



Summer 2015 Newsletter

Providing news and information for the City Council, Chamber of Commerce, and Living Lanark Committees.

Created by Mayor John Huggins

Important Phone Numbers

City Hall
 (815)493-2431
Office Hours: Monday & Thursday 9am-5pm
 (closed 12:30-1:30)
Tuesday Noon-4:00
Wednesday 8:30-Noon
Council Meetings: First & third Tuesday of the month

Fire/Police Emergency
 911

Police Non-Emergency
 (815)493-6931

Fire Non-Emergency
 (815)493-2341

Maintenance
 (815)493-6832

Library ~ (815)493-2166
 T, W, F: Noon to 5,
 Th - Noon to 7:30,
 Sat.: 10-3

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Economic Growth

If you haven't noticed, the Lanark business community is growing. There is already well over 100 businesses in the Lanark/Lake Carroll area. That includes brick-and-mortar businesses as well as home-based businesses.

Soon we will be welcoming several new businesses. Casey's General Store will be locating on the corner of Rt. 64 and Broad St. Dollar General will be located in the southwest corner of town. The Lanark Pharmacy will be opening soon downtown. Little Sprouts Daycare and Preschool will be opening soon in the former elementary school. And Eastland Fabrication will be building a new showroom for Stutsman, Inc.

Several of our existing businesses have invested quite a bit of money back into their own businesses. These businesses include Exchange State Bank, Lanark Ag/Vita Plus, Eastland Motor Sports, Elkay, and the Lanark Food Center.

This is good news for our community. The more goods and services we have in Lanark, there is a lesser need for people to go to Sterling or Freeport to shop. SHOP LOCAL!



Find more info on the web at www.lanarkil.com

ECC Home Improvement Task Force

The Eastland Council of Churches Home Improvement Task (HIT) Force has completed several projects around town.

The HIT Force has installed a front door for a resident. A group of 20 volunteers helped another resident with replacing a roof, painting and power washing the exterior of the house and garage. They also successfully assisted that resident with the application for a \$7,500 USDA grant. Another resident was assisted with the exterior painting of their home. The HIT Force is looking for potential projects as well as volunteers.

The vision of the Home Improvement Task Force is to serve members of the community by assisting with needed home improvement projects. The group is anxious to provide assistance to local home owners who may lack the financial ability to accomplish essential home improvement projects. We are currently organizing volunteers to assist with these projects.

For more information contact Rodney Caldwell at 815/275-4196 or Penny Lauritzen at 815/535-4141.

Donations can be sent to:
Exchange State Bank
c/o Deb Noordhoff for ECC
126 N. Broad St., PO Box 5
Lanark, IL 61046



Farmers Market

As the weeks pass, more and more fresh local produce becomes available. The Lanark Farmers Market is now open Tuesdays from 3 pm - 6 pm until October 27. It is held in the City Park on West Claremont. Stop by and check out all the market has to offer, including fresh produce, educational seminars, music, food and more.



Schedule of Monthly Events

Second Tuesday of the Month ~ Junk in the Trunk

Third Tuesday of the Month ~ FHN Guest Speaker

Fourth Tuesday of the Month ~ Special Events



Old Settlers Days 2015

The 2015 Old Settlers Days brought record numbers out to the park the weekend of June 26 - 28.

The weather could not have been more perfect. The kids had a blast on the free inflatable rides and games, water fights, treasure hunt, pony rides, and free frozen treats.

The adults enjoyed the car show, tractor pull, live music, beer tent, craft fair, and softball tournament.



And EVERYONE couldn't get enough of the food, parade, races, Celebrity Pie-In-The-Face, bingo, and more.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR JUNE 24-26, 2016 SO YOU DO NOT MISS THE FUN NEXT YEAR!!



Software Problems Cause Billing Issues

The City has been experiencing problems with our billing software for water/sewer/garbage. The software company had assured us the problems would be fixed by this billing cycle. But it has not.

This problem has plagued us since the beginning of the year. Thus, resulting in the hand-corrections on the payment stubs. The clerk has had to write-out and hand write every one of the 650+ bills. This is why you have received them a few days later than usual.

Please accept our apologies. We really hope the software will be working correctly by the October billing cycle.



Health & Wellbeing Fund

The Lanark Health and Wellbeing fund (HW fund) is collecting donations to provide assistance for people who are senior citizens, the disabled, people facing an emergency and others who may need help with paying their water and sewer bills during a difficult period.

Donations are tax deductible. Its easy to contribute to the fund when you pay your water bill. You can round up to the nearest dollar.

IMPORTANT: When you make a contribution, please write “Extra to HW Fund” in the memo section of your check.

To apply for assistance, contact the Eastland Council of Churches at 563-212-6810 or Rock Creek/Lima Township at 815-493-9960.

Things to Know

YARD WASTE

Help keep our street clean and beautiful by renting a yard waste tote. Grass clippings blown into the street and sticks piled along the road are unsightly and can washing into the storm sewers which causes backups and flooding. This also takes up our maintenance crew’s time cleaning streets, chipping sticks, and clearing storm catch basins. So, other duties get pushed back.

The city crew will pick up brush from city parkway trees on Mondays and after severe storms. If you cut or trim trees from your own property, please call the maintenance department at (815)493-6832 and schedule a

pick up. There may be a fee assessed depending on the amount of brush.

Yard waste totes can be rented from Moring Disposal for a low yearly fee. Call them at (815) 938-3602.

DOGS

Dogs are not allowed to leave the premises of the owner at any time unless the dog is under competent supervision, securely restrained on a leash or confined within an enclosed pen or vehicle.

Also, with the nicer weather, people like to leave their windows open at night. Do not leave dogs outside. If complaints are filed against your dog, you may face fines of \$50.00 or more.

City Officials

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