

VILLAGE OF ALHAMBRA NEWSLETTER
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There is a recorder at the village hall that is always on. You can always leave a message and someone will get back to you. In an emergency, contact John Mindrup at 409-3941.

To report street lights that are out, call the Village hall.

Water and sewer 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.

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.

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. 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. Please help keep our waterways and ditches flowing by refraining from raking leaves or piling grass clippings in ditches or waterways.

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.

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

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 or concrete will be picked up which is the same rule as regular pickup.

Disposal of electronic items: All disposing of unwanted electronics need to be taken to Goodwill Industries because by law the trash company is no longer able to take these items.

Trash pickup with Harry's Disposal is every Wednesday regardless of a holiday that week. The only exception is Christmas that falls on a Wednesday, trash will be picked up on Thursday. Recycled trash is picked up each Friday. Items to be set out are plastic, glass and paper. Excessively heavy cans or objects will not be taken. All trash in polycart needs to be bagged. 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. If trash is not picked up on appropriate day, please contact the village office and let the trash remain at the curb unless advised otherwise.

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.

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

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

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

It would be advantageous for the village 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. The information will not be shared, and used only to disseminate necessary information to you.

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

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.

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.

The Insurance Service Office (ISO) conducted an inspection for Alhambra's fire service rating. Effective Dec. 1, 2012 they are as follows: Properties within 5 road miles of a fire hydrant or alternate water supply are a Class 6. Properties beyond 1,000 feet or a fire hydrant, but within 5 road miles of a recognized fire station are classified as a Class 9. The number is determined by ISO inspection of all fire departments, personnel, training, equipment, dispatch and communications systems; and the Village of Alhambra's water supply, capacity and hydrants. The classification number on your homeowner's insurance affects your insurance rates.

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.

The health and safety of the residents is our primary concern. Please notify us if you see any safety concerns throughout the village.

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 5 and Saturday, June 6.

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

Yard Sales will be held May 7, 8 and 9.