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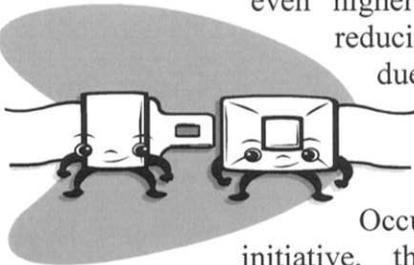
CLICK IT OR TICKET!

The **Woodstock Police Department** has announced that November's Special Traffic Enforcement Initiative targets Occupant Restraint (seat belt) violations with equal emphasis on passengers, including children in child safety seats.

The primary goal is to reduce the incidence of motorists driving without properly buckling up themselves, their passengers and their children. Equally important is the continuing education of the motoring public by encouraging mandatory compliance with Occupant Restraint laws.

Monday, November 12th will mark the beginning of the nationwide "Click It or Ticket" campaign which runs through November 25th. There will be mass media efforts at the Local, State and Federal level throughout the entire month. The Illinois seat belt compliance rate was at an all time high in 2011 at 93.2%. It is the State's goal to increase the rate

even higher in 2012 thereby reducing death and injury due to motor vehicle crashes.



In addition to the Occupant Restraint initiative, the WPD is also focusing enforcement efforts this month toward impaired drivers who drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

For further information or questions regarding these special traffic enforcement initiatives, contact **Sergeant Dennis Leard** by phone at 815-338-2131 or by email at dleard@woodstockil.gov.

MAIN STREET WORK STARTING



Construction work on the northerly portion of Main Street is scheduled to begin this week. Gavers Excavating will be disconnecting several water and sanitary sewer service lines that were previously connected to buildings demolished as part of the Classic Cinemas theatre expansion. A new larger water service and water main will also be installed and will create enhanced water system service for the entire block. In addition, storm sewer infrastructure will be constructed to serve the new pedway connecting Main Street to the Throop Street parking lot. Work is expected to take approximately two weeks and Main Street will not be closed to through traffic.

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LIBRARY NEWS

DAR Flag Display



On Monday, November 5 the local branch of the Daughters of the American Revolution will be putting up a display of nearly 50 historic American flags in the library. The flags will be on the main floor of the library through November 11 (Veteran's Day).

Alzheimers Program

Sue Sklar of the Greater Illinois Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association will be joining us at the library at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 7 to present Learning to Connect: Relating to the Person with Alzheimers. As Alzheimers and other related dementias progress, friends and family members may find it difficult to spend time visiting with the person with dementia. This program will provide insight into dementia and its effects on communication and behavior, and will introduce participants to techniques that can be used to make visits more comfortable and meaningful for all concerned.

Genealogy Workshop & Volunteers

Join genealogist researcher Craig Pfannkuche as he provides an introduction to genealogy research and a demonstration of the library's genealogy databases, Ancestry and HeritageQuest. Attendees are encouraged to bring questions they may have about genealogy research in general or questions that have arisen during their own research. This workshop will be held December 5th at 7 p.m.



DAR volunteers are also available to provide genealogy assistance in the library's Local History Area the first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon. No appointment or registration necessary.

ACT Test Preparation Workshop

Space is still available for the ACT Test Preparation workshop in December. This two-part program includes a free practice ACT test on December 1, as well as a follow-up session on December 15 where participants will receive their test results and discuss test taking strategies. Free ACT Practice Test: This proctored practice ACT will show students what to expect on Test Day.

A practice test is one of the best ways to get ready for the real thing. You will learn what to expect on Test Day. Students will receive a complete analysis of their results. The practice test will include the four multiple choice sections of the ACT. The optional essay will not be included. Please bring an approved calculator and several #2 pencils. Attendees should plan on arriving 10 to 15 minutes early as latecomers will not be admitted. You are expected to attend both sessions.

Registration required.

