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VACATION HOUSE CHECKS AVAILABLE

Are you going on an extended vacation this summer? The **Woodstock Police Department** can help make your trip worry-free by doing vacation house checks on your home while you are away.

To sign up for the free service, go online to the City's web page at www.woodstockil.gov; click on *Forms and Documents* at the top of the page; scroll down to *Police Department Programs* and click on *Police Department Vacation House Check Form*. You can fill out the form online and email it to policedept@woodstockil.gov or print it and mail to or drop it off at the WPD located at 656 Lake Avenue.

If you don't have access to a computer, simply stop by the WPD and ask for a form at the Dispatch window (on the left when you walk in the door.)

WPD personnel will check your home at various times of the day and night throughout your vacation as manpower permits.

Keep in mind that it is best to stop your mail and newspapers while you are away and consider putting some of your lights on a timer to simulate your presence. And whatever you do, do not advertise your vacation on any type of social media at all – that is a recipe for disaster! Share your pictures and stories with friends and family after your return home.

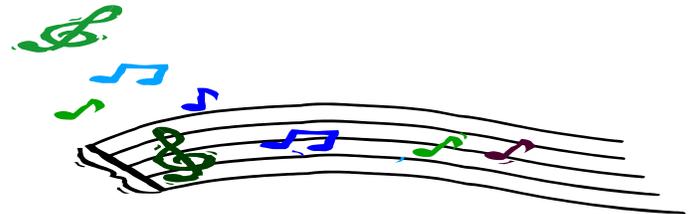
Bon Voyage!

WOODSTOCK FOLK FEST

Woodstock Folk Festival will be having their 30th annual event on the Historic Woodstock Square this Sunday, July 19, from noon until 6:00PM. They are hosting a very talented line up of musicians throughout the afternoon. In addition, there will be an Open Mic Stage at Stage Left Café; sign up begins at 12:05PM. Open Mic begins at 12:15PM and concludes at 5:30PM with an All-Sing Finale. Come share your talent!

The rain location is at the Blue Lotus Buddhist Temple, 221 Dean Street, Woodstock, IL (two blocks south of the Woodstock Square on the corner of South and Dean Streets) just off the Square.

For more information, visit <http://woodstockfolkmusic.com/folkfestival/>



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RAIN BARRELS & OTHER WAYS TO SAVE WATER

With the rainy summer that we've experienced so far, now is a great time to save money on your water bill. For the majority of Woodstock residents, there has not been a need to water lawns and gardens due to the frequent rainfalls. The grass at many of the City's facilities is lush and green, although more frequent mowing has been necessary.

Going forward, another simple, efficient, way to save money and water is to use a rain barrel. A rain barrel is a low-cost method to reduce the amount of storm water runoff from your property. Estimates indicate that a quarter-inch of rain falling on an average home yields over 200 gallons of water.

When we think of the storm water as a precious fresh water resource, it doesn't make sense to manage it like a waste product. When we catch and keep the rainwater that falls on our yards, we reduce flooding and stress on sewer system infrastructure, keep pollutants out of our rivers and streams, and end up with a bunch of clean water that is perfect for watering lawn and gardens, washing cars and many other uses.

Rain barrels are simple large containers that capture storm water from your roof that would otherwise be lost as runoff. Modern rain barrels are sealed, safe around children and insect resistant – they can even be painted or decorated to your liking. You can divert water from your downspout to fill your rain barrel and a hose spigot on the front makes the water easy to access and use.

If you are interested in purchasing a rain barrel, please contact the **Department of Public Works**, 815-338-6118 or pwdept@woodstockil.gov



HR NEWS

Congratulations to **Dan Wiegel** who has been promoted to the position of Full-Time Production Assistant for the **Woodstock Opera House** – Dan’s first day in his new position was Wednesday, July 15th. Way to go Dan!

RECRUITMENT

Economic Development Director: The search committee for the City’s next Economic Development Director comprised of Councilman Mark Saladin, Chair of McHenry County Economic Development Corporation, Roscoe Stelford, City Manager, Deb Schober, Human Resources Director, Joe Napolitano, Building and Zoning Director, and Pam Cumpata, President of McHenry County Economic Development Corporation has invited two finalists to consider further in the process who will meet with the City’s Department Directors for a second in person interview and a group of community representatives for a question and answer session during the week of July 20th.

Limited Part-Time Front Desk Cashier and Playroom Attendant Positions:

The City of Woodstock is seeking limited part-time Cashiers and Playroom Attendants with the Woodstock Recreation Center at 820 Lake Avenue. Position works up to 18 hours per week, with possible scheduling for work periods that may include: M-F 4:30-9:00AM or 8:00AM-3:00PM, or 3:00PM-9:00PM; Sat. & Sun. 7:00AM-noon; Sat. & Sun. noon-5:00PM. **NOTE: These are not seasonal positions; ideally candidates should demonstrate commitment to year-round employment on a set schedule, preferably for a minimum of 1-2 years. Application Deadline: Friday, July 24, 2015 at 5:00PM**

Please refer to the City’s website at www.woodstockil.gov and click on the Employment Opportunities section for further details and the application process on the above Woodstock Recreation Center opportunities. *The City of Woodstock is an Equal Opportunity Employer.*

Quote

Don't look back. Something might be gaining on you.

[Satchel Paige](#)

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK...

Tuesday, July 21 – Economic Development Commission
8:00AM, Council Chambers

Tuesday, July 21 – Police Pension Board, 6PM,
Police Department

Tuesday, July 21 – City Council, 7PM, Council
Chambers

HOME SAFETY: PREVENTION AND FIRST AID FOR BURNS

More than 2 million Americans suffer from burns each year. Burns are also one of the greatest causes of accidental injury in children. The good news is that most burns are preventable.

