



CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER



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PARK WINTERIZATION

The **Parks Division** of the **Department of Public Works** has been preparing the City's parks for the winter season. Drinking fountains, irrigation systems, and restrooms were closed for the season during the last two weeks of October. All water lines were blown clear and RV antifreeze added to protect the pipes from freezing at the following locations:

- Bates Park
- Prairie Ridge Drive
- Aquatic Center
- McConnell Road Park
- Merryman Fields Park
- Davis Road Park
- Tara Drive Park
- Mary Ann Street Park
- Sesquicentennial Park
- Park in the Square
- Emricson Park

Weather permitting; all water will be turned back on during the month of April 2014.

If you have any questions, please contact the Department of Public Works at 815-338-6118 or visit the City of Woodstock's website, www.woodstockil.gov.



PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES ATTEND TRENCHING/SHORING SEMINAR

The City recently provided an opportunity to several employees of the **Street Division** and the **Sewer & Water Maintenance Division** to improve their skills and knowledge of excavations and trenching. In the **Public Works Department**, these two divisions perform the most underground work as compared with the other divisions within the Department. Construction work is dangerous and work involving trenching and excavating activities tends to be the most hazardous in the industry. Among other things excavations are needed for the installation and repair of water, sewer, and stormwater utility lines and the repair and replacement of fire hydrants. Excavation projects vary considerably, each with its own set of unique problems. This seminar was chosen to inform and educate those who work in excavations and trenches about the dangers they face and the safe work practices that must be followed for their protection. Only an informed and fully-trained worker can recognize dangerous situations and therefore protect themselves.

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TREE DONATION

The City of Woodstock would like to thank Trisha Rachford for her generous donation of a four- inch diameter Red Oak tree in memory of her father, Fred Rachford. Fred was very active in baseball and hockey, not only for himself, but also for the youth in Woodstock. The memorial tree will be planted at the top of the hill surrounding the Dream Field in Emricson Park. Many spectators will benefit from the shade under this tree when watching the ballgames on this diamond.

Many thanks to the Rachford family for this tribute to Mr. Rachford.



MEETINGS NEXT WEEK...

Tuesday, November 5 – City Council, 7PM,
Council Chambers

Thursday, November 7-Library Board, 7:30PM,
Public Library

SAVE THE DATE!

The November Coffee with the Chief will feature Captain Brendan Parker and Firefighter/Paramedic Scott Wessel from the Woodstock Fire/Rescue District. They will discuss Emergency Medical Services in our community including training requirements, service levels, actual response (i.e., why they send an ambulance and an engine) and what equipment they carry.

The meeting will be held in the training room at the **Woodstock Police Department** located at 656 Lake Avenue from 7:00PM to 8:30PM. **Chief Robert Lowen** will be on hand to answer any questions or address any concerns anyone may have. All are welcome to attend.

HEALTH & SAFETY MESSAGE: HALLOWEEN'S SPOOKY SWEETS



Yes, candy is almost solid sugar with virtually no redeeming vitamins or fiber. It's also delightful and wonderful and a fundamental part of childhood (or adulthood), especially at Halloween. But a few minor guidelines can help keep this seasonal confectionary experience a positive one:

- When the kids go out trolling for goodies, safety is always the top priority. Especially if the weather is dark and gloomy.
- Young children do need parental supervision when “managing” their candy intake. A basic rule of thumb is: make the stash last ‘til Christmas or Santa doesn’t bring more! Don’t forget, the required “dad/mom tax” also teaches the benefits of sharing.
- And a true health tip: chocolate and powered types of candy are the least harmful from a dental viewpoint. Hard or chewy candies stick to the teeth longer and contribute much more to tooth decay.

GOING UP?

Renaissance Restoration, who was recently awarded the contract to restore the cupola and roof at the Old Courthouse, has staged all of the necessary scaffolding on the west side of the building and are set to begin erecting it on Monday, November 4. There will be a scaffolding tower constructed at grade level going up to the courthouse roof and then the entire cupola will be surrounded with an elaborate scaffolding system. Renaissance will begin restoration at the top of the dome removing the old metal roof and replacing it with a copper roof. The flag pole will be removed at this time due to the amount of water that leaks into the building from the penetration of the flag pole going into the roof of the dome. The restoration of the dome is expected to be completed by early next year. Painting of all wood surfaces will be completed in spring of 2014 once the weather allows for exterior painting.



DRUG TAKE- BACK A BIG SUCCESS!

On Saturday, October 26th, the **Woodstock Police Department** participated in the seventh National Drug Take Back event. From 10:00AM to 2:00 PM, **Sergeant Dan Wesolek** and **Officer Dan Pauley** were on hand to collect expired or unwanted prescription and non-prescription drugs. This year they collected **109 pounds** in all. Since the first event held in September 2010, the WPD has collected **821 pounds** of drugs!

The drugs have already been turned over to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) for environmentally- safe disposal.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WOODSTOCK...

