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AUGUST 2025

Dear Members and Friends,

SAVE THE DATE! Our annual meeting is
Sunday, October 5 from 3 – 5
at the Lake House in Crystal Lake Park. See you there!

WTF?! THINGS ARE FALLING APART!

Join us to learn what ACLU is doing in Illinois to protect our democracy. And what you can do to help. We need your participation now more than ever. And we need each other. Speakers, snacks and short business meeting.

MORE EVENTS:

Monday, August 25, 2025

7 pm

Yellow & Co., Mahomet

15th Congressional District Town Hall

Speakers include Ed Yohnka from ACLU-IL and Jane McClintock from ACLU-Champaign County. (Rep. Mary Miller has been invited but hasn't responded. Oh my!)

More info and register for a free ticket here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/15th-congressional-district-town-hall-tickets-1574942638829>

PRIDEFEST *** Later than usual but still on!

Saturday October 25

March with [ACLU](#) in the parade! It's a blast!

Join us afterward at our table at the [Pride Fair](#).

More info at the annual meeting and next newsletter.

URBANA SURVEILLANCE ORDINANCE

ACLU of Champaign County supports the ordinance still under consideration by the Urbana City Council concerning the acquisition of surveillance technology by the Urbana Police Department. We feel strongly that surveillance technology should be acquired only with public consent and should include policies that regulate its use. Most Urbana residents we have spoken with feel strongly about protecting their private data and their civil rights and liberties. This ordinance has been vetted by the ACLU of Illinois legal staff.

YOU CAN READ THE ORDINANCE BY SCROLLING DOWN to PAGE 4:

<https://mccmeetings.blob.core.usgovcloudapi.net/urbanail-pubu/MEET-Packet-bc637dfc7d1f4c3ca4401b3a1f353dbc.pdf>

READ OUR RECENT LETTER TO THE COUNCIL AND MAYOR HERE: aclu-cu.org/SurveilOrdAUG25.pdf

SPEAK UP -- If you live in Urbana, express your support for the ordinance (Ordinance No. 2024-12-042. AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING APPROVAL, POLICY, AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR POLICING SURVEILLANCE TECHNOLOGY AND DATABASES) **to your City Council representative. YOUR VOICE MATTERS!**

Write the full council at this address: citycouncil@urbanail.gov

Or find your council member's address here: <https://www.urbanail.gov/city-clerk/page/city-council>

LEARN: About the recent Supreme Court session from experts.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lsl22gZ41nE>

Remember -- you can join ACLU, renew or donate here:
<https://www.aclu-il.org/en/donate>. If you are a state or national member and live near Champaign County, you are a member of our chapter. We are happy to have you and appreciate your support!

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