



## What to do when it snows

**T**he Batavia Public Works Department is responsible for ensuring that all city streets and facilities are safe and accessible during the winter season. Snow removal and ice control are provided for 115 miles of streets, 168 cul-de-sacs, two City cemeteries, 14 city-owned parking lots, and sidewalks in several locations of the downtown area. Caution is advised when using city facilities during the winter season since hazardous conditions may exist due to snow, wind, and freezing temperatures.

Snow and ice control is considered emergency work in that pavement must be cleared any time of the day or night. Such things as the rate and accumulation of snowfall, moisture content, temperature, time of day, wind direction, velocity, and duration are all taken into consideration in our approach to responding to each individual snowstorm.

During snowfall events, the City of Batavia spreads deicing salt on primary streets. After a snowfall has ended, secondary streets are plowed and deicers are applied to intersections, hills, and curves. Salt will not be applied continuously to secondary streets. Occasionally, salt may be applied prior to a snow event to prevent icy conditions. In addition, the city applies additives to the salt to accelerate the melting process. Snowplows are designed to unload snow to the side, forming a windrow along the curb or edge of pavement. We understand that this leaves a windrow through drive-ways, but this process is the most efficient way to remove snow from our streets.

Best efforts will be made to clear all Primary Streets to bare pavement during the snowstorm. Secondary Streets will be plowed following the end of a snowfall after primary

streets are cleared, and Courts and Cul-de-sacs will be done later if snow accumulation is 2" or more. Depending upon variable conditions, some streets may remain snow packed after plowing operations have been completed.

The Public Works Department will make best efforts to clear city-owned public parking lots/sidewalk areas after a storm. Personnel will attempt to maintain access to the parking lots during business hours, though the major clearing operation is undertaken during the overnight hours.

The Public Works Department is assisted with snow plowing operations by other city departments. The Police Department enforces the city's parking restrictions, while the Water, Electric, Wastewater, and Fire Departments assist with plowing operations.

## Your elected city officials

**Mayor–  
Jeffery D. Schielke**

**City Clerk–  
Heidi Wetzel**

**Treasurer–  
Gerald R. Miller**

### **Aldermen Serving through 2011**

Garran Sparks, Ward 1  
Alan P. Wolff, Ward 2  
Cathy Barnard, Ward 3  
Tom Schmitz, Ward 4  
Forrest L. Nelson, Jr, Ward 5  
Lisa Clark, Ward 6  
David J. Brown, Ward 7

### **Aldermen Serving through 2013**

Michael F. O'Brien, Ward 1  
Victor Dietz, Ward 2  
Linnea C. Miller, Ward 3  
James T. Volk, Ward 4,  
Eldon Frydendall., Ward 5  
Robert Liva,, Ward 6  
Dawn Tenuta, Ward 7



## We need your help with winter weather cleanup

- 1. We Need Your Help:** Clearing snow and ice from sidewalks and driveways is the responsibility of residents and property owners. The City of Batavia appeals to citizens to clear sidewalks, especially for children walking to school. You should be advised that the Good Samaritan Law prevents individuals from being sued for performing an act or service with the intent of helping people.
- 2. Safety:** Please do your part to help keep our town free of hazardous conditions. It is very important not to shovel, blow, or plow snow/ice onto the street at any time. This could create an unsafe driving surface. In addition, please remember to place garbage cans and recycling bins away from the curbs or edge of road during the snow plow operation.
- 3. Parking Prohibited:** Residents should be advised that parking is not allowed on any street during or after a snowfall in which there is an accumulation of 2" or more of snow. This prohibition is in effect until 24 hours after the end of the snowfall or until the street is plowed and all snow is removed, whichever occurs first.
- 4. Mailboxes:** The City of Batavia is not responsible for repairing mailboxes damaged by snowplows if the face of the mailbox is less than 6" behind the back of curb or road edge and a height less than 42" above the road. It is the responsibility of individual homeowners to install and maintain their mailboxes properly. Properly installed mailboxes damaged by City of Batavia snow removal equipment will be repaired or replaced with a standard-type mailbox and post for a cost not to exceed \$50.00 each.
- 5. Questions:** If a street has been missed or there is a question or concern relating to the snow removal operations, please call 630-454-2400 between the hours of 7 am–4 pm. Monday through Friday.

