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WHS STUDENTS PROCLAIM ED BUDDING CIVIL ENGINEERS!



The Woodstock City Council recognized WHS's Engineering Design & Development class for their contributions in designing the Donato Conservation Area walkways that will be in place next spring. Pictured from left: Dean Breuer/ComEd External Affairs Manager, Woodstock **Mayor Dr. Brian Sager**, students Blake Kahoun, Jon Cunningham, Zach Myers and Cole Richter (absent, Jack Fischbach), EDD instructor Steve Thompson, Environmental Science instructor Bill Donato, Woodstock **Transportation Commission Chair Andrew Celentano**, WHS Principal Dr. Justin Smith. Each of the students received a Certificate of Recognition, and the Proclamation awarded the EDD class will be displayed at WHS. The project was made possible in part by a grant award from the ComEd/Openlands Green Region program, submitted by **Grant Writer Terry Willcockson**, with extensive student project guidance provided by **Public Works Director Jeff Van Landuyt**.

HIDDEN TREASURE DISCOVERED AT OPERA HOUSE

The first phase (demolition) of a planned renovation of the **Opera House** Business Office began this week with the removal of 1950s-era faux wood paneling. Staff members were surprised and pleased to discover one wall of original wainscoting and baseboard beneath. This feature will be cleaned, repaired and included in the finished space, and all public areas of the building will finally reflect the original 19th century décor of the Historic Library and Auditorium.



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PROTECTING YOURSELF FROM TICKS

The best way to protect yourself against tick-borne disease is to avoid tick bites. Taking the following precautions will reduce your chances of tick bites.

- Walk in the center of trails so weeds do not brush against you.
- Apply insect repellent containing DEET (20 to 30%). Always supervise children in the use of repellents. Follow label instructions.
- Always wash hands after using any insect repellent.
- Wear light colored clothing so that ticks are more visible.
- Wear long sleeved shirts and long pants.
- Tuck long pants into your socks and boots.
- For added protection, wear a head covering or hat.
- Check yourself and children every 2 to 3 hours for ticks.
- Examine pets for ticks.
- Be sure to wash skin treated with insect repellent when returning indoors.
- After being outdoors, remove clothing and wash and dry at a high temperature.
- If you have an unexplained illness with fever, contact a physician. Be sure to tell your physician of a possible tick exposure.

For further information, go to the McHenry County Department of Health website: <https://www.co.mchenry.il.us/county-government/departments-a-i/health-department/a-to-z-topic-list-for-mcdh> or call 815-334-4510.



DOWNTOWN BRICK REPLACEMENT

The Downtown Brick Replacement program is an annual maintenance program designed to remove, replace and repair areas on and around the Square where the bricks have deteriorated and repair is necessary in order to maintain the character of the community and the safety of pedestrians and motorists who utilize these streets.

Nierman Landscape and Design, Inc. of Woodstock are tentatively scheduled to begin the removal and replacement of deteriorated bricks on August 6, 2015. Workers will be working in highly trafficked areas and caution should be used while traveling in the downtown areas. Their work will be limited to days when special events are not scheduled on the Square. The work is scheduled to be completed by early September, weather permitting.

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



MEETINGS NEXT WEEK...

Tuesday, August 4 – City Council, 7:00PM, Council Chambers
Thursday, August 6- Library Board, 7:30PM, Library

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.

HR NEWS 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 invited two finalists to consider further in the process and met the week of July 20th with the City's Department Directors for a second in-person interview and a group of community representatives for a question and answer session. Following the interviews the City has extended an offer of employment to one of the candidates. Further information on the new Economic Development Director's will be announced shortly.

