



# CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER



Volume III Issue 21

May 27, 2016

## **CITY OBSERVES MEMORIAL DAY**



In observance of Memorial Day, all non-emergency City offices will be closed on Monday, May 30th.

The annual Memorial Day Ceremony will begin at 10:00AM in the Park in the Square followed by the Memorial Day Parade.

Have a safe and happy holiday!

## **MEMORIAL DAY IMPACTS CITY'S GARBAGE SERVICE**

As a reminder, Memorial Day will alter the garbage pickup schedule for residents during the week of May 30th through June 3<sup>rd</sup>. With Memorial Day falling on a Monday, all residents normal garbage pickup will occur one day later. In addition, those residents who normally have garbage picked up on Friday will need to place their garbage out for collection on Saturday. Any questions should be directed to the City's garbage contractor, MDC Environmental Services at 815-568-7274.



- 2 HR News**
- 3 Health News**
- 4 Health News**
- 5 Trivia Question**
- 6 Downtown Planters**
- 7 Police Department News**
- 8 Trivia Answer**

## **RECRUITMENT**

### **Full-Time Dual Department Office Assistant – City Manager’s Office and Woodstock Opera House:**

Interviews for chosen qualified applicants for the Full-Time Dual Department Office Assistant position were held on Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. Information on the position will be released shortly.

## **ZIKA: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**

Although the Zika virus was discovered in 1947, a recent epidemic centered in Brazil has raised the profile of this microbe. As cases in the South American country have surged due to the spread of infection by the *Aedes* mosquito, the medical community has realized a link between the mosquito-borne cause of disease and the sharp increase in babies born with microcephaly, a condition in which the head is abnormally small, often because the brain fails to fully develop. Zika also can cause other birth defects or even miscarriage.



This is why the virus, which normally produces few or no symptoms, has become such a concern among women who are or might become pregnant in the near future. A related discovery, that Zika can be transmitted in the semen of infected men, has raised new concerns for the female partners of men who travel to *Aedes*-infested regions.

### **1. Where Is Zika?**

Right now, Zika is being actively transmitted in numerous countries in Central and South America as well as the Caribbean. There are a small number of cases in the continental United States, but none of those cases were contracted in the U.S. Without exception, people in the United States with Zika acquired the infection while traveling or through contact with someone who traveled outside the U.S.

It is strongly recommended that women who are pregnant or who are planning to become pregnant in the near future avoid going to tropical destinations where the virus is currently prevalent, including areas such as the Caribbean, Mexico, Central America and South America.

### **2. How Many People Have the Zika Virus?**

Today's numbers are likely not tomorrow's numbers. The situation changes very rapidly, and the full scale of the epidemic may yet to be discovered because many of the pregnant women currently infected have not yet given birth.

It's likely that many hundreds of thousands of people are or soon will be infected. Experts are in agreement that infection numbers will continue to rise—possibly into the millions—unless infection-control protocols are put in place and followed.

### ***3. How Do You Know if you Have Zika?***

The most common symptoms of Zika include:

- a rash that begins on the head and spreads
- conjunctivitis (eye inflammation)
- fever (usually mild)
- headache
- joint and muscle pain
- nausea
- swollen lymph glands

The symptoms usually appear a few days after being bitten, are not terribly severe, and are gone within a few days to a week. But as 75% to 80% of people with Zika never exhibit any symptoms at all, you might not know you have the virus unless your doctor orders your blood to be tested.

“These tests are not currently available commercially,” says Aileen Marty, MD, professor of infectious diseases in the Department of Medicine at the Florida International University Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine in Miami. “They have to be done at the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) or in some state health departments [that] have the capability to do the tests.”

However, this will likely change in the near future, says Aaron Glatt, MD, an epidemiologist and chair of medicine at South Nassau Communities Hospital in Oceanside, New York, as tests are quickly being developed so local labs can do on-site testing.

### ***4. Do all Pregnant Women Infected with Zika Miscarry or Deliver Babies With Deformities?***

In one recent study, 27 percent of women who contracted Zika while pregnant had miscarriages or delivered babies with deformities. Other studies suggest a much lower rate of serious outcomes. However, experts are quick to stress that they don't know at any given time how many women with Zika will have babies with problems. Even if the number is much less than 27 percent, given the large number of people at risk of contracting the virus, that translates into potentially thousands of problem pregnancies.

### ***5. Are You at Less Risk if You're Far Along in Your Pregnancy?***

Apparently, you're at risk whether you're planning to conceive soon or are about to deliver. While it may seem as though a fetus in the first trimester would be at greater risk due to the rapid development of its organs at that time, women later in pregnancy are not automatically in the clear. “It certainly is probably less [problematic to be infected in the third trimester], but we don't know,” Glatt says. It's possible that a baby could still be born with problems or even develop them after birth if the mother is infected close to delivery.

The latest guidelines for the timing of conception are for infected women to wait at least eight weeks to conceive after the onset of symptoms and for infected men to wait at least six months. In the case of possible infection, both women and men should wait eight weeks after exposure to conceive.

