



CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER



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WOODSTOCK IS STILL EXPERIENCING DROUGHT CONDITIONS

In the past month, the City has received some precipitation that has helped and is obviously "better than nothing". This welcome precipitation has helped to green things up and momentarily relieves the demand on the City's daily pumping rate. Imposing water restrictions early in the season has had a positive impact on the City's available water supply and although underground water levels are reduced, they are not dropping as fast as they had been in June and July of this year.

Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Will Smith

reports that pumping rates in August are typically higher than other months in an average year.

Because of the water restrictions, this month's pumping rates are comparable with those of the same month in years past. The fact is that the drought is by no means over and the lack of precipitation in 2012 will impact underground levels for years to come. Water conservation is still necessary and in some ways more important now than in the past two months. Please continue to conserve water as much as possible. Be advised that water restrictions remain in effect and know that your efforts to conserve water are making a difference.



LABOR DAY SCHEDULE

In observance of Labor Day, all non-emergency City offices will be closed on Monday, September 3rd.



Have a safe and happy holiday weekend!

LABOR DAY IMPACTS GARBAGE SERVICE

As a reminder, the Labor Day holiday will alter the garbage pickup schedule for residents during the week of September 3rd through September 7th. With Labor Day falling on a Monday, all residents will be required to place their garbage out one day later. Residents that normally have garbage pickup 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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RECRUITMENT NEWS

Today, August 31st, is **Mary Petro's** final day as **Library Director** for the **Woodstock Public Library**. Mary has accepted a Library Director position with the North Suburban Library District, closer to home and family near Rockford. We thank her for her 3 years of service in Woodstock and wish her many happy years ahead.

The following recruitments have been posted on the City's website and other appropriate outlets. At the direction of the Library Board of Trustees and Rural Library Board, the recruitment for **Library Director** is being conducted by an independent search firm, as cited below and on the Library's website.

Library Director

The City of Woodstock and the Woodstock Public Library Board of Trustees and Woodstock Rural Library Board are conducting a search for a dynamic, forward-thinking individual for the position of Library Director with the beautiful Woodstock Public Library. Full-time position plans, organizes, administers and directs operations and services for all library patrons. For more information and application materials, please visit: <http://www.johnkeister.com/library/woodstock/>.

Public Works Director

The City of Woodstock seeks candidates for Public Works Director. This position reports to the City Manager and is responsible for directing, developing, organizing, planning, and implementing all Public Works-related services and programs covering 7 divisions: Administration/Engineering, Streets, Parks, Sewer & Water Maintenance, Water Treatment, Wastewater Treatment, and Fleet Maintenance.

Minimum qualifications: Master's degree in Public Administration, Business Administration, Civil Engineering or related field, with Registered Professional Engineer status and five (5) years

progressively responsible supervisory experience in public works required. An equivalent combination of education and experience may be considered. Starting salary range: \$83,442 - \$106,483 DOQ, with excellent benefit package.

A position profile and required application materials may be obtained by visiting the City's website at www.woodstockil.gov under employment opportunities. **Application deadline: Tues., October 30, 2012, 7:00 PM.** EOE.

LPT Facilities & Events Workers

Assist with staging events at renowned Woodstock Opera House; build/repair props and scenery; run lights/sound; help maintain facility. Requires physical strength and flexibility, and excellent customer service skills. HS grad or equiv., 18 or older. 15-19 hours/week, days or weekends, \$9.57/hr. with no additional benefits. To obtain an application for this position email: humanresources@woodstockil.gov, or call or visit the HR Dept., Woodstock City Hall, 121 W. Calhoun St., 815-338-1172. The City reserves the right to select only the most qualified candidates for an interview. **Deadline: Friday, September 7, 2012.** EOE.

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK...

Tuesday, September 4 – City Council, 7PM,
Council Chambers

Thursday, September 6 – Library Board, 7:30PM,
Library

QUOTE

"It isn't the mountain ahead that wears you out; it's the grain of sand in your shoe."

Robert W. Service

FALL SOFTBALL OFF TO A GREAT START

The **Woodstock Recreation Department's** Adult Fall Softball Leagues started play this week. Monday's Co-ed "C" softball league has seven teams, Tuesday's Men's "C" league has twelve teams and the Men's "D" league has ten teams for a total of 29 teams.

