



CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER



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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 *4.1million pounds (2,123 tons)!*

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



HYDRANT FLUSHING CONTINUES ...

The current hydrant flushing schedule, which was to conclude on Friday, September 19, 2014, has been extended for one more day due to a water main break that occurred this week.

On Monday, September 22, the City's **Sewer & Water Maintenance** crew will be flushing in the area south of Route 14 and west of Route 47.

If you have any questions or want additional information, please call the **Department of Public Works**, 815-338-6118.



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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. qual.: 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 meeting. Position is appointed by the Mayor and City Council and serves a set term with reappointment potential. An application for this role may be obtained from the City's website job posting at www.woodstockil.gov or requested via e-mail to humanresources@woodstockil.gov. A completed City of Woodstock job application, current resume and cover letter—clearly outlining relevant experience and education – should be returned to humanresources@woodstockil.gov by the **deadline, Friday, October 3, 2014**. EOE

Other Recruitment News:

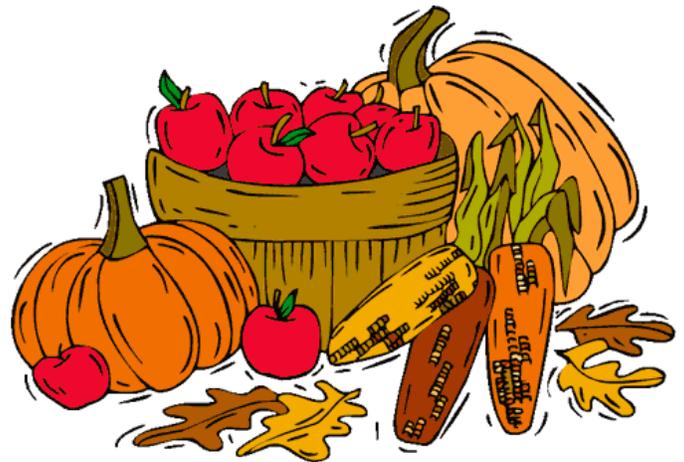
The deadline for the **Public Works Department's** two internal promotional opportunities (open to current **Public Works** employees only) has closed. Interviews were held this week for the full-time **Water Treatment Operator I** position; further information on the position will be posted shortly.

HARVEST FEST AND FAIR IN THE SQUARE CRAFT SHOW

This year's annual Harvest Fest / Fair in the Square events are being held this Sunday, September 21 from 10:00AM – 5:00PM. The day-long celebration is held each September on the Historic Woodstock Square and features a farmers market, old-time craftspeople, vintage farm equipment, wagon rides, fall crafts, and a fiddler's contest for youth and adults.

The craft show includes all hand-made items by crafters and artists from all over the mid-west. You'll also be able to experience old-fashioned craft demonstrations such as weaving, spinning, quilting, blacksmithing and woodworking.

Bring the kids along for wagon rides and a petting zoo. And, stick around to enjoy the bluegrass music as well as the fiddler's contest while enjoying some tasty treats.



**CHILDRENS PEACE PARK AND PATHS ORGANIZERS
INVITE THE PUBLIC TO ASSIST WITH PLANTINGS THIS SUNDAY**

Over the past few weeks, D200 Challenge Corps “Cornstalkers” have been working with the Bull Valley Garden Club and the City of Woodstock to create a Peace Park within Dick Tracy Way Park.

Sunday, September 21 at 1:00PM organizers can use your help with the planting of flowers and grasses in the established ground level planting beds in and around the peace symbol. This work will continue until all plants are bedded and in the ground. Volunteers are asked to bring any shovels, garden trowels, and garden gloves that you have available and be sure to dress appropriately for the weather. Organizers will be providing the flowers and grasses, however; you can help reduce the overall cost of the plantings being purchased by bringing some from your own garden. Your contribution will also add to the diversity and appearance of the Peace Park. Organizers would be delighted if you brought any of the following native species from your yard or garden: Sedum (Stonecrop), Monarda (Bee Balm), Liatris (Gayfeather), Nepeta (Catmint), Rudbeckia (Black Eyed Susan), Echinacea (Coneflower), or Geranium (Hardy).

