Wilmington Connects
Wilmington, I am beyond thrilled to share that Will County has awarded the city with an additional $2 Million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant funding. This grant will be used for much-needed infrastructure improvements in the downtown area.

The improvements will include storm sewer rehabilitation, manhole rehabilitation, sanitary sewer lining, and water main improvements on North Kankakee Street, North Main Street, and North Water Street. In addition, North Kankakee and North Main Streets will also be repaired and repaved. Initial planning and engineering have already begun and we anticipate the work to be completed by Summer.

I would like to thank Will County Executive, Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant, and Joe VanDuyne Will County Board for helping secure these funds. Year to date Wilmington has received almost $4 Million dollars in grant funding. These grants have allowed our town to take on projects that have been long overdue or on a wish list and turned them into reality.

Each year, holiday memories are made, traditions are formed and the holiday spirit in Wilmington grows greater. The Wilmington Chamber of Commerce kicks off the 2023 holiday season on Saturday, November 25th with an evening of family friendly activities.

The celebration begins at 5:00 p.m. with activities on North Water Street, including a visit with Santa Claus and Lighted Holiday Parade led by the Business Person of the Year!

Shop Small Business Saturday - a day to celebrate and support small businesses and all they do for our community

Visit the Wilmington Park District Christkindl Market at the North Water Street municipal parking lot

Walk the Wilmington Lions Club lighted holiday display at North Island Park
This Winter Please Remember...

Every Snow / Ice event is different so please take caution during any snow / ice storm if you need to be driving on the roadways. If it is at all possible, please remain home during the time when it is snowing or freezing rain. The City of Wilmington Public Works Department will be plowing / salting to combat any storm, however, there will be hazardous conditions until all the City’s thoroughfares have been treated.

It is unavoidable for City of Wilmington snow plows to not push snow on sidewalks at all intersection corners during cleanup operations. It shall be the responsibility of the adjacent residential / business owner to remove these snow berms from the corners of intersections and place snow into the parkway (not back into the street). Residents can assist Public Works in their efforts by doing the following:

Residents shall not park on the street during a snow event as On-street parking is prohibited by City Ordinance Section 76.01, for any snowfall accumulations of 1 inch or more.

Senior News You Can Use

The winter months can be a difficult time for many people. If you or a loved one is in need of help, the United Way of Will County wants you to know that they have launched a free, multi-lingual, confidential 24-hour information and referral center for mental health services, addiction support and rehabilitation, crisis counseling, supplemental food programs, shelter and affordable housing options, employment and education support, financial support, and more.

The 211 Helpline connects you with ALL Human Services in Will County and will enable all Will County residents to connect with a single source. By Phone: 211 or Text to 898211 or online at https://uwwill.org/211.

SAVE THE DATE

THE CITY OF WILMINGTON IS STARTING A PROCESS TO UPDATE THE COMPREHENSIVE CITY PLAN AND PREPARE A MASTER PARKS PLAN.

PLEASE JOIN US:
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2024, 6-8:00PM, AT WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

TO SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS AND IDEAS ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE COMMUNITY.
What’s going on this winter!

HOLIDAYS 2023

Kids Night Out & Cookie Crawl!
Sat., Dec. 2nd 4-8pm
It’s late night shopping downtown but don’t have a sitter? We got you! Drop the kids with us for pizza and a holiday movie while you get that Holiday shopping underway.

Holiday Charcuterie
Mon., Dec. 4th 7-9pm
You loved our last charcuterie class now let’s put a Holiday spin on it! Grab your friends and learn how to up your host/hostess game! Bring your own board, we’ll have the treats to fill it with, then take home and wow your family!

Pizza Pins & Pop
Thurs., Dec 14th 6pm
Grab a friend, neighbor or the family! Holidays are busy, take some time out to reconnect with special price for bowling and pizza! Reserve online.

Kids Fun!
Wed., Dec 27th 10am
Morning Movie at the Mar!
Fri., Dec 29th 11am-1pm

Blanket Making Class
Fri., Jan 26th 5:45-8pm
Skills you can use! Or do you know someone who would enjoy this? Reserve their spot and ask us for a gift card for gift giving this holiday season!

NEW YEAR NEW YOU!
End the year with us and start the year with us! Check out all we have to offer to achieve your healthy goals.

WORKOUT CLASSES
*Stop into any class for $7*
Check out class dates and times at www.islandparkdistrict.com or stop in and grab a flyer! All classes are fun and everchanging. Up your workout game today with new sessions starting now and in January!

Low Impact Yoga
Boot Camp
Kickbox
Step Aerobics

GYM SPECIAL
3 Months for $60!
Wellness Classes
Jan & Feb

THE COVE
*Welcome Laura from The Cove*
Mon, Jan 22nd @ 6:30pm join us to learn how what we consume affects our whole body and mind. Plus she is bringing her yummy drinks for us to taste! Sign up online today.

