



CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER



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DON'T FORGET TO BUCKLE UP!

Woodstock Police Department has announced that May's Special Traffic Enforcement Initiative targets Occupant Restraint (seat belt) violations with equal emphasis on passengers, including children in child safety seats.

The primary goal is to reduce the incidence of motorists driving without properly buckling up themselves, their passengers and their children. Equally important is the continuing education of the motoring public by encouraging mandatory compliance with Occupant Restraint laws.

May 19th marks the beginning of the nationwide "Click It or Ticket" campaign. There will be mass media efforts at the Local, State and Federal level throughout the month. The Illinois seat belt compliance rate is at an all-time high of 93.7%. It is the State's goal to increase the rate to 94% in 2014 thereby reducing death and injuries due to motor vehicle crashes.

For further information regarding this traffic enforcement initiative, contact **Sergeant Rob Pritchard** at 815-338-2131 or at rpritchard@woodstockil.gov.

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PARTING IS SUCH SWEET SORROW

This weekend marks the end of an era at the **Woodstock Police Department**, as two long time employees retire. **Officer Fred Spitzer** will work his last shift on Friday, May 2nd after working more than thirty years for the WPD. Officer Spitzer was the much loved and well respected "DARE Dude" for eleven years. His first order of business upon retirement is a trip to Disney World with his wife, **Vickie**, and their four very lucky grandchildren!

Sergeant Dennis Leard will end his WPD career on Sunday, May 4th having served the department for more than twenty-six years, the last nine as a Patrol Sergeant and the Supervisor of the Traffic Safety Unit. Sergeant Leard also served on the Police Pension Board for fourteen years. Not to be out done by Officer Spitzer, he will spend two weeks on the beach in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico in the not too distant future!

Both men have served the WPD and City well during their tenure in Woodstock. If you have the chance, please thank Sergeant Leard and Officer Spitzer for their dedicated service to the community and wish them well as they begin their well-deserved retirement.

Sergeant Leard and Officer Spitzer will be honored for their service with proclamations at the May 6th City Council meeting at 7:00PM at City Hall.

Congratulations and Bon Voyage Dennis and Fred!
(And don't forget the sunscreen!)



LAWN MAINTENANCE

Most homeowners like to have a weed-free lawn and many people apply chemicals / fertilizers to maintain this appearance throughout the summer growing season. The question is this, does a homeowner need to apply several applications of these chemicals each year in order to maintain a beautiful lawn?

The concern of this practice is the effect to our ground water supply and runoff to ponds & streams. The Department of Public Works' Parks Division has completed soil testing at several park sites that abut detention ponds and low-lying areas to actually see what the turf needs in the way of fertilizer. It was found at all sites tested that only a low-grade nitrogen application would be necessary for healthy turf. A herbicide application is used only one time in the early spring to combat dandelions and chickweed, not every month.

Did you know...

- Lawns require 1 inch of water per week to remain green and healthy.
- Grass clippings are 90% water; if left in place, these clippings return essential nutrients back to the soil.
- Over 70 million tons of fertilizers and pesticides are applied to residential lawns annually.
- Approximately 67 million pounds of synthetic pesticides are used on U.S. lawns. The average suburban lawn received 10 times as much chemical pesticide per acre as farm land.
- Up to 2% of applied pesticides can work its way through the soil and into the ground water.
- One third of all major aquifers contain pesticides.

The Parks Division has been doing their part through proper education in the use of fertilizer and pesticide use on park land to limit ground water contamination and runoff to ponds and streams. Have you, as a homeowner, been doing your part, too?



FREE WOOD MULCH AVAILABLE

The City of Woodstock offers wood mulch to all residents, free of charge, throughout the year, as long as the supply lasts. Residents may pick up the wood mulch at the **Department of Public Works**, 326 Washington Street (next to Dairy Queen), at any time on any day of the week. Bring your own containers and shovels for loading, and there is no limit on the amount you may take. We only ask that you keep the area cleaned up.

If you have any questions, please contact Public Works, 815-338-6118.



DRUG TAKE BACK RESULTS

On Saturday, April 26th, the **Woodstock Police Department** collected 94.3 pounds of unwanted or expired drugs at the National Drug Take Back Day event. **Sergeant Dan Wesolek** and **Officer Fred Spitzer** also emptied the MedReturn collection box located in the WPD lobby and added another 43.5 pounds to the day's total.

