



CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER



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CITY OFFICES TO CLOSE FOR 4TH

In observance of the 4th of July, City Hall and all non-emergency City offices will be closed next Friday.

Have a safe and happy holiday!

FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY WILL IMPACT GARBAGE SERVICE



As a reminder, the Fourth of July Holiday will alter the garbage pickup schedule for residents during the week of June 30th through July 4th. With the Fourth of July

falling on a Friday, residents with Friday pick-up will need to place their garbage out on Saturday. Any questions should be directed to the City's garbage contractor, MDC Environmental Services at 815-334-0014.

YARD-WASTE COLLECTION



It certainly has been a good year to grow grass with all the rain we have received so far this year. With all this grass comes the desire by many to bag

their grass. Grass and other yard waste will be collected by MDC Environmental on your regular garbage day from April 1st until November 30th.

In order to have your yard waste collected, it needs to be either placed in a brown biodegradable paper bag or placed in a container weighting less than 50 pounds. The container **MUST** be marked clearly with "Yard Waste" or a large "X" on its side.

In addition, one (1) yard waste sticker much be attached to each container. These orange stickers cost \$2.40 each and can be purchased at the **Woodstock City Hall, Woodstock Public Works Building**, or at the **Woodstock Public Library**. Should any resident have any further questions, please call City Hall at 815-338-4300.

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PROTECTING YOURSELF FROM TICKS



The best way to protect yourself against tick-borne disease is to avoid tick bites. Taking the following precautions will reduce your chances of tick bites.

- Walk in the center of trails so weeds do not brush against you.
- Apply insect repellent containing DEET (20 to 30%). Always supervise children in the use of repellents. Follow label instructions.
- Always wash hands after using any insect repellent.
- Wear light colored clothing so that ticks are more visible.
- Wear long sleeved shirts and long pants.
- Tuck long pants into your socks and boots.
- For added protection, wear a head covering or hat.
- Check yourself and children every 2 to 3 hours for ticks.
- Examine pets for ticks.
- Be sure to wash skin treated with insect repellent when returning indoors.
- After being outdoors, remove clothing and wash and dry at a high temperature.
- If you have an unexplained illness with fever, contact a physician. Be sure to tell your physician of a possible tick exposure.

For further information, go to the McHenry County Department of Health website: <https://www.co.mchenry.il.us/county-government/departments-a-i/health-department/a-to-z-topic-list-for-mcdh> or call 815-334-4510.

RECRUITMENT NEWS

Interviews have been scheduled for the week of July 21st with 9 candidates for **Woodstock Opera House Production Manager**.

Interviews have also been scheduled for next week with 6 candidates for **PT Young Adult Library Assistant** for the **Woodstock Public Library**.

The process to establish a new **Patrol Officer Eligibility List** remains underway:

City of Woodstock

PATROL OFFICER

Woodstock, NW Chicago suburban community of 24,770, on Metra rail and McHenry County seat, seeks dedicated public servants to establish a Patrol Officer Eligibility List. Min qual: 21-34 yrs old (age waiver for experienced officers); US citizen; HS grad or equiv., with preference points awarded for bachelor's degree any major; for associate's degree in criminal justice, law enforcement, fire service or emergency medical services; or, for prior military service with honorable discharge; valid driver's license and good driving record; no felony convictions. FY14/15 starting salary: \$52,025 with comprehensive benefits package. Application packet can be saved to your computer and/or printed from www.woodstockil.gov under Employment Opportunities, or emailed by contacting: humanresources@woodstockil.gov Completed applications must include \$35 processing fee (cash, check, or money order) and be submitted to City of Woodstock HR Dept., 121 W. Calhoun St., by 5:00 pm **Tuesday, July 15, 2014**. Mandatory Orientation and Testing to be held Saturday, 7-26-14. Current valid POWER card (issued within 6 months of Orientation date) will be accepted in lieu of physical testing at Orientation. EOE.

OUTDOOR EMERGENCY WARNING SIRENS

The City of Woodstock has five outdoor emergency warning sirens which are located at Bates Park, Emericson Park, First Street, Lake Avenue, and McConnell Road. The sirens are in place to be used to announce the approach of a tornado to the community. When activated, the sirens will sound for a three minute period. There is no all clear siren activated for the outdoor emergency warning siren system.

