



CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER



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COME OUT TO ENJOY OUR PARKS

The **Department of Public Works' Parks Division** has had a busy summer maintaining and repairing park facilities along with preparing for the installation of new equipment. This year the City Council approved the purchase of new playground equipment for **Raintree Park**.

Parks Division employees have begun preparing the area and assembling the equipment. Crews will continue with equipment installation with an approximate completion date set for October 17, 2014.



Parks Division staff has been repairing & maintaining the grounds at **McConnell Road Park**. Over 130 yards of safety mulch have been hauled & spread in and around the playground. This mulch is certified as a safety surface for playgrounds, which complies with all applicable rules and regulations.

With the repairs, maintenance and updates performed each season throughout the community, it is the City's hope that our parks are enjoyed for years to come!



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

WOODSTOCK ALE FEST 2014

This Saturday, October 4, the Woodstock Chamber of Commerce and Industry *and* Adult & Child Therapy Services are hosting the inaugural Woodstock Ale Fest.

The Fest will take place just north of the Woodstock Square, near the Metra Station, at the corner of Bartlett Street & Clay Street. "The Woodstock Ale Fest will be a celebration of Craft Beer, Bacon & Bluegrass." The event runs from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. and will feature over 80 unique beers from craft breweries around the country.

For further information, or to purchase tickets, go to <http://woodstockalefest.com/>



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NEW WATER AND SEWER BILL FORMAT

The City of Woodstock is proud to announce that it has made the conversion from postcard to full page water and sewer bills. The new format has been designed for easier reading. Also as part of this enhancement, residents will now receive a pre-addressed return envelope to use to mail back their payment.

In addition, residents are reminded of the numerous methods available for making payments. Electronic methods include direct debit from your checking or savings account on the last day the bill is due, online payment with a credit card, and electronic transfer of funds through your online banking system. Of course, residents can still mail in payments, use our two night drops, or pay us a visit in person!

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We have a new format! This full-page water/sewer bill replaces the postcard you had been receiving. In addition, a self-addressed payment envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

In the future rather than MDC billing for garbage toter service, it will be billed on your next water/sewer bill.

Hydrant flushing from now through Sept.10 west of Rt 47
Hydrant flushing from Sept 11 through Sept 19 east of Rt 47
Water may be temporarily discolored during flushing and may stain clothes.



PLEASE SEE OTHER SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL BILLING INFORMATION

NAME: [REDACTED]	BILL DATE: 09/02/2014
SERVICE ADDRESS: [REDACTED]	
ACCOUNT NUMBER: [REDACTED]04	

METER INFORMATION

For days of service from 05/06/2014 through 08/08/2014

PRESENT:	PREVIOUS:	USAGE:
Reading: Type:	Reading: Type:	(100 cubic feet)
955 ACTUAL	943 ACTUAL	12

PAST DUE BALANCE	\$0.00
CURRENT WATER SERVICE	\$28.20
CURRENT SEWER SERVICE	\$32.64
TOTAL CURRENT CHARGES	\$60.84
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE BY 09/30/2014	\$60.84
IF PAID AFTER 09/30/2014	\$66.92

RETAIN TOP PORTION FOR YOUR RECORDS

DETACH HERE RETURN BOTTOM PORTION WITH CHECK PAYABLE TO CITY OF WOODSTOCK DETACH HERE

PLEASE PUT YOUR ACCOUNT NUMBER ON YOUR CHECK

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MADNESS MANOR; THE HAUNTED SQUARE

MADNESS MANOR returns!!! Last year, Family Alliance unveiled their “incredibly terrifying, interactive Haunted House” in the Woodstock Square. This year’s **MANOR** will include several new rooms to explore and will reveal the legend of the cursed Madigan family that haunts its halls!

Plans began behind the scenes in 2013 to build Madness Manor, “a depiction of Madigan Manor – a fictional, Victorian-style home built in the 1800s near Bull Valley. The structure will cover approximately 7,000 square feet in the Park in the Square and will be open Fridays and Saturdays beginning on October 3rd (TODAY!!!) and running through October 31st.

