



# CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER



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## ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

Are you or your school, church or team looking for a new service project? The City of Woodstock, in conjunction with the Illinois Adopt-A-Highway Act, provides groups with instructions and safety guidelines to assist in organizing an Adopt-A-Highway event.

Currently, there are twenty-one AAH groups that are helping to keep Woodstock's roadways clean. Each group handles from ½ mile up to 2 miles of roadway; and clean-ups occur two to four times a year. We still have many roads in need of adoption.

If you have any interest, please contact the Department of Public Works to request further information; phone 815-338-6118 or [pwdept@woodstockil.gov](mailto:pwdept@woodstockil.gov)



## HYDRANT FLUSHING CONTINUES

The Department of Public Works will be completing the last week of spring hydrant flushing on Friday, May 2. Flushing tests hydrants to make sure adequate water flow & pressure is available and flushing removes sediment from water mains to maintain water clarity & quality.



During the hydrant flushing process, water is safe to drink.

If water becomes discolored during or after hydrant flushing, simply run your cold water tap a few minutes until the water runs clear. If it does not clear immediately, wait an hour or so; then run the water again. Water pressure may temporarily be affected, as well.

During hydrant flushing in your area, we suggest that you do not wash clothes. Hydrants will be flushed Monday through Friday on the following schedule:

**All hydrants east of IL Route 47 - April 28 through May 2**

*No scheduled hydrant flushing will take place on Saturdays or Sundays.*

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## **DON PEASLEY MEMORIAL**

In 2013, Woodstock lost one of its true heroes and biggest champions – Don Peasley.

Mr. Peasley was a fixture in Woodstock, serving and promoting the community and recording the history of his beloved community as a consummate photojournalist and historian. He was so identified with the community that he became lovingly known as “Mr. Woodstock.” In addition to his scores of other contributions and accomplishments, Mr. Peasley was a founding member of the Woodstock Little League in 1954 and had served on its board until his passing. So, when the City Council was considering how best to honor Mr. Peasley, it seemed only fitting that one of the ball fields located at Merryman Fields Park, Field #7, be renamed “Peasley Field.” The City of Woodstock installed a new scoreboard on this diamond designating it as “Peasley Field” and also located a memorial boulder and bronze plaque at the field. The Peasley family worked with the City to craft an appropriate inscription on the plaque acknowledging Mr. Peasley’s contributions and importance to the community.

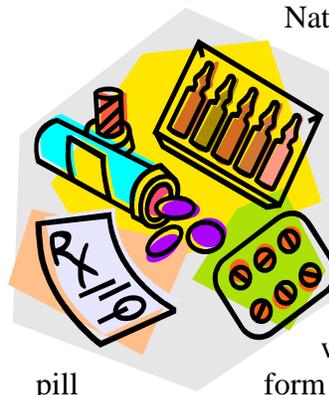
This Saturday, April 26, during the Little League’s Opening Day Ceremonies, Mayor Sager will join with the Peasley Family and players, coaches, and members of the Woodstock Little League in formally dedicating Peasley Field. The public is invited to the event, with the dedication and unveiling of the scoreboard and memorial boulder scheduled for 1:00PM



## **NATIONAL DRUG TAKE-BACK DAY**

On Saturday, April 26, 2014, the **Woodstock Police Department** will again participate in the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)

National Drug Take-Back Day event from 10:00 AM 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 Fred Spitzer** will be on hand to assist you – you can drive-by, drop off and be on your way.

During the first seven take-back events, the WPD collected a total of 821pounds of unwanted drugs. The nationwide total stands at more than *2.8 million pounds (1,409 tons)!*

For further information, please call **Administrative Office Manager Tamara Reed** at 815-338-6787 or visit [www.nationaltakebackday.com](http://www.nationaltakebackday.com).



The March of Dimes will be holding their March for Babies event here in Woodstock on Sunday, April 27 at Emricson Park.

Registration starts at 8:00AM with donuts & coffee and “on air music and entertainment with morning Hosts, Joe Cicero and Tina Bree from STAR 105.5”. The opening ceremony begins at 8:40 a.m. which will include activities for the whole family.

“The March of Dimes is the leading nonprofit organization for pregnancy and baby health” and “works to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality.”

The walk begins promptly at 9:00 a.m. There is no registration fee but fundraising is encouraged. [Go to www.marchforbabies.org](http://www.marchforbabies.org) to register to walk.

**working together for stronger, healthier babies**

## **MEETINGS NEXT WEEK**

Monday, April 28- Historic Preservation Commission, 7PM, Council Chambers

Thursday, May 1 – Library Board, 7:30PM, Library

## **THEATRE OPERATING AT FULL SCREEN CAPACITY**

As of this week, all eight of the screening rooms at the *Classic Cinemas Theatre* on Main Street have been completed and approved for occupancy. Take an evening and head out to experience the magic of Hollywood and after watching your favorite movie, head on over to the newly opened “*Yo Fresh Yogurt*” on Cass Street for some authentic yogurt confections ... it’s healthy for you ... and hmm ... so good!



## **MEDRETURN DROP- OFF BOX AVAILABLE AT WPD**

If you can’t make it to this weekend’s Drug Take-Back event – never fear, the MedReturn Drop- Off Box is available 24/7/365 in the lobby of the **Woodstock Police Department**. The same rules apply – no liquids or syringes are acceptable; only prescription and over-the-counter medications in pill form.

Since the MedReturn box arrived in April 2013, 455 *pounds* of unwanted, unused or expired medications have been dropped off and subsequently safely destroyed by the DEA.

