

## QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAMS LIST

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City Government	10/16/20	9:40 a.m.	:35	Burn Ban
City Government	10/26/20	11:40 a.m.	1:40	Park District
City Government	10/29/20	7:40 a.m.	2:15	Mitigations in effect
City Government	12/04/20	1:40 p.m.	2:41	Mission center in pana
City Government	12/07/20	8:40 a.m.	2:48	City Council Meeting

RUN AS OF 10/16/20

AFTER 1PM

LK

The City of Taylorville is issuing a burn ban in effect immediately that will extend through the weekend due to strong winds and a risk of fire. West winds are increasing throughout the morning and can reach peak gusts this afternoon of 30 mph in Taylorville. This can provide the potential for quick spreading fire. Dry conditions have been amplified due to the temperatures. If you live in Taylorville outdoor burning is not allowed until Monday. Contact Taylorville Mayor Bruce Barry for more information.

RUN AS OF 10/26/20

AFTER 8PM

LK

The Taylorville Park District met on Monday evening and pools were the big discussion as the Board heard from one of the groups' presentation's at the board meeting. Recreational Director Bailey Hancock, who has been handling a lot of the legwork for looking at pool updates says that it is a lot of work, and a very long process.

HANCOCK1

KEY:

LENGT: 38

Once the Board has decided what company they want to use, there are multiple directions the Board could go for revamping the pool.

HANCOCK2

KEY:

LENGT: 31

Originally, the board was supposed to review all of the different pool options, but that was tabled for next month. Work on Christmas in the Park continues and Hancock is still looking for business who want to help donate towards their discount card. The next Park Board meeting is set for November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

RUN AS OF 10/29/20

AFTER 4PM

LK

Mitigations for Region 3 will go into effect on Sunday morning at 12:01 as the region passed 8% for more than 3 days. The move will close indoor dining for restaurants and bars, limit gatherings to 25 or less, and gaming and casinos must be closed by 11 PM. Governor JB Pritzker along with Illinois Department of Public Health made the announcement during his daily press conference on Thursday afternoon.

PRITZKER1

KEY:

LENGT: 56

Governor Pritzker says other regions including Region 6 is right behind Region 3.

PRITZKER2

KEY:

LENGT: 32

The Governor also acknowledged that they don't always know where the cases come from for COVID which is why contact tracing is so important.

PRITZKER3

KEY:

LENGT:

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RUN AS OF 12-04-20

AFTER 6AM

BB

John Metzger is the President of the Pana Community Mission Center and he says that they are an organization that gives away various items to families and individuals that are in need.

MISSION1

KEY:

LENG: 44

Board Member and Grant Administrator Linda Dunseth says that COVID-19 has had a tremendous impact on the amount of people that they've been able to help this year.

MISSION2

KEY:

LENG: 31

The Mission Center follows all of the COVID-19 protocols, according to Dunseth.

MISSION3

KEY:

LENG: 25

The Mission Center relies on donations to stay open, and Dunseth says that they're doing alright financially, but COVID-19 has had an impact on donations.

MISSION4

KEY:

LENG: 25

John Metzger and Linda Dunseth were both guests on the NEWSTALK WTIM Morning Show.

What was an anticipated discussion on a burn ban actually turned into a discussion on downtown safety at the Taylorville City Council Meeting on Monday night. With all Aldermen present, either in person or via remote, the board approved all of the omnibus votes and ordinances before discussing the a motion regarding a burn ban. The motion didn't receive any support and died without a single vote for it.

What did get some serious discussion was the building over on 207 West Main Cross and whether or not it should be demolished or not. The building, which has come under fire in recent months for a partial roof collapse and a concern from the fire department, was the main discussion at the City Council Meeting.

The demolition would cost the city an estimated \$70,000 and Aldermen were concerned that that was a major hit cost wise on the city. Taylorville Mayor Bruce Barry said the city has reached out to the owner but has not gotten a hold of him. Mayor Barry's concern is with citizen safety.

