



Dispatch

a bi-monthly news update for CWLP customers

Ribbon-cutting marks reopening of Lindsay Bridge

At just after 10 a.m. on November 1, wielding an oversized pair of scissors, Mayor Mike Houston cut a red ribbon spanning the east end of Vachel Lindsay Memorial Bridge to signal the reopening of the bridge to motor and pedestrian traffic. The ribbon-cutting ceremony marked the end of a four-month-long, \$1.9 million renovation project that will ensure the viability of the historic structure for decades to come.

including facing tiles; installation of new navigational lighting and period deck light fixtures; and the resurfacing of the deck and sidewalks. The repairs and renovations are expected to dramatically increase the lifespan of the bridge, which was built in 1934 and 1935, during the construction of [Lake Springfield](#).

The renovations were made possible by an Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) grant



Mayor Mike Houston (center left) is assisted by Ward 1 Alderman Frank Edwards as he cuts the ribbon at the east end of Lindsay Bridge, reopening the bridge to traffic following four months of renovation. Other representatives of the City of Springfield, CWLP, and IDOT, as well as lake-area residents, also took part in the ceremony.

The bridge, which had suffered extensive weather- and age-related damage, was closed July 5 so it could undergo a major facelift that included the repair of large areas of deteriorated concrete; the replacement of over 1700 railing balusters, as well as railing caps and

from the Illinois Department of Transportation, which covered approximately 80% of the total project cost.

A gallery of photos following the progress of the renovation work from start to finish can be [seen on the CWLP website](#).



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Having a hard time coming up with holiday gift ideas for some special people in your life? If they're Springfield residents, we'd like to suggest you consider giving CWLP Gift Cards.

You can purchase a CWLP Gift Card in any amount for any current CWLP customer, and your purchase price will be applied as a credit to your gift recipient's account. You'll receive an attractive card to present to your loved one to let them know about your generosity. If you prefer, we can mail the card for you, or you can choose to remain anonymous.

To purchase a CWLP Gift Card, you can visit or call the CWLP Customer Service Office. You will need to provide the account name and service address of your gift recipient. Having the account number can be helpful but is not necessary. Payments can be made by cash or check if made in person and by credit card if made over the phone.

The CWLP Customer Service Office is located in Municipal Center West, 300 S. 7th Street (corner of 7th and Monroe). The telephone number is 789-2030.

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Around Springfield . . .

■ **Illinois State Museum Events.** Events are free. Unless otherwise noted, they take place at the Illinois State Museum and readers can obtain more information by visiting www.museum.state.il.us or calling 782-7386.

Collector's Day. November 5. Explore collections and learn tips from long-time collectors.

Monthly Science Series. November 9, ISM Research & Collections Center, 1011 E. Ash. Monthly program of guest speakers on topics of science or natural history. 785-0037.

Super Saturday. November 12 & December 10, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Great activities, including take-home crafts, for youngsters and their families.

■ **International Festival.** November 11, 4:30-8:40 p.m., Student Life Building, UIS. Free. Cultural games and exhibits, artistic performances, foot tasting and more will be featured. 206-6678; www.uis.edu/internationalstudentservices/events/InternationalFestival.html.

■ **Brinkerhoff Chili/Soup Dinner.** November 12, 3 p.m., Brinkerhoff Home, 1500 N. 1st St. You're invited to support the Brinkerhoff Home and enjoy homemade chili and tortellini soup, drinks and dessert. Admission: \$10/person; \$18/couple. 528-2818; www.brinkerhoffhome.com.

■ **Memorial's Festival of Trees.** November 19-27, Orr Building, Illinois State Fairgrounds. Admission. This holiday tradition, which benefits the Memorial Medical Foundation, will feature over 150 decorated trees, wreaths and swags, plus entertainment, food, a gift market, and more. 788-4301; www.MemorialFestivaloftrees.com.

■ **Holiday Market.** November 19-20, Lincoln Memorial Garden. Free. The annual holiday sale features wreaths, ornaments and other handmade items. 529-1111; www.lincolnmemorialgarden.org.

■ **Dancing With the Starz.** November 19, 6:30-11:30 p.m., Hoogland Center for the Arts. Admission. In its sixth year, this event is the major fundraiser for the Prairie Art Alliance. Dance to the music of Kevin Turner and enjoy champagne, hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction. 544-2787; www.prairieart.org.

■ **Christmas at the Dana Thomas House.** November 28-December 31, Dana-Thomas House, 301 E. Lawrence. Donation accepted. Celebrate Christmas as Susan Lawrence Dana did in 1904 during her first holiday in her new Frank Lloyd Wright-designed home. 782-6776; www.dana-thomas.org.

■ **Christmas With the Lincolns.** December 7-January 8, Lincoln Home Historic Site. Free. Tour the Lincoln Home and learn how the Lincolns celebrated

the holidays. 786-2789; www.llcc.edu.

■ **Caroling at the Carillon.** December 11, 4:30-5 p.m., Rees Memorial Carillon, Washington Park. Free. Gather around a roaring bonfire and sing Christmas carols accompanied by the beautiful music of the bells. Hot cocoa and cookies follow. 753-6219; www.carillon-rees.org.

Information

WASTE & RECYCLING

Did you know? Your paid residential garbage service also entitles you to:

- **Weekly curbside recycling** (available to one-to four-unit homes); AND
- **One free large item pickup** per year (up to three items). This service is available only to residents living in single or duplex homes with can pickup (not dumpster service). To schedule a pickup, call 522-7797.

November Is Free Leaf Pick Up Month

The City is extending its free fall yard-waste pick up period to include the entire month of November this year. Acceptable materials include grass, leaves and brush (no bigger around than a pencil) that has been placed in paper yard waste bags or in 33-gallon cans marked "yard waste." Bags or cans should weigh no more than 50 pounds and should be placed at the end of your driveway or in the area between the sidewalk and street. This free service is available to all residential units within the city corporate limits.

Complete Care Pharmacy Accepts Old Medicines

Properly disposing of old over-the-counter and prescription medicines can help protect our water supply. Thanks to Complete Care Pharmacy, located on the corner of 5th and Jefferson, Springfield now has a safe and responsible way for you to get rid of your outdated medicines. Complete Care will accept all medications in their original container (you can scratch your name and other personal information off the label). For more information, call Complete Care at 528-8096.

Unless otherwise noted, programs described above are available for all Springfield city residents. More information about each can be obtained by calling the numbers or email addresses provided or by contacting the City's Waste and Recycling Program Coordinator at 789-2327 or wynne.coplea@cwlp.com.