Friday, November 1 – Jazz Jam at Stage Left Café
7PM

Saturday, November 2-Farmers Market at McHenry
County Farm Bureau, 9AM-Noon

Saturday, November 2 – Last night of Haunted
Square

Saturday, November, 2 – Geary Smith Band at
Stage Left Café, 7PM

RECRUITMENT NEWS

The following recruitment is open for application:

Opera House Facilities & Events Workers

Assist with staging events at renowned Woodstock Opera House; build/repair props and scenery; run lights/sound; help maintain facility. Requires physical strength and flexibility, and excellent customer service skills. HS grad or equiv., 18 or older.

Work schedules average 16 hrs./week, typically 8AM – noon or noon – 4PM, with some weekends and evenings possible. \$9.57/hr. To obtain required application materials, email: humanresources@woodstockil.gov, or call or visit the City of Woodstock HR Department, Woodstock City Hall, 121 W. Calhoun St., 815-338-1172. Deadline to apply: Friday, 11/15/13.

Please note—the recruitment below closes today, 11/1, at 5PM:

Sewer & Water Maintenance Worker

The City of Woodstock has one (1) full-time entry level opening for an experienced, CDL-licensed Maintenance Worker. Position performs manual labor and operates vehicles and equipment in the maintenance and repair of City sewer and water systems. Work is performed under the supervision of the division's Supervisor and Foreman. Work schedule variations may occur due to departmental staffing, seasonal and emergency needs. Minimum Qualifications: **valid IL Class B CDL license** with air brakes and good driving record required; HS grad or equivalent; physical strength, agility and endurance to meet demands of position. Preference given to candidates with public works, construction or related experience and to candidates with CDL snow plowing experience. Starting pay: \$15.64/hr. with full benefit package. Applications may be downloaded at: www.woodstockil.gov under Employment Opportunities or requested via email at: humanresources@woodstockil.gov. Completed applications – clearly outlining how the CDL requirement has been met – may be emailed as shown or delivered to the HR Department at City Hall, 121 W. Calhoun St., Woodstock. Applications must be returned by the due date below. The City reserves the right to select only the most qualified applicants for an interview. **Extended application deadline: Friday, 11/01/13.** EOE.

Welcome to four new temporary employees—**Fernando Cruz, Chris Hunt, Anthony Niemo** and **Amador Rojas**—who began work this week as seasonal **Leaf Crew** in the **Public Works Department**, along with one returning seasonal employee, **Andres Carreno**.

Second interviews were held this week with the top three candidates for the role of **Economic Development Coordinator**. Pending successful reference checks, the selected candidate will be chosen and notified soon.

Interviews were also held with two highly-qualified candidates for the position of **part-time Community Service Officer** in the **Police Department**. Both candidates are active members of the Police Explorers program. The chosen candidate will be announced pending results of additional background and reference checks.

Quotation

Solitude- a good place to visit
but a poor place to stay.

Josh Billings



SENIORS CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN AT STAGE LEFT CAFE!

The senior group at the **Stage Left Café** celebrated Halloween earlier this week with the kids from the **Rec Department**. The kids came on a half- day of school to parade in their costumes, play bingo and play the mummy wrap game. The group meets every Tuesday of the month at 1PM.

Pictured is Sam Vidales, son of **Recreation Department Program Coordinator Becky Vidales**. He went to jail for “taking too much candy” but got out on good merit by calling Bingo and allowing the seniors to wrap him like a mummy with a roll of toilet paper.

Also pictured is Quincy Torrez, son of **Recreation Department Program Coordinator Renee Torrez**, and Emmett Newman, Renee’s nephew. They “flew in” to play Bingo and eat fun Halloween snacks.



We need Heroes!

Please schedule an appointment to donate at our blood drive at:

City of Woodstock Recreation Department

Tuesday, 11/12/2013 (3:00 pm - 7:00 pm)

The Battle of the Badges
820 Lake Avenue
Woodstock, IL 60098

Click on **drive name above** to get to the sign up link.

(**New:** You will need to create an account in order to register your appointment in our new online system.)

Come and donate for your favorite: Fire or Police

Every donor will receive a Guns and Hoses T-Shirt.

Sign up online and receive 100 EXTRA points in our Warm Hearts Club. Or call the Rec Center at 815-338-4363.

Appointments appreciated ~ Walk-ins welcome.

PHOTO ID REQUIRED

Bring family, friends and your whole neighborhood!

Thank you for being a Hero!

Roxie Kaminski
Marketing Rep

follow
us on:



Anybody
can be a hero.
Donate blood...
and bring out the
hero in you!



Blood...it's in you to give!



WANTED!!!

- ✓ **Are you frequently stuck at the same intersection every day?**
- ✓ **Do you dread driving on certain County roads?**
- ✓ **Do you often want to yell, "Why can't they fix this?"**

Then ...

**The McHenry County
Division of Transportation needs you!**



Help us develop a list of locations along McHenry County highways that are in need of improvements. Intersections, roadways, bike paths, signs, traffic signals, etc.

You name the improvement, it will be considered!

Email your ideas to:
[**intersections@co.mchenry.il.us**](mailto:intersections@co.mchenry.il.us)

Mail us at:
MCDOT - Intersections
16111 Nelson Road
Woodstock, IL 60098

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