## Veolia schedules Christmas tree pickups

As part of the City of Batavia's refuse contract Veolia ES Solid Waste Midwest will be picking up live Christmas trees on residents' regular collection dates. Residents do not have to use a sticker for Christmas tree removal on these dates only. All materials such as plastic bags, ornaments, lights, nails, etc. should be removed from the trees. Please adhere to the following schedule:

### East Side:

Thursday, January 7  
Thursday, January 14

### West Side (east of Randall Rd.):

Friday, January 8  
Friday, January 15

### Far West Side (west of Randall Rd.):

Monday, January 4  
Monday, January 11

### Veolia Environmental Services observes the following holidays:

New Years Day	Labor Day
Memorial Day	Thanksgiving Day
Independence Day	Christmas Day

Depending on the holiday, and the day of the week on which it falls, your collection may be delayed one day. For instance, if your usual collection date falls on Friday, January 1, it will be occur on Saturday, January 2. Questions can be directed to Veolia ES Solid Waste Management at 630-587-8282.



## City establishes bicycle commission

**O**n July 20, 2009, the Batavia City Council created the Batavia Bicycle Advisory Commission. A comprehensive bike plan was written and approved by the City Council in 2007. It has many suggestions and ideas on how to make Batavia a safer place to ride and a more bike-friendly community. The commission was formed to implement this plan and to respond to residents' suggestions.

Increasing bicycle use can provide many benefits. Some of the benefits are improving the environment, reducing congestion, saving lives, increasing social community participation, boosting the local economy, enhancing recreational opportunities, saving city funds, enhancing public safety, and improving health and well being. The importance of establishing the commission is reinforced because over 5,000 bikers pass through the downtown during summer weekends.

The intent of the Batavia Bicycle Advisory Commission is to act as an advocate to the city government in developing legislation that supports bicycling and participates in other activities that relate to

bicycling and pedestrian related issues in the city of Batavia. It also acts as a resource to the city government, as it approves and evaluates policies and standards in regards to implementing the Batavia Bicycle Plan and future growth of the plan. The commission will work with the community at large to help develop educational and informational programs, events, and materials to promote safe biking and pedestrianism.

The commission's current goals emphasize implementation of the plan with little or no monetary investment. The goals include a combination of educational, safety, and awareness objectives. Other ideas and goals include shop by bike, dine by bike, bike races, bike swaps, and promoting National Bike Week and Bike to Work Week. The commission would like to host a bike festival that may include a rodeo, safety and bike repair clinics, and bike polo.

Because Batavia now has a commission, it can tap into grant money available for bikes, and it intends to take full advantage of that. A long-term goal is having Batavia become designated as an Illinois Bike Friendly Community, of

which there are currently only three towns with that designation.

The Batavia Bicycle Plan has many suggestions including friendlier crossings, bike lanes, clearer markings and signage, creating an awareness program, and building upon the existing safe routes to schools program.

The commission is made up of all volunteers from Batavia: John Gamble, Dawn Tutt, Jeff Smith, Gary Granberg, Joanne Spitz, Austin Dempsey, and Noel Basquin, the City Engineer.

The commission is looking for volunteers to implement these ideas. Please contact Noel Basquin at 630-454-2000 or [NBasquin@cityofbatavia.net](mailto:NBasquin@cityofbatavia.net) or John Gamble at 630-761-9550 or [John@JohnGamble.net](mailto:John@JohnGamble.net). Monthly meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the Batavia City Hall, 100 N. Island Ave., and the public is encouraged to attend.

