



# Dispatch

a bi-monthly news update for CWLP customers

## CWLP Launches Improved Website Featuring Online Account Management

In mid-June, CWLP launched its new website (still located at [www.cwlp.com](http://www.cwlp.com)), featuring a fresh, modern look, easier navigation, and online account management.

On each of the eight main pages of the upgraded website—Home, Electric Division, Water Division, Customer Service, Energy Services Office (Save Energy and Water), Lake Springfield (Lake and Parks), Online Services and Forms, and Contact Us—drop-down menus, rotating billboards and Quick Info boxes, make it easy for visitors to quickly identify and access a wide range of information related to the page’s subject. Left-hand column sidebars on most pages also contain links to related topics that can be found elsewhere on the site.

The highlight of the new website is the ability it gives CWLP customers to manage their electric and water accounts online and opt for paperless billing. Customers who register for an online account can now view their



bills, track their payment and consumption histories, request service transfers or termination, update contact and other account information, and more.

CWLP’s online account management site is accessible by clicking the “Manage Your Account Online” button in the upper right corner of the CWLP Home page.

CWLP customers have three options for paying their bills electronically. They can: (1) arrange with their bank for electronic funds transfer to CWLP (a free option); (2) authorize the utility to automatically debit their checking or savings account each month (also a free service); or (3) pay by e-check or credit card using their online account or QuickPay. Customers choosing this latter electronic bill payment option are charged a fee by the third party provider that collects CWLP’s online payments. CWLP receives no portion of those fees.

## Spaulding Dam Road Section to Get Long-Awaited Repairs

The section of East Lake Shore Drive that stretches from the east end of the Spaulding Dam bridge to the Spaulding Dam Boat Launch is receiving long-awaited repairs this summer. A storm sewer, new curbing and a new guard rail will be installed along the south lane of the road. The existing sidewalk will be upgraded to a five-foot-wide ADA-compliant walkway, and the road will be repaved.

The \$600,000 project starts July 8 and will last about 10 weeks. It could cause significant traffic delays from about 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on week days. However, both lanes of traffic will be open at night and on weekends.

The road, which was last resurfaced in the early 1990s, has undergone frequent patching over the past several years. The lack of a storm sewer serving the south lane has contributed to a more rapid than usual deterioration of both the roadway and its curb.

## Grant Allows for Riprapping of Unprotected Shoreline

A \$175,000 grant from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency is allowing CWLP to stabilize 2,200 feet of previously unprotected, severely eroded shoreline at Lake Springfield.

The utility’s contractor—CHAT, Ltd./Macoupin Boat Service from Good Hope, IL—will create a “breakwater” by installing approximately 2,500 tons of rip rap in front of rather than directly against the shoreline to keep wave action from reaching the shore. This will reduce both sediment and phosphorous influx into the lake. The space behind the breakwater also will provide an improved habitat for fish and other aquatic organisms.

The area involved lies at the confluence of Sugar and Lick Creeks and includes a 1,000-foot section of shore along the west side of the I-55 bridge and a 1,200-foot section at the Wildlife Sanctuary and Boy Scout Camp.

