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COMMUNITY ISSUES

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Political

WCIX News at 7 p.m.

- a.) 04/03/14; .23; Quinn U of I Visit: Governor Quinn made a stop at the U of I today. He was making his rounds around the State visiting colleges and promoting his plan to make college more affordable. This was his last stop. Quinn talked about doubling the State's investment in map grants over the next five years. Quinn's plan calls for an increase of 50-million dollars in grants. He says that money would come from the income tax. And would help an extra 21-thousand students.
- b.) 04/09/14; .22; Mitchell Fights: One Lawmaker wants to ground some of the planes used by State Leaders. Representative Bill Mitchell is proposing to ground three of the four state planes. He says the cost of operating the planes far exceeds other forms of travel like Amtrak and driving. Mitchell says he has tried at least five times to pass legislation to remove the extra fleet of state planes. If the bill isn't called by the week it will die.
- c.) 04/07/14; .20; Obama: President Obama told CBS news: Russia will face consequences if the country continues to play a role in the Ukraine crisis. On the same day, Pro-Russian Insurgents seized six Ukrainian armored vehicles, and their crews. Secretary of State John Kerry is in Geneva for "high-stakes" meetings with Russia, Ukraine and the EU...in hopes of a diplomatic solution.
- d.) 04/24/14; .29; Obama on Russia: Obama is condemning Russia for not living up to a deal reached in Geneva last week...to ease tensions in Ukraine. Speaking from Japan today, the President said further sanctions against Moscow are now "fed up." On Tuesday the Country's Interim Government resumed an anti-terrorist operation against pro Russian activists...who continue to occupy Government buildings in Eastern Ukraine. Russia's foreign minister issued his strongest warning yet – saying Moscow could intervene if violence persists.
- e.) 04/30/14; .27; Term Limits: For months Bruce Rauner has made it clear he wants term limits in Illinois. We're keeping you connected to the Capitol. Today he brought in a long and lengthy petition to prove it. It had 590-thousand signatures from people who want to see the issue on the November ballot. It was taken to the State Board of Elections by semi-truck. The file weighing some, 16-hundred pounds, contained nearly twice as many signatures as required by state statute. This has been a hot button issue. Tuesday, Democrats voted against term limits in a Senate subcommittee. Basically killing the idea. But today, it's alive again. The Amendment would limit state lawmakers to eight terms in office, while also making other structural and procedural changes in the legislature.
- f.) 05/06/14; .32; Quinn Audit: More controversy surrounding Governor Quinn's Neighborhood Recovery Program. The Legislative Audit Commission voted 10 to 1 in

- favor of having subpoena powers to investigate the troubled program. Republicans claim that tens of millions of dollars in taxpayer money was misused for political gain. The Governor responded by saying, "It's politics as usual". Quinn says this is just an election year ploy. But Republicans say the commission has a responsibility to review the audit.
- g.) 05/15/14; .20; Budget Guidelines: Democrats think they'll have about a 38-million dollar budget to work with. So today they started voting on dozens of budget bills. Republicans say they're jumping the gun since the temporary income tax hike hasn't been extended. About 55-bills were passed during today's session. They all provide funding for state agencies. They now head to the senate.
- h.) 05/19/14; .29; Tax Increase Meeting: With less than two weeks left in the Lawmaker's spring session. Democratic leaders are still trying to secure votes for a tax increase extension. As of today, we're told the votes are not there. But lack of support isn't stopping Governor Pat Quinn and House Speaker Michael Madigan from addressing the issue. They held a meeting today with the Democratic Caucus hoping to gain support. Without an increase, they say budget cuts could be next. These warning continue to come after house members adopted a 37-billion dollar budget last week. If this measure doesn't pass, the Personal Income Tax would go down come January 2015. Something, Republicans are widely in favor of.
- i.) 05/28/14; .25; Budget Latest: The Illinois Senate could take up a budget plan in just a matter of days. The House passed a 35 point 7 billion dollar budget Tuesday. Now it's in the Senate, awaiting a vote. Where Lawmakers are still working out the kinks. Republicans are calling it a cowardly budget through, saying it doesn't address the state's root spending problems. The Republican Senators we spoke to, also claim the tax increase debate will likely come during the fall veto session. After the November elections.
- j.) 06/02/14; .29; Quinn Same Sex: Same Sex Couples looking to get hitched in Illinois can now say, "I Do" legally. Today marks the official start of Marriage Equality in Illinois. Governor Quinn attended the ceremony between a long time gay couples; who served as strong advocates for same sex marriage. Their wedding was held in Chicago at a modern art museum. Quinn stood by their side the entire time. With the Illinois Religious Freedom and Marriage Fairness Act officially in effect, all couples in Illinois now have equal access to the status, benefits, protections, rights and responsibilities of marriage.
- k.) 06/13/14; .18; Flex Day Registration: Come November, voters could see more flexibility in the State's voting laws. We are your Local Election Headquarters. The Governor is expected to sign a bill into law that would allow for same-day voter registration. Supporters claim it could remove barriers for voters and allow more people to participate in our democracy. Those against the idea claim its play to get more Democrats to vote.
- l.) 06/18/14; .17; Online Registration: Starting today, voters can register online. All you have to do is visit the website and follow the instructions. You'll find the link at illinoishomepage.net. You'll need a driver's license or state issued I.D, the last four of your social and your current address.
- m.) 06/27/14; .23; Rail Investment: The state is making another major investment in Metra. Today Governor Pat Quinn along with U.S. Senator Dick Durbin shared the news in Bellwood, where they awarded \$45 million dollars for the project as well. Quinn says he aims to make Illinois the premier rail center of the nation.