Burns are most often caused by electricity, chemicals, and scalding from hot liquids (especially in children). Radiation, sunlight or tanning beds, and hot objects also cause burns.



Severity of Burns

Physicians categorize burns into four categories (or degrees), depending on severity:

- **First-degree burns** affect the top layer of skin and cause redness and pain. They usually heal within three to six days with first-aid treatment at home (see below).
- **Second-degree burns** damage the top two layers of the skin and can cause swelling. They may look wet or moist and often develop blisters due to loss of fluids from damaged blood vessels. These burns typically heal in two to three weeks.
- **Third-degree burns** extend into the fat layer below the skin, which may appear stiff, waxy, shiny, leathery, or tan. Third-degree burns can damage nerves, causing numbness, and they take a long time to heal.
- **Fourth-degree burns** are very serious and may affect bones and muscle.

Treatment for Burns

Run cool water over mild burns for 10 to 20 minutes. Apply burn cream or aloe to protect the skin while it heals. Use an over-the-counter pain reliever if needed.

See a physician if your burn is associated with increased pain, swelling, redness, or discharge, or if it doesn't heal in several weeks. Seek emergency care if you're burned on the hands, feet, face, groin, or buttocks, or if the burn affects a major joint. Untreated burns can lead to infection, loss of blood, dangerously low body temperature, breathing problems, scarring, or bone and joint problems.

Don't break blisters or put oil, butter, ice, or ice water on your burn. Furthermore, do not apply anything to a chemical burn; it may cause a reaction and make the burn worse.

Preventing Burns at Home

Taking simple precautions can help to prevent burns:

- Use care when handling hot liquids, especially around children.
- Cover unused electrical outlets and replace damaged cords.
- Keep fire extinguishers on every floor, especially in the kitchen, and learn how to use them.
- Stay at least three feet from space heaters and keep them away from combustible substances.
- Check your smoke detectors and change the batteries regularly.
- Set your hot water heater to 120 to 130 degrees F to prevent scalding.
- Don't put water on grease fires.

A TWISTING GOOD TIME AT CORKSCREW GYMNASTICS



The **Recreation Department** has partnered with **Corkscrew Gymnastics** in McHenry to offer a variety of tumbling/gymnastics classes.

Pictured is a little gymnast in the *Mini-*

Twisters class for participants who are three years old. Other classes that are running this session are *Parent-Tot Gymnastics* (ages 1-2), *Mighty Twisters* (ages 4-5) and *Beginning Gymnastics* (ages 6-17) and *Tumbling* (ages 6-17).

Classes are held at Corkscrew Gymnastics facility where participants can build strength on the floor, balance beam, vault and bars. The participants' favorite part of the class is the TumblTrak, a long trampoline that provides all the benefits of tumbling, without the wear and tear on the joints.

The second summer session began this week. Registration is available at the Recreation Department or online at www.woodstockrecreationdepartment.com.

CANVAS CRAZE

The walls will be a little happier with the adorable painting of "Owl," created by the participants in the *Woodstock Recreation Department's Canvas Craze* class on Saturday, June 20, where an instructor from **MUSE ART** instructed the group of ten, step by step, through this bright painting.

The next Canvas Craze class will be held on Saturday, August 1 at 10:30AM. Registration is available through the Recreation Department website,

www.woodstockrecreationdepartment.com.



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 per month. Full membership is \$25 per month.** Try a week for free! For more information, contact Mary Lynn Lisk or Renee Torrez at 815-338-4363 or visit www.woodstockrecreationdepartment.com for more information.

BE SOMEONE'S RESCUE STORY.

City of Woodstock Recreation Department Blood Drive

Tuesday, July 21st ~ 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Located at 820 Lake Avenue in Woodstock

On Heartland's Mobile Coach

To make your appointment, please call the Rec Center at (815) 338-4363 or schedule online at www.heartlandbc.org.

Appointments appreciated ~ Walk-ins welcome!

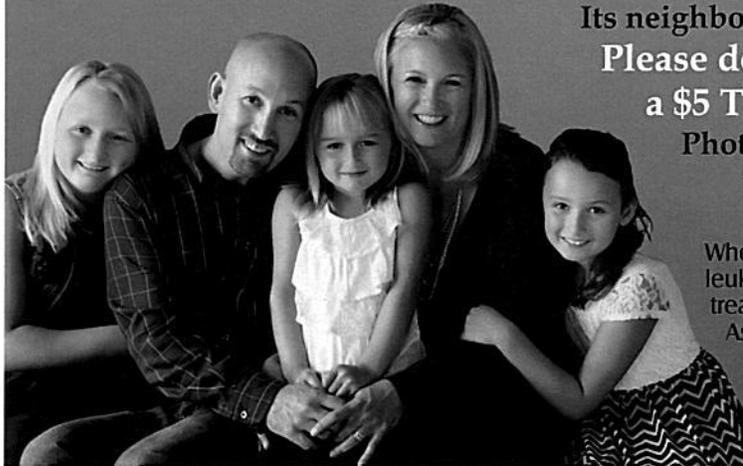
Heartland Blood Centers is the sole provider to the Centegra and Veteran Hospital's.

Its neighbors helping neighbors.

Please donate and receive

a \$5 Target gift card!

Photo ID required.



When Andy Hanson was diagnosed with leukemia as a college student, he faced years of treatment including multiple blood transfusions. As a 20 year leukemia survivor, he realizes how fortunate he is and works to support those diagnosed with blood cancer. Andy is grateful for blood donations that helped save his life.

**Heartland
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www.heartlandbc.org