

# OUTREACH COMMUNITY TIMES

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## FARMER CITY STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT



On Sat., Feb. 10, 2018, the City Council and staff participated in a very successful strategic planning retreat. Why do this? Because a strategic plan focuses the energy, resources, and time of everyone

in the organization and community in the same direction. Consultants from Northern Illinois University's Center for Governmental Studies facilitated the workshop, which was the 2nd step in the process

for setting goals, a vision and an action plan for the City's future. The first step included 3 focus group workshops consisting of community stakeholders, organizations, businesses and residents. We

look forward to sharing these goals and vision in the near future.

A big thank you to the Blue Ridge School District for the use of their high school library! They were terrific hosts and we appreciate it!

## City Council meetings 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon. at 6 pm

### SHOPPING TRIPS

Get door to door shopping trips to Clinton. The bus will pick you up at your house drop off and pick you up from these areas: IGA; Save-A-Lot; Walmart or anywhere you want to shop in Clinton, you can go to more than one store per trip. Then bring you back to your house, and help you bring in your groceries. The cost is \$5 You do not need to go and get to the bus, it will come to you.

This bus is handicap accessible so if you are in a wheelchair you can ride. To sign up for rides or want more information call: 309-928-9400.

### FARMER CITY CAMP GROUNDS

Campgrounds re-opening will be March 1. Scott Kelley is looking for volunteers for a spring clean up of downed stick and limbs from the sites. Anyone interested please contact him as we will have a weekend of cleanup coming in the next few weeks.

We will also be looking for volunteers to help keep the sites trimmed up and mowed again this year.

We keep mowers at the campground shed along with fuel.

Let Scott know if you would like to take a site or 2, mowing a site takes about 5 minutes.

The campgrounds will be closed Fri., April 20 @ 7:00am until Sat., April 21 @ 1pm . We will post it on the board at the camp grounds a few days in advance.

Sorry for any inconvenience.

### FARMER CITY HERITAGE DAYS FESTIVAL!

This year we will be featuring Drake White with Darryl Worley co-headlining.

Show will be in Downtown Farmer City on May 26. Darryl Worley will take the stage at 7:30pm

followed by Drake White. This show is free to the public with a limited number of VIP tickets avail-

able for purchase.

For more information please visit [farmercity-heritagedays.com](http://farmercity-heritagedays.com)

## HIS AND HERS DINNER

On Sat., March 3, the American Legion Joe Williams Post 55 in Farmer City will be serving their His & Hers Dinner starting at 5p and serving your choice of rib eye steak or chicken until 7p. You may purchase your tickets at the door. The Legion is located at 755 Stensel Dr. and Rt. 150 near the fairgrounds on the north edge of Farmer City. Carryout is available, either in person or call ahead to 309-928-3055.

Future dinners: Apr 7

## 2018 SPRING CHICKEN DINNER

Outreach is once again offering a free Spring Chicken Dinner to be held at the Joe Williams Post 55 American Legion on Rt 150 in Farmer City on March 19. The Chicken Dinner will be served beginning at 5:30 pm and will be followed by entertainment by Me-n-Him.

This is an annual event and enjoyed by many senior citizens of the area. You MUST reserve your spot so call Outreach at 309-928-9400 and let us know how many will be in your party. Reservations will need to be called in by March 12th so mark your calendar now. We look forward to seeing you on the 19th of March.

*Cluck Cluck.*

## Santa Anna Township Senior Citizens Homestead Exemption

- You are 65 years of age or older in 2018
- You are liable for the payment of the property taxes
- Are the owner of Record or have Legal Interest in the property
- Property was principal place of residence as of January 1, 2018
- You are qualified to receive a \$5,000.00 exemption on your assessed evaluation
- Please stop by my office on the following dates and time or call me to make arrangements.
- We have the forms and will fill them out for you

## Santa Anna Township Senior Citizens You May Be Eligible for Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze

- You are 65 years of age or older in 2018
- You are liable for payment of the property taxes.
- Are the owner of Record or have legal interest in the property.
- Your total household income was \$65,000 OR LESS
- The property was improved with a permanent structure which was used by you as your principal place of residence as of January 1, 2017 and January 2018.

If you meet these qualifications and file income tax bring your income tax papers form number 1040 or 1040A an your social security form with you received in January (form number 1099) and any other income in your household. This will give us your total income. If you did not file income tax bring your total income.

We have the forms and will fill them out for you.

## We have set up dates to fill these out

March 3rd	8:30am to 3:00pm
March 10	8:30am to 3:00pm
March 17	8:30am to 3:00pm
March 24	8:30am to 3:00pm
April 7th	8:30am to 3:00pm
April 14th	8:30am to 3:00pm
April 21st	8:30am to 3:00pm
April 28th	8:30am to 3:00pm

At my office  
443 S. Woodward Ave.  
Farmer City, IL

Robert W. Bob Scarbrough, Assessor  
Any questions Call: 309-928-2211

## City News

### BURNING

You can burn landscape waste every month BUT July and August, on Thur., Fri., and Sat. between 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.

### COUNCIL MEETINGS

Next Council Meetings,  
March 5, 19 at 6 p.m.

## FARMER CITY POLICE

Please help the City address ordinance violations, such as illegal burning, by contacting the Farmer City Police Department at (309) 928-2111. They will address these violations based on personal observation and citizen complaints. In the case of leaf burning, with the wind and depending on the size of the fire, it can be nearly impossible to locate individual fires amongst 1,100 residences.

The Police Department will continue to identify ordinance violations such as nuisance properties, excessive weeds and abandoned vehicles, to name a few. We seek the community's cooperation in addressing these matters. Please call the non-emergency number to report violations; we will not release your name. Again, that number is (309) 928-2111.

Thank you for helping us keep Farmer City safe and clean!