

**VILLAGE OF ALHAMBRA NEWSLETTER**  
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**Contacts**

The Village of Alhambra welcomes you. As a well-informed citizen, you are an asset to us all. This newsletter highlights contact information, functions, and regulations as they apply to our village. Complete codes can be accessed at Village of Alhambra.com or by visiting the village hall. Our address is listed above. Regular village board meetings are the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. If prospective attendees require an interpreter or other access accommodation needs, please contact the Clerk's office at 618-488-3505 no later than 48 hours prior to the commencement of the meeting to arrange the accommodations. We appreciate all you do to be an informed and engaged citizen. A recorder at the village hall is always on at 618-488-3505. You can leave a message and someone will get back to you. In an emergency, contact John Mindrup at 409-3941.

A current list of Mayor, Clerk and Trustees is located on the village website and posted at the entrance of the hall.

To report street lights that are out, call the Village hall. To report power outages, call Ameren at 800-755-5000.

We rely on the vigilance of our residents to report any suspicious behavior or activities to the Madison County Police Department, phone number emergency 911, or non-emergency 692-4433. An anonymous tip line to the Madison County Sheriff's office can be used for reporting purposes at 296-3000.

It would be advantageous for the clerk's office to have phone contact information for all residents. If your phone contact information is not listed in the phone book, we would appreciate your contact number and/or email address. The information will not be shared, and used only to disseminate necessary information to you. Address changes or name changes for water bills can be done by contacting the village hall.

**Pets**

The Village has a leash law in effect. All dogs should be kept on a leash. If you inadvertently lost a pet, please contact the village hall and we will try to assist you in locating your animal. Please have collars on your pets that identify you as their owner.

Dog Vaccinations are normally the second Saturday in June at the firehouse.

## Waste

Chipper service is available through the village, drop off is behind the village shed at 421 Elm Street. Mulch is available to residents in the bin at 421 Elm at a first come first serve basis. We have a chipper service to dispose of Christmas trees and yard waste. No other items are to be dumped. Limbs brought to the curb in an orderly fashion will be picked up by request. Leaves and grass clippings are accepted at the drop off area at 421 Elm Street. **Yard waste means limbs, leaves, grass clippings. No trash is accepted and the area is photo enforced.** Please help keep our waterways and ditches flowing by refraining from raking leaves or piling grass clippings in ditches or waterways.

Trash and recycling pickup with Robert Sanders Waste Systems is every Wednesday. Items to be set out for recycling are plastic, glass and paper. Trash beyond the usual, you must contact Robert Sanders Waste Systems at 888-465-8461 to arrange for pickup and an extra charge. If you have trouble with your polycart or need a new recycle bin, please call the village hall. We recycle, so do not burn plastic, rubber or other items that cause noxious fumes. Polycarts should be taken off the street by Friday.

The village in no way advocates burning; however, all burning is strictly limited to yard waste such as limbs, grass and leaves. It is illegal to dispose of any other items by burning. Please dispose of trash properly. There is an anonymous tip line at the Sheriff's department to report violators. The tip line may be used for this or any illegal activity observed by residents. Tip line is anonymous at 296-3000.

Newspapers, clothes and shoes can be dropped off at Alhambra Elementary School.

Large trash pickup is set up for May with dates to be published. A dumpster will be available at the Alhambra Jaycee Hall at 109 E. Main Street. No tires, yard waste, batteries, concrete, TVs or electronics will be picked up which is the same rule as regular pickup.

Disposal of electronic items: All disposing of unwanted electronics can be taken to CJDE-Cycling, 5257 N. State Route 157, Edwardsville, IL. Phone number is 659-9006 between 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There may be a charge for TVs. By law, the trash company is no longer able to take these items.

## Water

Water, sewer and trash payments can be made after hours at the village hall by using the drop box located on the east side of the village clerk's office at 602 West Main Street.

The EPA does not allow for private wells to be connected to a municipal water system. A hose connected to a hose bib should not be submerged or connected to a tank or liquid unless appropriate backflow measures have been made.

The consumer confidence report is published each year. The report provides water quality data, including test results for parameters set by the EPA. The report is available

online at <http://ccr.alhambraillinois.com>. If you want a paper copy, it is available at the village hall.

Please be advised that any and all requests for information from the Water and Sewer Department are to satisfy mandatory requirements by the EPA. When requests are sent, please return in a timely fashion. Delays and second requests cost all of us in time and money and will eventually be reflected in rates and services. Thanks for your cooperation.

### **Sewer**

In the event of a sewer blockage, it is advisable to contact the village clerk's office prior to contacting a sewer cleaning service so that village mains can be checked first to assure they are not blocked. Please do not dispose of baby wipes, or "so called" disposal wipes and grease or other tough materials in the sanitary sewer as this will cause blockages in your lines, our sewer mains and pump impellers.

Sewer charges are based on your water usage. The filling of swimming pools over 1,000 gallons can receive a deduction in their sewer charges by contacting the village hall.

### **Pests**

Nuisance wildlife can be trapped and removed by contacting the Village clerk's office.

Mosquitoes need 5 days to hatch in still water. Help eliminate breeding sites by contacting the village for larvicide or information.

### **Regulations**

The Village has a zoning ordinance in effect. Anyone with building or remodeling projects should contact the Village Hall for permits or pertinent information.

No inoperative or unlicensed motor vehicles shall be parked, kept or stored on any premises unless it is in an enclosed garage, and no vehicle shall at any time be in a state of major disassembly, disrepair or in the process of being stripped or dismantled.

All exterior property and premises, and the interior of every structure shall be free from any accumulation of rubbish or garbage. Disposal shall be done in a clean and sanitary manner by placing the rubbish in approved containers.

All premises and exterior property shall be maintained free from weeds or growth in excess of ten inches. All noxious weeds shall be prohibited.

Before you doing any digging, by law you are required to call Julie. There is no charge to have utility lines located. The contact number is 811.

### **General Information**

Halloween hours are 6:00-9:00 p.m. on October 31 only.

Members of the Village Board have completed Freedom of Information Act/Open Meetings Act training through the Attorney General's office.

The U.S. flags displayed along the highway on holidays are no longer the responsibility of any one organization. The flags belong to all of us. Several community organizations are involved in the displaying of flags on holidays. Occasionally, help and funds from area residents will be needed for replacement of flags, poles and brackets. A dollar or two donated each year from some of our area residents would be enough to cover the costs. All help is appreciated. To make a donation, simply mark an envelope "Our Flag" and drop it by the Alhambra village hall.

The health and safety of the residents is our primary concern. Please notify us if you see any safety concerns throughout the village. Alhambra Park has been designated as a cooling center

Please stop by and see the nice display of Alhambra history in the lobby thanks to Village residents. Items can be donated to the village hall for display.

### ***COMMUNITY EVENTS TO REMEMBER:***

Easter Egg Hunt held on the Saturday before Easter Sunday sponsored jointly by the Village of Alhambra, the Community Club and the Jaycees.

Alhambra Homecoming is held Friday, June 2 and Saturday, June 3.

4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks held at Alhambra Township Park sponsored by the Alhambra Jaycees. Food will be available beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Large spring trash pickup is May 10 with curbside pickup. No yard waste, building materials, batteries tires or electronics will be accepted. A dumpster will be located at the Alhambra Jaycee hall at 109 E. Main Street.

Dog Vaccinations will be Saturday, June 24 from NOON-1:00 p.m. at the firehouse. All dogs must be on a leash.

