



# CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER



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## **ELECTRICAL LICENSE RENEWAL STARTS**

**Donna Limbaugh**, Office Manager for the **Department of Community and Economic Development**, recently began the

annual task of processing applications for the renewal of electrical contractors' licenses issued by the City. The license is issued after successfully passing a two-hour written exam based on the National Electrical Code.

In addition to passing this test,

the electrician is also required to demonstrate that they have contractor's insurance which covers them against property, personal injury, and liability claims. The City licenses approximately 350 individual electricians and receives over \$25,000 in annual revenues as a result of this activity.



## **NEW LIBRARY DIRECTOR SELECTED**

The Board of Trustees of the Woodstock Public Library announced last week that Nicholas Weber, currently director of the Mukwonago Community Library in Mukwonago, Wisconsin, has accepted the position of Library Director of the **Woodstock Public Library**. He will assume the duties of director on January 14, 2013.

Nick Weber received his B.A. in Psychology from UW-Milwaukee in 1991 and then returned to the school in 1994 to pursue a Master's Degree in Library and Information Science. After receiving his MLIS in 1996, he was hired by the St. Vincent Medical Center Conservancy in Los Angeles to establish a museum and research facility for the oldest hospital in Los Angeles.

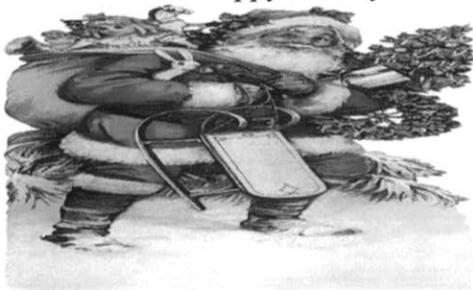
In July, 2000 he became the Director of Archives at UW-Parkside, a position that also included work in the library's reference, instruction and collection development programs. Nick published a history of the Village of Caledonia in the summer 2008, and his research time in various public libraries reignited his passion for public library service. This passion led him to become the Director of the Mukwonago Community Library later in 2008. During his four plus years in Mukwonago, he oversaw the expansion and renovation of the village's library, a \$5 million project that more than doubled the size of the facility and greatly enhanced its value to the community.

Unsurprisingly, Nick loves reading as well as most sports and games. He is very excited to bring his passion for libraries to Woodstock. "Libraries are truly the heart of a community," said Nick recently. "Though technology and society are changing the library's role, they remain a vital part of a vibrant, successful city. I can't wait to join the Woodstock Public Library."

## **HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!**

In observance of the Christmas holiday, all non-emergency City offices will be closed on Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>.

Have a safe and happy holiday!



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### **LIBRARY HOLIDAY HOURS**

The **Woodstock Public Library** will be closed December 24, 25, 31 and January 1. When the library building is closed our website ([www.woodstockpubliclibrary.org](http://www.woodstockpubliclibrary.org)) is always open. Take advantage of the many online resources that are available through our website, including downloads of eBooks and audiobooks, magazines, newspapers, genealogy materials and more. All that is needed to access these materials is a Woodstock Public Library card number.

### **RECRUITMENT NEWS**

Recent interviews for 3 posted openings for **Maintenance Workers** in **Public Works** were successful in identifying well-qualified CDL-licensed candidates to fill these positions. Final offers will be confirmed and names announced pending final completion of background checks and medical testing.

### **WELLNESS ASSESSMENTS FILLING UP FAST!**

There's still time to schedule your annual health assessment, as conveniently and inexpensively offered through the City's Wellness Days assessment event. There are still late morning time slots open on both Thursday, 1/3, and on Tuesday, 1/8, so be sure to get yourself scheduled if you haven't found time to do so already.

There's no better way to kick off a great start to the New Year than by knowing your medical strengths and weaknesses and discussing them with your personal physician. Plan now to make 2013 your healthiest year ever!

### **BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**



Pictured is Jay Zinnen, son of **Recreation Director Dave Zinnen**, with Santa and Mrs. Claus at the **Recreation Department's Breakfast with Santa** event held last Saturday at the Woodstock Moose Family Center.

Over ninety children and their families were treated to a breakfast buffet, made Christmas ornaments, and of course visited with Santa. Due to the number of participants, two seatings were available: 8:30 – 9:45AM and 10 - 11:15AM. The event was coordinated by **Recreation Coordinator Alan Dunker** with assistance from **Front Counter Staff Ariel Beck**.

By the way, Jay asked Santa for two new brothers to replace his current brothers, Matt and Ryan. Greetings from the chilly North Pole!

### **QUOTE**

Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas.

Calvin Coolidge

**HEALTH & SAFETY MESSAGE: DRIVE LIKE  
YOUR LIFE DEPENDS ON IT**

Up until this week, news reports confirmed we had been experiencing the longest period on record without measurable snow for this area. While this benefits the City in terms of less budget required for snow maintenance needs, it can also instill a false sense of traffic safety security when slick roads do finally arrive. And at this writing it was anticipated those conditions were certainly in the forecast.

So whether participating in holiday parties with their obvious liquid enhancement opportunities, or dashing from store to store in last-minute shopping madness, don't forget to pay special attention to continuing weather updates and resulting road conditions whenever driving needs arise. Plan ahead, build in extra time, keep your car in good working order, always buckle up, and above all, limit cell phone usage to emergency situations. Let's be careful out there this holiday season, and all winter long!

**MEETINGS NEXT WEEK...**

No Meetings Scheduled





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

WPD Detective Sergeant Jeff Parsons and Patrol Sergeant Dan Wesolek will discuss Active Shooter Scenarios and how to recognize the potential for work place violence.

# Coffee with the Chief



Monday, January 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.