



# CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER



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## SUMMER IN THE PARK



Plans are underway for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Summer in the Park community festival. Expanded to five days this year, the event will run from Wednesday, July 15 through Sunday, July 19. For a schedule of activities and

entertainment, please visit the festival's web page, [www.woodstockfestivals.org](http://www.woodstockfestivals.org).

Volunteer Opportunities are still available so come out and join the fun. Contact the **City Manager's Office**, 815-338-4301 or [citymanager@woodstockil.gov](mailto:citymanager@woodstockil.gov)

## LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

The 2015 Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics was held on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. Members of the **Woodstock Police Department** participating were **Chief Robert Lowen, Sergeant Constantino Cipolla, Detective Rob Branum, Officer Jason Bernstein, Officer Sharon Freund and Community Service Officer Glen Davis.**

Sergeant Cipolla is still collecting pledges and donations, which at present total approximately \$300.00. He also has commemorative ILETRSO T-shirts available for purchase. T-shirts are \$15.00 each. Cash or checks made payable to "Special Olympics" will be accepted. Proceeds from T-shirt sales will directly benefit Illinois Special Olympics (and they look *great* at the gym!) Sizes still available are Large, 1X and 2X.

To make a donation or purchase a T-shirt, contact Sergeant Cipolla at the WPD at 815-338-2131 or via email at [ccipolla@woodstockil.gov](mailto:ccipolla@woodstockil.gov).

## PAVEMENT PATCHING PROGRAM

The annual asphalt pavement patching program is an important component in proper pavement management and maintenance. This program addresses localized pavement failures in order to extend the useful life of the overall roadway segment. This program addresses smaller areas of failed asphalt throughout the City that need to be removed and patched using hot mix asphalt.

The **Department of Public Works** recently solicited bids for our 2015 Asphalt Pavement Patching program. Four bids were received.

This work is needed in order to be responsive to citizens' requests for service and to continue to improve the overall road conditions within the City. Asphalt pavement patching is a highly-visible and highly-demanded program.

Chicagoland Paving Contracting is the contractor that will be performing this repair work.

The roadways that are included in the 2015 Asphalt Pavement Patching program include Country Club, Kimball, Banford, Hoy, Tech, Fremont, Dieckman, Griffing, Pleasant, Hickory and Cobblestone.

If you have any questions about this project, please contact the Department of Public Works, 815-338-6118 or [pwdept@woodstockil.gov](mailto:pwdept@woodstockil.gov)

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### **CITY HALL MASONRY WORK**

Beginning July 6, 2015, Spitson Masonry will be performing work to the east entrance at City Hall and masonry work to areas outside of the entire building. The following work will be completed to the exterior of City Hall.

- Supply necessary supports and protection to prevent further brick and masonry damage to City Hall while work is being performed.
- Supply a secure (lockable), weather / dust barrier between the work zone and City Hall operations.
- Remove limestone jams and lintel from the east entrance store front.
- Install a new steel lintel per document specifications. Any exposed areas of the lintel needs to be primed and painted with a color matching the west building entrance wood color which will help prevent future rusting.
- Perform all necessary brick work to east side of building.
- Replace existing exterior wood trim at east entrance using mahogany. After wood is installed the wood must be painted to match the west building entrance colors.
- Perform all necessary work to the faces of the stone at the east entry, including but not limited to removal and re-fabrication of new stone(s) to match the original stone(s) and color.
- Perform repairs to the damaged stone(s) on the east wall including the use of Jahn 70 stone patch custom blended or an approved substitute product, and replace damaged stone with new stone(s) to match as close as possible.
- Re-point all damaged mortar up to the sill stones on the east wall with custom blended mortar to match existing mortar as close as possible.