**6. Are There any Other Risks Besides Those to Fetuses?**

In nine countries so far, a small but growing number of people infected with Zika have developed Guillain-Barre syndrome, a form of paralysis that is usually temporary but progresses to death in about five percent of cases.

**7. How Is Zika Treated?**

Currently, there is no preventive vaccine or antiviral drug to treat Zika. The best protection is prevention—don't get bitten in the first place. People living in or traveling to places where Zika is common are advised to wear long sleeves and pants, liberally apply insect repellent, keep windows closed, and sleep under mosquito netting. It's also important to avoid getting bitten again once you're infected, because mosquitoes can carry Zika from one person to another.

© 2016 Laurie Saloman, Qualityhealth.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](http://www.woodstockrecreationdepartment.com) for more information.

**Where in Woodstock is this?**

**While you're searching, just beware...**

**This image could be anywhere.**

**Way up high as the bell rings,**

**Across in the park, a bird sweetly sings...**

(Find the answer at the end of this newsletter.)



***MEETINGS NEXT WEEK***

Thursday, June 2 – Library Board, 7:30PM, Library

# Quotation

These fallen heroes represent the character of a nation who has a long history of patriotism and honor - and a nation who has fought many battles to keep our country free from threats of terror. Michael N. Castle



### ***DOWNTOWN FLOWER PLANTERS***

The City's **Department of Public Works Park and Facilities Division** maintains many different areas throughout the City. Spring rains bring the need for mowing grass in the City's twenty-seven parks, weeding of flowerbeds, tree maintenance, de-winterization of irrigation systems and facilities, and ballfield preparations. Given these seasonal responsibilities, the Division is extremely appreciative of help it receives from user groups and local clubs.

Spaced throughout Sesquicentennial Park and the Square, fifteen planters provide annual color to complement the perennial plants installed over the past few years. Recently, the City purchased four additional planters for the train station adding to the visual appeal of the area. In a joint venture, City staff, the Garden Club, and the Woodstock Jaycees teamed up to install numerous plants throughout the area. The Garden Club was responsible for the planters at the train station and the Jaycees planted the fifteen around the Square and Sesquicentennial Park.

All the hard work this spring has paid off as numerous visitors, patrons to local businesses and long-time residents have shared positive compliments about the enhancements. The recent plantings will only add to the appeal throughout the season and the blooms continue to grow. The City is grateful to the Woodstock Garden Club and the Woodstock Jaycees for donating their time and efforts to make the flower planters look beautiful.

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



## **COFFEE WITH THE CHIEF CONTINUES**

**Woodstock Police Department** has confirmed that *Coffee with the Chief* will continue even after the retirement of **Chief Robert Lowen** next month.

Chief Lowen brought the popular program to Woodstock from Carpentersville Police Department where he also served as Chief of Police. He held his first *CWTC* here in September 2005 just six weeks after he became our new Chief. In all, Chief Lowen hosted 127 *CWTC* programs, arranging for an interesting and informative speaker each time.

*CWTC* developed a devoted following of regulars who rarely missed a meeting and there were always new faces to welcome each month as well. On Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, Chief Lowen presided over his final *CWTC* and was greeted by a rousing standing ovation upon his arrival.

**Deputy Chief John Lieb** will host *his* first *CWTC* as the next new Chief on Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup> from 7:00PM to 8:30PM in the training room of the police department located at 656 Lake Avenue. It will consist of a “meet and greet” for residents to get to know him. Stop by to ask a question, voice a concern, pay a compliment or just to say hello. All are welcome to attend.



## **MEDRETURN BOX A SUCCESS**

The MedReturn Box located in the lobby of the **Woodstock Police Department** is celebrating its third anniversary this month. Since it was installed in May 2013, it has collected *1,446 lbs.* in total of expired or unwanted medications. The box is emptied once or twice a month as needed. The medications are then transported to the nearest Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA.) office and destroyed in an environmentally sound fashion.

Since its inception, this program has prevented more than half a ton of medications from polluting the local groundwater supply or landfills. It has also prevented the medications from getting into the wrong hands and possibly abused as a result.

The MedReturn Box is available 24/7/365. Before dropping them off, we suggest you empty the pill containers (recycling them, if appropriate) and put the pills into a paper or plastic bag (they can be mixed together.) No liquids, sharps or syringes can be accepted.

Please call 815-338-6787 for further information or questions.

**Where in Woodstock is this?**

**This ornate image is found way up high,  
if you don't stop to look you might pass it by.  
Go to the *Opera House on the Square...*  
up on the building you need to stare...**

**\*\*The Opera House was erected in 1889 & constructed by Elgin based architect Smith Hoag for \$25,000. Most of the materials are local in origin, such as the terra cotta you see here. The architectural style is a mixture of late Victorian, early American Midwestern, Gothic, & Moorish elements.**



## Beautification Begins With...YOU!

Looking for an easy way to contribute  
to the community?