According to Mayor Schielke, "This is a unique opportunity for the community to put its special stamp on an activity that obviously a lot of people in the community are doing."





## Mark your calendars for river clean-up event

On Saturday, May 15, 2010, from 8:30 am to noon Batavians for a Healthy River will be hosting another River Clean-Up Event. They will meet at the parking lot off of Rt. 25, by Clark Island/Skate Park. The Batavia Park District and the City of Batavia will be assisting with the clean-up and restoration efforts.

All Batavia citizens are invited to volunteer for this effort. Please join us on the 15th to make this a true community event for the betterment of our environment and our city. The more volunteers we get, the more extensive and meaningful will be our restoration accomplishment.

For more information as the date nears, see both the city Web site at [cityofbatavia.net](http://cityofbatavia.net), or the Batavians for a Healthy River Web site at [bataviansforahealthyriver.org](http://bataviansforahealthyriver.org).

## Frequently used City of Batavia phone numbers

**Emergency** ..... 911  
 General Inquiries..... 630-454-2000

### **Administration**

Mayor's Office..... 630-454-2000  
 City Administrator's Office..... 630-454-2060

### **Utility Billing**

Billing & Payment Questions ..... 630-454-2020

### **Community Development**

Community Development..... 630-454-2700  
 Code Compliance..... 630-454-2705  
 Building and Inspection..... 630-454-2700

### **Engineering/Public Works**

Engineering & Public Works..... 630-454-2750  
 Electronics Recycling..... 630-454-2316  
 Electric/Street Lights..... 630-454-2350  
 Streets/Storm Sewer/Cemetery/Garbage Pickup/  
 Sidewalks/Parkway Trees/Leaves/Brush/  
 Snow Removal..... 630-454-2400  
 Water/Sanitary Sewer ..... 630-454-2450  
 Waste Water Treatment..... 630-454-2320

### **Fire, Police & Emergency Services**

Fire Department, Non- Emergency ..... 630-454-2100  
 Police Department, Non- Emergency/  
 Event Planning ..... 630-454-2500  
 Emergency Services & Disaster Agency  
 (ESDA) ..... 630-454-2200

For utility outages after-hours, contact the Police Department Non-Emergency number at 630-454-2500

For any departments not listed, contact us at the main switchboard, 630-454-2000. City Hall is located at 100 N. Island Ave. and is open Monday–Friday from 8 am to 5 pm. Public Works is located at 200 N. Raddant Rd. and is open Monday–Friday from 7 am to 4 pm.



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## Batavia Fire Department joins the Premise Alert Program

During the summer 2009 session of the Illinois Legislature the Illinois Premise Alert Act (ILPAA) (PA 96-0788) was passed. The act requires that Public Safety agencies with Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) programs initiate a Premise Alert Program (PAP) to maintain information on individuals with special needs within their coverage area. This act was signed by Governor Quinn on August 28, 2009.

The Illinois Premise Alert Program (Public Act 96-0788) provides for public safety agencies in the State of

Illinois to allow people with special needs to provide information to Fire, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and Police personnel to be kept in a database. The information can then be provided to responders dealing with situations involving special needs individuals.

Public Safety agencies are required to publicize and accept notifications from the individuals, their families, or caregivers. Agencies are then required to be able to identify and be aware of these situations when responding to calls or coming across individuals.

Residents of the City of Batavia

and Batavia Township Fire Protection District can contact the Batavia Fire Department at 630-454-2100 for a "Premise Alert Program Notification Form." Once the form has been completed, it must be returned to either of the Batavia Fire Stations, which are located at 800 E. Wilson St. or 1400 Main St. The Special Needs information expires two years after the data is submitted.

If you have any questions on the Premise Alert Program, please contact Battalion Chief Randy Banker at [rbanker@cityofbatavia.net](mailto:rbanker@cityofbatavia.net) or 630-454-2100.