CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

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PANERA BREAD GRAND OPENING!

The grand opening ceremony for the new Panera Bread establishment on Country Club Road and South Eastwood Drive was this past Monday morning. Since opening its doors to the public late last week, Panera has been experiencing a steady stream of customers. Panera officials have informed the City that the new facility, which is owned and operated by Hamra Enterprises, is experiencing one of the busiest openings of any of their establishments and that drive-in usage has exceeded their expectations. Hamra Enter- prises, which is located in Springfield, Missouri, owns and operates 31 Panera bakery-cafes in the greater Chicago area, 16 Panera bakery-cafes in the Boston and greater Boston area, 28 Wendy's Hamburger restaurants in southwest Missouri, and a Holiday Inn Express in Lewisville, Texas.

Council member Maureen Larson, Mayor Brian Sager, Councilman RB Thompson, Mike Hamra (President & CEO of Hamra Enterprises), and Councilmen Mike Turner and Mark Saladin celebrating the baguette cutting at Woodstock's new Panera Bread!

NATIONAL DRUG TAKE-BACK DAY TOMORROW

On Saturday, September 29, 2012, the **Woodstock Police Department** will again participate in the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) National Drug Take-Back Day event from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the public parking lot (east side of the building.)

Any and all prescription or over-the-counter drugs will be accepted if they are in pill form (no liquids or syringes.) You can bring in as few or as many as you have – there is no minimum or maximum. The drugs will be accepted no questions asked and will then be properly destroyed by the DEA in an environmentally safe fashion.

The service is free and your privacy is protected. You don't even have to get out of your vehicle – **Sergeant Dan Wesolek** and **Officer Fred Spitzer** will be on hand to assist you – you can drive-by, drop off and be on your way.

During the first four take-back events, the WPD has collected 469 pounds of drugs. The nationwide total is *1.5 million pounds (774 tons)!*

For further information, please call **Tamara Reed** at 815-338-6787 or visit www.nationaltakebackday.com.

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CITY AWARDED "CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING"

This week, the City was notified by the Government Finance Officers Association that the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the 2011 fiscal year was awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Award. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate the City's financial information and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

MCC Students Tour City's Wastewater Treatment Facility

Twenty students from a Environmental Biology Class at McHenry County College toured the North Side Treatment Plant yesterday. **Wastewater Plant Superintendent Anne George** and **Plant Operator Wayne Baker** gave the tours, leaving **Lab Manager Susan Hansell** to explain laboratory functions. This specific tour was a great opportunity for the students because some of the process tanks have been removed from service and pumped down for preventive maintenance. Rather than try to describe how the process works, students could see the mechanisms that are normally submerged and not visible. Through participation in the tour, students have a better understanding of the role that microorganisms play in the digestion of organic material. This college course and the tour give many students the opportunity to learn about the importance of water and wastewater treatment and students walk away with a better appreciation for the role that these facilities have in protecting the environment and preserving natural resources.

RECRUITMENT NEWS

Interviews were held this week with 4 candidates for **LPT Facility/Events Worker** at the **Woodstock Opera House.** Conditional offers of employment to one or two candidates will be forthcoming.

The recruitment below is posted and open for application in the **HR Department**:

Temporary Seasonal Leaf Crew

The City of Woodstock has 4-6 openings for temporary workers for **Leaf Crew** duties this fall. Positions work Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., up to 40 hours per week, for a time period of approximately October 22 through November 17, 2012. These are manually-intensive labor positions with no driving required. Positions pay $11.00 per hour with no benefits. Please visit the **Human Resources Dept**. at Woodstock City Hall to submit an application or email humanresources@woodstockil.gov . Application deadline: Thursday, October 11, 2012

The recruitment for **Public Works Director** remains posted and available for application through October 30, 2012.

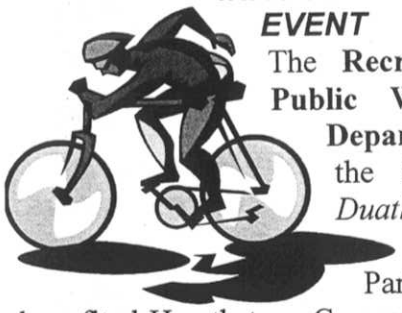
The recruitment for **Library Director** remains available for application through the independent firm of John Keister & Assoc., with information at **www.johnkeister.com/library/woodstock/** .

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK…

Tuesday, October 2 – City Council, 7PM, Council Chambers

Thursday, October 4 – Library Board, 7:30PM, Public Library

CITY DEPARTMENTS ASSIST WITH INAUGURAL DUATHLON EVENT

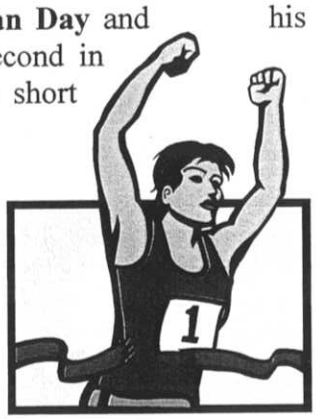


The **Recreation Department, Public Works, and Police Department** assisted with the inaugural *Woodstock Duathlon Races* this past Sunday in Emricson Park. The event, which benefited Hearthstone Communities, drew over 260 participants who run-bike-run in either a "long" course consisting of a 10K run-40K bike- 5K run or a "short" course of a 2K run- 20K bike- 2K run.

For the sixth time this season, Woodstock Water Works was race headquarters for a charitable event that allows the race organizers access to the picnic shelters, the food court, electricity/water, and plenty of restrooms and parking all major functions required for a successful event.

The **Recreation Department** and the **Parks Division** provided race signage, cones/verticades, tables, water jugs, and additional garbage cans. The **Police Department** provided officers to supervise traffic control and the intersection of Route 14 and Kishwaukee Valley Road and at the South Street entrance of Emricson Park.

Congratulations to **Economic Development Dept Assistant Director Donovan Day** and his wife Katie who finished second in the Co-ed Division of the short course competition.



Fall Fertilization and Reseeding Activity Underway

During the last two weeks of September **Parks Division** employees slit seeded and fertilized the seven baseball diamonds at Merryman Park and six soccer fields at Davis Road Park. Historically this is the best time of the year for this type of work due to cooler temperatures and less evaporation during the irrigation process. A total of six thousand pounds of fertilizer and four thousand pounds of grass seed was applied between these two park sites. The fertilizer used is determined after a soil analysis is performed so that only those nutrients that are deficient in the soil are applied. Between these two sites, a total of 30 acres is being treated. Bates Park and Emricson Park ball diamonds and soccer fields were also overseeded as needed on worn spots in the outfields and at the mouth of the soccer field goals. This work is typically completed both in the fall and spring to prepare and preserve existing turf which receives heavy use throughout the year.

QUOTE

Logic will get you from A to Z; imagination will get you everywhere."

- Albert Einstein

EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE WEEKS OF SEPTEMBER 9TH – SEPTEMBER 29TH

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

Employee	Department	Date	# of Years
Mary Lynn Lisk	Recreation	September 30th	21 Years
Terry Willcockson	Human Resources	October 1st	18 Years

A special thank you to both 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!

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

Solution: Last Week's Puzzle

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