The purpose of these sirens is to warn residents who are outside that they should take cover immediately. The sirens are not intended for, nor do they have the capability of, warning all residents, particularly those who are inside their homes or businesses. All citizens should monitor updated information by radio, television, internet and telephone devices anytime that the forecast includes the possibility of the development of severe weather in the area.

The outside emergency warning sirens are generally sounded only when a confirmed funnel cloud is aloft, or when a tornado has been sighted on the ground within an expanded boundary of the City of Woodstock. Therefore, the sounding of a siren designates an immediate threat and the need to take cover immediately.

The sirens are tested on the first Tuesday of every month at 10:00 AM. The sirens will sound briefly during that time.



MEETINGS NEXT WEEK...

Tuesday, July 8 – Economic Development,
8:00AM, Council Chambers

QUOTE

If our country is worth dying for in time of war
let us resolve that it is truly worth living for in
time of peace.

~Hamilton Fish



FUN, FUN, FUN AT THE PLAYGROUND PROGRAM

Playground Program Coordinator René Torrez, the Playground Program counselors, including **Site Supervisors Elissa Limbaugh** and **Emily Draffkorn**, have been busy planning some awesome special events for the first four weeks of the seven-week program.

During Career Week, **Woodstock Police Officer Dave Dempsey** with the **Woodstock Police Department** and his partner **Jax**, came by to talk to participants in both the morning and afternoon session. Everyone loved to see Jax play with his favorite toy.

Week 3, Sports Week, featured Field Day for both the morning and afternoon groups and an exciting bowling trip to Kingston Lanes for the afternoon kids. Dr. Kearns, from Northwest Healthcare Center, made a guest appearance in the morning and got all the kids up and moving, demonstrating how important movement and exercise are for a healthy, strong body.

Red, White and Blue week featured the Woodstock Fire Department and their fire trucks! Both the morning and afternoon participants loved to climb into the trucks and ask questions about fire safety.

The last three weeks will also be packed with fun activities, including Minute to Win It, the Counselor Pageant, and the end-of- the- year picnic!

The seven-week program, which has 300 kids registered, ages four to twelve, provides other supervised activities including arts and crafts, sports and games, nature walks, picnics, story-time, science experiments, swimming at Woodstock Water Works, splash mornings at the Olson Park spray feature, and socializing with new friends.





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

McHenry County Coroner Anne L. Majewski, M.D. will discuss her duties and the inner workings of her office.

Coffee with the Chief



Monday, July 14, 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.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Woodstock Police Department begins Independence Day crackdown on drunk drivers

(Woodstock, IL) – Woodstock P.D. today announced plans for July 4th traffic enforcement, focusing on drunk drivers. The intensified enforcement effort will focus on late-night hours as statistics show a disproportionate number of traffic deaths occur late at night and involve a drunk driver and/or unbuckled motorist. The crackdown is part of the statewide, Independence Day *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* effort.

“Summer is in full force, and so is the summer travel season. All too often, that means more traffic and more traffic crashes and Independence Day can be one of the deadliest summer travel times,” said *Sgt. Rob Pritchard*. “Too many people die each year due to those who choose to drive after drinking, so our officers will be out in full force this Independence Day showing zero tolerance for drunk drivers.”

Woodstock P.D. will join the Illinois State Police and hundreds of police and sheriff’s departments in a statewide enforcement effort that begins June 23 and runs through July 6th.

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To avoid a potential crash or drunk driving arrest, the **Woodstock P.D.** recommends designating a sober driver and not letting friends or family members drive drunk. Other important tips include:

- Plan ahead. Designate a sober driver before going out and give that person your keys;
- If you are drunk, call a taxi, use mass transit or call a sober friend or family member to get you home safely;
- Use your community's designated driver program;
- Promptly report drunk drivers you see on the roadways to law enforcement by pulling over and dialing 911;
- Make sure everyone in your vehicle wears their seat belt. It is your best defense against a drunk driver.

The law enforcement crackdown is funded by federal traffic safety funds through IDOT's Division of Traffic Safety. The crackdown runs concurrently with a media campaign that reminds motorists, "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" and "Click It or Ticket."