



CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER



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GIRLS ON THE RUN EVENT COMES TO WOODSTOCK

The **City of Woodstock** and the Department of Public Works is pleased to host the Girls on the Run 5K event. Girls on the Run of Northwest Illinois is a nonprofit organization for girls in third through eighth grade that uses an experiential learning program designed to help girls make good choices for a lifetime of self-respect and healthy living.”

The event is being held this Sunday, May 19, 2013 at Woodstock North High School, 3000 Raffel Road; the race begins at 8:30AM. For further information or to register, go to www.gotrnil.org

Bring your girls out to take part in the event – or come out to cheer on this year’s participants!



NORTHWOOD TOURS WASTEWATER PLANT

Two hundred and ten sixth grade students from Northwood Middle School in Woodstock toured the **North Side Wastewater Treatment Plant** on Wednesday May 15th. There were three groups of seventy students in which we broke into another three groups for each tour. The sixth grade class takes this informative tour each year. In the classroom before the tour, the students are taught about the importance of wastewater treatment and how it relates to the water cycle. This is a great lesson for them to see first- hand how important the treatment process is to the environment. The students toured the plant at 8:45, 9:45 and 12:30, each tour lasted one hour. **Anne George, Henry Vidales, and Wayne Baker** gave the tours and **Sue Hansell** instructed the laboratory portion

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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POOL STAFF PREPARES FOR MAY 25 OPENING



Shown is Woodstock Water Works **Maintenance Supervisor Dan Werner** power spraying/waxing the slides in preparation for the opening day on Saturday, May 25th. Chairs have been set up, slides have been caulked and waxed, the bath house has been cleaned and light landscaping has been done. Various other odd jobs are still in the process to finish in the next week.

Pool Managers Melissa Canto, Larin Carlson, Rebecca Ortmann and Dylan Peterson have been meeting, ordering uniforms, and organizing staff and events with **Recreation Program Coordinator Becky Vidales**. They are also preparing for the Lifeguard Recertification, CPR Recertification, New Staff Orientation and All Staff Training that will take place the week of May 20-24. The staff consists of four managers, fifty guards, ten cashiers and four maintenance crew.

RECRUITMENT NEWS

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

LPT Box Office Worker compiles ticket order information, operates computerized Box Office equipment, balances cash drawer and provides excellent customer service for events scheduled for the Opera House and Stage Left Café. Limited part-time position works a variable schedule of 10-16 hrs/wk, including evenings and weekends. Starting pay rate: \$9.57/hr. with no additional benefits.

LPT House Manager supervises ushers, ticket-takers, reception caterers, and other front of house personnel, ensuring adherence to all safety regulations, fire laws and Opera House policies. Coordinates and manages audience crowd control during entrance/exit and provides excellent customer service to patrons, producers, performers and the general public. Requires flexible work schedule up to 12 hours per week, Monday – Sunday, mornings, afternoons or evenings, as needed. Starting pay rate: \$10.30/hr. with no additional benefits.

To request application materials for either position, please contact: humanresources@woodstockil.gov or visit the HR Department at Woodstock City Hall, 121 W. Calhoun St., Woodstock, IL 60098, 815/338-1172. **Deadline to apply is Wednesday, May 22, 2013.** EOE.

Welcome to **Mary Hoyt**, who begins work next week as **LPT Library Shelver** at the **Woodstock Public Library**.

Interviews were conducted this week and continue next Monday with candidates for **Telecommunicator** at the **Woodstock Police Department**. A number of **Maintenance Worker** candidates have been further invited to submit formal applications due by May 24th. The process for deciding on interview candidates for **Public Works Director** and **Finance Director** continues with review of completed writing assignments for these two key executive positions.

BE SAFE OUT THERE

Since May is Building Safety Month, it is important to be aware of what can be done to minimize injuries and accidents around your home. As families move outdoors to enjoy the nice weather in spring and summer, special care should be taken to ensure outdoor areas are safe from potential hazards. Swimming pools, barbecue grills, gardening tools and fertilizers, and lawn toys all pose risks to children and adults alike. The following simple but effective measures can be taken to avoid accidents:

- Practice constant, adult supervision around any body of water, including pools and spas. Nationally, drowning is a leading cause of death to children under five.
- If you're considering a swimming pool purchase, contact one of the City's building inspectors to determine if permits are needed and what requirements you must follow.
- In-ground and above-ground pools, including inflatable pools holding more than 24 inches of water, must be surrounded by a fence or other barrier having a height of at least 4 feet. Any gates in the fence must be self-closing and self-latching.
- Reserve a visible location near the pool for lifesaving devices, including a portable or mobile telephone.
- Steps and ladders for above-ground pools should be secured or removed when the pool is not in use, and cover the pool when it is not in use.
- Make sure drain covers are properly fitted or have vacuum suction releases to prevent someone from being trapped under water.
- Consider installing a pool alarm that can alert you if someone enters the pool.
- Spa water temperatures should be set to 104 degrees Fahrenheit or lower to avoid elevated body temperature, which could lead to drowsiness, unconsciousness, heat stroke, or death.
- Designate a cooking or grilling area as a "No Play Zone" and keep children and pets well away until the equipment is completely cool.
- Check propane cylinder hoses for leaks before use, and don't move hot grills until they have cooled off.
- Do not add charcoal starter fluid when coals or kindling have already been ignited, and don't use flammable or combustible liquid other than charcoal starter fluid to get the fire going.
- Don't leave toys, tools and equipment in the yard, and keep steps, sidewalks and patios in good repair.
- Check all swings, slides, playhouses and other structures for sharp objects, rusty metal pieces, breaks or weakened support pieces.
- Learn cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and when to use it.



BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

With warmer weather just around the corner and more time being spent outside, it's important to be aware those living around us. The following suggestions will help all of us get along with our neighbors and be a good community citizen.

- Get to know your neighbors, introduce yourself and your family members, and participate in your neighborhood association.
- Pick up trash or debris that may accumulate in your yard, including discarded furniture and appliances, car parts, junk, and daily refuse. If your trash is not controlled, your neighbors may find this objectionable and could complain to the city, so be sure to pick it up and dispose of it properly.
- Maintain your yard, mow your grass, and trim your shrubs and trees.
- Be aware of your pet's effect on others. Barking dogs can be a source of conflict and be sure to clean up after your pets.
- Park your cars in designated areas on your property or in the street and not on the grass or in your front yard.

Planning a Get Together?

- Let your neighbors know when you are planning a get-together and see if they have any concerns. Give them your phone number so they can call you (and not the police) if it gets too loud. Better yet, consider inviting them to your event!
- If alcohol is present, make sure everyone is 21 years of age or older. Serve food and have non-alcoholic drinks available. If people under 21 are present and drinking, you can be held responsible for their behavior or if any accidents occur.
- Periodically go outside and monitor how loud your get-together is. You may want a lot of people to attend, but the folks next door might prefer a quiet evening at home. Loud noises can be considered a nuisance or a disturbance of the peace and result in official action by the City.
- Discourage guests and friends from wandering away from your premises.
- Clean up any mess after your get-together and generally maintain your property.



**VOTE EARLY AND OFTEN FOR
DOWNTOWN WOODSTOCK**



The Benjamin Moore Company has announced a new program called “Main Street Matters” and has committed to repainting 20

main streets across the US and Canada over the next year with the help of local Benjamin Moore retailers and painting contractors. Woodstock is included in their initial selection of approximately one hundred towns.

The website www.paintwhatmatters.com has been established to explain the program and to allow people to vote for their favorite town. Voting began yesterday and will continue through June 30th. You can vote once a day and can share your vote through social media.



Not all who wander are lost.

J.R.R. Tolkien

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK...

Tuesday, May 21-City Council, 7PM,
Council Chambers

**ADULT SUMMER SOFTBALL LEAGUES
READY TO BLAST OFF**

The Recreation Department’s thirty adult softball teams have started the new summer season. After weeks of cold temps we have blasted into summer with sunny and 80’s for the first week of ball. These teams, spread over four leagues, began play on May 13th at Emricson Park.

On Monday nights, seven teams are participating in the Men’s “C” League; Tuesday nights has eleven teams competing in the “D” League; Wednesday night “E” League has seven teams and five teams are entered in the Women’s League on Thursday nights.

Regular season round robin play for the various leagues runs through July with the post season tournaments scheduled for August



HEALTH & SAFETY MESSAGE: MAN'S (& WOMAN'S) BEST FRIEND

It may not be quite as effective as taking prescribed medication, but it appears taking care of your pooch or kitty may be the next best thing. The American Heart Association (AHA) issued a scientific statement saying owning a pet may help to decrease a person's risk of suffering from heart disease and is linked with lower levels of obesity, blood pressure and cholesterol.

A study of more than 5,200 adults, cited by the AHA, showed dog owners were more physically active than non-owners because they walk their pets. Other research has revealed the calming effects of pets, which are used in animal-assisted therapy programs. About 78.2 million people in the United States own a dog and 86.4 million have a cat, according to figures from the American Pet Product Association 2011-2012 National Pet Owners Survey.

Research has shown that the loyalty and love pets display can reduce stress, anxiety, depression and loneliness in their owners and increase their sense of well-being. So when things might seem glum, or a little too frenetic, turn to a furry friend for exercise, comfort and support!