Spring is a great time to clean out your medicine cabinets and start fresh! Don’t put your medicines in the landfill or the water supply; bring them to the WPD and we’ll take care of the rest!

## **RECRUITMENT NEWS**

The following positions are posted and 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](mailto: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](mailto:humanresources@woodstockil.gov) no later than: **Friday, May 2, 2014**. Formal applications will be sent to the most qualified candidates. EOE.

## **SHERWIN-WILLIAMS MOVING FORWARD WITH NEW STORE**

Representatives of the new Sherwin-Williams Paint Store proposed on a presently vacant lot immediately south of Burger King on IL Route 47, will be meeting with **Community and Economic Department** personnel next Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. The purpose of the meeting, which will be attended by Woodstock's building inspection personnel and by the City Engineer, is to discuss Woodstock's building, inspection, and construction policies and requirements.

Detailed building construction and site engineering plans received final approval from the City earlier this month. Construction on the new store is expected to start within the next three to four weeks.



## **TWEEN NIGHT AT RECREATION CENTER**

The **Recreation Department** is offering its monthly *Tween Night* at the Rec Center on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:30PM. Kids in fifth to eighth grades will have the run of the Rec Center.

For \$4 tweens can play in the gym, swim in the pool, 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 will be 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.

## **QUOTE**

***Optimism and humor are the grease and glue of life.***

***Philip Butler***

## **A FULL HOUSE AT THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT DANCE RECITAL**

Over 125 dancers, representing fifteen **Recreation Department** dance classes, performed at the annual Spring Dance Recital last Thursday evening. The event was planned and directed by **Program Coordinator Renée Torrez**, and **Dance Instructors Eden Powell, Jamie Pierce, Bridget Saladin, Leslie Behrns and Robin Sobel**.

The past week was a busy week for the dance program. The dress rehearsal was held on Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, where all 125 dancers practiced on stage at WHS. Pictures were handed out for all the classes that were taken earlier this month by DeWane Studio.

The rehearsal and the recital itself could not have happened without the help of several Rec Department staff including **Becky Vidales, Mary Lynn Lisk, Alan Dunker, Arturo Diaz, Karina Fuentes, Nick Fenton, Leah Baird, Erin Sarich, Ayeshah Guzman, Jorie Karafa, Taylor Scheidler and Jess Bloniarz**. We also had over 14 volunteers, including the City Manager Assistant, **Monica Amraen**, several **Playground Program counselors**, and **WHS Drama department students**. This is a major event for the Recreation Department and their assistance is greatly appreciated. This event is truly a team effort by these great staff and volunteers.

Seven Little Dancer classes, three ballet classes, a Poms class and four Hip/Hop classes all performed to a full house of over **620 people** at Woodstock High School on Thursday, April 17th and the event was very positively received! Below are a few comments the Rec Department has received:

*\*Another great dance show! The teachers did a great job with each dance...They definitely had fun!-Facebook Comment*

*\*All the kids did a wonderful job once again! Thank you to all those who helped with the kids in the cafeteria!-Facebook Comment*

*\*Another great year of dance comes to a close with the Spring Dance Recital tonight! The girls always have so much fun and the instructors helped them put on a great show!-Facebook comments.*

**Please see the next page for pictures from the Dance Recital**





**HEALTH & SAFETY MESSAGE: BRAINS  
LIKE EXERCISE TOO!**

Most of us are increasingly aware of the good feelings and better health that comes with getting enough physical exercise. But recent studies are showing that enormous benefits come with providing continuing stimulation to our minds, as well.

In fact, researchers have found that people with higher levels of education actually have a lower risk of developing dementia in later life. Studies have shown that each additional year of education is associated with an 11 percent reduced risk of developing dementia-related brain disorders.

While a documented type of education is certainly admirable, and often financially rewarding, the attainment of degrees or certificates is not essential when seeking long-term benefits to our cerebral functioning. Simple activities like reading, board games, puzzles & crosswords, attending lectures or learning a new skill, can all result in positive brain reinforcement.

The important thing is to continually challenge your mind to make new connections, and thereby keep adding additional chapters to that sure-to-be-bestseller, “The Book of You”!



# 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**



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](http://www.heartlandbc.org)

**YOU GIVE ~ OTHERS LIVE**

Photo ID required

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Blood Centers  
1-800-786-4483  
[www.heartlandbc.org](http://www.heartlandbc.org)

JOIN  
OUR



Warm  
Hearts  
CLUB

Every time you donate blood, you automatically earn points to redeem

Gift Cards and Premium Gifts at [www.heartlandbc.org](http://www.heartlandbc.org).

Gift cards and gifts are mailed free of charge to your home.

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



**ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKES!**

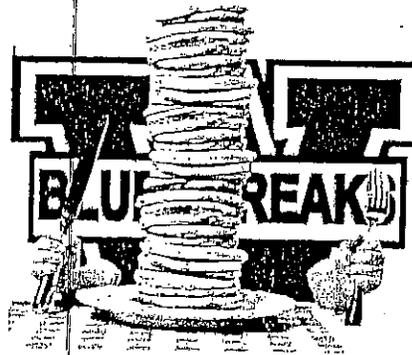
**SATURDAY - APRIL 26, 2014**

**8 A.M. - NOON**

**PANCAKE**

**BREAKFAST**

Bacon, Eggs, Sausage,  
Toast, Milk and Juice too!



**\$7. per person.**

**\$3.50 kids 5**

**yrs. old & under**

Proceeds for **W.H.S. WRESTLING.** 