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TICK SEASON BEGINS ...

The warmer months, April through September, are considered tick season. For most of us, we can't wait to get outside as soon as the weather warms up. Whether you're outside doing yard work, participating in or watching sports, or walking the dog, here are a few tips for preventing tick bites.

If possible, avoid the areas where ticks live; areas with heavy brush, tall grasses and trees. If you will be spending time outside, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention suggests using a product with 20% or more of DEET. Permethrin is a product that can be sprayed directly on clothing, shoes/boots, and is found effective even after several washings. Always be certain to follow application directions carefully and keep these products away from eyes, mouth and hands.

The CDC suggests that you bathe within two hours after returning inside. Be certain to scan your entire body for ticks; check children and pets, as well. Thoroughly inspect all articles of clothing, bags and gear, as ticks may ride in on people, animals, or other items. As an added precaution, you may tumble dry your items in a hot dryer for an hour to kill any remaining ticks.

Should you come across a tick that is attached to the skin, follow these safe tips on tick removal: http://www.cdc.gov/ticks/removing_a_tick.html



TORCH RUN RESULTS

The annual running of the Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics took place on Sunday, June 8th. Members of the **Woodstock Police Department** participated in the event; **Chief Robert Lowen, Deputy Chief John Lieb, Detective Sergeant Jeff Parsons, Sergeant Tino Cipolla, Officer Sharon Freund** and **Telecommunicator Tami Soto** ran along with **Police Explorers** (and siblings) **Stephanie** and **Stephen Kroll. Officer Jason Bernstein** served as a volunteer for the event and drove the accompanying police van during the run. Special thanks go to Sergeant Cipolla for organizing the department's participation in the Torch Run.

Total receipts are not yet complete, but so far the run has earned \$355.00. That amount combined with the Polar Plunge receipts from earlier this year brings a combined donation to the Illinois Special Olympics of more than \$5000 for 2014!

Congratulations to all of the runners and volunteers alike for making a difference in support of Illinois Special Olympics.



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2014 STREET RESURFACING PROGRAM

The Annual Street Resurfacing Program is one of the most important projects the City undertakes each year to continue to provide a quality street system for the City's residents. The provision of an adequate system of roadways is a basic function of municipalities as it directly impacts the livability and economic development of the community. A significant amount of time and effort is expended to identify, evaluate, and prioritize all of the roadwork needs throughout the community. This year, the City has allocated \$771,000 toward the resurfacing of the streets. Additional funds have been allocated toward engineering supervision, crack sealing, and pavement marking. Streets that are scheduled for resurfacing and maintenance as part of the 2014 Street Resurfacing Program are as follows:

STREET	FROM	TO
Greenwood Ave.	Tappan St.	Clay St.
Greenwood Ave.	Wheeler St.	Tappan St.
Greenwood Ave.	Queen Anne St.	Wheeler St.
Greenwood Ave.	Jewett St.	Queen Anne St.
Greenwood Ave.	Wicker St.	Jewett St.
South St.	Hayward St.	Tryon St.
South St.	Putnam St.	Hayward St.
South St.	Blakely St.	Putnam St.
Forest Ave.	Austin Ave.	Dean St.
Tara Dr.	South St.	Tara Ct.
Amber Ct.	At Winslow Ave. intersection	
Golden Ave.	Amber Ct.	Tara Dr.
Industrial Heights Dr.	At cul-de-sac	
Country Club Rd.	Post Office	Zimmerman Rd.
Hibbard St.	Kimball Ave.	Burbank Ave.
Sharon Dr.	Flagg Ln.	Ellen Ct.
Timothy Ln.	Ellen Ct.	Linda Ct.
South St. (TIF)	Jefferson St.	Madison St.
South St. (TIF)	Dean St.	Jefferson St.
South St. (TIF)	Throop St.	Dean St.
South St. (TIF)	Tryon St.	Throop St.
Calhoun St. (TIF)	Dean St.	Jefferson St.

The City will be receiving bids for this project on June 20. Pending final contract approval from the City Council, we hope to begin work prior to August 1, 2014.

If you have any questions about this project, please contact the **Department of Public Works**; 815-338-6118 or pwdept@woodstockil.gov

RECRUITMENT NEWS

The process to establish a new **Patrol Officer Eligibility List** is currently 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, 7-15-14. Mandatory Orientation and Testing to be held Saturday, 7-26-14. Current valid POWER card will be accepted in lieu of physical testing at Orientation. EOE.

The following position recruitment deadline has been extended one week!

PT Young Adult Library Assistant—extended deadline!

The City of Woodstock is accepting applications for the part-time position of Young Adult Library Assistant with the Woodstock Public Library. Examples of duties include: assisting with development and conducting programming efforts aimed at middle school and high school aged library patrons; providing assistance with library resources; promoting teen programming through webpage and publicity development; enforcing policies for library behavior; and other related duties as assigned. Bilingual ability is desirable. Position works 20-28 hours per week with the following as minimally scheduled hours: Mon., Wed., Thurs. 2 – 7 pm and Tues. 4 – 9 pm, plus occasional daytime meetings and weekend work.