Dick Tracy Way Park is just west of the **Police Department** at 656 Lake Avenue. Hope to see you on Sunday!

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact the **Department of Public Works** at 815-338-6118.



WOODSTOCK DUATHLON 2014

All you running and biking enthusiasts, are you ready for Woodstock's Duathlon? Head out to beautiful Emricson Park this Sunday morning, September 21, to participate in this Sunday's event.

The Course has a start time set at 7:30AM and will consist of a 2K run, 20K bike, and another 2K run. Participation is available for individual racers and teams alike. In-person registration is available at the race-site this Saturday, September 20 from 2:00-6:00PM. Race-day registration is available from 5:00-7:00AM on Sunday.

“Both stages of the run will be held entirely within beautiful Emricson Park. The scenic asphalt network of trails within the park varies from flat to rolling hills. There will be one fluid station after 1M. The bike course will be on gently rolling hills southwest of the park. There will be no water stations on the bike course. Marshals will be monitoring for illegal drafting. Helmets are required as per ANSI and USAT Standards.”

All race proceeds benefit Hearthstone Communities (a 501c3 not-for-profit).

For more information, go to:
<http://www.kjmultisport.com/woodstockevent.html>



SHERWIN WILLIAMS STORE NEARS COMPLETION

After approximately three months of construction, the new Sherwin Williams paint store located at 631 South Eastwood Drive, is expected to be completed and open by the end of next week. The store, which has an area of just over 3,000 square feet, will feature a variety of Sherwin Williams' paint and wall covering products, as well as painting and decorating accessories. Final inspection activities by Woodstock's building inspection staff is tentatively scheduled for next week with occupancy expected shortly thereafter.

LAKWOOD INSPECTIONS START!

During the past week, Woodstock's building inspectors began conducting inspection duties for the Village of Lakewood. This service, which was authorized through an intergovernmental agreement approved by both the City and the Village, authorizes the City's inspection personnel to perform all building plan reviews, permit approvals,



and construction inspections for the Village. Inspections are typically scheduled for specific times of the week in order to not conflict with Woodstock inspections or inspections carried out for the Village of Richmond which also utilizes the City's inspection expertise.

Put your medicines up **AND** away and out of sight

Program the Poison Control number into your cell phone 1.800.222.1222

Call your poison control center right away if you think your child might have gotten into a medicine or vitamin.

PUT YOUR MEDICINES UP AND AWAY AND OUT OF SIGHT

More than 60,000 young children end up in emergency rooms each year because they got into medicines while their caregiver wasn't looking. Always put every medicine and vitamin up and away every time you use it.

Families take medications and vitamins to feel well and to stay well. But did you know that more than **60,000** young children end up in emergency rooms *every year* because they get into medicines when their parent or caregiver isn't looking?

Any kind of medicine and vitamin – even one you buy without a prescription – can cause harm if taken in the wrong way or by the wrong person. All medicines and vitamins should always be kept up and away and out of your child's reach and sight.

Protect your child. Here's how:

- **Put medicines and vitamins up and away – out of reach and out of sight.** Children are curious and put all sorts of things in their mouths. Even if you turn your back for less than a minute, they can quickly get into things that could hurt them. Pick a storage place in your home that your child cannot reach or see. Different families will have different places. Walk around your house and decide on the safest place to keep your medicines and vitamins.
- **Put medicines and vitamins away every time.** This includes medicines and vitamins you use every day. Never leave them out on a kitchen counter or at a sick child's bedside, even if you have to give the medicine again in a few hours.
- **Hear the click to make sure the safety cap is locked.** Always relock the cap on a medicine bottle. If the bottle has a locking cap that turns, twist it until you hear the click. Remember, even though many medicines have safety caps, children may be able to open them. Every medicine and vitamin must be stored up and away and out of children's reach and sight.
- **Teach your children about medicine safety.** Teach your children what medicine is and why you must be the one to give it to them. *Never* tell children medicine is candy to get them to take it, even if your child doesn't like to take his or her medicine.
- **Tell your guests about medicine safety.** Ask houseguests and visitors to keep purses, bags, or coats that have medicine in them up and away and out of sight when they are in your home

- **Be prepared in case of an emergency.** Call your poison control center at **1.800.222.1222** right away if you think your child might have gotten into a medicine or vitamin. Program the Poison Control number into your home and cell phones so you will have it when you need it.
- **Take the pledge.** Visit the Up and Away website and take the pledge to store medications safely, make sure the safety cap is locked in place, teach children about medication, and program the Poison Control number in your phones.