Several *SPECIAL EVENTS* are planned, including:

- **Witches Gone Wild; Wicked Wine Walk & Ladies Night Out** on the Square. Thursday, October 9, 7-10 PM.
- **BLACKOUT**, a terrifying evening for those over age 18, October 17, 7-11 PM.
- **The Great Zombie Round-Up Scavenger Hunt**, Friday, October 24, 7-11 PM.
- **Zombie Pub Crawl** (ages 21+) on Saturday, October 25, 7PM --midnight.
- **Haunt-or-Treat After Dark**, Friday, October 31, 7-11PM.

Along with several ADVENTURES for the KIDS:

- **Munchkin Monster Mash & Scooby Doo Adventure**, Saturday, October 11, noon-4PM.
- **Ghostbusters Adventure**, Saturdays, October 18 & October 25, 2-4 PM.
- **Haunt-or-Treat for Kids**, Friday, October 31, 4-6 PM.

All proceeds of The Haunted Square go to benefit Family Alliance’s programs and services, which allow us to provide care and enhance the quality of life for over 1,400 people in McHenry County.

For more information, go to <http://TheHauntedSquare.com/>



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TOUR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Once again this year, Woodstock High School students from Bill Donato's Advanced Placement Environmental Science class toured the North Side Wastewater Treatment Plant. This week's tour was hosted by **Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent, Anne George** and **Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator II, Wayne Baker**.

Mr. Donato asked each student to draw a diagram of the treatment process and to include details of what occurs during each step. The students asked many questions about the various steps, such as; how are contaminants removed from water, what is done to prevent pollution to the surrounding area, and what is done with the sludge? The students seemed interested in the overall treatment process; many of them were unaware that Woodstock had a designated Wastewater Treatment Facility.

If you or your group is interested in touring any of the City's Treatment Plants, please contact the **Department of Public Works**, 815-338-6118.



SAVE THE DATE!



The McHenry County Council of Governments (MCCG) Annual Municipal Auction will be held on Saturday, October 11th at the McHenry County Fairgrounds in Woodstock beginning at 11:00 a.m. Always a popular item, there are over 50 bicycles currently on the auction list, some like new and some needing a little attention before use. They will be auctioned off first at 11:00 a.m. sharp. Cash or check accepted for payment – no credit cards will be accepted.

There will also be assorted vehicles auctioned off as well as equipment of all sorts – office, shop, lawn and construction. For further information and a list of the many items for sale, please go to Auctioneer Gordon Stade's website at gordonstadeauctions.com.

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK....

- Monday, October 6 – Cultural and Social Awareness Commission, 5:00PM, Council Chambers
- Monday, October 6 – Historic Preservation Commission, 7:00PM, Council Chambers
- Tuesday, October 7 – City Council/Manufacturers' Forum, 4:00PM, Stage Left Café
- Tuesday, October 7, City Council Meeting, 7:00PM, Council Chambers

DRUG TAKE BACK A SUCCESS



During last Saturday's Drug Take Back event held at the **Woodstock Police Department**, 115 pounds of unwanted, unused or expired drugs were collected. **Sergeant Dan Wesolek** and **Officer Dan Pauley** were on hand to collect the drugs offering drive-by drop-off service to those who had medications to dispose of.

This was the ninth take back event held at the WPD; 1,030 pounds of drugs have been collected in total and given to the local DEA office for proper disposal.

If you missed the event, don't worry – you can still dispose of your unwanted medications; for your convenience, there is a MedReturn collection box available 24/7/365 the lobby of the police station. Any and all solid (no liquid) prescription and over the counter medications will be accepted – even pet medications!

If you have any questions, please call 815-338-6787 for further information.

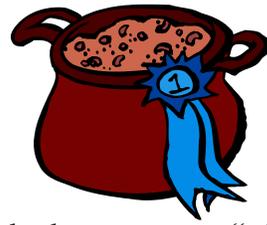
TAE KWON DO KICKS ON

Fall *Tae Kwon Do*/Karate classes started last week at the **Rec Center**. John Byard, a 5th degree Black Belt, teaches four classes per week- two Beginner, Yellow Belt and up/Adult, Little Dragons, and a three and four year old class with parents. These classes are held in the multi-purpose room at the Rec Center. This program is offered throughout the year for kids and adults.

This session, Mr. Byard had a total of forty-six students enrolled. In addition to teaching self-defense, the program helps students gain positive self-image, confidence, discipline, and agility while improving overall fitness.

The next session of Tae Kwon Do will start the week of January 19. Information for this and other classes will be in the Winter-Spring City Scene that will be mailed the last week in December.