## Around Springfield . . .

- **Capital City Celebration.** July 3-4, 7 p.m.-midnight on Friday and 4-10:30 p.m. Saturday, 2nd and Capitol, Downtown Springfield. Celebrate the birth of our nation with entertainment for the whole family, including live bands, food and craft vendors, giant inflatables and other activities for kids, and fireworks. 553-2082; [www.springfieldjaycees.org](http://www.springfieldjaycees.org).
- **Quilting in Red, White and Blue.** July 4-6, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Old State Capitol. Donations accepted. Quilts interpreting the Civil War history of Illinois will be on display in several areas of the building. 785-7960.
- **Elijah Iles House Events.** All events take place at the Elijah Iles House, 628 S. 7th Street. Unless otherwise noted, admission is free; donations are accepted. For information, visit <http://ileshouse.org> or call 492-5929.  
**Strawberry Party.** July 4, 5-8 p.m., This annual event features period entertainment, sing-alongs, yard games, vendors selling picnic food, and tours of the house.  
**Mr. Lincoln's Associations with American Indians.** Wednesdays, July 13-August 31, 1:30-3 p.m. President Lincoln will discuss his associations with American Indians, from boyhood through his presidency. Fascinating for all ages.  
**President Lincoln Gives Updates on the War.** Saturdays, 1:30-3 p.m. President Lincoln updates us on the progress of the war, concluding with a moving presentation of the Gettysburg Address.
- **CPE Dog Agility Trial.** July 5-7, 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Illinois State Fairgrounds Livestock Center. Capitol Canine Dog Sports hosts a dog agility trial. Open to the public. 782-6661; [www.capitolcanine.com](http://www.capitolcanine.com).
- **Illinois State Museum Events.** All events take place at the Illinois State Museum and, unless otherwise noted, are free. For information, call 782-7386 or visit [www.museum.state.il.us](http://www.museum.state.il.us).  
**Audubon Adventures.** July 5, August 2, and August 9, Illinois State Museum. This two-part program starts in the auditorium with a presentation of Audubon's adventures in Illinois and concludes with a guided tour titled "Birding in the Museum with Audubon."  
**Super Saturday.** July 13, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. This monthly program features activities and crafts especially for kids 3-8; but the whole family is invited to participate. This month's theme: "At Home in the 1860s."
- **Henson Robinson Zoo Events.** All events take place at the Zoo. For information, call 585-1821 or visit [www.hensonrobinsonzoo.org](http://www.hensonrobinsonzoo.org).  
**Zoofari.** July 6, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. This free admission day is packed with activities and fun for all ages.  
**All About Owls Family Campout.** July 26-27, 5:30 p.m.-9 a.m. This evening adventure focuses on amazing owls. Admission includes an area to pitch your tent, dinner and breakfast, animal encounters, activities and

a special owl prowl.

**Breakfast with the Animals.** August 10, 8-10 a.m. Admission. Experience the wakening of the Zoo with a continental breakfast and a morning packed with animal enrichment.

■ **Civil War Ice Cream Social.** July 13, 2-4 p.m., Edwards Place 700 N. 4th. Step back in time and enjoy Civil War dancing, a tableaux vivant presented by the Soldier Aid Society, and free ice cream. 523-2631; [www.springfieldart.org](http://www.springfieldart.org).

■ **Movies in the Park.** Admission is free. Movies begin at 8 p.m. For information, call 544-1751 or visit [www.springfieldparks.org](http://www.springfieldparks.org).

**The Hobbit.** July 19, Lincoln Park.

**Madagascar 3.** August 23, Rotary Park.

■ **Plant Sales.** All events take place at the Washington Park Botanical Garden. Admission is free. For information, visit [www.springfieldparks.org](http://www.springfieldparks.org) or call 546-4116.

**Sangamon Valley Iris Society Sale.** July 27, 1-4 p.m.  
**Central Illinois Day Lily Society Sale.** August 3, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Region 9 American Iris Society Sale.** August 10, 1-4 p.m.

■ **Music in the Park – Blues and Bluegrass.** July 28, Iles Park. Enjoy the sounds of the Blue G's and the Debbie Ross Band. 544-1751; [www.springfieldparks.org](http://www.springfieldparks.org).

■ **Lincoln – Colored Warriors and the Spirit of Freedom.** August 3, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Old State Capitol and Oak Ridge Cemetery. Celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation with an all-day encampment of Civil War re-enactors on the grounds of the Old State Capitol and a wreath laying at the Cemetery. 785-7960.

■ **Washington Park Historic Photography Display.** August 17-September 1, Washington Park Botanical Garden. Free. Photos chronicling Washington Park from its creation in 1902 to the present will be on display. 546-4116; [www.springfieldparks.org](http://www.springfieldparks.org).

■ **Prairie Art Alliance Featured Artists Exhibit.** August 23-October 12, H.D. Smith Gallery, Hoogland Center for the Arts. "Our World and Beyond" features works by Christopher Martin (acrylic/oil) and Sue Scaife (pastels). 544-2787; [www.prairieart.org](http://www.prairieart.org).

■ **Sangamon County Woodcarvers Annual Show.** August 31-September 1, Illinois State Fairgrounds Illinois Building. Carvers from across the country will present the artistry of woodcarving and woodburning. Supplies will be available for purchase and seminars on carving and woodburning will be presented. 546-8792; [www.svwoodcarvers.org](http://www.svwoodcarvers.org).

■ **Symphony on the Square.** August 31, 6-8 p.m., Old State Capitol. Free. Enjoy a concert by the Illinois Symphony Orchestra on the Old State Capitol grounds. 785-7960.