

City of Loves Park Newsletter



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Loves Park Community Development, 100 Heart Boulevard, Loves Park, Illinois 61111, (815) 654-5033

St. Bridget Cupboard - St. Bridget Catholic Church

St. Bridget Cupboard is a parish food pantry. They distribute food to those in need twice a month on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month from 4:00-6:00 PM or as needed by appointment.

- They have well over 1,000 families in their data base that have come at one time or another.
- More than 1/2 of their families have one or more persons over the age of 55 living in the household
- 2/3 or more of their families have children under the age of 18
- 2/3 or more of their families live in Loves Park or Machesney Park, with the other 1/3 coming from all around the region.

Pantry hours:

Distribute food to those in need twice a month

1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month

4:00pm - 6:00pm

Or as needed by appointment. Contact Deacon Bill Riseley at 815.877.1664 .

Donate Food:

Especially peanut butter, tuna, beans, cereal, and canned fruit. Fresh fruits and veggies on the day of distribution are also greatly appreciated.

Want to Volunteer?

Pantry Distribution: Volunteers are needed from 3:30 - 6:30 PM to welcome guests and assist them in getting their food to the car. They need willing and joyful spirits, who can walk a lot and lift at least the weight of a bag of groceries.

Pantry Baggers:

Volunteers are needed to help bag the groceries for distribution. Baggers work from 2:00pm -5:00pm on the Tuesdays of the week before pantry. Workers need to be able to stand and work, lift a box of food if necessary, climb a short step ladder and do it with great JOY!

Pantry Setup Team: Volunteers are needed to help get ready for pantry the day before. While one group goes to the Food Bank to pick up bread and other items for distribution, another group sets up tables and brings items out for distribution the next day. These volunteers work from 10:00-12:00.

Truck Team: On the second Tuesday of the month the NIFB truck delivers or order at 2:00. The shipment is received and frozen items are stored away in freezers. Volunteers are needed to assist with this process. Later that evening at 6:00 more volunteers come and put away all the rest of the items. Strong backs and JOYful spirits are required.

Loves Park Volunteer Fire Department's Annual Toy Drive

Please help make this Christmas special for a child in need from Loves Park or Machesney Park. The Loves Park Volunteer Fire Department is looking for toys for kids from infancy through 18 years of age. Through December 23rd at 5:00 pm you can drop off new, unwrapped toys at:

Loves Park Volunteer Fire Station 1
400 Grand Avenue, Loves Park
8 am to 5 pm.

On Christmas morning, our volunteer firefighters take time away from their families to hand deliver these gifts to make sure that as many kids as possible in the Loves Park/Machesney Park have a memorable Christmas. Please help us with your donation



For more information call Chief Foley at 815-654-5049 ext. 101



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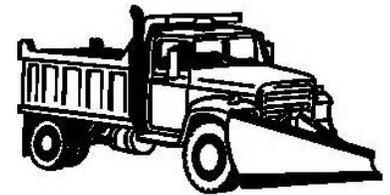
IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Reminders Regarding Snow Removal

When the snow starts to fall, the Public Works Department activates its "Snow & Ice Removal Plan". Exactly what happens depends on the amount of precipitation that has fallen, the amount predicted to fall, the temperature, the expected duration of the storm/event, and the moisture content. The following suggestions and reminders will help us complete the snow removal process in an efficient and timely manner:

- Do Not shovel or plow snow onto any City street, onto any public sidewalk, or obstruct any fire hydrant
- No Parking is allowed on any street if there is an accumulation of 2 inches or more of snow. This is in effect until plowing operations have been completed.
- For driveways, we know it is frustrating to clear your driveway only to have a plow come by and put snow back into the driveway, but this is unavoidable without greatly increasing the cost of snow removal. You can help minimize the amount of snow pushed back into your driveway by piling it on the right side of the driveway (away from approaching traffic).
- Winter is hard on mailboxes along the streets. If they are in good condition and properly installed, they will withstand sludge discharge from the plows. Most mailboxes knocked down during snow removal are not hit by the snowplows, they are in poor condition and knocked down by the snow discharge. The City will only be responsible for damage done to mailboxes that are properly installed and are hit by a snowplow. Be sure the front of the mailbox is 6 inches from the back of the curb, and the bottom of the mailbox is at least 42 inches from the top of the curb. If there is no curb, the front of the mailbox should be a minimum of 12 inches off the edge of the roadway pavement and 48 inches to the bottom of the mailbox.

Your cooperation in abiding by these wintertime regulations is greatly appreciated. If you have any concerns with snow removal, please contact the Street Department at 815-654-5040, and provide the nature of the concern with your contact information.



Scheduled City Meetings

December 2016

- 05 City Council
- 12 City Council
- 15 Zoning Board of Appeals
- 19 City Council
- 28 Community Development Committee Meeting

City Council meetings are at 6:00 pm; Community Development & Zoning Board of Appeals meetings are at 5:30 pm at City Hall, 100 Heart Boulevard.

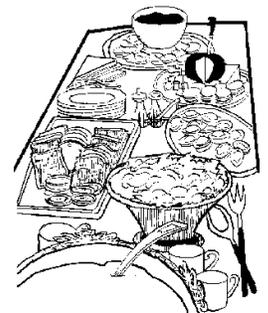
All offices at City Hall in Loves Park will be closed Friday, December 23, 2016 through Monday, December 26, 2016.

VFW CHRISTMAS DINNER

The local VFW 9759 will be having a Christmas dinner for veterans and the homeless who are in need of a hot meal. The VFW will be providing care items and clothing upon request.

The dinner will be on December 25, 2016, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.. The VFW hall is located at 2018 Windsor Road in Loves Park.

If you wish to donate contact the local VFW 9759 at **815-654-2195**.



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