Learn more at www.UpAndAway.org.

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GROUNDBREAKING SCHEDULED FOR HONOR HOME

Groundbreaking was scheduled for today at 11:00 AM for a new “honor home” located at 1002 Yasgur Drive in the Sweetwater Subdivision. The building site will be donated by Pulte Home Corporation which will also serve as building contractor and will work with their building trade partners to donate the labor and supplies.

The finished home will ultimately be conveyed to Operation Finally Home (a Texas non-profit corporation) and then to U.S. Army Specialist Tim Carner and his family. Specialist Carner is a Purple Heart recipient who suffers from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and experienced numerous injuries, including the loss of his left leg and multiple shrapnel wounds to his right thigh from an IED explosion, while serving in Afghanistan.

Operation Finally Home is an organization whose purpose is to help veterans and their family’s transition to civilian life by responding to one of their most pressing needs – a home to call their own.

Pulte Home Corporation has been working with Operation Finally Home at a number of locations throughout the country in order to ease the struggles of wounded service members and their families as they attempt to rebuild their lives here at home and achieve a sense of normalcy.



A TWISTING GOOD TIME AT CORKSCREW GYMNASTICS

The **Recreation Department** has partnered with **Corkscrew Gymnastics** in McHenry to offer a variety of tumbling/gymnastics classes.

Pictured is a little gymnast in the *Mini-Twisters* class for participants who are three years old. Other classes that are running this session are *Parent-Tot Gymnastics* (ages 1-2 years), *Mighty Twisters* (ages 4-5 years) and *Beginning Gymnastics* (ages 6-17 years).

Classes are held at Corkscrew Gymnastics facility where participants can build strength on the floor, balance beam, vault and bars. The participants’ favorite part of the class is the TumblTrak, a long trampoline that provides all the benefits of tumbling, without the wear and tear on the joints.

The first fall session began this week. The second fall session begins the week of October 28 and there are still spaces available. Registration is available at the Recreation Department or online at www.woodstockrecreationdepartment.com.

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK...

No Meetings Scheduled

DISC GOLF COURSE GRAND OPENING



The City of Woodstock will host the grand opening of the City's first Disc Golf Course this Saturday, September 20, 2014 at 9:00AM at Raintree Park, 401 E. Lake Street. This event culminates years of planning and cooperation for the design and construction

of a 9-hole disc golf course in the park. This project began in 2011 when Woodstock resident, Jeff Kaufmann received approval from the Woodstock's Parks & Recreation Commission and the Woodstock City Council to lead a community effort that would result in the design and construction of the City's first disc golf course in a City-owned park.

In addition to raising some funds for course construction, Mr. Kaufmann worked to prepare the park site for construction of the course, which entailed the clearing of invasive species and trimming of low hanging branches in the wooded, overgrown areas of the park. Employees of the **Department of Public Works, Parks Division**, were instrumental in the construction and development of the course and will be responsible for on-going maintenance of the course on a daily basis. Mr. Kaufmann will volunteer in an advisory role assisting with the maintenance, repair, and improvement of the course.

Come on out to Raintree Park Saturday and join the City in the opening of this new park amenity intended for public use. If you have questions or need additional information, do not hesitate to contact the **Department of Public Works** at 815.338.6118, or via e-mail at pwdept@woodstockil.gov.

YOUTH VOLLEYBALL DIGS IN FOR ANOTHER SESSION

The **Recreation Department's Youth Volleyball program** started on Monday night in the gym at the Rec Center. The first to third grade class, which has seven participants, begins at 4:30, followed by the fourth to sixth grade class, which has eight participants, at 5:30. Both groups run through Oct 20.

The class focuses on fundamentals of serving, passing, setting, hitting, defense and blocking.

The second session of Youth Volleyball will start October 27th. Register at the Recreation Department or online at www.woodstockrecreationdepartment.com.



Quote

***Who that does not thank
for little will not thank
for much.***

Estonian Proverb