Nationwide results for the day are not yet available, but since the DEA's first drug take back event in September 2010, the public has surrendered 3.4 million pounds of pills (1700 tons!)

TRIVIA QUESTION

How many of the City's disposable doggie-waste bags did pet-owners use at City of Woodstock parks in 2013?

- A) 5,000
- B) 15,000
- C) 20,000
- D) 30,000



Answer on Page Six

RECRUITMENT NEWS

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

Parks Supervisor

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, required. 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: **Wednesday, May 14, 2014**. Formal applications will be sent to the most qualified candidates. EOE.

Street Supervisor

Woodstock seeks experienced candidates for Street Supervisor, responsible for planning, scheduling and implementing a wide range of maintenance and public improvement activities, including all aspects of street construction, repair and maintenance, as well as maintenance and repair of all City vehicles and equipment. Exempt position reports to the Asst. Public Works Director and oversees 12-18 employees in the Street Division. Minimum qualifications: Associate degree in civil engineering, construction management, public administration or related field; five (5) years of street maintenance/construction/utility experience; three (3) years of supervisory experience; and a valid IL Class B CDL with air brakes endorsement and good record, required. 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 2, 2014**. Formal applications will be sent to the most qualified candidates. EOE.

TWEEN NIGHT AT RECREATION CENTER

The **Recreation Department's** monthly *Tween Night* at the Rec Center was last Saturday evening drawing over 50 participants.

For \$4, tweens had the opportunity to play in the gym, swim in the pool, and play walleyball, ping pong, racquetball or just hang out with their friends. This is a drop-in program, so preregistration is not required. Light refreshments are also served.

On Saturday, May 10, the Rec Department will offer the last *Tween Night* of the spring at Kingston Lanes from 3:30-5:30PM. For \$10, kids get unlimited bowling, pop, and a bag of chips. Pizza is available for purchase.

During the summer, *Tween Nights* meet at Woodstock Water Works every Wednesday night from 8:15PM-9:30PM from June 4 – August 6.

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK

Monday, May 5 – Historic Preservation, 7PM,
Council Chambers

Tuesday, May 6- City Council, Council Chambers,
7PM

QUOTE

Character is much easier kept than recovered.

Thomas Paine



HEALTH & SAFETY MESSAGE: ICK! TICKS!!

You'd think with the winter we've just been through, the creepy-crawlies of the world would have suffered along with the rest of us. But this spring seems to be starting with more ticks found on pets and people than usual.

Unfortunately, while we can use reputable repellent medicines on our beloved furry friends, there's no known vaccines that can prevent tick-borne illnesses, like Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain Spotted Tick Fever, in humans.

The best medicine for dealing with ticks is prevention, so if you're planning on being in the great outdoors, hiking, camping, or even doing yard work and gardening, you may wish to consider these helpful tips:

- Use an insect repellent containing DEET on exposed skin, and treat clothing and footwear with a type of repellent that can provide extended protection and remain through several washings.
- Tuck your pants into socks to reduce the amount of exposed skin. When hiking, stay on well-worn paths and out of tall grass or bushy areas.
- Check for ticks immediately after being outdoors. The longer a tick is attached, the greater your risk of infection.
- If you discover a tick, use tweezers to remove it as close to the skin as possible. Don't grab it with your fingers and squeeze it. That injects the tick fluids into you and increases the risk of infection.
- If you suffer a tick bite and develop a fever one to two weeks later, see a doctor. The incubation period for tick-borne diseases is eight to 14 days.
- Protect your dog with tick collars or monthly treatments. This will prevent ticks from being brought into your home by the dog.



Answer to Trivia Question is D) 30,000

Bull Valley Dog Park



Grand Opening

Saturday, May 3, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Corner of Country Club and Bull Valley Roads

Admission \$5, children 11 and under free

Free for dog park permit holders

Dog park will be closed during scheduled activities but open
the rest of the day for use by permit holders

Try out the dog park with a special pass good for 9 am to 4 pm on May 3 only.

Available that day at the Bull Valley booth.

Bring water and a bowl for your dog. There is no water on site.

