



Fall 2014 Newsletter

Aug. 29, 2014



*Celebrate Lanark! Saturday, September 27 ~ 4 to 7 pm ~
Eastland Jr/Sr High School, 500 S. School Drive • Lanark
Food, Family Fun, Music & More!*

Esteeming the Past. Embracing the Future.

Join your neighbors and friends you haven't met yet as we all celebrate Lanark—the businesses, the food, the school, positive change and, of course, the people! Just a glimpse of what's in store...

TASTE OF LANARK

Purchase specialty food items from our local eateries and food vendors.

MAPPING SUCCESS STORIES

Celebrate progressive projects already underway. Get involved and offer up new ideas to make Lanark even better.

LANARK ALIVE!

Booths showcasing local businesses, service organizations, and other fun things.

Plus: Photo Booth, Live Music, and more!

POST-CELEBRATION BLOCK PARTY

with the Lanark Community Club and Downtown Bars and Restaurants
On Carroll Street, East of Broad • 7 til ???

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Important Phone Numbers

City Hall

(815)493-2431

Office Hours: Monday & Thursday 9am-5pm

(closed 12:30-1:30)

Tuesday Noon-4:00

Wednesday 8:30-Noon

Council Meetings: First & third Tuesday of the month

Fire/Police Emergency
911

Police Non-Emergency
(815)493-6931

Fire Non-Emergency
(815)493-2341

Maintenance
(815)493-6832

Find more info on the web at www.lanarkil.com

Grant Available to Low-Income Home Owners

Home Repair Loans and Grants

This USDA Rural Development program provides loan and grant funds to be used to pay for needed repairs and improvements to dwellings of eligible very low income



families. Grant funds, which must be used to remove health and safety

hazards, may be made to persons 62 years or older who lack repayment ability for a loan amortized at 1% for 20 years for the cost of needed repairs. A grant may be made to persons 62 years or older who lacks repayment ability for a loan amortized at 1% for 20 years for the cost of needed repairs.

To be eligible, you must:

- ⇒ Be a citizen or legally admitted to the United States for permanent residence.
- ⇒ Possess legal capacity to incur debt.
- ⇒ Have an acceptable credit history
- ⇒ Be unable to get credit elsewhere and not have home resources available.
- ⇒ Very-low income (50 percent of County Median Income or less).
- ⇒ Must have sufficient and

dependable income for loan repayment.

- ⇒ Must own and occupy the property.
- ⇒ Grants are only available to homeowners who are 62 years old or older and cannot repay a Section 504 loan.

Loan and Grant uses - Repair loan and grants may be used to remove health and safety hazards such as repairing roofs, heating, electrical and plumbing systems, water and waste disposal, installing screens, windows, insulation and other steps to make the home safe. Home improvement loans may include similar purposes but may also be used to modernize and bring a home up to standards, make changes for convenience, add a room, remodeling and overall making improvements to the home. The home must be owner-occupied.



Funds can be used for a wide range of repairs, including plumbing, electrical, flooring, and foundation problems.

Funding can also be used for repairs or replacement of damaged heating and air conditioning systems, roofs, windows and siding.

Restrictions:

The outstanding loan amount cannot exceed \$20,000 and the lifetime grant assistance may not exceed \$7,500. Loan and grant funds may not be used to construct a new dwelling, repair a home that will continue to be a major hazard, move a mobile home, make off-site improvements or to refinance existing debts. Grants may not be used to make changes to the dwelling for cosmetic or convenience purposes, unless directly related to removal of health and safety hazards. Loans of \$2,500 or more will be secured by a deed of trust and loans of less than \$2,500 may be secured by a note-only.

Examples of payments are:

\$1,000 loan at 1% for 20 years - \$5.00 monthly payment

\$5,000 loan at 1% for 20 years - \$23.00 monthly payment

\$15,000 loan at 1% for 20 years - \$69.00 monthly payment

For further information and a map of office locations, please visit www.rurdev.usda.gov/il or call (815) 732-6127 ext. 4.

Upcoming Events:

FARMERS MARKET

Every Tuesday through Oct. 28
~ 4 to 7 pm ~ at the City Park

PIE ON THE PORCH

Sept. 5 and 6 at Picket Fence Florals,
407 E Franklin St.