Education

WCIX News at 7 p.m.

- a.) 04/02/14; .30; Monticello Testing Waters: School Districts across our area are also feeling the pinch from state funding. So one Superintendent is reaching out to others to help fill the gap. We're keeping you connected to the classroom. Monticello's Vic Zimmerman says over the last few years the state has challenged them to be more efficient. So he looked around to see how they could do that. Zimmerman decided to reach out to other schools in the county to see if they may want to share resources or classes sometime in the future. From a numbers perspective he says it could work. Monticello is the largest District in Piatt County with about 16-hundred students. That's another reason why Zimmerman says he felt he should reach out. Zimmerman says he sent letters to other Superintendents and school boards but hasn't heard back yet.
- b.) 04/08/14; .20; Summer School Cuts: Budget concerns in Danville are threatening some summer school classes. Tomorrow the District will consider cutting the program for elementary students. About 10 percent use it. School leaders say there's just not enough money right now to offer the program. But they're hoping that could change before the school year is over. Tomorrow's recommendation would keep summer school for high school, middle school and special education students.
- c.) 04/17/14; .38; Robeson Math: It's hard to believe but students at a Champaign School look forward to doing math. We're keeping you connected to the classroom. Robeson now as the "ST Math Program." The idea is almost opposite of the way students traditionally learn math. It teaches math concepts first-then the formulas are second. The math program cost 50-thousand dollars. A grant paid for 15-thousand. The community and PTA picked up the rest.
- d.) 04/24/14; .18; Easter Letter: Staff and faculty at the U of I got an email that has many upset. President Robert Easter says there was a glitch in the wording of the state's public pension funding law. The error eliminates a year of pension contributions, interest and reduces benefits. Easter says he has been in talks with Lawmakers to fix the problem.
- e.) 04/30/14; .35; Trending Now: There's nothing like a graduation ceremony to bring out the hi-jinks. It was pomp and unfortunate circumstance. Graduation at Davenport University in Michigan. Bobby Blank tried to stand out with a back flip that backfired. Yes, a flip that was a total flop. Instead of landing on his feet, he landed on his face. By blowing his back flip Bobby graduated to internet immortality.
- f.) 05/06/14; .18; Bement School: Bement students are staying put. The School Board was looking at several options to deal with a budget deficit. Earlier, this year a consultant recommended the District close the high school and to only keeps kindergarten through 8th grade. But the school board voted to keep things the way they are at least for the next two years.
- g.) 05/12/14; .35; Judah Willing to Move: The Champaign School District is still considering its options for a new Central High School location. One of their choices is the property where Judah Christian sits. And school leaders there say they're interested in talking about selling. Right now they're in the beginning phases of building their new school in Southwest Champaign. But the plans won't be finished for the next few years. Unless talks with Unit 4 speeds things up. Thomas says those discussions are at the very early stages. As for Judah Christian this summer their athletic fields are being built.

They plan to build the high school over the next 2 to three years. And the rest of their buildings after that.

