



# CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER



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## LEAF COLLECTION IS APPROACHING

It's almost time for the City's fall leaf collection. The **Department of Public Works** will begin collecting bulk leaves curbside the week of Monday, October 28. As in past years, leaf collection will begin with all streets north of the railroad tracks, with streets south of the tracks the following week.

More information will be available in next week's newsletter.

If you have questions, please contact the Department of Public Works at 815-338-6118.



## PLEIN AIR PAINTING EVENT ON THE SQUARE



If you're on the Square this Saturday, October 12, between 9:00AM and 4:00PM, you may notice a scattering of artists that are part of the **Plein Air Painting Event**. "En plein air, is a [French](#) expression which means "in the open air," and is particularly used to describe the act of [painting](#) outdoors." The equivalent term in Italian would be *alfresco*.

The term, en plein air, became popular in the late 1800s, mainly with the Impressionist artists. During this time, artists were leaving their studios behind to experience the open air and natural, changing light and colors of the outdoors. The development of easily portable painting equipment and materials, including paints sold in tubes were a useful tool for these artists, as well. Plein air painting allows the artist to concentrate on their surroundings, use their senses and transfer their feelings onto the canvas.

Take a stroll through the Woodstock Square this Saturday and enjoy this beautiful art form!

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## **WOODSTOCK HIGH SCHOOL TOURS WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

**Superintendent Anne George** gave a tour of the City's **North Side Wastewater Treatment Plant** this past week. Over 20 students from Bill Donato's Advanced Placement Environmental Science class at Woodstock High School participated in the tour. Mr. Donato had the students draw a diagram of the wastewater treatment process, asking for details on what occurs at each step of the process. This prompted the students to ask numerous questions about the individual and overall treatment processes.

Earlier in the day, water samples from the creek were collected upstream from the treatment plant. At the end of the tour, the students collected creek water samples downstream of the treatment plant. They conducted a comparison study between the upstream creek water samples and the downstream samples. They were a little surprised to find that the samples they collected downstream of the treatment plant indicated better results than the samples that were collected upstream; phosphate was lower, dissolved oxygen was higher and the pH level was more in the neutral range.

If you're interested in scheduling a tour of the Wastewater Treatment Plant, please contact the **Department of Public Works** at 815-338-6118.



## **GOOD-BYE AND GOOD LUCK!**

**Community Service Officer Brian Loffmin** has resigned from the **Woodstock Police Department**; his last day will be on Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. Brian has served the Department as a Community Service Officer since February 10, 2006.

Brian will be relocating to Tennessee where he was born and raised and where much of his family still resides. He plans to pursue a career with the Tennessee Department of Corrections.

Please join Chief Robert Lowen and the Woodstock Police Department in thanking CSO Loffmin for his many years of service to the community and wishing him continued success in his future endeavors.

# Good Luck Brian

## **ARCHERY HITS THE TARGET**

*Beginning and Family Archery* started this past weekend at the **Recreation Center**.



In this class participants learn the art of shooting a bow and arrow using Olympic style recurve bows. Participants also learn archery safety rules, warm-up exercises, proper shooting techniques and scoring. Classes will run through November 23 with the winter session starting in late January.

## RECRUITMENT NEWS

The following position was posted this week:

### 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 brake endorsement and good driving record; 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. For required application, contact: [humanresources@woodstockil.gov](mailto:humanresources@woodstockil.gov) or visit City of Woodstock HR Department at 121 W. Calhoun Street, Woodstock. The City reserves the right to select only the most qualified applicants for an interview. **Application deadline: Thursday, 10/24/13.** EOE.

### The position shown below closes today!:

#### Seasonal Leaf Crew

The City of Woodstock has openings for temporary workers for **Leaf Crew** duties this fall. Positions work Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., up to 40 hours per week, approx. 10/28 through 11/22/13. These are manual labor positions with no driving required. Candidates must possess physical strength and mobility to spend full days walking, bending and lifting. Positions pay \$11.00/hr. with no benefits. Please contact [humanresources@woodstockil.gov](mailto:humanresources@woodstockil.gov), or visit the Human Resources Department at Woodstock City Hall, to request an application. The City reserves the right to select only the most qualified candidates for an interview. **Application deadline: Friday, 10/11/13.** EOE.

