



HOMETOWN HAPPENINGS

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Public Works staff monitor the City's four wells daily.

The City gets a lot of questions about water taste, hardness, quality, and more. Public Works Director Phil Kuchler and Utility Maintenance Superintendent Zach Jardine respond to some of the most-asked questions.

What common contaminants should I be aware of in drinking water?

Common contaminants include bacteria (like E.coli), nitrates, lead, arsenic, volatile organic compounds (VOCs), and naturally occurring minerals such as radon and uranium. The EPA sets maximum contaminant levels (MCLs) for many of these substances to protect public health.

Does the City of Warrenville meet all IEPA drinking water testing and regulations?

Yes, the City complies with all testing requirements and regulations set forth by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). This is based on analysis of the

existing data and reports on drinking water quality and water monitoring procedures in Warrenville.

What should I do during a boil-water advisory?

During a boil-water advisory, you should boil your tap water at a rolling boil for at least one minute to kill harmful bacteria and viruses before using it for drinking or cooking purposes.

Is the water hard in Warrenville?

Yes. Warrenville's municipal water system relies on wells drilled into an

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underground aquifer. The City has four main wells that extract groundwater for public use. The hardness level of the water from these wells is between 24-26 grains per gallon. This level indicates a significant concentration of hard minerals.

Do I need a water softener?

Installing a water softener is highly recommended. These systems work by replacing calcium and magnesium ions with sodium ions, effectively reducing hardness levels.

What are the benefits of a water softener?

Installing a water softener offers

significant benefits, including:

- improving skin condition
- enhancing cleaning efficiency
- saving money on soaps and detergents
- prolonging appliance life through reduced wear from mineral buildup
- increasing energy efficiency for heating systems
- providing better tasting drinking water
- simplifying household cleaning tasks

Why does the City flush the fire hydrants twice a year?

Flushing is part of routine maintenance, and removes rust or metal particles from the hydrant, which can cause corrosion. Hydrant flushing is an important maintenance

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Public Works staff flush City hydrants twice a year.

*** MAYOR BRUMMEL'S COLUMN WILL RETURN NEXT MONTH! ***

NEW WATER BILL DUE DATE

We have heard resident's concerns about the water bill payment schedule not providing enough time to mail bills.

The City Council voted to make the payment due date 21 days at their August 19 meeting. This gives residents more time to get their bills mailed to the City, and the due date is consistent with other communities in the area.

The City also offers automatic and e-payment options. Learn more on our website at: warrenville.il.us/429/Billing-and-Rates.



PHOTOGRAPHY ON DISPLAY

Warrenville photographer Julie Turner generously donated 32 of her original art to the City of Warrenville. Several pieces hang in public areas for the community to enjoy.

She takes most of her nature photos in Warrenville, including in her back yard.

You may have seen Julie's work at the Art on the Prairie festival, and she will be back at this year's event September 21 and 22.

Learn more about Julie and her art at:

<https://naturegracephotography.com/>

WFPD TRUSTEE PACKETS

Warrenville Fire Protection District Board of Trustee candidate packets are available at the Fire Station, 3S472 Batavia Road, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on weekdays.

There are two terms to be filled on the Board of Trustees – one for two years and another for six years.

Nominating petitions and related documentation will be accepted at the fire station from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on weekdays from November 12-18.

Candidates completing the required paperwork will be placed on the April 1, 2025, Consolidated Election ballot.

Interested nonpartisan political candidates can find more information at: www.elections.il.gov.

For more information, contact Andrew Dina or Joe Levy at: 630-393-1381 or by email at: admin@warrenvillefire.com.



SEPTEMBER 11 CEREMONY

Wednesday, September 11, 8:00 a.m., at Warrenville Fire Department, 3S472 Batavia Road. Schedule:

- Welcome (Fire Chief Dina)
- Flag Raising Honor Guard (fire and police combined)
- Pledge
- National Anthem
- Invocation
- Mayor Brummel will speak
- Police Chief Bonilla will speak
- VFW Commander Morello will speak
- Fire Chief Dina will speak
- Wreath Laying (Firefighter of the Year and Police Officer)
- Rifle salute
- Bell ringing ceremony
- TAPS
- Conclusion
- Refreshments

PARTNER NEWS

Warrenville Historical Society

The Museum's Annual Meeting & Open House is 6:00-7:30 p.m. Monday, September 9. warrenvillehistorical.org



Warrenville Park District

PuzzlePalooza Adult Edition returns September 27! warrenvilleparks.org

Warrenville Public Library District

Sign up for a fall program today! Visit their website at: warrenville.com



Warrenville Veteran's Center

Enjoy the monthly Burger & Cruise nights! warrenvilleveteranscenter.com

CITY STAFF MILESTONES

Hometown Happenings announces new employees, staff promotions, and anniversaries.

NEW STAFF

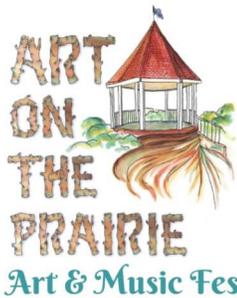
Hannah Beck

Police Records Assistant
Police Department
Started August 12



EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Dial 9-1-1 for Police, Fire, and after-hours water and sewer emergencies



**Artist Displays for Purchase
Artist Demos
Food & Beverages
Free Performing Arts Stage
Live Music**

**Saturday, September 21st - 10A-6P
Sunday, September 22nd - 10A-4P**

Warrenville Park District Recreation Center
Lower Level Parking Lot
3S260 Warren Avenue, Warrenville

Entertainment Stage

Saturday, September 21

10:30-11:30A Herpolosheimers Band
12:30-2:00P Banjo Buddies Dixieland Band
2:00P Artist Awards
2:30-3:30P D33 Ballet Folklorico
4:00-6:00P Ashley Lewis & Legacy

Sunday, September 22

11:30A-1:00P Peter Oprisko & Pop/Jazz Quintet
1:30-2:00P Warrenville Park District Dance
2:30-4:00P Rick Lindy & The Wild Ones

FREE Children's Free Entertainment

Saturday & Sunday, September 21 & 22

12:30-2:30P Painting with Pinot's Palette of St. Charles
1:00-2:00P Balloon Tying by Sue Kleinwachter
2:00-3:00P Face Painting by Sue Kleinwachter

Food & Beverages by Tom's Market & Kool Kat Ice Cream

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activity that supports public health and safety by ensuring high-quality drinking water and reliable fire protection services.

