

Calendar of Events

- September 9, 2025 **Community Resource Fair**
Southwestern Illinois College Red Bud Campus
500 W. S. Fourth St.
Red Bud, IL 62278
10:00 AM - 01:00 PM CST
Lori Murphy, 618-282-6682 ext. 81
lori.murphy@swic.edu
Join us in supporting student success and building strong community partnerships.
- September 12, 2025 **Waterloo Chamber of Commerce Annual Golf Classic**
Mystic Oak Golf Course
643 Ridge Rd
Waterloo, IL 62298
Registration begins at noon
Chris Herrmann, 618-939-5300
chamber@htc.net
- September 13, 2025 **Explore Waterloo Day**
Times vary by merchants
Please mark your calendars and get ready to shop, dine, and support local during our annual Explore Waterloo Day!
This is your chance to discover everything our amazing community offers - from unique boutiques and cozy cafes to family-owned restaurants and hometown services. Every dollar spent locally helps our community thrive.
Gather your friends and family and make a day of supporting local!
- September 13, 2025 **7th Annual Back Alley Benefit Concert**
Vintage Wine Bar
212 South Main Street
Waterloo, IL 62298
01:00 PM - 10:00 PM CST
Natalie Kawalec, 6189398900
nataliek.hns@gmail.com
A day full of music at Vintage Wine Bar! All proceeds go to House of Neighborly Service

September 13, 2025

Electronic Recycling Day - Bank of Monroe County

Bank of Monroe County

813 N. Market St.

Waterloo, IL 62298

09:00 AM - 12:00 PM CST

What to Bring:

? Computers, printers, phones, cables

? Home appliances (washers, dryers, ovens)

? Video game consoles, home electronics, networking equipment

? Non-ferrous metals, car batteries, medical equipment

Items with a Fee:

? TVs, CRTs, plasma, flat screens, consoles, and monitors

? Dehumidifiers, mini-fridges, refrigerators

? Certain batteries (alkaline, rechargeable, lithium)

NOT Accepted:

Light bulbs, VHS/DVD/CDs, hazardous materials, smoke detectors, tires, firearms, medications, mercury-containing devices, and non-electronics

September 14, 2025

Fashion Show presented by Hospice of Southern Illinois

Dillard's

275 St. Clair Square

Fairview Heights, IL 62208

Doors open at noon

Tina Steibel, 618-310-7103

tsteibel@hosice.org

Join us for a fashionable afternoon at the Hospice of Southern Illinois Fashion Show at Dillard's in Fairview Heights.

Tickets are \$35, and they include a goodie bag, entry into raffle baskets, and a chance to win a designer handbag.

Doors open at noon, and the show runs from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

September 27, 2025

Monroe County's Walk For Hope

Lakeview Park

1400 Lakeview Dr.

Waterloo, IL 62298

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM CST

Walk for Hope

Be the Light

September 27, 2025

Neighborhood Pet Store Day

Three Tails Parlor and Pantry

401 W. Third St.

Waterloo, IL 62298

08:00 AM - 02:00 PM CST

Event Specials:

Spend \$75, get a \$15 gift card for a future visit (limit one per household, excludes services)

First 50 customers get a free goodie bag packed with top pet products

Exclusive one-day deals from 30+ brands (available only during the event)

The event is taking place at both locations (Waterloo and Columbia)

October 16, 2025

Witches Night Out

04:00 PM - 09:00 PM CST

Chris Herrmann, 618-939-5300

chamber@htc.net

Witches Night Out is one of our most anticipated community events of the year! Held in downtown Waterloo, this enchanting evening brings together hundreds of women (and a few brave warlocks!) dressed in their best witchy attire for a fun-filled night of shopping, sipping, spells, and surprises.

Participants enjoy themed activities, giveaways, costume contests, and exclusive promotions from local businesses. With a festive atmosphere, lively music, and a spirit of celebration, Witches Night Out is a spellbinding opportunity to connect with the community and support local commerce.

November 13, 2025

Festival Of Christmas

Turner Hall

211 East Cherry Street

columbia, IL 62236

05:30 PM - 09:30 PM CST

Natalie Kawalec, 6189398900

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Mark your calendars for our annual Christmas fundraiser held at Turner Hall, Columbia, IL on November 13, 2025 at 5:30 pm. The event includes cocktails, dinner, dessert, music, silent auction and this year will feature a live auction as well!

If you would like additional information or wish to make a silent auction item donation, please call our office at 618-939-8900. Stay tuned for more information and ticket sales details!

November 23, 2025

- November 30, 2025

44th Annual Waterloo Christmas Walk

Times vary by merchants

Step into the magic of the season at our Annual Christmas Walk! Held in the heart of our charming community, this beloved tradition brings families and friends together for a weekend filled with festive cheer. Stroll around our Courthouse and admire the beautifully decorated lampposts, listen to carolers, and shop locally for a chance to win some prizes. Children can visit Santa, ride a carriage through historic downtown, and take photos with Frosty and Rudolph. It's a joyful kickoff to the holiday season that brings the community together and creates memories that last a lifetime.

November 30, 2025

12th Annual Community Christmas Tree Lighting

06:30 PM - 07:30 PM CST

Kick off the holiday season with us at our Annual Community Christmas Tree Lighting! This beloved tradition brings the entire community together for a magical evening filled with holiday cheer. Enjoy the sights and sounds of the season with twinkling lights, Christmas music, and a special appearance by Frosty and Rudolph!

Families can sip hot cocoa, enjoy festive treats, and sing carols as we light up the town's tree. It's the perfect way to celebrate the season's spirit with friends, neighbors, and local businesses.

Bundle up, bring the whole family, and help us make the season bright!

January 31, 2026

Bourbon & Bags Bingo

St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Center

116 W. Woodland Ridge

Valmeyer, IL 62295

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Chris Herrmann, 618-939-5300

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Join us for an evening of fun, laughter, and prizes!

January 31, 2026

Doors open at 6:00, and Bingo starts promptly at 7:00 p.m.

St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Center - 116 W. Woodland Ridge, Valmeyer, IL

Tickets are \$35 in advance and \$40 at the door (includes 6 bingo cards)

Additional cards will be available for purchase

Cash bar - bring your snacks - tables of 8 - raffles