



CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER



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LITTLE ANGELS PLEDGE RUN

This Sunday, May 18, the 27th annual Little Angels Pledge Run is being held at the Woodstock Harley-Davidson dealership on Route 47.

“Little Angels is a loving home for children and young adults with severe disabilities and complex medical needs. It is a state-of-the-art facility offering round-the-clock skilled nursing, therapeutic and habilitation services in a warm, caring environment. Founded in 1958 by Elgin residents Pat and Bob Wasmond, Little Angels may not be a home in the traditional sense, but it does provide the most important aspects that make a home--love, care and support.” To learn more about Little Angels, go to www.littleangels.org

Elgin Area Organization of Motorcycle Riders, (formerly Elgin Harley Owners Group) has been taking care of Little Angels for over twenty-five years. The Elgin Harley Owners Group began the Pledge Run in 1988 as a way of giving back to their community. Over the years, “this Annual Pledge Run has grown into one of the Midwest's largest and longest running single-day motorcycle pledge events.” 100% of the monies pledged go directly to Little Angels Center for Exceptional Care. The proceeds have helped to pay for doctors’ visits, training & therapeutic equipment, medical supplies and more.

To register for the event, or to make a pledge, please go to: www.eaoelgin.com



*At Little Angels,
We Love, Care and Suppo*

MEMORIAL DAY IMPACTS CITY'S GARBAGE SERVICE

As a reminder, Memorial Day will alter the garbage pickup schedule for residents during the week of May 26th through May 30th. With Memorial Day falling on a Monday, all residents normal garbage pickup will occur one day later. In addition, those residents who normally have garbage picked up on Friday will need to place their garbage out for collection on Saturday. Any questions should be directed to the City's garbage contractor, MDC Environmental Services at 815-334-0014.



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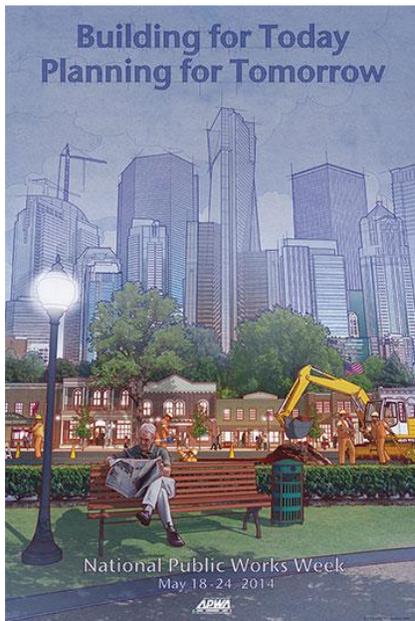
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NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

Each year, the 3rd week of May is designated as National Public Works Week, which is held to celebrate the tens of thousands of Public Works employees, nationwide, who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services collectively known as public works. At the City of Woodstock, this includes employees from six divisions; Parks, Streets, Sewer & Water Maintenance, Fleet Maintenance, Water Treatment and Wastewater Treatment along with Administration. These employees are dedicated to improving the quality of life for present and future generations.

“Public Works plays a key role in the planning, building and maintenance of infrastructure projects in their communities that will allow future generations to enjoy a higher quality of life.”

National Public Works Week was instituted as a public education campaign by the American Public Works Association (APWA) in 1960, and calls attention to the importance of public works in community life. The week, May 18 – May 24, 2014, seeks to enhance the prestige of the often-unsung heroes of our society—the professionals who serve the public good every day with quiet dedication.



GOLDEN ROLLS SUSHI TO RELOCATE

Plans for the remodeling of the former Vaughan’s Chicken Restaurant at 790 South Eastwood Drive have been submitted to the City for review. The former restaurant is proposed to be remodeled to accommodate the new location of Golden Rolls Sushi Bar & Grill, which will be moving to this site once the remodeling is completed. The plans are presently being reviewed and initial comments are expected to be completed within the next ten days or sooner.



MEETINGS NEXT WEEK...

Tuesday, May 20 – City Council, 7PM, Council Chambers

Wednesday, May 21, Transportation Commission, 7PM, Council Chambers

GIRLS ON THE RUN 5K EVENT

The City of Woodstock is pleased to host the Girls on the Run 5K event again this year. “Girls on the Run of Northwest Illinois is a nonprofit organization for girls in third through eighth grade that uses an experiential learning program designed to help girls make good choices for a lifetime of self-respect and healthy living.”