Dogs must be on leash when not in fenced area or participating in an event

Scheduled Activities

Police Dog Demonstration by the

Woodstock Police Department Canine Unit

Barn Hunt: Test your dog's hunting instinct in a constructed maze

Trainer Demonstrations, Groomers On-Site, Presentations on
Nutrition and Health issues, Adoptable Dogs from Local Shelters,
Merchants, Food Vendors, Raffles, Silent Auction and more!

**Other fun offerings are being planned so check us on Facebook to see
what's new. Or call 815-59-4833**





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

Officer Shane Marshall will discuss Mexican Drug Cartels and present an overview of activity in Beat 24 (the southeast quadrant of the city.)

Coffee with the Chief

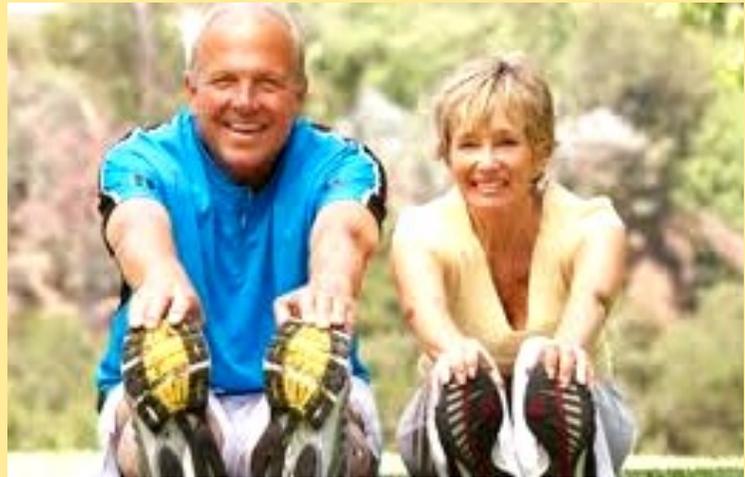


Monday, May 12, 2014
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Woodstock Police Department
656 Lake Avenue

For further information, please call
Tamara Reed at 815-338-6787.

Older Americans Luncheon

2014



Wednesday, May 21, 2014

11:30-1:00 PM

St. Thomas the Apostle Church

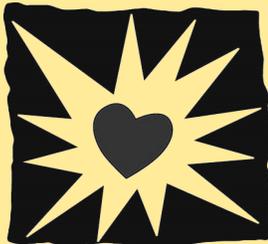
451 W. Terra Cotta Avenue, Crystal Lake

(corner of 176 and Oak Street)

Join us for FREE!

- Entertainment by SCVN Volunteer Dave Pakiz
- Door prizes and more!
- **RSVP Required**

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or visit www.scvnmchenrycounty.org

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19 Cardiovascular Machines
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16 Magnum Circuit
Weight Lifting Machines

17 Free Weight Stations

Indoor Pool/Whirlpool/Sauna

Unlimited Tanning Available

2 Racquetball Courts

Full Size Gymnasium/Track

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Per Week

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1 YEAR AND PAY
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WOODSTOCK RECREATION CENTER

Monday-Thursday	5:00 am to 9:00 pm
Friday	5:00 am to 8:00 pm
Saturday	7:00 am to 5:00 pm
Sunday:	7:00 am to 3:00 pm

May through November Saturday hours are 7:00-3:00 pm.

Please call to verify holiday hours.

BABYSITTING HOURS (Children 6 months and older)

Monday-Saturday mornings	7:45 am to 11:00 am
Monday-Thursday evenings	4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

NEW YEAR....NEW SHAPE

JOIN during the months of
May, June or July 2011 and get

**\$50 OFF
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**Senior, Students and
Additional Family Members – \$25 OFF
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**WOODSTOCK
RECREATION CENTER**

Giving Blood is A

Random Act of Kindness

City of Woodstock Recreation Department Blood Drive

820 Lake Avenue in Woodstock

Tuesday, May 6th

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

All donors receive a Culver's coupon.

Call the Rec Center at 815-338-4363 to schedule an appointment or
online at www.heartlandbc.org

YOU GIVE ~ OTHERS LIVE

Photo ID required

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It's our way of saying "thanks" for being a life-saving blood donor.