

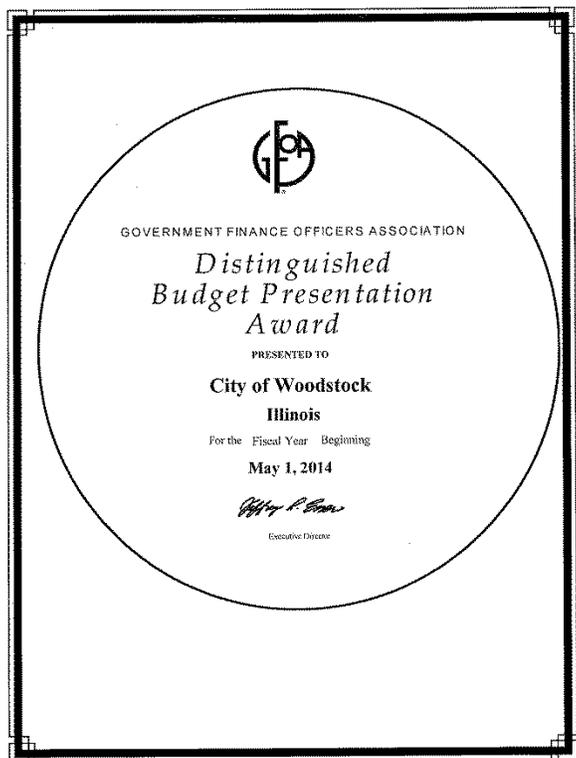


CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER



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CITY RECEIVES BUDGET AWARD FROM GFOA

The City is proud to announce that for the 13th consecutive year, the City has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for the City of Woodstock Fiscal Year 2014/15 Budget. The GFOA presents this award to government entities that achieve the very highest quality in their budget that reflect both the guidelines established by the National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting and the GFOA's best practices on budgeting.

NATIONAL DRUG TAKE-BACK DAY

On Saturday, September 27, 2014, the **Woodstock Police Department** will again participate in the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) National Drug Take-Back Day event from 10:00AM to 2:00PM in the public parking lot (east side of the building) located at 656 Lake Avenue.

Any and all prescription or over-the-counter drugs will be accepted if they are in pill form (no liquids or syringes.) You can bring in as few or as many as you have – there is no minimum or maximum. The drugs will be accepted no questions asked and will then be properly destroyed by the DEA in an environmentally safe fashion.

The service is free and your privacy is protected. You don't even have to get out of your vehicle – **Sergeant Dan Wesolek** and **Officer Dan Pauley** will be on hand to assist you – you can drive-by, drop off and be on your way.

During the first eight take-back events, the WPD collected a total of 915 pounds of unwanted drugs. The nationwide total stands at *4.1 million pounds (2,123 tons)!*

For further information, please call **Tamara Reed** at 815-338-6787 or visit www.nationaltakebackday.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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 www.woodstockil.gov

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]
 SERVICE ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
 ACCOUNT NUMBER: [REDACTED]04

BILL DATE: 09/02/2014

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

CITY OF WOODSTOCK
 121 W. CALHOUN STREET
 WOODSTOCK, IL 60098

ACCOUNT NUMBER: [REDACTED]

2089 1 AV 0.381 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 WOODSTOCK, IL 60098 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE BY **\$60.84**
 09/30/2014
 IF PAID AFTER **\$66.92**
 09/30/2014
 AMOUNT PAID [REDACTED]

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PLEASE DO NOT FOLD

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.

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/>



PAVEMENT RESURFACING PROGRAM

Damaged and deteriorated sections of curb and gutter have been removed and replaced, handicapped ramps and adjoining sections of sidewalk have been installed and final restoration and landscaping is nearing completion along those streets that will be resurfaced in the next 2-3 weeks. Next week, Geske and Sons, Inc. will begin the process of milling and removing the bituminous surface from those streets which are scheduled to be resurfaced. When the surface removal work is complete, the final surface course will be installed and the final pavement markings can be applied. Some traffic delays are expected while the resurfacing work is being done; residents should seek alternate travel routes when possible.

