and keep up the*

Wildcat Police Car (former DARE car). I spent my full time career with the Village of Worth Police Department, and retired in 2017.

If you could switch your job with anyone else within the City, whose job would you want? *I enjoy being a resident of Wilmington, and appreciate the position I have as it gets me involved with my community.*

What is on your wish list for the next 5 years with the City? *I would like to see the City prosper while keeping its small town charm.*

If you could have an unlimited supply of one thing, what would it be? *Time, but not just time itself... time with friends, family, and enjoying the good things in life.*

What is your favorite aspect of your job? *The community aspect vis-à-vis the City' and Police Department's efforts to organize community events and promote participation. I love how many people and families show up. It says a lot about Wilmington and how great of a town this is.*

What has been your favorite project that you worked on here at the City? *Our M66 Wildcat Car! In parades, I've seen parents tell their children, 'that's what the Police drove when I was kid'. Others tell me about memories of the car from school. It's just a car, but I think it's won a place in many hearts.*

Three words that best describe you? *I keep busy.*

People would be surprised if they knew what about you or what's your secret talent that no one knows about? *Well I'm the President of Our Caring Closet, NFP, a former Fire Fighter with the Lemont Fire Protection District, and I was born in the Bessborough Orphanage in County Cork Ireland. I still love and collect stuffed animals to this day.*