Register for these programs online by clicking "Calendar" on the library's website, www.woodstockpubliclibrary.org

CATALPA LANE REMODELING

Permits were issued earlier this week for the remodeling of a portion of the former Cardinal Fitness business at 11621 Catalpa Lane. The remodeling activity will transform approximately 3,000 square feet of this site into office space for a new financial planning and investment services firm. The remodeling work is expected to be completed within the next three to four months and the new site will be able to accommodate up to 30 employees and clients.

NEW FLOORING INSTALLED IN REC CENTER TOY ROOM



A new modular rubber floor was installed in-house in the Toy Room at the **Rec Center** this weekend. On Saturday, the ten-year-old carpeting and pad, installed when the City bought the building in the spring of 2003, was removed and the new floor installed on Sunday.

The Toy Room is supervised on Mondays through Saturdays from 7:45AM-11AM and Monday through Thursday evenings from 4PM-8PM. The Toy Room is an integral component of the Rec Center as it is the only facility in Woodstock that provides supervision for kids while their parents are working out.

Thanks to **Program Coordinator Alan Dunker** and **Rec Center Maintenance Supervisor Ron Schmitt** (and his wife Ruth) for competing the project over the weekend when the Toy Room was not in use.

RECRUITMENT NEWS

The recruitment for **Library Director** remains available for application through the independent firm of John Keister & Assoc., with information at www.johnkeister.com/library/woodstock/.

Seven applications were submitted by the deadline in response to the internal posting for **Heavy Equipment Operator/Parks**. Candidates will be scheduled for in-person interviews to comprehensively discuss their qualifications for this position sometime within the next two weeks.

Twenty-two applications for **Public Works Director** were received by the posted deadline of October 31st. Selected candidates have been contacted to provide additional information and, based on responses, interviews may be scheduled in the next few weeks.

Forty applications were received by the deadline of November 1st in consideration of the forthcoming vacancy for **City Manager**, in anticipation of **Tim Clifton's** retirement at the end of next April. The established review committee will thoroughly evaluate all candidates and narrow the field before requesting written exercises and scheduling interviews.

MIXIN MINGLE ON THE MOVE

Mixin Mingle is moving from its Main Street location. Effective January 1, 2013, it will be located in Unit 2 of the Galleria building at 124 Cass Street. Mixin Mingle is a multi-use events space offering an assortment of classes, "pop-up" shops and vendor shows, fitness activities, events, and more, and where space can be rented to host a private party or public event. Recent events sponsored by and held at Mixin Mingle have consisted of pilates classes, belly dancing lessons, zumba instruction, meditation, poetry slams, "flirty girl fitness" and group drumming. Additional events have included birthdays, reunions, and bridal showers.

WELLNESS DAY PARTICIPATION REAPS GREAT REWARDS!

The City of Woodstock endeavors to maintain a strong and vital workforce, both to ensure our employees' own health and well-being, and to provide our community with the highest possible level of consistent service.

To facilitate that objective, the **HR Department** is proud to host an annual Wellness Day health screening for all health plan participants, including dependents ages 18-25, conveniently located at Woodstock City Hall. The event is scheduled this year for Thursday, January 3rd and Tuesday, January 8th, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. each day. More information will be included in pay envelopes distributed on Wednesday, December 5th, and those interested will be directed to a password-protected web registration to schedule his or her own 15-minute appointment.

The event consists of a quick fasting blood draw by expert phlebotomists, a blood pressure and BMI (body mass index) check, and a quick lifestyle survey taken using a PDA device. The basic test includes a CBC blood analysis, and optional tests may be elected including PSA, Thyroid Panel, Hemoglobin, Homocysteine, Vitamin Deficiency and Vitamin D levels. All tests are billed through Allied and offered at no charge to the health-plan participant, with deductibles and co-pays waived.

The resulting report, which is completely confidential, is sent to participants' homes within 10 days. It includes an in-depth look at the employee's current health status and recommends possible medical attention where warranted. Results may be shared with practicing physicians and often lead to heading off more serious conditions based on indicators that may have gone undetected for many years.