- h.) 05/19/14; .19; EIU Tuition Discount: A program that helps many under privileged students may continue. Lawmakers approved the Eastern Illinois University Discount Program. It costs about a million dollars. It offers tuition discounts for students based on their available income. The University has been experimenting with the program for three years. The bill now heads to the Governor.
- i.) 05/30/14; .18; U of I Funds: Speaking of money the U of I is getting some to help farmers. The UDSA is awarding the school funds to create online programs. They'll be used to help farmers prepare for the farm bill. It'll help them make different choices like which plan to enroll in. The U of I is excited to take the lead on such an important task. Sign up for the new online programs begin this summer
- j.) 06/03/14; .18; School Consolidation: Right now parents are weighing in on a plan to consolidate two Vermilion County Schools. Catlin and Jamaica School Districts want to become a co-op. Both will keep "K" to fifth grade. Jamaica would have the Junior High and Catlin the High School. The meeting got started a few minutes ago. It's at the Bremer Theater at DACC.
- k.) 06/12/14; .19; P.E. State: A number of Illinois schools are struggling to provide adequate physical education classes for students. Nearly sixty school districts aren't meeting the State's requirements. Illinois Law requires that students have P.E. classes daily. The State Board has given those schools extra time to come up with a plan, but that time is running out. Many of the schools say in order to meet the requirements they'll need more staff and more space.
- l.) 06/16/14; .21; U of I Pay: Over on the U of I campus employees got some good news in their emails today. President Easter says everyone should be getting a raise. It'll be around a 2 and a half increase. But it could be more or it could be less. That's because the raises are all based on merit and vary depending on employee and department. U of I officials say awarding employees for their work is necessary.
- m.) 06/25/14; .25; Next President: The U of I is making sure everyone has a say in finding the next President. Today they held a Town Hall Meeting. Anyone was invited to ask questions, give comments or just listen. The Springfield and Chicago campus are also holding Town Hall Meetings this week. Current President Robert Easter retires next June.

Crime/Law Enforcement

WCIX News at 7 p.m.

- a.) 04/01/14; .22; Danville Arrests: Two Danville men tried their best to get away from the Vermilion County Sheriff's Department. A deputy noticed Alejandro Cardoza in a car in Danville. He was wanted on a warrant. When the officer tried to pull the car over, Daniel was driving and took off. The chase went into Indiana; cops were able to throw out stop sticks-causing the car to crash. Then they took off on foot but were caught.
- b.) 04/08/14; .24; Rantoul Stabbing: A Rantoul man is arrested after police say he stabbed his roommate. 24-year old Brian Rosario is accused of stabbing his roommate in the neck. It happened last night at the Fountain Valley Mobile Park just south of Rantoul. The victim was treated and released. Rosario was bitten by a Rantoul Police Department

tracking dog. He was treated and released then sent to the county jail. He is charged with aggravated and domestic battery.

- c.) 04/17/14; .17; Decatur Murder: A Decatur man is going to prison for killing a teen. 22-year old Eric Cunningham was sentenced to 20 years as part of a deal with prosecutors. He testified against another suspect in the 2011 shooting that killed Devin Kirk. Tre McSpadden faces at least 66 years in prison when he's sentenced in May.
- d.) 04/24/14; .17; Danville Shooting: A man is in critical condition after being shot last night. Danville police say it happened in the 26-hundred block of Cannon Street. The victim was shot in the chest. Witnesses say they heard several shots fired. Police say if you know anything – call detectives or Crimestoppers.
- e.) 04/30/14; .12; Inman Trail: A trail started and ended in Douglas County today in just a little over two hours. 31-year-old Jennifer Inman was arrested last August for hiring someone to kill her boyfriend. She was found not guilty by reason of insanity.
- f.) 05/08/14; .19; Atkins in Court: The man arrested for robbing two Champaign banks in court. 41-year old Maurion Atkins is facing armed robbery charges. Police say he robbed the Prospect Bank first – then went to the Central Illinois Bank. They found Atkins while he was driving within about ten minutes of the second robbery. He's being held on a 500-thousand dollar bond.
- g.) 05/16/14; .19; Daly Sentencing: A Philo woman is sentenced after pleading guilty to reckless homicide. It's an update from your news leader. Katherine Daly will spend three and a half years in jail. She was driving an ATV with her cousin and crashed last year. Daly admitted to drinking before the crash. But two counts of aggravated DUI were dismissed with the plea agreement.
- h.) 05/21/14; .18; Attempted Murder Arrest: A man wanted for attempted murder is now in police custody. Champaign police arrested Lynntez Holt on Friday. They say the 35 year old shot a man back in September. Reports say Holt showed up to a house his friend was evicted from. He demanded the items inside from the owner. When he said no – Holt tried to shoot him.
- i.) 05/26/14; .25; Shots Fired Again: People in Champaign neighborhood are concerned after hearing gunshots for the second day in a row. It happened today near the 1200 block of Neil Street. And yesterday it was on Arcadia Drive near Neil Street. There haven't been reports of injuries in either of the shootings. Today officers went door to door to talk with neighbors about what they heard. One of the Block Watch Leaders says the more people are aware of this issue the better. Neighbors say police have done a great job responding to the calls. Investigators say there wasn't any property damage after today's shooting. And they didn't find any shell casings. They don't believe the noises were fireworks instead of gunshots because of how many people called in about it.
- j.) 06/03/14; .17; Harmony Decou: Mattoon Police arrested a woman on charges of theft and aggravated domestic battery. Authorities say 33-year old Harmony Decou stole a cell phone from a man at the "PADS" Shelter. She stabbed another man in the neck during an incident in the 2100 Block of Prairie. That victim sustained minor injuries.
- k.) 06/12/14; .30; Abduction Latest: Police are still looking for Monica Ramirez. She was abducted by knifepoint Wednesday afternoon outside the JcPenney at Marketplace Shopping Center. Now a 25-year old Hispanic male is wanted in connection with the abduction. Police are looking for Eduardo Guerra Cortez. They say he was romantically involved with Monica Ramirez. He's wanted for aggravated battery. Police say he and