The event is being held this Sunday, May 18, 2014 at Woodstock North High School, 3000 Raffel Road; the race begins at 8:30AM. For further information or to register, go to www.gotrnlwil.org

Bring your girls out to take part in the event – or come out to cheer on this year’s participants!



RECRUITMENT NEWS

The following positions are posted and open for application by qualified internal and external candidates:

Parks Supervisor—Note: Deadline Extended!

Due to impending retirement, Woodstock seeks experienced candidates for Parks Supervisor, responsible for planning, scheduling and implementing a wide range of maintenance and public improvement activities related to parks construction, repair and maintenance, including athletic fields, irrigation systems, playgrounds, open space, landscaping, park amenities, natural areas, recreational areas, right-of-way trees, streetscape elements, buildings and other related tasks. Exempt position reports to the Asst. Public Works Director and oversees 8-15 employees in the Parks Division.

Minimum qualifications: Associate degree in parks and recreation administration or related field; five (5) years of parks and recreation experience; three (3) years of supervisory experience; and a valid IL Class B CDL with air brakes endorsement and good record, or ability to obtain within 3 months of hire. An equivalent combination of education and experience may be considered. Starting salary range: \$59,654 - \$76,160 DOQ, with excellent benefit package. Please send current resume and cover letter highlighting qualifications to: humanresources@woodstockil.gov no later than: **Friday, May 30, 2014**. Formal applications will be sent to the most qualified candidates. EOE.

PT Community Service Officer

The City of Woodstock is accepting applications for the position of Part-time Community Service Officer with the Woodstock Police Department. Examples of duties include assisting the Patrol Division with patrol of City park areas, vacation house checks, animal control, vehicular lock-outs, processing complaints, ordinance enforcement, and other related duties as assigned. Position will work an average of 28 hrs/week with primary duties in and around the Woodstock Square and downtown area.

Minimum Qualifications: HS diploma or equivalent; vocational/technical training in police science, criminal justice or related field preferred; excellent oral and written communications and customer service skills, and valid IL driver's license and good record required. Starting Pay Rate: \$17.20/hour with IMRF pension and prorated benefits, excluding health insurance. Required applications may be obtained at: humanresources@woodstockil.gov or in the HR Department at Woodstock City Hall, 121 W. Calhoun Street, Woodstock IL. Deadline to apply: **Friday, May 16, 2014**. EOE.

QUOTE

Unhappiness is best defined as the difference between our talents and our expectations.

Edward De Bono

HEALTH & SAFETY MESSAGE: IF IT SOUNDS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE...

While everyone would love to think there are quick & easy ways to cut down on calories, the truth is, there are more negative aspects to many popular diet products than there are benefits. A study that was discussed at a meeting of the American Diabetes Association resulted in these ironic words of wisdom: *Don't drink diet sodas if you're trying to lose weight.*

The study that followed 474 diet soda drinkers, ages 65 to 74, for nearly 10 years found that their waists grew 70 percent or more, compared to those who didn't drink the beverages.

Another study in mice suggests that artificial sweeteners in diet sodas may trigger appetite but don't quench the appetite like regular sugars. In addition, artificial sweeteners may inhibit brain cells that make you feel full.

So when it comes to consuming sweets, stick with natural substances, just consume less of them: good health is definitely a matter of quality versus quantity.

RENEW YOUR WOODSTOCK WATER WORKS SEASON PASS ONLINE

This season, for the first time, the **Recreation Department** offers **Woodstock Water Works** Season Pass renewal online. Save time, gasoline and skip waiting in line.

If there are no changes to your passes from last year and you have your ID cards go to www.woodstockrecreationdepartment.com to renew them.

Before going online, be sure you have your correct user name and password. If you have not utilized online registration previously or if you aren't sure of your user name and password call the Recreation Department at 815-338-4363 and we will send it to you.





SPECIAL EDUCATION DIST. OF MCHENRY COUNTY 10TH ANNUAL PARTNERSHIP RECOGNITION RECEPTION

SEDOM presented their Tenth Annual Partnership Recognition Reception on May 8th. **Rec Center Manager Mary Lynn Lisk**, joined Recreation Center employees **Belinda Dedual** and **Eduardo Aquino** who both received “Jack Franks A for Effort Awards” at the reception.

