

**WEATHER ALERT SIGN UP** Sign up for the Nixle instant message system to receive weather alerts, Amber alerts, utility emergency notification and other public service information specific to Platte City. Sign up through the City's web site or at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com)



18th Annual  
**COMMUNITY WIDE  
 GARAGE SALE**

**September 7, 2013**

Contact Platte City Area Chamber of Commerce  
 at  
 (816) 858-5270

**City Meetings**

**City Hall, 400 Main Street:**  
 Pub Safety committee: Sept. 9, 5:30 pm  
 Pub Works committee: No session scheduled  
 Planning Commission: To be determined  
 Econ Dev committee: Sept 17, 5:30 pm  
 Board of Aldermen: Sept 24, 7:00 pm  
**Civic Center, 900 4th Street**  
 Park Board: Sept 9, 6:30 pm

**NEW RECYCLING CARTS GETTING CLOSER**

The new recycling carts are due for a late October arrival. Final delivery dates will be published in the October utility bill stuffer, stay tuned for more

The new recycling containers will be delivered to each Platte City residence as the delivery dates are finalized. There is no charge for bin delivery and no additional charge for you to participate in the City's curbside recycling collection.

The wheeled carts replace the current green bin system. Please give the new carts a try for at least a month or two. We believe they will help you recycle and make for a easier trash day each week.

Customers may keep the current small recycling bins or may call the City to pick them up. Call Public Works at 858-4815 with any questions regarding the recycling program.



**KEEP AN EYE OUT !**

**DRIVERS:** As days get shorter, making it harder to see runners/ walkers.

**RUNNERS:** Wear bright, protective clothing to help out drivers. Be Safe.

**Elected Officials:**

- Mayor- Frank Offutt
- Ward I- Brad Fryrear  
Vickie Atkins
- Ward II- Ron Porter  
Tony Paolillo
- Ward III- Debbie Kirkpatrick  
John Higgins
- Municipal Judge-Greg Dorsey

**City Hall Office Hours.**

Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm  
 (816) 858-3046 Office  
 Dennis J. Gehrt-City Administrator  
 Amy Edwards-City Clerk  
 Cynthia Freeman-Finance Officer  
 Kari Knabe-Municipal Court Clerk  
 Camie Lutz-City Collector  
 Alan Gustin-Building Inspector/  
 Codes Enforcement

**SEPTEMBER PARKS AND RECREATION  
 PROGRAM SIGN UP**

**YOUTH VOLLEYBALL**  
 Sign Up Starts: August 12th  
 Sign Up Ends: September 22nd

Sign up on line at [www.plattecitey.org](http://www.plattecitey.org) or call 858-3046

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## MAKE IT EASIER TO PAY YOUR UTILITY BILL

**On line CREDIT/ DEBIT Card:** Set up your monthly credit or debit payments at [www.plattecitecity.org/online](http://www.plattecitecity.org/online) . Convenience fee applies to this option.

**Bank Check Payment:** Set up City of Platte City as a payee through your bank and let them send your payment to the City. Give your bank 3 to 5 days to get the check to us.

**Automatic Bank Draft:** Your bank can automatically make your payment each month with this option. Fill out application at City Hall along with voided check.

**Pay by mail or in person** at City Hall, 400 Main Street. After hours drop box on Fourth Street **or Call in** credit or debit payments at 858-3046. Convenience fees apply.

## SEND US YOUR IDEAS

Your ideas can help improve City services.

The City is completely rebuilding its website to better serve our residents and customers. The new site is in construction now and is scheduled to be go live in late 2013/early 2014.

Some of the new features include improved site organization, email billing option, full on-line bill pay, on-line account management, recreation program sign up, improved service request process, options to sign up for email notifications and improved document and archive posting, search and retrieval.

Although there are many planned changes, the more ideas we receive from the our customers, the better the site can help us serve you. Please email ideas, thoughts and features you would like to see in the new City web site to:

Amy Edwards, City Clerk at [aedwards@plattecitecity.org](mailto:aedwards@plattecitecity.org)

## THANKS FOR YOUR HELP, KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK

Thanks to all residents who worked so hard to maintain your yard and property during the spring and summer growing season.

Maintaining your yard and property allows everyone to live in a safe, attractive neighborhood and maintains the value of all homes and businesses. Keep up the good work!

## *Crime Prevention Tips*

### **Vacation Tips:**

- Before you go on vacation contact the Platte City Police at 858-5150 to request a “**vacation watch in passing**”. Officers on patrol will be aware you are not home and will patrol past your home on a more frequent basis.
- When on vacation, suspend newspaper deliver and have your mail held a the post office.
- Use timers to activate lights and to turn radio on/off.
- If gone in winter, arrange for prompt snow removal.

### **Reduce Opportunities for Crime**

- Lock windows and doors. Install and use deadbolt.
- Place rod in track of sliding door to prevent opening
- Install exterior lights with motion detectors
- Do not leave car keys in vehicle, even in your driveway
- Lock all vehicles even in your garage and driveway
- Do not leave cell phones, tablets or other expensive items in any easily visible part of your vehicle.
- Get to know your neighbors; help organize a Neighborhood Watch. Call Platte City Police at 858-5150 to start.