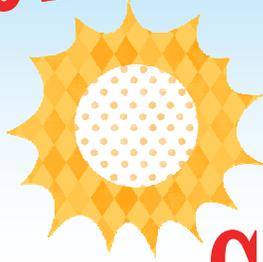
The single easiest way for any resident to contribute to this community is to place their trash in an appropriate receptacle. We all produce trash on a daily basis, and what we do with that trash is up to each of us. As residents of the City of Woodstock we are all responsible for the appearance of public areas like parks, streets, and sidewalks. Do your part by simply placing garbage in a nearby trashcan, cigarette butts in an ashtray, and securing items in truck beds and trailers.

Your behavior does make a difference!



# City of Woodstock

## Employee & Family



Date: Thursday, June 9, 2016

Time: 3:30pm - 8:00pm

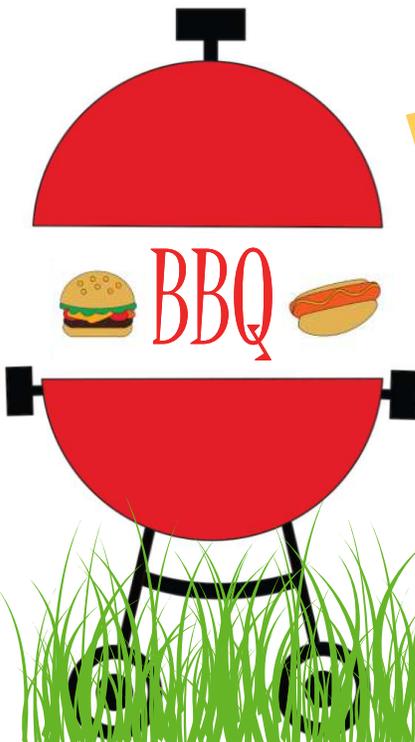
Location: Woodstock Water Works  
(In Emricson Park)

1313 Kishwaukee Valley Road  
Woodstock, IL 60098

Food & Drink: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs,  
Brats, Chips, Dessert, Water & Pop

Great Raffle Prizes  
To Be Announced!\*

\* Winners do not have to be present  
at time of drawing.





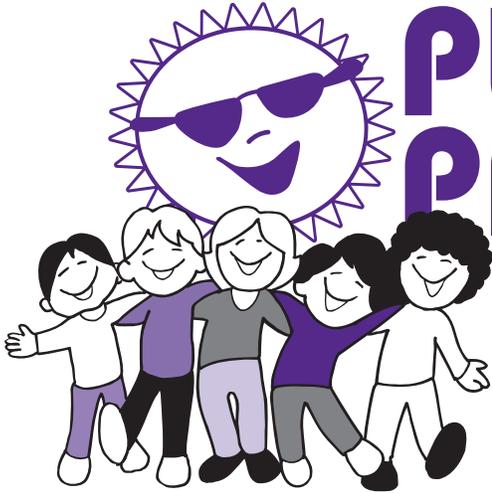
**MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY & PARADE  
WOODSTOCK PARK IN THE SQUARE**

**MONDAY, MAY 30, 2016**

**Ceremony starts at 10am**

**Parade follows at 11am**

Join friends and neighbors on the lovely Woodstock Square for this treasured annual Woodstock tradition honoring our country's heroes. Ceremony starts at 10am with Parade following at 11am. Stroll the Square before or after these events to see the storefront displays of military uniforms and mementos from local families.



# PLAYGROUND PROGRAM

4-12 Years

**Location:** Olson Elementary School, 720 W Judd St  
**Fee:** \$90 Resident/\$110 Non-Resident  
**Fee as of May 30:** \$95 Resident/\$115 Non-Resident

**Session:** Jun 6-Jul 22 (Exc. 07/04)

**AGE: 4-7 YEARS / MORNING Session**

**Day/Time:** Mon-Fri/9:00 AM-Noon

**Program #**  
127001-A

**AGE: 7-12 YEARS / AFTERNOON Session**

**Day/Time:** Mon-Fri/1:00-4:00 PM

**Program #**  
127002-A

**CHILDREN MUST BE 4 YEARS OLD BY JUNE 6.  
THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.**



SPORTS & GAMES

ARTS & CRAFTS SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS

WATER DAYS

STORY-TIME

SPECIAL EVENTS

**COUNSELOR MEET & GREET**

**Friday, June 3 • 5:00-7:00 pm**

The Counselor Meet and Greet will be held at Olson Elementary School. During this event you and your child will be able to drop in and meet the counselors and see where their pick up point will be for the summer. Please try to attend this event to help eliminate some of the confusion on the first day of the program.



**MUST READ INFORMATION – HOW TO REGISTER**

- Please make ANY and ALL group requests on the registration form on page 31.
- Siblings will not be placed together unless requested.
- Each participant will receive a T-shirt. Be sure to indicate a size on the registration form. Sizes cannot be guaranteed for those that sign up after May 30.



Thanks to our 2016 Gold Playground Program Sponsors