two other men abducted Ramirez by knifepoint. They're also looking for a second Hispanic male who was armed with a 12-inch knife. Police continue to work with the FBI and other police across the state. This isn't the first time police have search for Monica Ramirez. Back in 2011 an Amber Alert was issued after she and her infant daughter had been taken.

- l.) 06/16/14; .19; Urbana Shooting: Police are interviewing witnesses who saw an Urbana teen get shot this weekend. It's a follow-up from your news leader. It happened at the Landmark Hotel early Saturday morning. Police say someone shot a group of people. The bullet or pieces of it hit a 17-year old in the neck. He was taken to the hospital. No word on his condition.
- m.) 06/27/14; .21; Stolen Phone: An Urbana man helped police track down his phone within two hours of it being stolen. Joey Moody took his phone to the gym on Wednesday night and set it on a table. A few minutes later it was gone. Moody used his roommates phone to call police but says he knew the odds were against him. Then he remembered he had a security app on his phone for situations just like this. Investigators say when Moody used the app to set off an alarm on the phone, the people who had it dropped it on the ground. But the phone had taken a picture of the person using it when they tried an incorrect pass code. Police recognized that person a 16-year old girl was arrested.

Heath/Healthcare

WCIX News at 7 p.m.

- a.) 04/03/14; .21; Promise Open Urbana: Promise Healthcare will soon offer more choices for your medical needs. It's expanding its services into Urbana. A small primary care clinic will open at Presence Covenant Medical Center. It'll operate as a fulltime satellite site of Frances Nelson. Right now they only have a clinic in Champaign. The Urbana location will also have extended hours on Thursday. The Executive Director says the more accessibility the better. The clinic will be a part of Presence Medical Center's Community Resource Center. It'll be on the West Side of the hospital. Greenwalt says it should be open by midsummer.
- b.) 04/10/14; .17; Breast Cancer: New research shows eating a diet that's high in fat may increase the risk of certain types of breast cancer. An Italian Study that analyzed more than 10-thousand breast cancer patients found high total fat as well as saturated fat intake can lead to greater risk of breast cancer driven by hormones.
- c.) 04/18/14; .23; Mumps Outbreak: The numbers of cases of mumps in Illinois is up...from last year. There were 26 cases in 2013. We are not even half way through 2014...and there are already 65 cases. Mumps was a common illness in children and young adult's decades ago. A vaccination introduced in the 60's almost eliminated the virus. But now it's back. Health official's here say there isn't any proof to why. But they want you to be smart. There isn't a treatment for mumps. So sick people should take it seriously and go to a doctor.
- d.) 04/23/14; .19; HR Prescriptions: The wait to get your medication could get shorter. A house proposal will place more responsibility on insurance companies. They would have no more than 72 hours to cover the cost or deny a customer's prescription. Capitol Healthcare and Rehab in Springfield has many people who need round the clock care.

They say many could benefit from the bill. But the bill excludes Medicaid and Medicare customers. That's 80 percent of the people at Capitol Healthcare.

