



# City Limits Newsletter

May 2024

## NUISANCE GREENERY ORDINANCE

Don't get fined! The City's ordinance code ([Chapter 91](#)) limits the height of weeds and grasses to a maximum of eight inches. It also enforces the state of untrimmed trees & shrubs. Enforcement is done on a routine checking basis or in response to a complaint.

Residents with complaints, or questions about the code or properties around town are encouraged to contact the Police Department at (815) 476-2811.



## PLANNING A HOME PROJECT?

It's important to always check with the City's Building Department for permit requirements before starting any home improvement project. The Building Permit Technician can assist you with all code requirements prior to beginning your project. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Susie at (779) 801-2136 or via email at [inspector@wilmington-il.gov](mailto:inspector@wilmington-il.gov).



Local organizations are in the midst of rolling out their 2024 summer events calendar. Check out the great events already planned for below:

May 4th from 10 AM to 4 PM - RT 66 Red Carpet Corridor  
hosted by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce  
Event Location: N. Water Street (Downtown)

One of the biggest stops of the Red Carpet Corridor Festival. Shop unique finds from our flea market vendors, handmade items from our craft vendors, and grab some delicious food

May 25th at 11 AM - Memorial Day Parade  
hosted by the American Legion Post 191  
Parade steps off from SIS heads to S. Kankakee Street to Kahler Road & then to Memorial Park

June 22 from 3 PM to 7 PM - Kids Fishing Derby  
hosted by the Wilmington Lions Club  
Event Location: South Island Park at the pond

June 20, July 18, August 15, and September 19 from 4 PM to 7PM - Farmers Market  
hosted by the Wilmington Island Park District  
Event Location: N. Water Street Parking Lot

June 28 at 6 PM to Midnight - Let Freedom Rock Celebration  
hosted by City of Wilmington  
Event Location: North Island Park  
Join in a fun filled evening - Live music by Maggie Speaks, beer tents & spectacular fireworks!

## HAPPY WORKIVERSARY!

Patrick Nugent	27 years
Ryan Foster	20 years
Karl Jurgens	10 years
Craig Palmer	6 years
Eric Runions	5 years
Michael Busby	2 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.

Don't forget to get your 2024 Golf Cart Stickers.

## MEETING CALENDAR

May 7 - 7:00 PM  
City Council

May 14 - 6:00 PM  
Committee of the Whole

May 21 - 6:30 PM  
Finance, Admin, Land Acq

May 21 - 7:00 PM  
City Council

May 23 - 5:00 PM  
Planning & Zoning

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## CURBSIDE SPRING CLEANING PICK-UP



The City's annual city-wide refuse pick up is scheduled for May 10th. This program provided by Homewood Disposal is for residents living in single-family homes or duplexes that are currently receiving City collection services.

Items to be picked up include: couches, chairs, tables, mattress, white goods (i.e. ranges, washers, dryers, appliances with Freon, water heaters), automobile tires (limit of 4 with no rims), carpet and padding (all carpet & padding must be cut into 4-foot lengths, rolled and secured with tape or sting not to exceed 50 lbs).

No pick-up for building materials, fencing, large car parts, engine oil, and yard waste.

Anyone hauling items into the City will be considered dumping and will be fined.

For further information regarding spring pick-up, please contact Homewood Disposal at 1-815-932-1115.

## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT PAT KERR

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 Police Officer and have been with Department since 2017 assigned as the Range Master. Working with our other Department firearm instructors, we create lesson plans and scenarios that simulate deadly force scenarios Officers are likely to encounter in the line of duty, to help protect our citizens and themselves.***



If you could switch your job with anyone else within the City, whose job would you want? ***Having worked at two other police agencies before coming to Wilmington, the Joliet and Elwood Police Departments, in a wide variety of ranks, positions and assignments, I am very satisfied to be in my current position.***

What is on your wish list for the next 5 years with the City? ***Making steady improvements on the firearm training program and firearm range.***

If you could have an unlimited supply of one thing, what would it be? ***An unlimited supply of time would be what I would wish for. Marksmanship skills are extremely perishable and need to be constantly practiced to maintain a high level of readiness. Unlike many police agencies nearby, we are fortunate to have a great firearms range here within our City limits.***

What is your favorite aspect of your job? ***Constantly challenging Officers with more difficult and stressful courses of fire, and seeing them improve and overcome these challenges, increasing their confidence to face any threats they may encounter.***

What has been your favorite project that you worked on here at the City? ***Working with Public Works and local vendors to improve the firearm range.***

People would be surprised if they knew what about you or what's your secret talent that no one knows about? ***I enjoy golfing with my wife and friends, and also enjoy grilling and smoking for the family.***