SENIOR INFO
Senior Hours: Mon–Fri 1–3pm
We accept Silver Sneakers! Call your insurance company today to see if you have this bonus feature and we’ll get you signed up for unlimited access during open hours!

*Register online or at front desk*  www.islandparkdistrict.com
Daddy Daughter Date Night is back! Save the Date and start picking out your favorite dress. Tickets go on sale 1/24 at www.islandparkdistrict.com. Be sure and watch our socials for all of the fun details to come. We had a blast last year and are excited for an even bigger Date Night!

See you soon!
The Wilmington Park District

Employee Spotlight:

Meet Rachel! Rachel has been with the park district since the summer of 2021. She is a graduate of St. Francis University with a bachelor’s degree in early childhood education and currently a para-professional for the SOWIC program at Reed Custer Elementary. She started as a Kids Club Staff member and grew her role into many facets! If she looks familiar, it’s because you have probably seen her as an instructor for our tap as well as at every special event!

YOUTH PROGRAMS
START WEEK OF 1/8
*REGISTRATION OPENS 12/1

Beginner Ballet & Tap Classes. Want to try out dance classes or maybe take the next step? We are here to learn, grow and make new friends. Join the park district dancers today!

Beginner Tumbling. Let’s learn a new skill together. We are learning the basics and improving on the skills we have already learned.

Co-Ed Basketball. Learning, growing and trying something new. Let’s play!

DADDY DAUGHTER DATE NIGHT
SAT. FEB 24TH

*Register online or at front desk*  www.islandparkdistrict.com
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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Holiday Parade

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH
PARADE @ 5:00PM
IT'S AN ELF ON THE SHELF CHRISTMAS

ChristkindlMarket
Wilmington Park District

Saturday, Nov. 25th    3-7pm
220 N. Water St.

Join us downtown before, during and after the holiday parade for shopping, food, treats, music and so much more!
Check our socials for all the updated details!
Join us for two Christmas movies this December. We provide the popcorn! On December 15th at 1:00 pm we will be showing the Hallmark movie “Lights, Camera, Christmas.” On December 22nd, also at 1:00 pm, we will be showing the classic movie “Remember the Night.”

ADD SOME SPICE TO YOUR LIFE!

Do you love to cook and want to try new flavors? Get spicy with us and join our Spice Club! Each month we have a spice kit, available for patrons to take. December’s spice is Cardamom. We’ll warm up January with Cayenne Pepper. And Ground Cloves will be our February spice. No registration necessary, but kits are available on a first come, first serve basis. Also consider checking out some of our fabulous cookbooks and Cooking Equipment!

P.J. STORY TIME

Put on your pajamas and grab your favorite stuffed animal! P.J. Story Time is fun for the whole family! Join Mrs. Amanda as she reads stories to help wind down your evening. This story time is designed to engage children of various ages. Pajamas are encouraged, but not required. P.J. Story Time takes place every other Tuesday at 6:00 pm.

ILLINOIS MOBILE SECRETARY OF STATE @YOUR LIBRARY!

The Illinois Mobile Driver Services Facility will be at the Wilmington Public Library on December 6th. From 10am-3pm. They will be able to provide all services except behind the wheel and written driving exams. Please call the library to set up a 15 minute appointment to secure your slot in this very popular program. Some walk-ins may be served. Another event will be held on March 15th. Skip the DVM and come to the library!
CHECK OUT A SAD LAMP!

Seasonal Affective Disorder is a type of depression that has a seasonal pattern. Even without an official diagnosis, many people feel downright blue during winter. Light therapy is used to replace “lost” sunshine with daily exposure to light from a light box. This is the standard treatment for seasonal affective disorder and certain other conditions. Our SAD lamp can be checked out with a library card for in library use only for 30 minutes at a time. Check out the lamp, grab a book, magazine, or newspaper, and relax. A user guide containing all the general information and warnings/precautions accompanies the lamp.

YETI, SET, READ!

Earn prizes for reading! Our Winter Reading Program will take place the entire month of February. Sign ups begin for both adults and children on February 1st and the last raffle tickets must be turned in by February 29th. We want to send an early thank you to Wilmington Ace Hardware for sponsoring some of our fabulous “YETI” brand prizes.

IMMERSE YOURSELF IN HISTORY

Join us for the first of a five part local historical lecture series with Local Historian Sandy Vasco starting on February 17th at 1:00 pm. this program made possible thanks to Union Pacific Railroad Community Ties Giving Program Grant

NOTICES

The Library will be closed on December 24th and 25th and on December 31st and January 1st.

Library Hours
Monday - Thursday 9 am - 8pm
Friday and Saturday 9 am- 5 pm
Sunday 12- 5pm

Library Phone Number 815-476-2834

Get our PrairieCat Mobile app in the Google Play Store or in Itunes.
Welcome to Wilmington for the Holidays

Saturday
Nov 25th, 2023
3-7pm

Christkindlmarket

Holiday Parade

Holiday Lights Walk

Late Night Shopping

Find us on Facebook for all the up to date info!