



# CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER



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## HAPPY NEW YEAR

In observance of the New Year, all non-emergency City offices will be closed on Thursday, January 1, 2015.

Happy New Year!



## NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY IMPACT CITY GARBAGE SERVICE

As a reminder, New Year's Day will alter the garbage pickup schedule for residents during the week of December 29<sup>th</sup> through January 1<sup>st</sup>. With New Year's Day falling on a Thursday, MDC Environmental Services will pick up garbage one day later for residents with normal pick-up days on Thursday and Friday. Any questions should be directed to the City's garbage contractor, MDC Environmental Services at 815-568-7274.

## ELVES ON THE LOOSE

Santa Claus (**Chief Robert Lowen**) used his sleigh (the unmarked SUV) and three of his most helpful elves (**Detective Sergeant Jeff Parsons, Detective Rob Branum, and Retired Sergeant Dennis Leard**) to help deliver food baskets, toys, books, and other gifts on behalf of the Woodstock Rotary Club's *Christmas Clearing House* program on Saturday morning, December 20<sup>th</sup>. They thoroughly enjoyed helping to spread a little Christmas cheer to the folks in our community who could use it the most.

Anyone wishing to make a donation this year to benefit the program next Christmas may do so by sending a check made payable to *Christmas Clearing House* at P.O. Box 53, Woodstock, IL 60098.



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## **WINTER PARKING REGULATIONS**

The City of Woodstock wants to remind you of the following parking regulations during snow events.

- NO PARKING on downtown streets after 11:00PM after a 3” snowfall or more. Vehicles will be towed!
- NO PARKING on all other City streets **any time** after a 3” snowfall or more. Vehicles may be ticketed or towed away!

“No person shall park a vehicle on any street for a period of time longer than 30 minutes between the hours of 2:00AM and 6:00AM.” (City Code Section 5.3.16)

### **Public Parking Lots**

There will no longer be parking bans in the public parking lots, however, vehicles parked in any of the downtown lots may not exceed any 24-hour period. In addition, from time to time, any of the lots may be closed temporarily for maintenance to clear the excess snow. Please observe and obey these temporary closures. Vehicles that are not moved can be towed away at the owner’s expense.

If you have any questions concerning parking regulations, please contact the **Department of Public Works** at 815-338-6118.



### **CHRISTMAS-TREE COLLECTION**

The **Department of Public Works** will again offer free curbside collection of live Christmas trees for residents as a convenient and environmentally-friendly way to recycle your tree following the holidays. The collection of Christmas trees by Public Works staff will take place on the same day as your normal garbage collection. Discarded live Christmas trees should be placed in the parkway (that area between the street and the sidewalk) **by 7:00 AM on your regularly scheduled garbage day.**

The City's curbside Christmas tree collection will take place beginning January 2, 2015 and run through January 23, 2015. All live Christmas trees will be collected at the curb and processed through a brush chipper. Be sure that all ornaments, tinsel, lights, decorations, nails, buckets, bags, and stands are removed from the tree or it will not be picked up. Wreaths, roping, and other greens with wire cannot be picked up by the City, and they should be discarded with normal household waste for pickup by the refuse disposal company.

When placing your tree at the curb, please be sure that it is secure enough that it does not blow into the street creating a traffic hazard. No other trees or branches will be collected during this pickup program. City employees picking up the Christmas trees also participate in the snow and ice-control activities, and as a result, winter storm events may delay tree collection. Please contact the Department of Public Works at 815-338-6118 or [pwdept@woodstockil.gov](mailto:pwdept@woodstockil.gov) if you have any questions.



## ***ELECTRONICS RECYCLING***

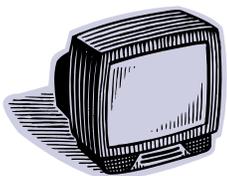
The Village of Lakewood has partnered with Universal Recycling Technologies to offer an electronics recycling site. City of Woodstock residents now have access to this Electronics Recycling drop off bin, which is located behind Lakewood's Public Works Garage at 6570 Haligus Road (toward the back of the parking lot). There is a large sign above the bin which reads "Electronics Recycling". **Items can be dropped off Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM until 3:00 PM.**

Acceptable items include:

- Televisions
- Computers
- Laptops
- Monitors
- Printers
- Scanners
- Fax machines
- Calculators
- Cell Phones
- Keyboards / Mice
- Radios / Stereos
- Telephones
- Cables / Power Supply Wire
- DVD, VCR & CD Players

Universal Recycling Technologies, an electronics recycling company in Janesville, Wisconsin "processes all materials in full compliance with the best practice industry standards". For further information, please go to <http://www.village.lakewood.il.us/>

If you have any questions about electronics recycling, please contact the **Department of Public Works** at 815-338-6118.