The resurfacing work is scheduled to be completed by the middle of October, pending favorable weather conditions.

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

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK...

Thursday, October 2 – Library Board, 7:30PM,
Public Library

PAVEMENT MARKING PROGRAM

Work began this week on the City's annual pavement marking program. Preform Traffic Control Systems, Ltd from Elk Grove was awarded a contract by the City in early September to complete pavement marking maintenance on approximately 125 miles of City Streets. The contracted services include painting edge lines, centerlines, crosswalks, stop bars, downtown parking stalls, public parking lots, turn lanes, directional arrows and words. Not all of the existing pavement markings get repainted each year and pavement markings are added and/or modified each year. Residents should exercise caution when driving or walking in areas that are being repainted, as traffic patterns are temporarily altered in these work areas. Work is expected to be completed in late October.

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



CHIEF LOWEN RIDES FOR SHOP WITH A COP

On Sunday, September 21st, **Woodstock Police Chief Robert Lowen** took part in a bike ride to benefit Shop with a Cop. The ride was sponsored by the Woodstock Moose Lodge and many of its members participated in the event.

What Chief Lowen *thought* was going to be a leisurely 7 or 8 mile ride through the countryside turned out to be a grueling 26 mile trek in cool weather conditions with a 20 mph head wind! Never a quitter, Chief Lowen finished the event, a bit worse for wear, but glad he was able to complete the ride for such a worthy cause.

Anyone wishing to make a donation to Shop with a Cop may do so by sending a check made payable to McHenry County Police Charities to P.O. Box 981 Crystal Lake, IL 60039-0981.

DANCE CLASSES BEGIN

The **Recreation Department's** *Little Dancers I and II, Ballet, Mini Hip/Hop, Hip/Hop I and II, Popstar, Mini Poms, Beginner Poms, and Advanced Poms* programs began the Fall session this week with thirteen different classes.

Little Dancers I and II teaches students basic ballet and jazz steps while having fun expressing themselves through creative movement. The Ballet class is a beginner ballet that teaches participants ballet terms and positions while improving the child's balance, movement and flexibility. Hip/Hop I and II and Popstar teach popular dance moves to the current popular music.

The Recreation Department continues to expand and improve the dance programs and the new classes offered this session are Mini Poms (ages 5-7 years) and Mini Hip/Hop (ages 4-5 years).

These popular eight-week classes are led by instructors **Ellie Powell, Eden Powell, Bridget Saladin, Robin Sobel, and Leslie Behrns.**

Recreation Coordinator **Renee Torrez** and the instructors will begin planning the Spring Dance recital, the annual showcase of all the dance classes offered through the Recreation Department, in the coming weeks.



HR NEWS

September 20, 2014 marked the end of another era at the Public Works Department, as long-time employee **Ricky Lester**, Water Treatment Operator II, retired after 24 years of dedicated service. The Public Works Department wished Ricky good luck in retirement and said farewell on Friday, September 19th. Ricky was presented with a City of Woodstock clock in appreciation for his faithful service to the Department and the City.

RECRUITMENT

City Clerk:

Rewarding opportunity available to serve as official record-keeper for the City of Woodstock. Attend, transcribe and produce detailed record of proceedings for 6-8 evening meetings per month of the Woodstock City Council, City Boards and Commissions; perform time-sensitive duties as required by law or assigned by the Mayor and City Council.

Min. Qualifications: HS grad or equiv., 1-2 yrs. office/clerical experience, and superior communication skills. This highly responsible position requires excellent attention to detail, a solid sense of integrity and confidentiality.

Salary: \$5,000 annually, plus \$80.00 per meeting worked other than City Council meetings. Position is appointed by the Mayor and City Council and serves a set term with reappointment potential.

Please refer to the City's website Employment Opportunities section for further details and the application process. Application deadline: Friday, October 3, 2014 at 5:00PM.

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, 7:00AM -3:30PM and Saturday, 6:00AM-2:30PM
3. One (1) Street Maintenance Worker typically scheduled Sunday, 6:00AM-2:30PM and Monday through Thursday, 7:00AM-3:30PM

Please refer to the City's website Employment Opportunities section for further details and the application process. Application deadline: Friday, October 10, 2014 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 AM. – 3:30 PM, 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, 2014 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 9:00AM-6:00PM, Tuesday 12:00PM-9:00PM and Wednesday 2:00PM-9:00PM 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, 2014 at 5:00PM.