HOT! HOT! HOT!



On Thursday evening, the **Woodstock Police Department** hosted the 6th Annual Chili Cook-Off in their (due to the rain) training room. Twelve entries were judged by both “official” outside judges for the coveted Judge's Choice Chili Pot trophy and by everyone for the People's Choice Award which grants bragging rights for the next year.

The official Judges this year were Shari Gray, Executive Director of the Woodstock Chamber of Commerce and Pat Burke, retired Deputy Chief of the Woodstock Fire/Rescue District. After ample tasting and careful conferring, they chose #11, a hot and spicy full-bodied chili as their winner, entered by **Chief Robert Lowen!** Second place went to **City Manager Roscoe Stelford** and **Telecommunicator Amy McKendry** won third place. The People's Choice Award went to **Officer Dan Pauley's** crowd pleasing chili entry.

The children in attendance enjoyed decorating mini pumpkins with stickers, markers and ribbons to take home with them. They especially enjoyed all of the wonderful desserts available and an ample supply of pre-Halloween candy.

A raffle was held for the benefit of all employees; the City of Woodstock generously donated two floating holidays (won by **Mary Ryan** and **George Kopulos**); the Opera House contributed two sets of two tickets each (won by **Al Wilson** and **Dan Pauley**) to upcoming productions; and the Library donated a beautiful tea and cookies themed gift basket put together by Pam Moorhouse (won by **Tamara Reed**.)

Many thanks to the COWPIE'S hard working committee members for planning and executing the event: **Monica Amraen, Dan Campbell, Ruth Ann Lieb, Jill May, Pam Moorhouse, Tamara Reed** and **Al Wilson**. Thanks, too, to **Chief Robert Lowen** who manned the grill throughout the evening and turned out some awesome hot dogs to complement the chili!



TRESORS OPENS ON THE WOODSTOCK SQUARE

The new eclectic boutique called Tre'sors (Treasures) opened this week at 110 N. Benton on the Woodstock Square. The store consists of 4 unique shops under one roof that

complement one another perfectly and provide shoppers a variety of unique items to choose from for themselves or as a gift for someone else. The four shops are:

Trésors - Refurbished & eclectic home decor, accessories, jewelry & one-of-a-kind items.

Country Home Antiques LTD - 40's, 50's, 60's retro/vintage furniture, jewelry, & time period pieces.

Les Ms - Vintage and classic clothing, accessories & unique finds.

BARN BLVD - Vintage/new home decor & furniture, many items with a farm flavor and wood & rustic feel.

HR NEWS

Congratulations to **Shane Scarpace** who applied, interviewed and was selected as the most qualified candidate for the **Public Works** internally-posted position of **Water Treatment Plant Operator I**.



RT. 47 BUSINESS FORUM SCHEDULED

The City of Woodstock in collaboration with the Woodstock Chamber of Commerce is hosting an informational business forum with the Illinois Department of Transportation regarding the Rte. 47 expansion project. The presentation by IDOT is scheduled to begin at 4:30pm on Thursday, October 23. This is an opportunity to learn more about IDOT's plans for the Rte. 47 project, the proposed expansion options and to provide direct feedback to IDOT staff. All businesses impacted, especially those along the route, are encouraged to attend. While the project is still several years away, the planning and decision making is happening now. For information and to RSVP contact the Woodstock Chamber of Commerce at 815-338-2436.

For more information on the Route 47 project log on to: <http://www.il47woodstockstudy.com>

RECRUITMENT

Maintenance Workers:

(Various positions with various schedules as indicated below)

The City of Woodstock has four (4) entry level openings for CDL-licensed Maintenance Workers within the Park and Street divisions. Positions perform a wide variety of manual labor tasks and operate vehicles and equipment in the maintenance and repair of City streets, rights-of-way, parks and other City-owned property. Work is performed under the supervision of the division Superintendent with daily assignments, instructions, and oversight provided by the Foreman or Superintendent. *Typical work hours for the various positions are listed below with all of the positions having a varying work schedule that will include weekends (Sat/Sun) as part of the standard 40-hour work week schedule, along with overtime, as required. Variations may occur due to departmental staffing, seasonal or emergency needs.*

Positions available include:

1. Two (2) Street/Park (Split) Maintenance Workers typically scheduled Monday through Friday, 7:00am to 3:30pm
2. One (1) Park Maintenance Worker typically scheduled Tuesday through Friday, 7am-3:30pm and Saturday, 6am-2:30pm
3. One (1) Street Maintenance Worker typically scheduled Sunday, 6am-2:30pm and Monday through Thursday, 7am-3:30pm

Please refer to the City's website Employment Opportunities section for further details and the application process. Application deadline: Friday, October 10, 2104 at 5:00pm.

