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DARE FUNDRAISER A BIG SUCCESS!

The results are in for the DARE fundraiser held last week at *Trax Depot Café* – a grand total of \$392.09 was raised for the program!

Thanks to Wendy Burnette, owner of *Trax Depot Café*, for donating a percentage of her sales that day and to all of her customers who dropped their change (and perhaps a little bit more!) in the DARE donation box. Without the generosity and continued support of business owners like Wendy and her wonderful customers, the DARE program would not have the resources to serve the community as effectively it does.

Congratulations to **Woodstock Police Department DARE Officer Mike Gustis** for coordinating the fundraiser and for working so hard to make the program a continued success year after year.

CORT CARLSON ATTENDS RETAIL TRADESHOW

Cort Carlson, Community and Economic Development Director, recently attended the inaugural Retail Live-Chicago marketplace. The tradeshow format gave him the opportunity to meet, talk and ‘pitch’ Woodstock to the approximately 80 retail and tenant representatives in attendance. In an ongoing effort to market Woodstock for retail development and capitalize on the momentum created by Kohl’s, Panera Bread and Advance Auto the City will continue to take advantage of these cost effective regional sales opportunities.



CITY'S RFP FOR DEPOSITORY SERVICES RELEASED

During this week, the **Finance Department** released a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Depository Services. The RFP was mailed to local depositories on Tuesday, February 19th. The City is seeking proposals from banks with branches located within the City’s corporate limits that are interested in providing banking services. The City is also interested in various technological advances and pilots that could improve its banking, cash management and customer-service capabilities.

A pre-proposal conference for all the firms interested in submitting a proposal will be held at 9:00 AM on March 8th to answer questions about the RFP. After the pre-proposal conference, any inquiries concerning the request for proposals should be addressed to **Roscoe Stelford, Deputy City Manager/Finance Director**.

To be considered, four copies of a proposal must be received by the Deputy City Manager/Finance Director at 121 W. Calhoun Avenue by 5:00PM on Friday, March 22nd. The City of Woodstock reserves the right to accept and/or reject any or all proposals submitted. The City will enter into a four (4) year contract with the awarded bank.

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FEBRUARY RPZ INSPECTIONS

So far during the month of February, **Plumbing Inspector John Bertram** has conducted over 80 backflow prevention device inspections. This activity will generate over \$7,000 in revenue for the City to help offset the costs of this service and will also ensure that Woodstock remains in compliance with State of Illinois plumbing and health regulation requirements.



Buster Backflow

HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FUNDING APPLICATIONS RELEASED

On Friday, February 22nd, the **City Manager's Office** will be releasing the application for participation in the City's Hotel/Motel Tax Program. Copies of the application are also being mailed to last year's participants as well as any organizations that expressed interest during the year. The required reports from participating organizations will be due on March 29th. The applications for consideration of hotel/motel tax funding in FY13/14 are due on Friday, May 3rd. Three (3) copies of a proposal must be submitted. Requests for funding must be typed and include a completed application. The City Administration will then compile these requests and submit a formal report to the City Council tentatively scheduled for one of the meetings in June. Copies of the application are available on the City's website (www.woodstockil.gov).

RECRUITMENT NEWS

Today, February 22nd, is the final deadline for expressing interest in the open position of **Youth Services Librarian**. Using only no-fee websites, library graduate school and social media postings, the **HR Department** has generated a significant number of extremely well-qualified applications for this position at the **Woodstock Public Library**. Pending review by **Library Director Nick Weber** and **HR Director Deb Schober**, a select number of applicants will be invited to apply and will be considered for an interview within the coming weeks.

Applications continue to come in for **Seasonal Recreation and Public Works** summer positions, including **Certified Lifeguards** and **WSI Swim Instructors, Pool Cashiers** and **Playground Program Counselors**. Applications for 2013 summer positions will be accepted through Thursday, February 28th. To request an application please do so at: humanresources@woodstockil.gov, or call or visit Woodstock City Hall HR Department, 815-338-1172.



MEETINGS NEXT WEEK...

