

# THE COUNCIL CORNER

## Mayor

Jim Hollenbeck

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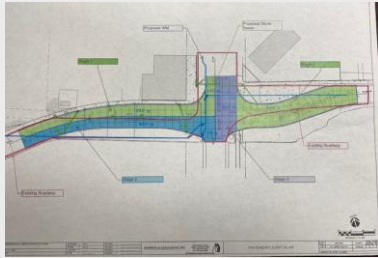
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## Positive Results



## What's Ahead

The Main, Commercial, and Broadway intersection realignment project is scheduled to commence construction in May. This is another project that has been many years in the making with numerous obstacles to work through such as right of way, property acquisition, demolition of two structures but we are finally ready to start. Hopes are the project will be completed in the fall. However, it is still too early to say for sure.

I-80 Sewer and Water extension will also be completed hopefully by fall. We have a sewage lift station and a water booster pump that has been ordered for months and we still haven't received them.



## From the Mayor's Desk

Dear Marseilles Residents,

Spring is in the air, Only a few more weeks. We are anxious to get construction started on Commercial and Broadway Intersection. We were fortunate that Pohar was able to work most of the winter on the I-80 Sewer and Water extension. The recreation board is planning some summer events such as the Easter Egg Hunt on April 9<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of April 16<sup>th</sup>. More events will be posted soon.

Residents received a water survey in the mail. Please be advised that is mandated by the EPA and the city must send them out.

As we move through the year, we will continue to update you on events and community news. You can also find these updates on our Facebook page, City of Marseilles Illinois, Marseilles Happenings and on our website, [www.cityofmarseilles.com](http://www.cityofmarseilles.com).

Sincerely, Mayor Hollenbeck

**La Salle County assistance programs-rent, utility bill assistance, transportation**

The **United Way of Eastern La Salle County** (phone number 815-434-4003) will distribute limited funds and grants. Currently, only minimal assistance and programs are available. United Way of Eastern LaSalle County is now accepting **Labor of Love applications** for repairs and improvements on homes owned by low-income homeowners and homes owned by military families of deployed personnel. Homeowners impacted by the February 28, 2017 tornado are also welcome to apply. The deadline to submit an application is Friday, August 24, 2018.

The Ottawa and LaSalle County Illinois area is served by the **Tri-County Opportunities Council**. Call them at (815) 625-7830. They offer the low income access to a host of financial assistance programs, information, and advice. Some of the resources run from the agency include the LIHEAP Program, which was designed to help eligible elderly and low-income households pay for winter energy services and heating bills. Other services run include Head Start, Weatherization, and Transportation Assistance.

**Voluntary Action Center** at 815-758-3932. They offer programs for Seniors in Ottawa and LaSalle, including home delivered meals and food.

**North Central Area Transit System or NCAT**-833-433-6228. NCAT is a demand-response, origin to destination service under ADA Compliance with door-to door service with reasonable accommodations. NCAT is a mass public transit service. Operation Hours:8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**A Servant's Heart** - 610 Jefferson, Ottawa, IL 815-434-3470: A Servant's Heart assists in finding housing, payment for utilities, providing clothes, furniture and other household items as needed. We have assisted individuals in obtaining their GED by not only paying the cost of the test but by tutoring individuals (a volunteer is available to tutor our clients who need the extra assistance).The ministry also operates a soup kitchen that provides meals 5 days a week from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Evangelical Methodist Church located at 1116 Illinois Street, Ottawa, IL. Although there is a local food pantry, A Servant's Heart provides supplemental food during the days the food pantry is closed. The meals and food are free to those who access them and no one is charged.

**Ottawa Salvation Army**, which is located at 516 W Madison Street, can provide access to an onsite Thrift store. They may also be able to facilitate one time grants or assistance for heating and utility bills from NICOR. Once a year may offer limited help with the cost of paying for prescriptions. Some of the other services offered for La Salle families include a thrift store, free Christmas assistance, a food pantry, and much more. Call 433-0798

NICOR: LIHEAP program for gas bills, 800-323-5434  
 SHARING program for gas bills, 773-205-3520  
 Rutland Township: 815-795-2725  
 Manlius Township (Seneca): 815-357-8813  
 Marseilles Food Pantry: 815-795-2240

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**Seattle Sutton Marseilles Museum Spring 2022 Newsletter**

Covid has put a damper on all of our events for the past two years. We are planning to resume our 2020 and 2021 schedule this spring. We may have some events carry over into the 2023 season. So watch our digital sign and web site for all the up coming events!!

We will have an exciting event coming this summer, a young local author, Jason Baker. He has written a book covering a Civil War regiment that includes a company of over 50 men from Marseilles. Jason is a native of Seneca and currently serving in the US Air Force.

Shirley Miller donated this beautiful Queen size quilt for the museum to raffle. We will have the quilt on display at the Marseilles Public Library in April and City Hall in May. Tickets for the raffle will be available for purchase from our Volunteers and at each site that the quilt is displayed.

\$3.00 per ticket or \$5 for 3 tickets. Drawing will be held during Fun Days at City Hall with the Mayor pulling the winning ticket!!

Thanks to the Sutton Family we have a new storage shed and will be able to enlarge our display and event area. Shelving will be installed this spring as well as some siding around the bottom.

Private Tours available just call 815-795-7976

**Support Seattle Sutton Marseilles Museum Inc.**  
 When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), Amazon donates.

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**Marseilles Spring Craft Show**  
 Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
 9 AM to 3 PM

**Marseilles Lions Club**  
 511 Commercial St.  
 Marseilles

Looking for Crafters.  
 Call: 815-795-2414 for more info.

Sponsored by Marseilles Tourism & Park Committee



**EMERGENCY RELIEF FOR HOUSEHOLDS ACROSS THE STATE**

The Pritzker Administration, in partnership with the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), is leveraging federal ARPA funds in the State's 2022 budget to expand assistance and eligibility to serve more families with emergency relief programs as part of the Help Illinois Families initiative.

**More assistance for more needs**

Help Illinois Families expands on the existing Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and Community Services Block Program (CSBG). If you meet the income requirements and submit your application, you may be eligible for emergency assistance to cover the costs of utility bills, rent, temporary shelter, food, and other household necessities.

- Water/Service Payment
- Food
- Financial Management
- Energy Utility Bill Assistance
- Rental Assistance
- Temporary Shelter
- Employment Training/Placement

LIHEAP helps eligible low-income households pay for home energy services. This includes assistance with heating, gas, propane and electricity. More information on services available in your region can be found by visiting your Local Administering Agency (LAA) page.

CSBG offers Illinoisans an opportunity to receive support for an array of essential services including rent assistance, food, temporary shelter, medicine and more. Check your local Community Action Agency (CAA) page for a list of available services near you.

Assistance to more Illinois individuals and families  
 New eligibility thresholds make Help Illinois Families available to more individuals and families. In response to the bigger challenges many are facing due to COVID-19. But the program will still be available to all current qualifying low-income households, regardless of how COVID-19 has affected them.

An easy online Request for Service form process  
 An online Request for Service form lets you determine your eligibility and start the application process remotely. All applications will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Application dates and deadlines  
 Expanded LIHEAP assistance and eligibility applies to applications for the 2022 financial year. These open on September 1, 2021 to May 31, 2022.

CSBG applications are available year-round. The expanded assistance and eligibility already applies to all CSBG applications.