Mechanic:

The City of Woodstock has one (1) opening for a CDL-licensed Mechanic within the Fleet Maintenance Division. Position performs a variety of skilled and unskilled mechanical, hydraulic, and electrical maintenance tasks on City owned equipment and vehicles, diagnoses problems, completes repairs, and other duties as assigned. Work is performed under the supervision of the division Superintendent with daily assignments, instructions, and oversight provided by the Foreman or Superintendent. Position is typically scheduled Monday through Friday, 7:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M., along with overtime, as required. Variations may occur due to departmental staffing, seasonal or emergency needs.

Please refer to the City's website Employment Opportunities section for further details and the application process. Application deadline: Friday, October 10, 2104 at 5:00pm.

Part-Time Library Desk Assistant – Woodstock Public Library:

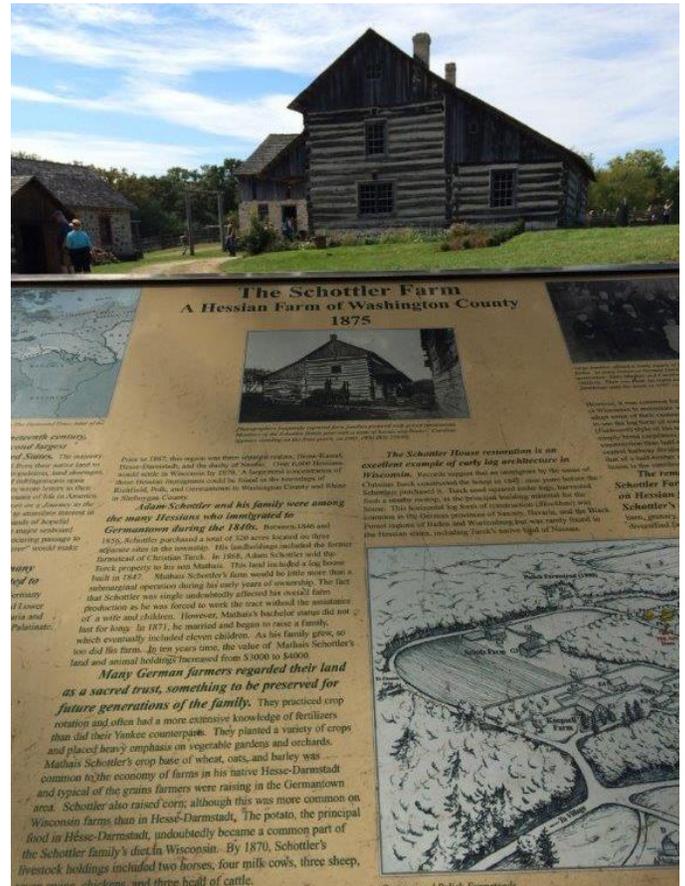
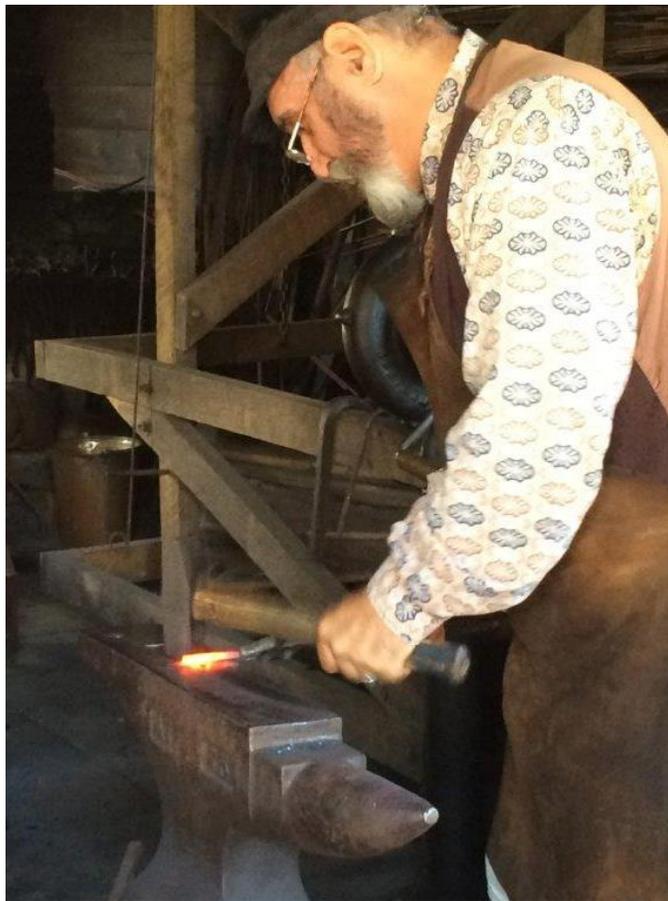
The City of Woodstock is seeking applicants for a part-time Library Desk Assistant for the Woodstock Public Library. Examples of duties include checking in, checking out and renewing library materials, creating and renewing library cards, shelving materials, customer relations and other related duties as assigned. **Bilingual ability is highly desirable for this position.** Position works 25 hours per week, with a current schedule of Monday 9am-6pm, Tuesday 12pm-9pm and Wednesday 2pm-9pm with rotating weekends and other hours as needed and assigned.