Monday, February 25- Historic Preservation Commission, 7PM, Conference Room
Monday, February 25 – Special City Council Meeting, 7PM, Council Chambers

HEALTH & SAFETY MESSAGE: WHEN PAIN-FREE ISN'T FREE

Anyone who's been injured, or even had a minor medical procedure, is familiar with how easily many doctors prescribe pain medication. Even though ibuprofen (Advil and others) has proven to be an extremely effective treatment for many types of moderate pain management, doctors often prescribe much more potent medications "just in case" they might be needed.

Unfortunately, what is not often discussed by physicians is the increasingly high incidence of addiction that can result from such easy accessibility to these potent medications. As tolerance develops, more and more pills may be consumed, and individuals may then find themselves seeking new physicians who will prescribe additional drugs, unaware of ongoing consumption.

Consequently, prescription opioid painkillers are now responsible for almost three of every four medication overdose deaths, a new government report shows. Federal health officials are weighing methods to stem the abuse of these powerful prescription medications, with hospitals and pharmacies developing systems to more closely monitor usage. Nearly 60 percent of all overdose deaths can now be linked to accidental overdoses of various prescription medications, the report found.

Opioid painkillers such as OxyContin and Vicodin are the biggest problem, contributing to 75 percent of medication overdose deaths. Additional medications that are contributing to over-usage concerns are anti-anxiety drugs such as Valium, with these drugs contributing to almost 30 percent of overdose deaths.

The best advice is try to take as little medication as possible, for the least amount of time needed. Have patience during recovery and know your endurance limits. Never combine medicines or consume alcohol while taking prescription medications. Most importantly, remove all unused medicines from the home as soon as possible to avoid temptation and unintended consumption by you or your loved ones.

CITY PREPARING REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR AUDIT SERVICES

Sikich LLP has performed the City's audit since the 2000/2001 fiscal year. The contract between Sikich LLP expired with the completion of the FY11/12 audit. An RFP has been developed by the **Finance Department** for the selection of an audit firm. After review by the **City Manager**, a Request for Proposals will be mailed to nine firms located in the Chicagoland area on Monday, February 25th.

Notifications of Interest are due from the firms by March 15th. A pre-proposal conference will be held at City Hall on March 22nd at 9:00AM to answer any questions from the audit firms. All proposals are due back to the City by April 19th. All proposals will be reviewed by an Audit Review Committee. A final selection will be made and submitted to the City Council at a May meeting. A new three-year contract should be completed by June.

TOT GYM OFFERED FUN TIME FOR LITTLE ONES & PARENTS

The **Recreation Department's** winter session of *Tot Gym* ended on Friday morning, February 22. Ten two-and-three-year olds played with balls, parachutes, tunnels, and slides at the Recreation Center Gym with their parents for this four-week program. It is a great way for the little ones to release some energy during this cold and wet winter month!



Quote

The best thing about the future is that it comes one day at a time.

Abraham Lincoln

EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE WEEKS OF FEBRUARY 3RD – MARCH 2ND

Please stop by and congratulate the following employees on their anniversaries with the City.

Employee	Department	Day	# of Years
Shane Marshall	Police	February 5 th	9 Years
Natalie Walker	Police	February 8 th	3 Years
Dale Behm	Streets	February 9 th	35 Years
Anthony Bittig	Police	February 10 th	10 Years
Brian Loffmin	Police	February 10 th	7 Years
William Lintner	Police	February 13 th	5 Years
Julie Fee	Library	February 14 th	29 Years
Jeffrey Parsons	Police	February 17 th	16 Years
Timothy Maynard	Wastewater Treatment	February 17 th	16 Years
William Kreutz	Fleet Maintenance	February 21 st	34 Years
Joe Vasquez, Jr.	Sewer/Water Maintenance	February 21 st	8 Years
Linda Knoll	Library	February 24 th	27 Years
John Bertram	Community & Economic Development	February 28 th	8 Years

A special thank you to all of these employees for their tireless efforts and commitment to excellence, which makes the City of Woodstock a wonderful place to work and raise a family, as well as for all of the future years of service still to come.

SUDOKU PUZZLE

Sudoku is the number placing game taking the world by storm. The rules of Sudoku are simple. Enter digits from 1 to 9 into the blank spaces. Every row must contain one of each digit. So must every column, as must every 3x3 square. Each Sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

This Week's Puzzle!

3	9			5		2		
		4	9					8
	7	1	6				5	3
							1	9
		6				8		
4	5							
8	4				5	3	9	
6					9	5		
		5		1			6	2