## **HR NEWS**

### **2015 Wellness Screening Program:**



The City of Woodstock is pleased to once again offer employees **The Wellness Screening Program**. The event will be held on **Wednesday, January 14, 2015 and Thursday, January 22, 2015**. Participation in the program dramatically

improved the health of many participants last year. This program is available at NO COST to all employees, spouses, dependents age 18+ and retirees **ON** Woodstock's health plan. Employees, spouses, dependents age 18+ and retirees **NOT** on the plan may self-pay for \$91 (paid via check); additional tests will be available on a self-pay basis (paid via check) on the day of the event.

We encourage all employees to consider the multiple benefits of this program once again.

As an additional incentive, those active employees on the health plan who participate will be rewarded with a reduction on their monthly health insurance premium contribution.

To register for the event, please visit <https://register.wellness-inc.com/Woodstock>

**Limited Part-Time Library Shelver:** General responsibilities include: shelves books, magazines, CDs, DVDs, and other library materials; reads, straightens and cleans shelves; performs other related tasks, customer service activities and/or provides assistance to Library staff as assigned. **Application Deadline: Friday, January 9, 2015 at 5:00PM**

• **Finance / Accounting Intern:** General responsibilities include: perform technical, professional and administrative work that includes, but is not limited to: utility billing; cash reconciliations; accounts payable/accounts receivable; payroll; customer service / counter help; other miscellaneous finance / accounting duties as assigned. **Application Deadline: Friday, January 16, 2015 at 5:00PM.**

Please refer to the City's website at [www.woodstockil.gov](http://www.woodstockil.gov) and click on the **Employment Opportunities** section for further details and the application process on the above opportunities. *The City of Woodstock is an Equal Opportunity Employer.*

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

No Meetings Scheduled

## **RECRUITMENT**

The following active positions are currently posted on the City of Woodstock's website:

**Limited Part-Time Playroom Attendant:** General responsibilities include: supervise members' children in the playroom to ensure appropriate play, safety and security of the children; perform light cleaning tasks such as washing and folding towels, cleaning equipment, etc. **Application Deadline: Friday, January 9, 2015 at 5:00PM.**

## **FIVE REASONS TO GET A MASSAGE DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON**

The holidays are here and this time of year is all about giving, making other people's holiday wishes come true, and selflessness. But what about you? What have you done for yourself lately? Certainly it wouldn't hurt to treat yourself while you are out taking care of everyone else. These are the top 5 reasons to get yourself a massage this holiday season.



1. **Stress:** This is the most stressful time of year for the average person. Your shopping list is two miles long, your in-laws are in town, and you're out of time! Take 60 min. and let someone else release your stress-fighting hormones while you forget about your to-do list.
2. **It's cold:** When the temperature drops, muscles get tight. It happens every year. The warm loose muscles of the summer months are long gone and achy backs/hips/knees have arrived. Let a massage therapist warm up those muscles and joints and help relieve your pain.
3. **You're doing too much:** You haven't stopped moving, you're carrying heavy bags, putting up lights, carrying boxes out of the crawl space, cleaning your house, etc. Your body isn't used to standing while baking cookies for 10 hours, or spending a day on a ladder putting up your lights. You're bound to get some kinks along the way. Massage therapy can help you recover faster.
4. **Shoveling snow:** Even the most fit of you out there are likely to get sore from shoveling (even if it hasn't hit yet- it will). Practice the best body mechanics you can, and let a massage therapist take care of the rest.
5. **It's not a luxury anymore:** If I have said it once, I've said it a thousand times – massage is no longer considered a luxury, but rather an effective treatment for many medical conditions. Help prevent further injury and dysfunction by having a professional clinical massage therapist work on you today.

Hopefully this helps you realize that you need to take care of yourself too this holiday season. Besides, if you don't stay healthy, who is going to make sure you have the perfect Griswold family holiday season?!

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### **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](http://www.woodstockrecreationdepartment) for more information.