Quote

If you rest, you rust.

Helen Hayes

ADD MORE VEGETABLES TO YOUR DAY – 10 TIPS TO HELP YOU EAT MORE VEGETABLES

It's easy to eat more vegetables! Eating vegetables is important because they provide vitamins and minerals and most are low in calories. To fit more vegetables in your meals, follow these simple tips. It is easier than you may think.



- 1. Discover fast ways to cook.** Cook fresh or frozen vegetables in the microwave for a quick-and-easy dish to add to any meal. Steam green beans, carrots, or broccoli in a bowl with a small amount of water in the microwave for a quick side dish.
- 2. Be ahead of the game.** Cut up a batch of bell peppers, carrots, or broccoli. Pre-package them to use when time is limited. You can enjoy them on a salad, with hummus, or in a veggie wrap.
- 3. Choose vegetables rich in color.** Brighten your plate with vegetables that are red, orange, or dark green. They are full of vitamins and minerals. Try acorn squash, cherry tomatoes, sweet potatoes, or collard greens. They not only taste great but also are good for you.
- 4. Check the freezer aisle.** Frozen vegetables are quick and easy to use and are just as nutritious as fresh veggies. Try adding frozen corn, peas, green beans, spinach, or sugar snap peas to some of your favorite dishes or eat as a side dish.
- 5. Stock up on veggies.** Canned vegetables are a great addition to any meal, so keep on hand canned tomatoes, kidney beans, garbanzo beans, mushrooms, and beets. Select those labeled as “reduced sodium,” “low sodium,” or “no salt added.”
- 6. Make your garden salad glow with color.** Brighten your salad by using colorful vegetables such as black beans, sliced red bell peppers, shredded radishes, chopped red cabbage, or watercress. Your salad will not only look good but taste good, too.
- 7. Sip on some vegetable soup.** Heat it and eat it. Try tomato, butternut squash, or garden vegetable soup. Look for reduced- or low-sodium soups.
- 8. While you're out.** If dinner is away from home, no need to worry. When ordering, ask for an extra side of vegetables or side salad instead of the typical fried side dish.
- 9. Savor the flavor of seasonal vegetables.** Buy vegetables that are in season for maximum flavor at a lower cost. Check your local supermarket specials for the best-in-season buys. Or visit your local farmer's market.
- 10. Try something new.** You never know what you may like. Choose a new vegetable—add it to your recipe or look up how to fix it online.

For more information on healthy eating, visit www.choosemyplate.gov.

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**WHETHER YOU WANT TO COMPETE...OR
JUST WANT TO EAT, YOU ARE BOUND TO
HAVE A WHOLE LOT OF FUN!**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2ND
4:00PM-7:00PM ★ 656 LAKE AVENUE
(POLICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE PARKING LOT
& DICK TRACY PARK)**

- ★ CHILI COOK-OFF (MULTIPLE DEPARTMENT ENTRIES ENCOURAGED)
- A TRAVELING TROPHY WILL BE AWARDED TO THE FAVORITE POT OF CHILI
- ★ HOT DOGS WILL ALSO BE SERVED - APPETIZERS & DESSERTS WELCOMED
- ★ BRING YOUR OWN NON-ALCOHOLIC DRINKS (COOLERS, ICE & CUPS PROVIDED)
- ★ GAMES FOR CHILDREN & ADULTS (FEEL FREE TO BRING YOUR OWN BAG GAME)
- ★ PUMPKIN DECORATING
- ★ RAFFLE WITH GREAT PRIZES

- ★ **DROP-OFF HEATED CHILI IN A CROCK POT BY 3:30PM AT THE PD PARKING LOT**
- ★ **BOWLS, SPOONS & TOPPINGS PROVIDED**
- ★ **QUESTIONS? CONTACT MONICA AMRAEN AT EXT. 1112**

CAN YOU HANDLE THE HEAT?