Lanark Community

PAINT THE TOWN DAY

September 13, 9:00 a.m.
(rain date Sept. 20)

Volunteers needed! You can help beautify Lanark. The Living Lanark MAPPING Committee needs your help painting the town red, yellow, and green.

Volunteers will be painting fire hydrants, no-parking curbs, and picnic tables. Wear old clothes that can get paint on them and bring sun screen. Bring as many

of the following as you can rags, paint brushes, paint rollers, roller pans, coffee cans or other containers to hold paint, family, and friends.

The paint, drinking water, and lunch will be provided.

Please register by email to jhuggins@lanarkil.com, by calling 815-541-0557, or by visiting facebook.com and search for "Lanark Paint the Town"

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HOMETOWN DAYS

Wed., Oct. 22 - Parade and Chamber of Commerce Tailgate Dinner at the Heritage Center.

Fri., Oct 24 - EPC Homecoming Football game

Sat., Oct. 25 - Homecoming Dance

SHOP HOP

Fri. and Sat., Nov. 7 & 8 and Nov. 14 & 15

Shop Lanark, Mt. Carroll, Savanna, and Fulton and fill that Christmas gift list.

CHRISTMAS WALK AND CRAFT SHOW

Dec. 6. Details are being planned. Watch for more details.

MAPPING Accomplishments:

Downtown

Beautification:

Committee members have been busy with banners, hanging flower baskets, ground planters with flowers, and repaired garbage can lids.

Community Foundation:

This Community Foundation is designed to pool donations into a coordinated investment and grant making facility dedicated primarily to the social improvement of the greater Lanark area.

Farmers Market:

The Cornucopia Committee has successfully brought more vendors, music, educational demonstrations, kids activities, and more customers to the Farmers Market. They also held a "Divide and Conquer - Plant Swap and Sale" as a fundraiser to kickoff the season.

Community Events:

Such events as "Night of Possibilities" and the joint effort with the Lanark Women's Club for the "Summer Splash."

See also the list of upcoming events above as well as more being planned throughout the year.

Community Branding:

Our town needs an identity. The Transformers Team has created a logo and is continuing to work on a branding campaign.

YOU CAN GET INVOLVED TOO!

Send an email to CelebrateLanark@gmail.com and state you would like to volunteer for one of the committees.

City Information You Should Know

Lanark Health and Wellbeing Fund: Get assistance with paying water bills from the program known as Lanark Health and Wellbeing Fund (LHW Fund). People who are senior citizens, the disabled, people facing an emergency and others who may need help with paying their water and wastewater bills during a difficult period can receive financial assistance .

If you would like to make a tax deductible contribution to the fund. You can including an extra dollar or two, or more, with your payment. You may do this by writing LHW and the dollar amount on your water bill stub and write LHW and the amount in the memo section of your check. Otherwise the extra amount will be applied to your own account. Or send in a separate check any time with your donation.

To apply for assistance, contact the Eastland Council of Churches at 815-493- or the Township at 815-493-9960.

IMPORTANT NOTE - If you add a donation to your water bill payment you must and the dollar amount on your water bill stub and write LHW and the amount in the memo section of your check.

Winter Parking: Yes, it is a little early to be discussing snow. But it is possible we could get some of that white four letter word before the next newsletter.

At such times as there is an accumulation of two inches (2") of snow on the streets in the city or the city has declared a snow emergency, it shall be unlawful for any driver or owner of any vehicle to obstruct the orderly removal of snow from the city's streets, alleys or public ways by parking, permitting to be parked or otherwise leaving unattended any vehicle upon the following streets, alleys and public ways:

1. DO NOT PARK on the even side of the street (as indicated by address) on even days (as indicated by date) between the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) A.M. and seven o'clock (7:00) P.M.
2. DO NOT PARK on the odd side of the street (as indicated by address) on odd days (as indicated by date) between the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) A.M. and seven o'clock (7:00) P.M.

Garbage Totes: Please take your garbage and recycling totes off the street Wednesday evening (Thursday or weeks of holiday) after they have been emptied.

Reminder: Water/Sewer Rates have increase. Check your bill for new rates.



City Officials

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