Of the 34 candidates who submitted resumes and cover letters for the **Economic Development**

**Coordinator** position, 15 candidates were invited to complete formal applications and provide marketing material samples. Based on thorough review by **HR Director Deb Schober** and **Community & Economic Development Director Cort Carlson**, five highly-qualified candidates have been invited to interview for this position next Monday, October 14, 2013.



### COOKING WITH KIDS

The popular “no-cook,” *Cooking Class* for kids ages four to eight started last week through the **Recreation Department** on Tuesdays at the Rec Center.

Participants will get to enjoy the fruits of their labor including breakfast, snacks, lunch, and of course, dessert, that will be cooked up during this four-week class.

This interactive class taught participants the basic cooking skills for even the smallest of chefs while also learning about kitchen safety, healthy eating habits, and culinary delights with instructor Jen Bigler.

### **SERVICE AWARDS SET FOR NEXT TUESDAY EVENING**

One more reminder that this annual recognition event will occur at the next City Council meeting on Tuesday, October 15, at 7PM in Council Chambers. Recipients are asked to call or email the **HR Department** and advise if they are unable to attend this public awards ceremony to celebrate their service to the Woodstock community.

### **HEALTH & SAFETY MESSAGE: RUN, WALK OR DONATE FOR A CURE!**

As many are aware, October is the month each year when national attention is raised to fight the devastating illness of breast cancer. The statistics regarding this disease across the United States for 2013 are truly startling:

- 232,340 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be found
- 39,620 deaths will occur due to breast cancer
- 1 in 8 women will experience breast cancer in their lifetime

Putting that number in perspective, think about your favorite 8 female friends, or 8 beloved women family members. One of them is almost certain to be diagnosed with breast cancer.

Many organizations and non-profit groups now exist to promote increased awareness and funding for efforts to reduce these odds. One of the most popular events in Woodstock is sponsored by Family Health Partnership Clinic and offers opportunities for both participation and donations that directly serve women patients from McHenry County. The Care 4 Breast Cancer 5K Run/Walk will take place again this year at Woodstock North High School, from 8:30 – 10AM on Sunday, October 20. Participation tickets are \$25; the Recreation Department has a team forming, or you can grab some buddies and start your own!

Of course one of the best approaches to tackling this disease is increased education and personal prevention. Attached to this newsletter is a handy checklist to help identify ways to help combat breast cancer for you and your loved ones.

### **MEETINGS NEXT WEEK...**

Tuesday, October 15 – Cultural and Social Awareness Commission, 10:30AM, Council Chambers

Tuesday, October 15 – City Council, 7PM, Council Chambers

### **WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WOODSTOCK...**

Saturday, October 12 – Haunted Square, Park in the Square

Saturday, October 12- Farmers Market, 8:00AM, Park in the Square

Saturday, October 12 – Plein Outdoor Painters, Park in the Square

## Quotation

*Never put off till tomorrow the fun you can have today.*

-Aldous Huxley



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

Code Enforcement Officer Donovan Day will join us to discuss his duties and the challenges he faces in these difficult economic times.

# Coffee with the Chief



Monday, October 14, 2013  
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.



## Breast Self-Awareness Messages

### 1. Know your risk

- Talk to your family to learn about your family health history
- Talk to your doctor about your personal risk of breast cancer

### 2. Get screened

- Ask your doctor which screening tests are right for you if you are at a higher risk
- Have a mammogram every year starting at age 40 if you are at average risk
- Have a clinical breast exam at least every 3 years starting at age 20, and every year starting at age 40
- Sign up for your screening reminder at [komen.org/reminder](http://komen.org/reminder)

### 3. Know what is normal for you

- See your health care provider if you notice any of these breast changes:
  - Lump, hard knot or thickening inside the breast or underarm area
  - Swelling, warmth, redness or darkening of the breast
  - Change in the size or shape of the breast
  - Dimpling or puckering of the skin
  - Itchy, scaly sore or rash on the nipple
  - Pulling in of your nipple or other parts of the breast
  - Nipple discharge that starts suddenly
  - New pain in one spot that does not go away

### 4. Make healthy lifestyle choices

- Maintain a healthy weight
- Add exercise into your routine
- Limit alcohol intake
- Limit menopausal hormone use
- Breastfeed, if you can

For more information visit our website or call our breast care helpline.

[www.komen.org](http://www.komen.org) 1-877 GO KOMEN (1-877-465-6636)