Limited Part-Time Library Shelver (Woodstock Public Library):

The City of Woodstock is accepting applications for a year-round position of limited part-time Library Shelver with the Woodstock Public Library. Variable schedule of no more than 20 hours per week includes weekdays, Monday - Wednesday 3:00PM – 6:00PM. **NOTE: This is not a seasonal position; candidates must demonstrate commitment to year-round continued employment on a set schedule.** Minimum qualifications: excellent organizational skills and attention to detail essential; Ability to lift books, push carts and stand for extended periods of time necessary; ability to respond to customer inquiries in a pleasant, mature fashion; ability to work scheduled days and times consistently throughout the year; age 16 years or older. **Application Deadline: Friday, August 7, 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 opportunity. *The City of Woodstock is an Equal Opportunity Employer.*

JULY IS UV SAFETY MONTH: HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



Did you know that 1 in 5 Americans will develop skin cancer in their lifetimes? It's a shocking and important statistic to think about this July, which is UV Safety Month.

Of course summertime means pool time, but it can also mean potentially dangerous sun exposure.

"Any sunburn is harmful, and any suntan is harmful," Dr. Janice Warner of Atlanta West Dermatology said.

Despite that fact, many Americans don't wear sunscreen. A study for the Centers for Disease Control estimates only 30 percent of women and 14 percent of men regularly wear sunscreen.

For life long swimmer Juliana Larson, that's surprising.

"It's something you would do like brush or wear your safety belt," Larson said.

And just like with wearing a safety belt, there are some guidelines for sunscreen use.

First of all, use water resistant sunblock and reapply if you're swimming or sweating.

Dermatologists also say you should be using a sun protection factor of at least 30, but you don't necessarily have to use SPF 100. The FDA says there's minimum added protection once you pass SPF 50.

Finally, look for the broad spectrum label. This will protect you from the UVB rays that cause sunburns and the dangerous UVA rays that cause suntans.

"UVA rays penetrate more deeply into the skin, so there's some evidence that they could cause more harm than UVB rays that cause sunburns," Dr. Warner said.

And if you do choose to spend time in the sun, you can now calculate your risk online. Dermatologists use a tool called the Fitzpatrick Scale to find out how the sun affects different people, and it's available on the Skin Cancer Foundation website at

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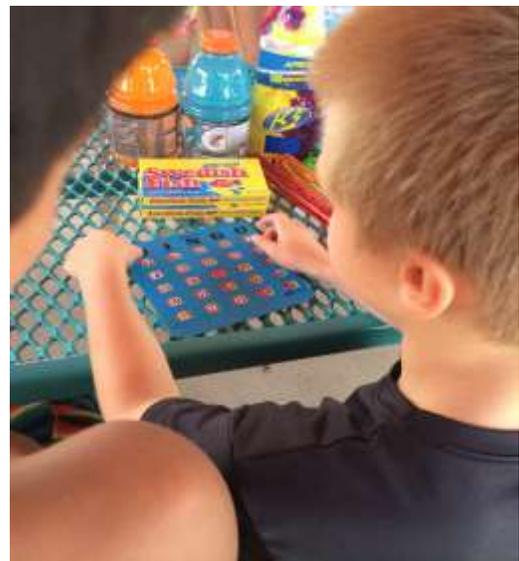
BEACH PARTY 2015 AT SUMMER IN THE PARK



Close to 700 patrons came to celebrate Summer in the Park at the Beach Party at **Woodstock Water Works** hosted by the **Recreation Department** and **Woodstock Water Works Staff** on Saturday, July 18th.

Beach balls filled the pool, slushies were delivered to chairs by the staff, Beach Bingo was a big hit and the whole party was entertained by Potts & Pans – a steel drum band that helped to create a tropical feel.

Unfortunately, Mother Nature cut the fun short delivering a deluge at 2PM that closed the pool for the day.





You are cordially invited to join Chief Robert Lowen at the Woodstock Police Department for coffee, conversation and an informative program.

McHenry County State's Attorney Lou Bianchi will provide an overview and discuss the inner workings of his office.

Coffee with the Chief



August 10, 2015
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Woodstock Police Department
656 Lake Avenue

For further information, please call
Tamara Reed at 815-338-6787.