BARRY2                      KEY:                      LENGT: 51

Mayor Barry says that this is something that will help beautify the city of Taylorville.

BARRY3                      KEY:                      LENGT: 45

Aldermen Kathy Driskell was concerned that there are plenty of buildings that need help not just 207 West Main Cross.

DRISKELL1                  KEY:                      LENGT: 26

There were still a lot of questions after about 30 minutes of discussion so the motion was put on the floor to table it. The motion was tabled with All Aldermen voting yes on it except Aldermen Larry Budd, Jim Olive, and Megan Bryant.

Some other motions were tabled as well including the motion for enterprise fleet leasing and mortgage grants for businesses within the business development district.

The next City Council meeting is set for December 21<sup>st</sup>.

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County Government	10/22/20	11:40 a.m.	2:49	Trump Debate
County Government	10/27/20	7:40 a.m.	1:41	Election investigation
County Government	10/28/20	1:40 p.m.	2:15	Ssi benefits
County Government	11/4/20	8:40 a.m.	1:24	Ballot issues

RUN AS OF 10/18/20 AFTER 9PM

LK

The Shoal Creek Fire Protection District fought a ground fire on Saturday that kept them busy through most of the afternoon and into the evening. The fire was reported in at 1:19 PM at the intersection of N 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Arrow Trail by Donnellson, according to the Chris-Mont EMA. The fire spread easily due to dry conditions, gusty winds, and low humidity jumping multiple fields and at its widest point was four miles wide. The fire also stretched over a seven-mile area north/northeast. At 7:37 PM the fire was under control and units stayed on the scene afterwards to monitor any hotspots.

During the fire, Hillsboro Police alerted citizens in the Kortkamp area to monitor and evacuate if need be. One house was destroyed in the fire off Illinois Route 185 and one firefighter from Shoal Creek Fire was taken to the hospital due to smoke and debris in the eye.

Multiple agencies including Montgomery, Macoupin, Fayette, Clinton, Bond, and Macon Counties, along with the Red Cross assisted with helping with the fire. Area farmers also helped by providing tractors and plow support to help get ahead of this fire.

RUN AS OF 10/22/20

AFTER 6AM

BB

Jim Bohannon is the host of the Jim Bohannon Show heard weeknights on NEWSTALK WTIM from 9pm until midnight and he had some strong thoughts on President Trump's performance in the last debate.

JIMBO1

KEY:

LENGT: 28

Bohannon is hopeful that Speaker Pelosi and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin will come to an agreement on another Stimulus Package.

JIMBO2

KEY:

LENGT: 23

While Bohannon is troubled by the news surrounding Hunter Biden, he doesn't think that it will resonate with undecided voters. President Trump, according to Bohannon, when talking with voters needs to focus on the economy.

JIMBO3

KEY:

LENGT: 47

Despite the President being down in the polls, Bohannon thinks that he has a real shot at winning reelection.

JIMBO4

KEY:

LENGT: 53

Jim Bohannon was a guest on the NEWSTALK WTIM Morning Show.

RUN AS OF 10/27/20 AFTER 6AM

LK

After finding out that DuPage County is investigating nine instances of voter fraud by mail that were submitted by people that are deceased, Representative Avery Bourne is fighting back. The State Rep is co-sponsoring a bill that would require county clerks to scrub voter rolls to remove people who are no longer living. The bill, which is HB 2513, will require county clerks to utilize certification of death records to update voter registration records. This would remove people who have passed away. Current law recommends it but it is not required.

The State's Attorney's Office in DuPage County announced that his office has been notified of nine separate instances where vote by mail applications were sent in by deceased individuals. Employees of the Clerk's Office were able to identify the voter fraud and prevent any wrongdoing.

Bourne says this is a common sense bill. "It makes sense that when a death certificate is issued, other county records would be updated to reflect that death. HB 2513 makes a simple change to the Illinois Election Code, and says voter records 'shall' be updated rather than 'may' be updated. It's common sense legislation that should have been adopted a long time ago."

