

Our Town LOCKPORT

CITY OF LOCKPORT NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2020

2020 Census

Happening now! If you have not yet completed the 2020 Census you can self-respond online, by phone or mail until October 31.

Visit 2020census.gov to respond online or get more details. To respond by phone call (844) 330-2020 any day of the week from 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. CST.

Car Shows on State

Starting in August, car shows are returning to Monday nights! For a new spin, classics will line State Street from 4-8 p.m. every Monday in August and September (except Labor Day, September 7).

Beautification

The Beautification Committee is accepting entries for the Summer Property Recognition Contest until Friday, September 4. Enter online under *City News*.



Development News

POPEYE'S COMING SOON

The Final Development Plan for Popeye's Louisiana Kitchen drive-thru facility in Lockport Square was approved by the City Council on July 15. Coming soon!

SECOND CITY GREENS

A new use of 201 W. 6th Street (former Sloyan building site) was discussed by the City Council at their COTW meeting on July 15.

Second City Greens is proposing to lease the space to grow hydroponic industry products such as vegetables and lettuces in advanced cargo containers.



LOCK & MULE RESTAURANT

Lock & Mule by Tangled Roots continues to make progress restoring the Mackin building at 1025 S. State. Follow the progress on Facebook @lockandmule.

Railroad Updates

CN recently made updates to the 9th Street railroad crossing including double track replacement and cantilever installation. Improvements allow the existing dedicated left-turn lane eastbound 9th Street to be extended further west alleviating congestion at the intersection.



Open Houses

The City recently held two open houses for Downtown Streetscaping (on State Street, 10th Street to 11th Street, and 9th Street, State Street to Hamilton Street) and the Archer Avenue Corridor Plan. Exhibits and information are available online.





COVID-19 Center

The City created a COVID-19 Resource Center accessible from our homepage to share updates.

PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES

The Will County Health Department, Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and World Health Organization (WHO) are leading agencies for guidance and updates. Testing sites are available through the Will County Health Department and IDPH.

FACE COVERINGS

According to the Journal of American Medicine Association (JAMA), affirmed by the CDC, cloth face coverings are a critical tool in the fight of COVID-19 when used universally within communities. IDPH and CDC provide helpful guides on how to care for masks, when to wear them, and more.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

As we enjoy the summer season, outdoors walking the dog around the neighborhood or dining in at our favorite local restaurant, please remember to maintain a social distance of at least six feet.

ONLINE SERVICES

City Hall reopened to the public on June 1st. While visitors are welcome, as a reminder, many services such as building permits, service requests, and utility bill payments are available online.

Resident Guide

The City recently published a *Resident Guide* which includes information on City services, elected officials, utilities, history, and more. While the guide was designed with new residents in mind – providing an introduction to essential services and the community – current residents may also find helpful resources.

Census Workers

Nonresponse followup will occur August 11 through October 31. During this time, Census takers will visit homes that have not self-responded to the 2020 Census. Field workers will wear masks, follow public health guidelines, and wear official photo ID badges.



Curfew Reminder

By City Ordinance, children under the age of 16 have a curfew of 10:00 p.m. and 16-17 year-olds of 11:00 p.m. Curfew hours are the same on weekends and holidays.

Solicitor Signage

Solicitors must be registered with the City before canvassing. Courtesy “no solicitors” signs are available for residents at City Hall.

Stay Connected

Receive notifications from the Lockport Police and Public Works & Engineering Departments through Nixle. To opt in, text your zip code to 888777 or visit nixle.com. The City also sends texts and emails about news and events through *Notify Me*: sign up on the City’s homepage.

Council Meetings

Committee of the Whole (COTW) and City Council Meetings are held the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 7 p.m. in City Hall. Meetings are streamed on the Agenda Center, LCTV YouTube, Comcast Channel 6 and AT&T U-Verse Channel 99.

Voter Registration

Register to vote in the Presidential Election (Tuesday, November 3) through the Will County Clerk’s Office. Applications can be sent by mail or completed online through thewillcountyclerk.com.

Holiday Closure

City offices will be closed on Monday, September 7 for Labor Day. Waste Management service will be delayed by one day.

