

# City of Loves Park Newsletter

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## **Hard Boiled Eggs for Easter**

Older eggs are easier to peel than fresh eggs. If you are planning to make hard boiled eggs for Easter and want to make sure that the eggs are easy to peel, buy your eggs at least a week ahead of time (two weeks even better, they'll keep).

If you need easy-to-peel eggs and you have fresh eggs, you might want to try steaming the eggs for 20 minutes. Somehow the steam penetrates the shell a bit making the eggs easier to peel.

If you've boiled a batch of eggs that you are now finding difficult to peel, try cracking the shells all around without peeling them and soaking the eggs in water for a while. The water often seems to seep in enough under the shell to make the egg easier to peel.

If you live at high altitude, let the eggs sit in the hot water longer or lower the heat and maintain a low simmer for 10 to 12 minutes.



## **Alpine Road Reconstruction Frequently Asked Questions**

**Beginning on April 6**, the City of Loves Park will begin the long-awaited reconstruction of Alpine Road within the City limits. Alpine Road was constructed in the 1970's and the pavement has deteriorated to the point that a full removal and replacement is required. The road will be completely rebuilt as a brand new asphalt pavement. Listed below are some frequently asked questions that have been brought up to the City about this important project:

### **How long will the project last?**

Alpine Road will be reconstructed in three phases so that each phase can be completed within one construction season. The first phase of the project will start on Monday April 6 and will be completed before the end of August 2015.

### **What are the project limits?**

This first phase of the project will start at Riverside Boulevard and end about 500 feet north of Rivington Road. A portion of Windsor Road will also be reconstructed along with the ramps to Forest Hills Road. The bridge over Forest Hills Road will be repaired by the County, but not replaced.

### **Why will the road be closed?**

Repairs to the bridge will require that it be closed to traffic for a period of three months. The bridge closure will require a detour route using Forest Hills Road. Since the bridge will be closed, the City will take advantage of the traffic detour to have the contractor work to complete portions of the project as quickly as possible.

### **How will I get to local businesses?**

Access to all businesses north of Forest Hills Road will be maintained for "local traffic only" through the construction work zone. The road will be completely closed for several weeks south of Forest Hills Road, so traffic will have to use Riverside or Forest Hills to temporarily visit local businesses.

### **Since the City does not levy a property tax, how will this project be paid for?**

Alpine Road is one of the projects being funded by the City of Loves Park 1% sales tax that was approved by voters in 2014.

### **Will there be sidewalks?**

Yes. As part of the project, the City is installing sidewalks along Alpine Road. New traffic signals will include pedestrian crossing signals.

### **What comes next?**

Once the first phase of this project is complete later this summer, engineers will begin working on the design for the second phase up to Croydon Avenue, which will be rebuilt in 2016. The final phase will be the reconstruction of the Harlem and Alpine intersection area in 2017.



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# IN THE SPOTLIGHT



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## GPS FARMERS MARKET

The GPS Farmers Market is bringing healthy food to our community while supporting local agriculture & products. They meet on Thursdays, 3:00pm-7:30pm, May-Sept. at 10714 N. 2nd St., Machesney Park. The market started from an idea to supplement our mobile food pantry guests with the opportunity to garden and grow their families' favorite fresh foods. There are garden beds available for food pantry guests to grow then sell or keep what they have grown, as well as a community garden in which the money and extra produce is donated to the local food bank.

They now accept SNAP (also known as LINK) so more low income families can enjoy fresh produce.

## GENTLEMEN'S CAR CLUB

The Gentlemen Car Club originated in 1959 in Loves Park, Illinois. The club was active until the late 1960's. The club disbanded because all of its members had either enlisted or were drafted into the armed forces because of the Vietnam Conflict.

In 2010, a group of auto enthusiasts, many that were original members of the club, resurrected the club in the Fall.

The Gentlemen's Car Club donated \$10,295.10 for the 2014 'Vets Roll'. The money was raised by donations from businesses, 50/50 sales, free will offering, and quilt raffle. The donation helped send 200 WWII and Korean War veterans, and 'Rosie Riveters' on a 4-day expense paid trip to Washington D.C.

The Gentlemen's Club meets the second Tuesday of the month (April-November) at Loves Park's VFW, Post 9759. First meeting of the month will be Tuesday, April 14, 2015.



**Cruise Night**  
3rd Thurs. (Apr. - Oct.)  
5 - 8 p.m.

**Meadow Mart Shopping Ctr.**  
N. Second St. - Loves Park, IL  
Sponsored by Gentlemen Car Club

## THE YOUNG AT HEART PARADE

The City of Loves Park invites you to join us for the 44th Annual 'YOUNG AT HEART PARADE' on Saturday, May 23, 2015, at 9:00 A.M. The theme for this year's parade is '**Celebrating Small Businesses**'. The color scheme is **Red, White & Blue**.

If you have any questions regarding the parade, please contact **Barb Schwengels at 815-654-5033**.

## April Calendar of Events

### Scheduled City Meetings

- 06 City Council
- 13 City Council
- 16 Zoning Board of Appeals
- 20 City Council
- 27 City Council
- 29 Community Development Committee Meeting

City Council meetings are at 6:15 pm; Community Development & Zoning Board of Appeals meetings are at 6:00 pm at City Hall, 100 Heart Boulevard.

### ROCK RIVER DISPOSAL YARD WASTE PICKUP

Yard waste collection that ceases seasonally over the winter months will resume on Monday March 30, 2015 and continue until the week of December 1 to 4th, 2015. Please be advised that yard waste will only be collected when placed in compostable paper bags or in garbage cans clearly marked with a large "X" visible from the street. Branches and limbs less than 4" in diameter bundled with string or twine may be placed for collection as long as they don't exceed four feet in length, three feet in diameter and 50 pounds by weight.

This does not include leaf vacuuming, which will begin again in the fall.

### VFW of Loves Park

#### FISH FRY IS BACK!

The Veterans of Foreign Wars located at 2018 Windsor Road is having its fish fry.

Every Friday from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

2 pcs of fried cod or 1 pc of baked cod or 3 pc of fried chicken.

Served with Cole Slaw, mixed veggies, and a dessert.

\$10.50 per person or \$5.50 for seniors and kids.

For more information contact them at (815) 654-2195

### It's Tax Time

The North Suburban Library (NSLD) has a limited number of tax forms and publications available in the lobby at each library location. Staff can help patrons find and print forms and publications online. The cost to the patron is 15 cents per page for black and white copies. Tax preparation help will be provided by AARP. Assistance will be for low to moderate income individuals, with no age limitations. For more information contact the NSLD at (815) 633-4247