What is the City's water treatment process?

Warrenville water customers receive water from shallow underground wells, which have iron removal systems. The City uses blended phosphates for corrosion control, chlorine for disinfection, and fluoride for dental health.

How do I know if my tap water is safe to drink?

You can determine if your tap water is safe by reviewing your annual Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) provided by the City of Warrenville. (See link and QR code below)

What is the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)?

It is annual document that provides essential information about the quality of drinking water supplied by community water systems in the United States. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) mandates that every community water supplier provide this yearly.

What do I check if I have low water pressure?

1. Check to see if you have multiple fixtures running
2. Inspect the main shutoff valve
3. Look for leaks
4. Investigate clogged pipes
5. If you have a water softener, try bypassing the softener

DIY solutions for eliminating odors

If you find that your hot water smells bad, here are some steps you can take:

1. Flush your water heater:

Drain and refill your tank to remove sediment and bacteria.

This process involves connecting a garden hose to the drain valve and letting it run until clear.

2. Sanitize with bleach or hydrogen peroxide:

After flushing, consider adding bleach or hydrogen peroxide into the tank to kill any remaining bacteria.

Allow it to sit for 30 minutes before draining again.

3. Check and replace anode rods:

Inspect your anode rod; if it's significantly corroded, replace it with a new aluminum or zinc rod instead of magnesium to reduce odors.

4. Increase water temperature:

Raising the temperature setting on your heater (to about 140°F) can help minimize bacterial growth, but be cautious about scalding risks.

Learn more about City water, water quality reports, and more:

On our website:

warrenville.il.us/425/Water-and-Sewer

Or scan the QR code on the right.



CITY IN BRIEF

UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS:

Regular meetings held at 7:00 p.m.,
City Hall Council Chambers

- **City Council**
September 3 & 16
- **Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals**
September 5 & 19
- **Community Development Committee of the Whole**
September 9
- **Public Safety and Finance Committee of the Whole**
September 23

For agendas, scan the QR code on the right.
Or, visit our website at:
warrenville.il.us/agendacenter



SEPTEMBER CELEBRATION:

The City's **Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Awareness Commission** honors federally recognized heritage and history months as part of their commitment to build an inclusive community that values diversity.

September is **Hispanic Heritage Month**, September 15-October 15. This month recognizes the many contributions of Hispanic Americans through community gatherings, festivals, art shows, and other activities. Learn more at:

hispanicheritagemonth.gov.

IDEC welcomes feedback. Submit comments to: idec@warrenville.il.us



BRUSH PICKUP FYI:

Brush pickup occurs in September and October. Get the schedule at:

warrenville.il.us/809/Brush-Pickups-Wood-Chips

These **guidelines** ensure staff safety and an efficient pickup:

- Bundle brush securely with **twine**, not wire.
- Bundles must not exceed 50 pounds.
- Put out pile prior to 7:00 a.m. on the day of pickup.
- Limit to one pile of trimmed brush per address.
- No logs, lumber, yard waste, thorns, or root-balls.
- Pile size cannot exceed the following dimensions: 3 feet high, 8 feet wide, and 15 feet long.
- Branches do NOT exceed 8 inches in diameter.
- Branches do NOT exceed 8 feet in length.
- All brush under 2 feet long is considered yard waste. Place it in yard waste bags with a yard waste sticker for pick-up by the City's contracted garbage company on your designated garbage day.
- Place cut ends extended toward the street.
- Brush placed in plastic bags or other containers will not be picked up by the City.

If the brush bundle does not follow these guidelines, you will receive a notice, and the pile will not be picked up.

Once the pile follows guidelines, contact Public Works, and they will pick up the pile.

LABOR DAY CLOSINGS:

City Hall and the Police Department front lobby are closed Monday, September 2.

For emergency assistance, use the red telephone between the front entrance doors at the Police Department or dial 9-1-1 from your cell phone.

****Police emergency response will not be affected****

Garbage and recycling pickup:

Delayed by one day the week of September 2.

Thursday pickup:

Friday, September 6.

Friday pickup:

Saturday, September 7.

WARRENVILLE POLICE Non-emergency online reporting system

VACATION WATCH
Provide us the details of your property and the date range you will be gone. Once added to our database, your property will be added to our list of vacation watches for officers to check on (time-permitting).

CITIZEN REPORTING
Provide us with details of incidents that do not require an immediate police response. We will review the details and act accordingly.

AT RISK RESIDENTS
If you are an At Risk Resident, or the primary contact. Enter your contact information here for our records. In the event of an emergency, we will have quick access to your details.

On our website at:
warrenville.il.us/297/Police

POLICE ONLINE REPORTING TOOL:

This is a **non-emergency online reporting system** for issues that do not require immediate action, such as:

- Requesting a vacation house watch
- Reporting non-emergency incidents like speeding vehicles in your neighborhood
- Registering an at-risk individual who lives with you

** This system is not actively monitored. Dial 9-1-1 for emergencies.*

Learn more at: warrenville.il.us under "News & Spotlights."