- Perform all necessary work to the faces of the stone at the west entry similar to the east entry work with the expectation that the wood entry will not be replaced. This work will include but will not be limited to the removal and re-fabrication of new stone(s) to match the original stone and color.
- Perform all necessary repairs to the damaged stone(s) on the west wall using Jahn 70 stone patch custom blended, and or an approved substitute product.
- Re-point all damaged mortar up to the sill stone(s) on the west wall with custom blended mortar to match existing mortar as close as possible.
- Re-point the entire south wall of the boiler room and replace any damaged brick with new brick to match the original brick and color as close as possible.
- Re-point areas of the west wall of the boiler room where old windows were bricked in.
- Perform necessary landscape restoration to areas affected by masonry repairs.
- Perform all necessary clean-up work and removal of debris and all masonry material.

During construction the east entrance to the City Hall will have very limited access to and from the building. Please make arrangements to park on the west side of City Hall. If you have any questions about this project, please contact the **Department of Public Works**, 815-338-6118.



## **WALKIN' THE WALKWAYS AT DONATO CONSERVATION AREA**



A collaborative effort between the City of Woodstock and D200 students to design and produce new walkways for the William C. Donato Conservation Area has been awarded \$8,971 from ComEd/Openlands and their 2015 Green Region program. The City's project, titled *Pathways to Education at William C. Donato Conservation Area*, was one of 23 awards chosen among applications from throughout ComEd's 27-county northern Illinois service area.

The grant reflects several months of work by the 5 students participating in Woodstock High School's Engineering Design & Development class. Under the supervision of instructor Steve Thompson, and the programmatic direction of the course's Project Lead the Way guidelines, the class was presented with a design challenge that directly related to students' personal experience and ultimate benefit. The 25-acre wetlands that comprise the Donato nature area is adjacent to WHS and is an integral part of the school's Environmental Science curriculum taught by WHS instructor and conservationist William Donato.

Following the park's renaming last December, in honor of Mr. Donato's commitment to its restoration and enhanced educational usage, it was determined the original temporary walkways were in need of repair or replacement. With guidance from **Public Works Director Jeff Van Landuyt**, **Parks & Facilities Superintendent Ernie Nelson**, and **Transportation Commission Chair Andrew Celentano**, students were connected with representatives of McHenry County Conservation District, McHenry County Soil & Water District, and The Land Conservancy of McHenry County, to receive additional design suggestions. **Grant Writer Terry Willcockson** offered the class insights into how the grant proposal was compiled, as grant funds were a determining factor for the City to prioritize the project's completion.

Involving students in problem-solving aspects of public property maintenance is an example of "service learning," a growing trend in education today. Such cooperative approaches provide students with hands-on experiences, portfolio-quality projects, and professional connections with community leaders, all certain to enhance their career-building opportunities. Public Works will be scheduling construction and installation of the walkways in time for students' use next spring, and the students who developed the walkway design will be recognized at an upcoming City Council meeting.

## **MEETINGS NEXT WEEK...**

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of June 29<sup>th</sup>.

## **RECRUITMENT**

### **Production Assistant – Woodstock Opera House:**

The City of Woodstock is seeking qualified **INTERNAL** applicants (**current City of Woodstock employees**) for Production Assistant with the Woodstock Opera House. This full-time hourly position assists the Production Manager and Building Manager with duties related to technical theatrical scenery, lighting and sound for all public performances and events in the Opera House, Stage Left Café and Park in the Square, under the direction of the Opera House Production Manager. Min. Qualifications:

1. High school degree or equivalent.
2. Minimum 1-2 years' theatre scenery, stage lighting, sound and design production experience.
3. Ability to obtain CPR and basic first aid certifications.
4. Must possess current valid driver's license with good driving record.

*A combination of experience and education providing equivalent knowledge, skills and abilities may be considered.*

**Salary & Benefits:** \$17.37 per hour with full benefits package of group health & dental insurance, benefit time and IMRF retirement plan.