Bourne is hoping to see the bill get passed during the veto session in November.

RUN AS OF 10-28-20

AFTER 6AM

BB

There is no single best age to start receiving Social Security benefits, according to Social Security Administration Public Affairs Specialist Jack Myers.

JACKSSA1

KEY:

LENG: 38

Myers went on to discuss how social security benefits max out when you turn 70 years old.

JACKSSA2

KEY:

LENG: 52

The Social-Security-dot-gov website, according to Myers, has numerous resources including a toolkit for teachers to help students learn about the importance of Social Security.

JACKSSA3

KEY:

LENG: 41

Jack Myers was a guest on the NEWSTALK WTIM Morning Show.

RUN AS OF 11/4/20

AFTER 8 PM

LK

One of the major ballot issues that wasn't overly talked about, but has brought about a lot of conversation is counties wanting Chicago separated from Illinois. Christian, Shelby, and Moultrie Counties voted yesterday in favor of pushing that forward. Downstate Counties have talked about making Chicago a separate state due to many counties feeling that they have not had their fair share of voice heard politically.

Out of over 16,000 votes cast in Christian County, 63% voted in favor of wanting Chicago separated from Illinois. In Shelby County, they saw very similar results with 72% of the 12,100 ballots cast in favor of Chicago becoming the 51<sup>st</sup> state. Over in Moultrie County, out of 6,700 ballots cast, 70% asked for the change.

While still early, it is clear many counties are getting tired of the control of the state from Cook County and Chicago.

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Economic Development	10/7/20	10:40 a.m.	2:52	Stop gap spending bill signed
Economic Development	10/12/20	6:40 a.m.	1:28	Remote learning expenses
Economic Development	11/16/20	1:40 p.m.	1:35	Driver facilities remain closed
Economic Development	12/8/20	8:40 a.m.	2:26	Coffee and creamery opening

RUN AS OF 10-04-20

AFTER 6AM

BB

Dr. Ashley Belle is the Energy and Environmental Stewardship Educator with The University of Illinois Extension Office and she wanted to bring attention to the Ameren Illinois Fresh Start program that can help Ameren customers with a past due balance.

BELLE1

KEY:

LENG: 37

The Ameren Illinois Fresh Start program will run until May 31st or until funding is exhausted, but depending on a few factors you may need to talk with the Illinois Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

BELLE2

KEY:

LENG: 28

To get information on LIHEAP, talk to your local community action agency or go to [helpillinoisfamilies.com](http://helpillinoisfamilies.com).

BELLE3

KEY:

LENG: 17

If your family doesn't qualify to LIHEAP there may be assistance available through Warm Neighbors Cool Friends. More information is available at [warmneighborscoolfriends.org](http://warmneighborscoolfriends.org).

BELLE4

KEY:

LENG: 25

Dr. Ashley Belle was a guest on the NEWSTALK WTIM Morning Show.

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RUN AS OF 10-07-20

AFTER 6AM

BB

The recent Stop Gap spending bill signed into law by President Trump will have a huge impact on farmers and the agriculture industry, says Illinois Congressman Rodney Davis.

RODNEY1

KEY:

LENG: 50

Speaker Pelosi and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin continue to negotiate another COVID-19 stimulus bill, but Congressman Davis is not optimistic that a deal gets done.

RODNEY2

KEY:

LENG: 54

Congressman Davis went on to discuss a bill he recently introduced to remove the state and local share of federally funded road projects.

RODNEY3

KEY:

LENG: 40

Congressman Davis also had some strong thoughts on the closing of the Kincaid Power Plant saying that it's important that we need to stop electing individuals to office who are beholden to far left activists.

RODNEY4

KEY:

LENG: 58

Congressman Rodney Davis was a guest on the NEWSTALK WTIM Morning Show.