Please refer to the City's website Employment Opportunities section for further details and the application process. Application deadline: Friday, October 17, 2104 at 5:00pm.

SENIORS EXPLORE THE OLD WORLD

The City of Woodstock and Hearthstone Communities work together to add additional programming and trips for seniors. **Recreation Program Coordinator Becky Vidales** and *Hearthstone Communities Transportation Staff Danny Yerk* took fourteen seniors on a bus trip last Thursday to Old World Wisconsin where they could return to the Wisconsin of the late 19th century, when waves of immigrants came to America's heartland in search of a better life.

The next trip is scheduled for Thursday, October 23 to the Lynford Winery in Wheeling IL.



OCTOBER IS NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Breast cancer is the second most common kind of cancer in women. About 1 in 8 women born today in the United States will get breast cancer at some point.

Men can also get breast cancer; however, male breast cancer is rare and accounts for only about 1% of all breast cancers.

The good news is that many women and men can survive breast cancer if it's found and treated early.

Here are some healthy living tips regarding breast health in *women*:

- **Avoid alcohol.** Drinking is clearly tied to a heightened risk of developing breast cancer. In fact, your risk increases the more you drink.
- **Be active.** A growing body of research indicates that exercise lowers breast cancer risk. Aim for 150 minutes of moderate-intensity or 75 minutes of vigorous-intensity activity each week.
- **Carefully weigh the pros and cons of hormone therapy.** Hormone therapy that uses both estrogen and progesterone can increase breast cancer risk in as few as two years of use. The use of estrogen alone after menopause does not seem to raise the risk of developing breast cancer. If a woman and her doctor agree that hormone therapy is necessary to ease bothersome menopausal symptoms such as hot flashes, it is best to take the lowest effective dose for the shortest possible time.
- **Schedule yearly mammograms.** Since breast cancer can develop even with these precautions, the ACS advises women to have yearly mammograms starting at age 40 and continuing for as long as they are in good health. Annual digital mammograms can detect cancer in its early stages and give

women a head start on potentially lifesaving treatment.

- **Talk about your risk for breast cancer.** Talk to a doctor about your risk for breast cancer, especially if a close family member of yours had breast or ovarian cancer. Your doctor can help you decide when and how often to get mammograms.

Here are some healthy living tips regarding breast health in *men*:

- Maintain an ideal body weight.
- Avoid Alcohol.

Early detection has been a problem for men, who tend to ignore breast lumps and see their doctor only when the lumps have gotten large. In general, men are diagnosed with cancers at more advanced stages than are women. It is important that if you notice a lump, tell your doctor; early detection is key.

For more information about local breast cancer awareness month screenings, please visit contact the following local health intuitions:

- Centegra Health System:
www.centegra.org
- Mercy Health System:
www.mercyhealthsystem.org
- Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital:
<http://www.advocatehealth.com/gshp/>

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

Sergeant Ryan Stewart of the McHenry County Conservation District Police Department will discuss his duties and experiences with the MCCD.

Coffee with the Chief



Monday, October 13, 2014
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.