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CITY OBSERVES MEMORIAL DAY



In observance of Memorial Day, all non-emergency City offices will be closed on Monday, May 27th.

The annual Memorial Day Ceremony will begin at 10:00AM in the Park in the Square followed by the Memorial Day Parade.

Have a safe and happy holiday!

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 27th through May 31st. 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.

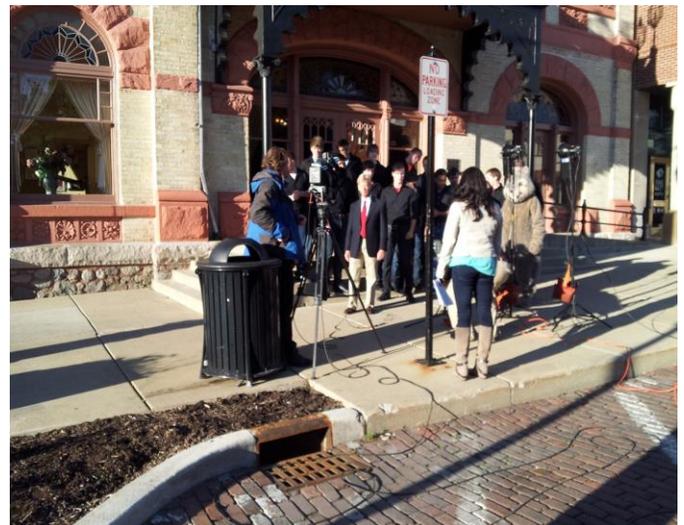
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WOODSTOCK FEATURED ON ABC7 MORNING SHOW!

Mayor Sager and City staff were up bright and early this morning as they welcomed *ABC News* to Woodstock to do a live feature for the morning news show. Several times between 5:00 and 7:00AM the show cut to Woodstock for live segments designed to showcase not only the beauty of the Square, but the variety of events and entertainment opportunities available to our residents and visitors. Shown below are **Mayor Sager**, **Craig Krandel**, our own "Groundhog" **Pam Moorhouse**, and the award-winning male choral group from Woodstock High School, *Standing Room Only* preparing for the closing segment which was filmed on the steps of the beautiful Woodstock Opera House. Special thanks to the **Department of Public Works**, the **Woodstock Police Department**, and **Opera House Staff** for helping to make Woodstock shine for this event. In addition, a special thanks to **Cindy Smiley** for coordinating this successful event.



GAS CAP GETS COMMISSION OK

Last night at the Woodstock Plan Commission meeting, members of the Commission recommended approval of a request by Gas Cap for a sign variation on its new facility at 401 South Eastwood Drive (Route 47). The variation will allow gas pricing signs to be placed on the north and south sides of the existing canopy on this site. The Commission included the condition that an existing freestanding monument sign located at the north end of the property be removed and that the gas price lettering be consistent with similar signs on South Eastwood Drive. Members of the Commission agreed with Gas Cap representatives and thought that the variation would allow the pricing information to be more visible to motorists and would be less obstructive for neighboring property owners than a monument sign. It is expected that Gas Cap's request will be presented to the City Council in June.



RECRUITMENT NEWS

Applications for **LPT Box Office Worker** and **LPT House Manager** at the **Woodstock Opera House** submitted by the deadline of 5/22 are under review and selected candidates will be invited to interview soon.

Interviews were conducted with 10 candidates for **Telecommunicator** at the **Woodstock Police Department**. Background checks are being performed on the top candidate and an announcement will be made pending those results.

A number of CDL-licensed **Maintenance Worker** candidates have been further invited to submit formal applications due by 5/24.

Applications for **Finance Director** have been thoroughly reviewed by the **City Manager** and the **HR Department**, and interviews with 6 candidates have been scheduled for next Thursday and Friday, 5/30 & 31. The initial round of interviews will be held with **City Manager Roscoe Stelford** and **HR Director Deb Schober**, and will include participation by two Finance Directors from area communities. Review and discussion of applicants for **Public Works Director** has also resulted in identifying 6 highly-qualified candidates who will be invited to interview, most likely the week of 6/10. These first-round interviews will include professional peer participation from surrounding communities as well.

A great big welcome to all the seasonal **Lifeguards**, **Cashiers** and **Pool Maintenance** workers who begin duties at **Woodstock WaterWorks** this weekend. Seasonal **Public Works** employees have been busy mowing and preparing fields the past few weeks, **Site Supervisors** are helping out as **Scorekeepers** and **Tennis Instructors**, and **Playground Program** staff will report for training on Monday, 6/3. The City employs approximately 100 seasonal staff members to assist in implementing the City's numerous summer recreational programs and events in its lovely parks and downtown area.

T-BALL/ BITTIE BALL COACHES MEETING

Volunteer coaches for the **Recreation Department's T-ball and Bittie ball** program met on Tuesday, May 21st to get ready for the start of the season. Registration for the program is at 147 kids.



The Department offers a Tee-Ball program for five and six year olds as a way to introduce boys and girls to baseball. Fundamentals such as catching, throwing, base running, and hitting are stressed.

The Bittie Ball program for six and seven years olds is designed to help prepare participants for the Little League and Girls Softball programs. As with the Tee-Ball program, fundamentals are stressed but game situations are introduced and coaches pitch to the batters.

The season will start with the first practices the week of June 3rd and will continue with games every Saturday until July 20th. A special thank you to all of our volunteers!!

The following recruitments for positions at the **Woodstock Opera House** continue until next Wednesday, 5/22:

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK...

No Meetings Scheduled

HEALTH & SAFETY MESSAGE: TIME TO MOVE IT!

With a long weekend on the horizon, and nice spring weather finally here, there's plenty of opportunity for all of us to get outdoors and get some needed exercise. Studies confirm that the more we sit, the shorter our life span. As one doctor said, "People need to recognize, the things you do every day have consequences." He went on to point out that while many of us may be required to sit for long work periods each day, we all need to find those opportunities to get up and move throughout the day, and especially to get any type of actual physical exercise, indoors or out, whenever possible.

New attention is being paid to the concept of "inactivity physiology," with studies revealing that muscles that are inactive actually stimulate, or suppress, hormones that affect triglycerides, cholesterol and other factors in heart disease. A heavily contributing factor was an increased incidence of time spent just sitting, which resulted in slower metabolisms, weight gain and the negative effects of obesity.

The good news is, it's never too late to make positive changes. The moral of the story... ***eat a vegetable, don't be one!***



137 years later, Memorial Day remains one of America's most cherished patriotic observances. The Spirit of this day has not changed—it remains a day to honor those who died defending our freedom and democracy.

-Doc Hastings