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AUDIO / 10-7**

RUN AS OF 10/12/20

AFTER 6AM

LK

As parents and students have to set up at home learning environments, many families had to spend extra money on computers and tablets, better internet access, and even hiring tutors. State Representative Avery Bourne is pushing through legislation to give families who had to spend money on educational equipment, a tax credit.

Bourne says that with the IDPH guidelines changing right before school started, many parents were forced to scramble to find suitable home learning environments for kids. Her new bill, HB 5834, would create income tax credits for parents and legal guardians of school age students for educational expenses that result from remote learning during the pandemic.

Some expenses that would fall under HB 5834 would include, additional computers, printers, internet routers, tutors, learning facilitators, and childcare expenses. Teachers with children would also receive additional tax credits to give them a reason to work at school rather than stay home with their kids.

Bourne says, “The provisions of HB 5834 will provide families who were forced into a learning situation that was not of their own doing, with some relief.” The bill will be pushed through during the fall veto session.

RUN AS OF 11/16/20 AFTER 6AM

LK

Due to an increase in COVID-19, Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White announced on Friday that all Driver Services facilities will be shut down to the public for in-person transactions starting on Tuesday November 17<sup>th</sup>. The facilities are set to reopen on Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> but that date is still tentative. White is encouraging the public to take advantage of online services. Secretary of State spokesperson Henry Haupt says that the growing COVID numbers have left them no choice.

HAUPT1

KEY:

LENGT: 21

Haupt says that they will see how things go before they reopen.

HAUPT2

KEY:

LENGT: 15

You can visit [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com) to obtain many of the things you can get in public including renewing a license plate sticker, a valid driver's license, a valid ID card, a driver record abstract, business services documents, and any customers with issues involving administrative hearings.

If you are eligible for online driver's license renewal, you will receive a letter with a pin necessary for online renewal. The Springfield driver's facility on S. Dirksen Parkway will be open for drive-through services for license plate sticker transactions only.

For more information, please visit [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com).

RUN AS OF 12/8/20

AFTER 6AM

LK

LP Coffee & Creamery had their grand opening on Monday. The place that has been slowly transformed from an automobile dealership to the creamery was met with a warm welcome on a rather cold Monday morning in December. Taylorville Chamber of Commerce CEO Patty Hornbuckle says that COVID has changed the date a little but the Chamber is excited to have them in Taylorville.

HORNBUCKLE1

KEY:

LENGT: 25

Taylorville Mayor Bruce Barry says that this is a great addition for Taylorville.

BARRY1

KEY:

LENGT: 17

Larry and Paul Beshiroski, who own the business are excited to get working. Larry also owns the Spring Garden Restaurant. Larry's wife, Gzime Beshiroski, says that they bought the building in the summer.

BESHIROSKI1

KEY:

LENGT: 51

Beshiroski says they have ice cream, coffee and much more.

BESHIROSKI2

KEY:

LENGT: 42

LP Coffee and Creamery is located at 715 Springfield Road in Taylorville next to the High School.

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Education	10/20/20	11:40 a.m.	2:39	LLCC spring classes
Education	11/25/20	7:40 a.m.	1:53	IG warning of fraud
Education	12/10/20	1:40 p.m.	1:12	Shopping online safe
Education	12/18/20	8:40 a.m.	2:41	CAM keeping kids in school

RUN AS OF 10-06-20

AFTER 6AM

BB

The Taylorville School District is being cautious with spending in these uncertain times, according to Taylorville Superintendent Dr. Chris Dougherty.

CHRISD1

KEY:

LENG: 31

The Taylorville School District has 16 staff members currently quarantined and three staff members currently awaiting test results, according to Dr. Dougherty.

CHRISD2

KEY:

LENG: 44

When it comes to returning to in-person learning, the positivity rate has to come down within the community and among the staff of the school district.

CHRISD3

KEY:

LENG: 46

Dr. Dougherty and her staff understand that some students are struggling with remote instruction and so they developed a mentor program to help those students get back on track.