- e.) 04/30/14; .20; Nursing Home: Nursing Homes are calling on Lawmakers for support. The Healthcare Council of Illinois wants a managed care bill of rights. Right now, residents don't have any protection when it comes to the quality of care. And it comes as the state is moving nursing home residents from Medicaid to a different program. There have been a few problems with the transition.
- f.) 05/08/14; .15; Brain Music: A new study suggests music and language share the same space in the brain. Researchers at the University of Liverpool found, brief music training increases the blood flow in the left hemisphere of the brain. That's the same area of the brain that processes language.
- g.) 05/14/14; .22; Medical Marijuana: Becoming a medical marijuana dispensary owner in Illinois won't be cheap. Rules and regulations are being discussed. Applicants need at least 400-thousand in liquid assets. They'll have to pay another 60-grand for application fees. Applicants will also have to pass a strict background check. Only 60 dispensaries will be allowed statewide. Applications will be available once the rules are finalized.
- h.) 05/23/14; .25; Ear Implants: New Research shows deaf children who receive Cochlear Implants are more likely to experience problems with memory, focusing and planning. Cochlear Implants allow patients to hear sounds, but many details are still lost. Researchers at Indiana University suggest deaf children might benefit from getting implants earlier. They found, kids who got the implants at 18 months old, had better outcomes in speech and understanding.
- i.) 05/28/14; .17; Healthy Kids: Schools that encourage children to eat healthy and be more active are having little effect. Researchers in England studied more than 2000 children at 60 schools. They found no evidence that lesson plans, or interactive homework, led to more active students. Increasing awareness did cut down on watching TV and eating high calorie snacks.
- j.) 06/05/14; .22; CPR Law: Students across the State now have something new to learn in school. And it could help save lives. Today Governor Quinn signed a bill that would require students to learn CPR. They'll also have to know how to use mobile defibrillators before they graduate. The new law let's students opt out of the training if their parents submit a written objection. The Law takes effect in the upcoming school year.
- k.) 06/13/14; .27; Nursing Home Drug Plan: The Illinois Department of Human Services and the Department of Public Health announced the Prescription Monitoring Program Initiative. The agencies are collecting data from nursing home pharmacies weekly. They will track medications by patient, facility and region. This then allows the state to see which facilities vary from accepted medical standards in their prescribing practices. The resulting reports will help the nursing home industry stop using drugs as chemical restraints.
- l.) 06/17/14; .22; Newborn Test: While the Health Department wants to provide breast milk to babies. The State wants to give them a new test when they're born. All newborns will now be given a screening for "Severe Combined Immune Deficiency." Babies that have it are born healthy. But they don't have a proper working immune system to fight off viruses and infections. Babies diagnosed with it could be treated with a stem cell or bone marrow transplant. Right now the state gives 40-different screenings for newborns. Illinois becomes the 18th state to require this particular one.

m.) 06/25/14; .25; Nursing Home: A report shows Illinois has a high percentage of nursing home residents who could likely live at home and get the care needed. Nearly 27 percent of nursing home residents have low-care needs. The second-highest percentage of all U.S. States. Senior services of Central Illinois says the state could save thousands of those people were cared for at home. Illinois was ranked the 15th best state when it comes to long-term services they were also ranked for the support for older adults, people with disabilities and family caregivers.

Consumerism

WCIX News at 7 p.m.