The Recreation Center has been a Business Partner with SEDOM since the program’s inception ten years ago. Fifteen SEDOM students have worked at the Recreation Center over the years and we learn from them as they learn from us.

TRIVIA QUESTION:

How many gallons of wastewater did the City’s two wastewater treatment plants process in 2013?

- A) 293,732,000 gallons
- B) 637,285,000 gallons
- C) 1,191,117,000 gallons
- D) 3,584,208,000 gallons



Answer: 1,191,117,000 gallons

The City of Woodstock's Code Enforcement Program provides the requirements to ensure public health, safety, and welfare of its residents. The program is designed to help residents identify and correct violations which detract from the appearance of their home, neighborhood, and community. A clean, well kept city increases property values and enhances community pride.

City Hall, which houses the Office of the Mayor, Office of the City Manager, Finance, Human Resources, Community & Economic Development Department, can provide you with information and assistance for the following services:

- Water bill collection (night deposit box located adjacent to the east parking lot of Woodstock City Hall)
- Special User Travel Cards for senior citizen transportation
- Recycling containers
- Garbage bags
- Yard Waste Disposal stickers
- White Goods Disposal stickers
- Garage Sale permits (Finance Dept.)
- Building & Zoning assistance
- Employment information
- General City information

City Hall is open 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays.

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Good
Neighbor**

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BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR STARTS WITH....

- Keeping your lawn mowed. This not only looks nice, but helps keep out unwanted bugs, and keeps weed seeds from spreading.
- Keeping your property clear of debris and garbage. This helps keep it out of other yards.
- Making sure your garbage receptacles have tight fitting lids. Garbage cannot be placed for collection more than 24 hours in advance of your pickup day. Collect your receptacles within 24 hours after your pickup day.
- Working on vehicle repair in appropriate areas. Major vehicle repair is not allowed in residential areas.
- Making sure your vehicles are parked on a paved surface and not overhanging a public sidewalk. This includes boats, trailers, and recreational vehicles. Parking on your lawn or parkway is prohibited in Woodstock.
- Keeping vehicles, boats, RVs, and trailers operable, registered, and licensed unless completely enclosed in a garage out of view from the public.
- Cleaning up after your dog. This helps avoid noxious odors and unwanted pests.
- Making sure your pets are not causing disturbing noises by repeatedly barking, howling, or whining.

- Trimming tree branches and shrubbery so they do not obstruct pedestrian and vehicle traffic.
- Removing any fallen or cut trees, and limbs from your property. Removing brush piles helps abate unwanted rodents and pests, and lessens the risk of fires.
- Obtaining a permit to conduct a garage sale on your property. Residents are allowed two garage sales and one moving sale within a twelve month period. 2 signs are allowed to be posted on the public right-of-way, but must be freestanding and not attached to utility poles or street signs.
- Contacting the Community & Economic Development Department before starting any construction, remodeling, and installation of fences, pools or decks to verify whether a permit is needed.
- Building or performing construction between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. On Sundays and legal holidays work may be performed between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Legal holidays consist of New Years Day, Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

When Reporting a Violation:

Please provide the exact location of the property in violation. Reporting the exact location of the property is very important. If the property is vacant or you're not sure of the address, please provide the block number or the direction from a known address.

Please provide an exact description of the violation: For example, “Inoperable vehicle in the driveway,” or “Junk stored on the front porch.”

In order to provide proper follow-up, it is important to leave your name, address, and telephone number. The inspector may need to contact you for additional information.

COMPLAINANTS REMAIN ANONYMOUS

If you have any questions, concerns and/or would like to report a possible violation please call, e-mail, or write,

**Donovan Day
Assistant to the Director
codeenforcement@woodstockil.gov
Community & Economic Development Dept
P.815.338.4305
F.815.334.2267**



Coffee with the Chief

You're invited to a meeting of Square merchants hosted by Chief Robert Lowen. Share a cup of coffee with the Chief and let him know what's on your mind. Economic Development Director Cort Carlson, Deputy Chief John Lieb, Sergeant Dan Latham and Officer Josh Rapacz will also be in attendance to answer your questions.

Tuesday, May 20, 2014
9:00 a.m. at
Stage Left Café
125 Van Buren Street

For further
information, please
call 815-338-6787.