CHRISD4

KEY:

LENG: 46

Dr. Chris Dougherty was a guest on the NEWSTALK WTIM Morning Show.

RUN AS OF 10/20/20

AFTER 6AM

BB

Lake Land Community College Community Outreach Coordinator Madison Delks says that students are able to view their spring schedule. Spring classes are scheduled to begin on January 11th.

DELKS1

KEY:

LENGT: 41

A lot of classes are being done using a hybrid model, but Lake Land Community College does have classes that are being held strictly online, according to Delks.

DELKS2

KEY:

LENGT: 24

Lake Land Community College does have some events happening this fall, but according to Delks, they are being held virtually.

DELKS3

KEY:

LENGT: 39

Prospective students can also schedule a one on one Zoom session with an Admissions Representative to learn more information about Lake Land Community College.

DELKS4

KEY:

LENGT: 24

Madison Delks was a guest on the NEWSTALK WTIM Morning Show.

RUN AS OF 11/25/20 AFTER 6AM

LK

The Inspector General for the US Department of Labor is warning against fraud alerts and phishing attempts with the Illinois Department of Employment Security. Attorney General Kwame Raoul says that since July, there have been nearly 5,000 complaints about fraud and it is usually in the form of a fake debit card. It got so bad, that even the Attorney General received a card in the mail.

RAOUL1

KEY:

LENGT: 18

Raoul encourages everyone to check your credit reports regularly.

RAOUL2

KEY:

LENGT: 22

The State Department of Employment Security is still trying to figure out how much of the 17 billion dollars in unemployment benefits has been given out in fraudulent claims. As always be vigilant and if you detect any wrongdoing please call IDES at (800) 814-0513.

RUN AS OF 12/10/20 AFTER 6AM

LK

With more people shopping online than ever before, the need to stay cybersafe becomes even greater. There are many ways that you can stay safe during your holiday shopping. The department of Innovation and Technology is working on better ways to protect you during your online shopping needs especially as they grow due to COVID-19.

According to the National Cyber Security Alliance you should think before you click. Beware of ads encouraging you to click on a link especially if you receive a notice or an enticing offer. It's better to go to the actual companies website. Another great tip is to do your homework. Cyber thieves are fond of setting up fake e-commerce sites. Prior to making a purchase make sure you read the reviews about the site that you are on. If you don't find any reviews, it's generally not a trustworthy site.

Credit Cards are often safer than debit cards as there are more consumer protections to protect you from fraud. Always be wary of the information you are giving away when you enter data. If the merchant is requesting more data than you feel comfortable sharing, cancel the transaction. You should never save your payment information in your profile.

Continue to check your credit statement, and your bank account for any unauthorized activity. Knowing what you have spent money on can go a long way towards keeping you safe. For more information on ways to protect yourself, visit this story at [www.taylorvilledailynews.com](http://www.taylorvilledailynews.com).

RUN AS OF 12-18-20

AFTER 6AM

BB

Central A&M Superintendent Dr. DeeAnn Heck says that they're doing everything they can to keep kids in school.

HECK1

KEY:

LENG: 53

The school year this year isn't the same without the extracurricular activities, according to Dr. Heck, but the students are resilient.

HECK2

KEY:

LENG: 26

When Central A&M returns from winter break, Dr. Heck says that they will keep things exactly as they are.

HECK3

KEY:

LENG: 44

Dr. Heck went on to say that this entire school year has been completely unprecedented.

HECK4

KEY:

LENG: 49

Dr. DeAnn Heck was a guest on the NEWSTALK WTIM Morning Show.

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Healthcare	10/7/20	9:40 a.m.	1:22	Halloween prep
Healthcare	10/15/20	1:40 p.m.	2:52	State asking for no family gatherings
Healthcare	10/27/20	10:40 a.m.	2:49	COVID 19 returning
Healthcare	10/28/20	7:40 a.m.	1:03	6 <sup>th</sup> COVID Death in Moultrie
Healthcare	11/06/20	11:40 a.m.	2:27	PCW time to join

RUN AS OF 10/7/20

AFTER 6AM

LK

Halloween is a very special time for children and many adults, but there are always precautions that should be taken around Halloween to make sure everyone has a safe time. Dr. Bill Walsh, a Chief Medical Officer with OSF Health Care says that while halloween may look different this year, there are still plenty of ways to celebrate the holiday without taking risks.