TURN 'EM IN! BENEFIT ENROLLMENT FORMS DUE

This coming **Monday, November 5, 2012, is the deadline** to turn in your completed and signed Open Enrollment Forms for 2013 to the **HR Department**. These forms must be submitted by all benefit-eligible employees, even if you are not changing your benefit enrollments for the coming year, or are electing no benefit program participation.

Since the City strongly encourages health-plan eligible employees to participate in our annual Wellness Day health screening, those who participate are rewarded with reduced premiums for the City's medical and dental coverage for that year. Depending on employee's represented status and negotiated health plan contributions, his or her participation in the Wellness Day screening could save between 10-30% on monthly health premium co-shares.

If you have already turned in your 2013 Open Enrollment Forms and signed up for the non-reduced health premium rate, it's not too late to change your mind! Just stop by the **HR Department** or give us a call by the end of the day Monday, Nov. 5th and we'll be glad to revise your form indicating your intent to participate in the 2013 Wellness Day assessment.

ADVANCE AUTO OPENS

On this past Tuesday morning, grand opening activities were held at the new Advance Auto store at 520 South Eastwood Drive. **Mayor Brian Sager** and **Councilmen Dick Ahrens, Mark Saladin, and RB Thompson** attended and assisted Advance Auto employees in the ribbon-cutting ceremony. In addition to the new store, a number of pavement and entrance upgrades, as well as drainage and landscaping improvements, were installed.

HALLOWEEN ON THE SQUARE!

The weather couldn't have been better as the **Opera House** and **Recreation Department** collaborated on another successful Halloween celebration on the Square. Festivities kicked off at 4PM with the Costume Contest followed by Trick-or-Treating on the Square until 5PM.

Winners received prizes donated by the Rec Department including a Napoli's Pizza gift certificate, four day passes to Woodstock Water Works, and a three-month family membership to the Rec Center.

3 YEARS and Under

Scariest - James Doyle of Woodstock as an Alien

Most Original – Vincent Brendel of Woodstock as Honey Bun + Little Debbie Baker

Funniest – Eloise Stonikas of Woodstock as Einstein

4 to 8 YEARS

Scariest – Jack Sokol of Woodstock as a Walking Dead Zombie

Most Original – Joey Heney of Woodstock as a Headless Butcher

Funniest – Ellie Larson of Woodstock as a Slug-Bug

9 to 13 YEARS

Scariest – Rachel Jahson of Woodstock as a Zombie Prom Queen

Most Original – Logan Lorr of Wonder Lake as the Football Player Cletus

Funniest – Marissa Wells of Woodstock as Flow from Progressive Insurance

14 YEARS and OVER

Scariest – Lisa Walsh of Woodstock as a Hyena

Most Original - Roy Gomez of Wonder Lake as a Bee Keeper

Funniest – Vickie Doyle of Woodstock as Tyrannosaurus Rex



HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST WINNERS

This past Wednesday, City Hall's first annual Employee Halloween Costume contest was held. Contest judges for this event were **Assistant Chief Pat Burke** of the Woodstock Fire Rescue District and **Police Chief Bob Lowen**. After a "down to the wire" competition and much discussion and deliberation, the **Community and Economic Development Department** with a theme of "The Seven Dwarfs" was awarded first place and the Purple Pumpkin trophy. Coming in a close place was the **Finance Department** with a "Gilligan's Island" theme. Congratulations to all and let's start thinking about next year!



MEETINGS NEXT WEEK...

Tuesday, November 6 – City Council, 7PM, Council Chambers

Thursday, November 8 – Administrative Adjudication, 9AM, Council Chambers



Woodstock Police Explorers Post #765 Food Drive



For the month of November and December the Woodstock Police Explorers are looking for Non-perishable food items to donate to the Woodstock Food Pantry.

Bring items to:

Any District 200 School

Woodstock Police Department

656 Lake Ave. Woodstock IL, 60098





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

WPD Detective George Kopulos will discuss Synthetic Alternative Drugs.

Coffee with the Chief



Monday, November 12, 2012
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.