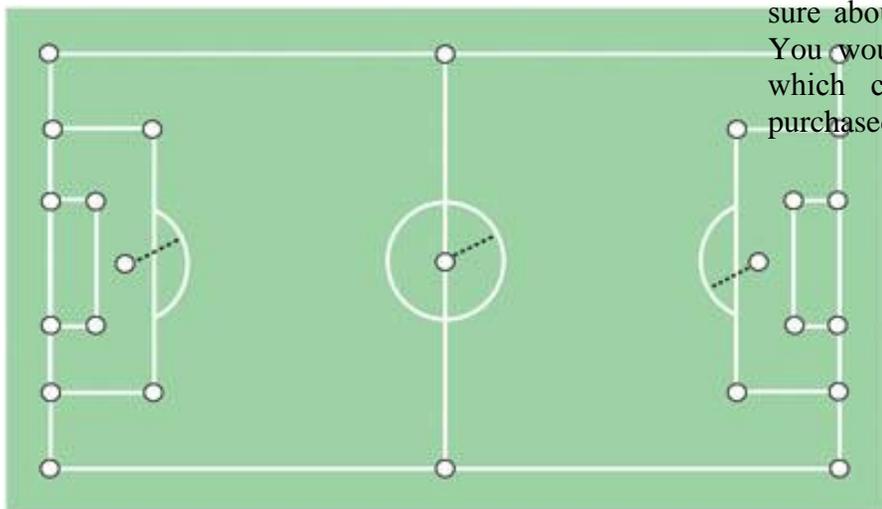
Minimum Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education or similar field; experience working with students, especially teens, in school setting or public library youth services department; excellent communication skills, including proficiency using computers, research databases, social media and Internet; Spanish language fluency is highly desirable. Pay rate: \$17.20/hr. with prorated time off benefits, IMRF membership and non-City subsidized health insurance. Contact City of Woodstock HR Department at humanresources@woodstockil.gov for required application. **Deadline to apply: Friday, June 20, 2014.** EOE.

TRIVIA QUESTION:

On average, how many miles does a Parks Division employee walk to stripe 8 soccer fields?

- A) 1 ½ miles
- B) 2 ¼ miles
- C) 3 miles
- D) 4 ½ miles

See answer below



MEETINGS NEXT WEEK...

Tuesday, June 17 – City Council-7PM, Council Chambers

Wednesday, June 18 – Transportation Commission, 7PM, council Chambers

QUOTE

Knowledge is power, but enthusiasm pulls the switch.

Ivern Ball

HEALTH & SAFETY: ENJOY YOUR TRIP, JUST DON'T DRINK THE WATER!

Trying to avoid the consequences of an upset stomach while on vacation? There's now an app for that, according to recent news. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention wants to help tourists avoid stomach ailments like diarrhea, so it created a smartphone app called *Can I Eat This?*

Say you're traveling in an exotic location and aren't sure about the beverage you're about to consume. You would answer a few simple questions about which country you're visiting, what you just purchased, where you bought it and what kind of



packaging it's in. The app would then tell you whether it's safe to drink or whether you should pour it out. If there's ice in the beverage, the app will say "You probably

shouldn't drink it." Ice is usually made from local tap water, which can contain harmful bacteria.

If it's a juice that comes in a sealed container, the app says "It's probably OK to drink." With *Can I Eat This?*, you can be more certain that your food and drink choices won't make you spend your international trip in the bathroom," the CDC said. Every year, about 10 million people contract diarrhea while traveling abroad.

Answer to Trivia Question:

C). 3 miles

SUMMERTIME ... AND THE LIVIN' IS EASY!

It's that time of the year when one's thoughts turn to being outside, spending time in the yard, discovering the sunshine and warmer weather and getting reacquainted with the neighbors over the back fence. However, if you're planning any out-door events or get-togethers, party or an Independence Day get together, consider the following items of advice:



- Let your neighbors know when you are planning your event and find out if they have any concerns. Give them your phone number so they can call you (before they call the Police) if it gets too loud.
- Periodically monitor how loud your get-together is. You may want a lot of people to attend, but the folks next door might prefer a quiet evening at home. Loud noises can be considered a nuisance or a disturbance of the peace and result in official action by the City.
- If alcohol is present, make sure everyone is 21 years of age or older. Serve food and have non-alcoholic drinks available. If people under 21 are present and drinking, you may be held responsible for their behavior or any accidents that occur.
- Discourage guests and friends from wandering away from your premises.
- Clean up any mess after your get-together and generally maintain your party.
- Considering inviting your neighbors – if they're part of the event, they're less likely to have any issues.

BABYSITTING TRAINING OFFERED AND ADDITIONAL CLASS COMING UP

A full class of ten babysitters were trained last week by **American Red Cross Instructor Jen Elliott** in the **Recreation Department's Babysitting Training Class**. There was a wait list long enough to offer an additional class on August 5 & 6, from 9:30 am-12:30 pm at the Woodstock Police Department.



LOTS OF ACTIVITY STARTING AT WOODSTOCK WATER WORKS



Last Friday, children ages 1-4 attended the **Woodstock Water Works Itty Bitty Beach Party** complete with a visit from Ty the Turtle, snacks a craft and plenty of time to swim with the pool to themselves!

Session I of Swimming Lessons began Monday, June 9 and will go until June 19. Swim lessons, including Parent-Tot, Water Explorers and Levels I-VI, are offered throughout the summer and in two week sessions. Lessons are taught by certified American Red Cross Swim Instructors who are required to go through 40 hours of training in order to complete the course. The next sessions of swim lessons are: June 23-July 3, July 7-July 17 and July 21-July 31.

Woodstock Water Works is home to the **Woodstock Dolphins Swim Team**. They began practicing this week during the morning hours, and will continue through July. The swim team will have three home meets this summer: June 17, June 24, and July 15.

A BUSY SEASON OF PLAYGROUND PROGRAM HAS BEGUN

This year there are over 275 children ages four to twelve years old registered in the **Recreation Department's** Playground Program. The program runs Monday through Friday for seven weeks at Olson Elementary School. The four to seven year-olds meet from 9AM-noon followed by the eight to twelve year-olds from 1-4 PM. This is the program's 57th year of providing a fun and safe activity for the children of our community.

Several guest speakers are lined up to speak at the program to help teach the kids a variety of new things. Thanks to the **Woodstock Fire Department** and the **Woodstock Police Department** who are once again taking time out to attend the program.