WALSH1

KEY:E

LENGT: 25

The Illinois Department of Public Health is advising that visitors of activities use hand sanitizer before handling any produce, wear face coverings, and observe social distancing. The IDPH wants you to wear the right face coverings and a halloween mask doesn't do the trick.

WALSH2

KEY: R

LENGT: 27

Walsh says You can even hold a virtual Halloween party.

WALSH3

KEY: T

LENGT: 18

As always the CDC advises if you are sick or if there is a chance you have COVID to not participate in any in-person Halloween festivities.

RUN AS OF 10/15/20

AFTER 6AM

LK

The Governor of Illinois and Director of the Illinois Department of Public Health is warning that gatherings over the holidays could potentially spread COVID-19. Dr. Ngozi Ezike, Director of Public Health says that it's best to meet with family virtually, but if you must gather, you should do it safely.

EZIKE1

KEY:

LENGT: 55

Governor JB Pritzker says small family gatherings are one of the most prevalent ways that the virus is spreading.

PRITZKER1

KEY:

LENGT: 47

Dr. Ezike says if you're hosting an event, it's important to hold as many events outside that you can as long as the weather allows.

EZIKE2

KEY:

LENGT: 57

For more information visit this story at [taylorvilledailynews.com](http://taylorvilledailynews.com).

RUN AS OF 10-27-20

AFTER 6AM

BB

Taylorville Memorial Hospital President and CEO Kim Bourne understands that people are sick and tired of hearing about COVID-19, but now is not the time to let your guard down when Christian County is seeing a surge in cases.

KIMB1

KEY:

LENG: 57

TMH is currently in the process of what Bourne calls surge planning.

KIMB2

KEY:

LENG: 51

Construction is ongoing at TMH, according to Bourne and the building is on track to be complete by summer of 2021.

KIMB3

KEY:

LENG: 36

Bourne went on to remind everyone to please get your flu shot and that you will not get the flu from getting the flu shot.

KIMB4

KEY:

LENG: 45

Kim Bourne was a guest on the NEWSTALK WTIM Morning Show.

RUN AS OF 10/28/20 AFTER 6AM

LK

Moultrie County is reporting a 6<sup>th</sup> COVID-19 death. The Moultrie County Health Department has confirmed that a Moultrie County female resident in her 50's has passed away. Angela Hogan, who is the administrator for the MCHD, extends the department's condolences and asks for privacy during this difficult time.

To date, 411 Moultrie County residents have tested positive for COVID-19 including 6 deaths. Moultrie County is considered under a "warning level" due to the positivity rate sitting at 12.2%. The state would like to see the county at 8% or below.

The Moultrie County Health Department encourages you to watch physical distance, wear a mask when in public places, wash hands routinely, and above all else, stay home if ill. For more information visit [www.moultriehealth.org](http://www.moultriehealth.org).

RUN AS OF 11-06-20

AFTER 6AM

BB

This is the best time to join Physician's Choice Wellness, according to Program Director Tara Nickerson.

TARA1

KEY:

LENG: 52

Nickerson said that the medical tests are necessary to make sure that the individual starting PCW is healthy enough to do the program.

TARA2

KEY:

LENG: 35

If you are thinking about starting Physician's Choice Wellness after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year, you really should consider having the screening process done before the end of the year, according to Nickerson.

TARA3

KEY:

LENG: 39

Nickerson said that sometimes people don't realize that PCW isn't just a liquid diet, but they offer a variety of different types of food.

TARA4

KEY:

LENG: 46

Tara Nickerson was a guest on the NEWSTALK WTIM Morning Show.