**Application Process:** A current resume and letter of interest/cover letter – clearly outlining relevant experience and qualifications – should be e-mailed to [dschober@woodstockil.gov](mailto:dschober@woodstockil.gov) by the deadline shown below. The City reserves the right to select only the most qualified applicants for an interview. EOE. **Application Deadline: Friday, July 10, 2015 at 5:00pm.**

**Economic Development Director:** Interviews for chosen qualified applicants for the **Economic Development Director** positions were held Wednesday and Thursday this week. Information on the position will be released shortly.

## Quote

“Here's to the crazy ones. The misfits. The rebels. The troublemakers. The round pegs in the square holes. The ones who see things differently. They're not fond of rules. And they have no respect for the status quo. You can quote them, disagree with them, glorify or vilify them. About the only thing you can't do is ignore them. Because they change things. They push the human race forward. And while some may see them as the crazy ones, we see genius. Because the people who are crazy enough to think they can change the world, are the ones who do.”

— Apple Inc.

### **Want to Start to Get Healthy with an Exercise Program?**

City of Woodstock employees receive an employee discount at the **Woodstock Recreation Center**. **The initiation fee is waived! Executive membership is \$35**

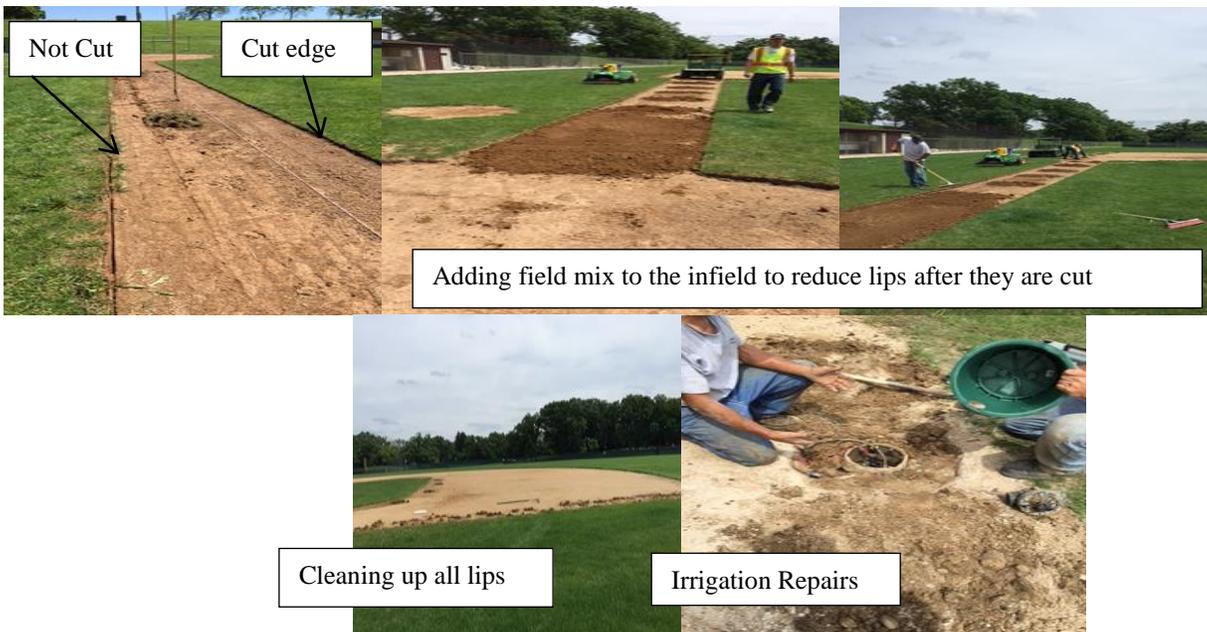
### **DREAM FIELD**

Each year from March through October, the **Department of Public Works' Parks Division** is responsible for getting numerous fields ready each day for evening ball games, which include baseball, softball, soccer, and football. Many different user groups participate in events and host tournaments on either one of our 16 softball / youth baseball fields or one of the 4 baseball only fields. Recently, the Parks Division started to perform detail work at Emricson Park's Dream Field. Tasks completed thus far:

- Rebuilt pitcher's mound
- Installed missing fence windscreen
- Heavily aerated the entire field
- Field sprayed for weed control
- Broadcast spread grass seed
- Cut lips on the fields
- Added field mix to the infield
- Painted dugout benches
- Painted dugout storage room doors and trim
- Cut bushes behind the dugouts and installed mulch
- Located and performed repairs on the irrigation system

The Parks Division will continue to perform detail tasks on Dream field throughout the season. They will continue grading work to the infield, rent a commercial roller from a local contractor to roll the field, and rebuild the warning tracks. We appreciate everyone's cooperation and patience.

If you have any questions about this project, please contact the Department of Public Works, 815-338-6118 or [pwdept@woodstockil.gov](mailto:pwdept@woodstockil.gov)



## **IS IT ALLERGIES OR A SUMMER COLD?**

The sun is out and the temperature has climbed, but instead of enjoying all that the season has to offer, you're sniffing, sneezing, and rubbing your eyes. Are you suffering from a summer cold or do you have allergies? It's not always easy to tell: According to doctors, there's a lot of overlap in the symptoms. There are, however, five clues that may help you figure out what's causing your discomfort:



1. **Timing.** Did you have symptoms last year at this time? Allergens such as ragweed and tree pollen proliferate at the same time annually. If you always seem to have a runny nose in the middle of July, you may be suffering from seasonal allergies.
2. **Duration.** Just as in other seasons, a cold may last up to a week and a half. An allergy, on the other hand, may cause symptoms for weeks at a time.
3. **Other symptoms.** Did you experience a sore throat before all the nasal congestion started? There's a good chance it's a cold. Are your eyes itchy? Consider allergies. And although a few people have allergies so severe that they can cause a fever, for most people a slight fever will point to a cold.
4. **Exposure.** If you've spent time around children (who are notorious germ carriers) or people who are sick, you may assume your symptoms are the result of a cold.
5. **Symptom variety.** What happens when you step outside? Start sneezing and you can bet you've got an allergy. Do your symptoms come and go with the rise and fall of daily pollen counts? Again, that's strong evidence of an allergy.

### **Treating Your Symptoms**

How important is it that you actually figure out what you've got? Truthfully, if you're just looking to treat the immediate symptoms, it doesn't matter much. The therapies for both a cold and allergies—decongestants, eye drops, and nasal sprays—are very similar and will accomplish the same thing, according to David Rosenstreich, MD, chief of the Division of Allergy and Immunology at Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx. "Sometimes allergy medication will help for a cold as well," he says.

But sufferers who have frequent or ongoing symptoms may need answers. "If you suspect an allergy, you may want to get it formally evaluated," says Casey Curtis, MD, an allergy specialist at the Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center in Columbus, adding that by learning what you're allergic to, you can take steps to prevent exposure.

Testing for allergies involves seeing an allergist and getting either a skin or a blood test for the various allergens in your geographical area. Curtis points out that even if you previously tested negative for allergies, persistent symptoms merit another look, since allergies can arise at any time.

# Remember Our Heroes

car show



Saturday, June 27 • 9 am • 2 pm

Woodstock VFW Post 5040 / 240 Throop Street



Food



Beer Tent



Raffles



Music

Come join us in honoring our Veterans on Saturday, June 27th. Car registration starts at 9 am. Trophies to be awarded. Categories to be determined based on entries. Proceeds will benefit the Woodstock VFW Post 5040.



## FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Please call: Bill or Jeanne  
at 815-338-5040  
Please leave a message.

**BE SURE TO REGISTER EARLY!**

Judging 9:30 am - 12:30 pm  
Trophies awarded at 2 pm

Free Raffles every 1/2 hour  
Prize Raffles 1 pm  
50/50 Raffle 1:30 pm



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