- a.) 04/02/14; .26; Infrastructure Grades: The State's Infrastructure is barely making the grade. The 2014 Report Card from the ASCE found that combined, our roads, rail, bridges, dams and more are below par. It looked at efficiency, connectivity and safety and gave us a C- minus. That's higher than the D- plus we earned in 2010. The group says the progress, shows the State can improve the current condition of Illinois Infrastructure. But, only when investments are made and projects move forward. That group wants to raise taxes to fix the failing infrastructure. Saying the state should invest around two billion dollars a year for maintenance to roads and other forms of transportation.
- b.) 04/07/14; .28; Douglas Park Grant: Parks across the state are getting a face-lift. 16 point and half dollars in grant money is going to 46 different projects. And one on the list is in Champaign. Douglas Park will get a huge makeover come this summer. 300 thousand dollars from the state is coming from the open space lands acquisition and development program. And the Park District is doubling that to 600-thousand. All that money will go towards some big changes like a new water playground and outdoor exercise equipment along the new pathway. Construction on the park will begin sometime this August. And the Park District expects it to be done by fall.
- c.) 04/14/14; .16; Urbana Energy Rates: Urbana Home and business owners will save money on their electric bills. The City has landed a two-year deal with Homefield Energy to supply electricity. Rates are about 1 and a half percent lowers than most companies charge. They're locked for the entire contract. It takes effect in June.
- d.) 04/24/14; .12; Urbana Award: The City of Urbana is being awarded for its energy use. Today Ameren gave it the most Progressive City Award. It was one of six to win. The award is for cities with businesses that saved on energy throughout the past year.
- e.) 04/30/14; .20; EPA-Mahomet Aquifer: The EPA is asking for "your input" on the Mahomet Aquifer. More than 750-thousand people get their water from there. And the EPA could agree to designate a part of it as a "sole source aquifer." That would force a review of any project that could hurt water quality. The EPA will hold a public hearing in Champaign Tuesday, May 13th at the Hilton Garden Inn.
- f.) 05/09/14; .21; Rehiring IDOT: A recent study found, state leaders are hiring people for political reasons and not on merit. But trying to stop that could be hard. The Transportation Department says re-opening the hiring of workers would be tough to do especially for jobs that had no restrictions. The Department says people in those jobs are union members and trying to rehire them could bring a number of lawsuits.
- g.) 05/15/14; .27; Care Website: The issue of property taxes is causing a lot of tension between Carle and the City of Urbana. So hospital leaders launched a new website this

week to try and clear the air. They say they want to help explain the hospital's property tax exemption. The hospital's Vice President of Communications says they used public documents for background. He says hospital leaders want people to see how much charity care they do which is the reason they got the exemption in the first place. There is still a legal battle going on here. Carle reps say they're willing to settle like they did with the parks and schools. But Mayor Prussing says the City will win in court. If you want to see the website for yourself you'll find a link at our website illinoishomepage.net.

- h.) 05/23/14; .29; 3% Chamber: The State could be forcing you into a retirement plan and that could mean less money in your paycheck. It would work like an IRA. But the state would be in charge of your money. This would only affect workers at companies that don't already have a retirement plan in place. The state would take three percent of every paycheck and invest it in a state retirement plan. Everyone who qualifies would be enrolled automatically and you could opt out. But if you forgot to do that you'd be stuck with it. Champaign County Business Leaders say they don't like the idea. Champaign County Chamber of Commerce President Laura Weis says employers should have the opportunity to offer whatever kind of plan they choose. She says there's no need for the state to get involved. The Chamber is encouraging its businesses to tell Lawmakers same thing.
- i.) 05/26/14; .25; Summer Business: With the unofficial start to summer lots of seasonal businesses are expecting to cash in. Workers at Jarling's Custard Cup in Champaign have spent the afternoon filling order after order. After a slow start to the season business has heated up. They expect it to get even busier as temperatures rise. Across town people packed Prairie Gardens. Shoppers were excited to pick out flowers and plants to add much-needed color after a drab winter. Even though it got warm in the greenhouse people say they won't complain about the heat yet. Instead they'll enjoy it.
- j.) 06/05/14; .20; Hyatt Opening: A downtown Champaign Hotel is less than three weeks away from opening its doors. The Hyatt will officially be in business starting June 26th. The General Manager says construction was a little challenging at first but they're excited to be almost done. The nine-story building has 145 rooms which would be enough to accommodate the entire Illini Football Team.
- k.) 06/10/14; .21; Parking Meters: Better have some change ready because parking meter fines could be going up in Champaign. Right now, the fines for expired meters is 10 dollars. Tonight, the city council is discussing an escalating fee. A first offense would be a warning, with no fine. After that, the fine would increase up 35 dollars for 5 or more violations. The new fee schedule could be in effect by January.
- l.) 06/17/14; .17; Housing Uptick: The Housing Market in Champaign continues to show some promise. The Champaign County association of Realtors says they sold ten more homes in May this year than last year. This is the sixth straight month for this type of growth. Home sales in Mahomet and Savoy also went up. Urbana home sales remained the same.
- m.) 06/27/14; .21; Danville Broadband: It's Christmas in June for some families in Danville. Comcast gave free computer and internet service for a year to 25 families. Those interested has a chance to sign up for the Program a few months ago. Today the winners picked up a certificate to redeem the prize at the Boys and Girls Club. One recipient says she's very appreciative because they couldn't afford it otherwise. Danville was one of six communities Comcast selected for the giveaway.