This year's summer softball league tournaments ended last week with Foulmouth SOB's winning the Monday "C" League, McGlovin winning the Tuesday "D" league, Wasted Talent/DC Cobbs winning the Wednesday night league and Interstate Batteries winning the Women's Thursday night league.

NEW LOCATION FOR SOME GROUP FITNESS CLASSES

Beginning Tuesday, September 4, three of our group fitness classes will be held at YMMA - Young Masters Martial Arts, 110 Johnson Street - in the Woodstock Square Mall.

Mondays 5:30-6:30PM HIIT/TRX with Jill Flores
Tuesdays 5:30-6:30PM TURBO KICK with Jill Flores
Saturdays 7:45-9AM YOGA with various instructors

Rob Knuth, owner of the Mall, has renovated the space that was previously the office supplies store into a large fitness room. This will allow the Rec Dept to offer popular classes such as the HIIT/TRX and the Turbo Kick listed above in a larger location than the aerobics floor at the Rec Center. Yoga will be offered at the Mall due to its quieter atmosphere.

Rec Center Members and Punch Card Holders must present membership cards upon entering. All membership must be purchased at the Rec Center.

The daily rate is \$8 for 18 years and older and \$4 for ages 14-17 years.

LIBRARY NEWS

Mums the Word! Join us September 14th and 15th



Friends of Woodstock Public Library are looking ahead to fall and their next fundraiser: 'Mums the Word, Etc.'

The Friends will be selling garden chrysanthemums, rudbeckia and kale locally grown by Hoffie's in nearby Union. There will be a wide selection of beautiful, big plants to choose from including:

- Mums in six vibrant fall colors and rudbeckia in 8" containers: \$10.00/each or 3/\$25.00.
- Kale, colorful and a great fall accent in 8" containers are a great deal at \$5.00 each.

Want to join us? Volunteering is fun and easy to do! Contact: Gayle Hoch (815-338-5553) or Betty Hopp (815-338-7590).

Programs for Children and Adults

Children! Come join the Bull Valley Garden Club and learn more about the power of flowers and go home with some that you'll make yourself! The program is on Saturday, September 15 at 11AM *Registration required.*

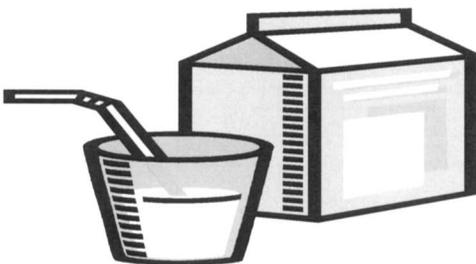
Adults! Marlene Frisbie of Hoffie's will conduct a container planting demonstration highlighting fall plants on Saturday, September 15 at 1PM.

HEALTH & SAFETY MESSAGE: THAT DYNAMIC VITAMIN D

The evidence continues to mount regarding the multiple and indisputable benefits derived from adequate intake of vitamin D. As we all know vitamin D, “the sunshine vitamin,” is often hard to absorb at maximum levels naturally, especially in northern climates. While it has traditionally been added to milk to help achieve optimum levels, many people drink less milk, as well as spend less time outdoors, as they age. This has resulted in awareness that huge numbers of the adult population in this country are clearly deficient in vitamin D intake.

While minimum daily adult levels of vitamin D are being revised upwards, additional studies are also being performed on the benefit of vitamin D for children. One such recent study conducted at Massachusetts General Hospital provides "strong evidence that the association between low vitamin D and respiratory infections is causal and that treating low vitamin D levels in children with an inexpensive and safe supplement will prevent some respiratory infections," as published in a recent issue of *Pediatrics*.

Vitamin D has long been known for its role in bone health, but many recent studies have shown that it has other important roles, including in immune function. Vitamin D supplements are small, easily swallowed and often come in chewable forms for children as well.



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

Solution: Last Week's Puzzle

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

EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 2ND – SEPTEMBER 8TH

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

Employee	Department	Day	# of Years
Pamela Moro	Library	September 2 nd	9 Years
Glenn Hess	Police	September 4 th	11 Years
Chris Birdsell	Parks	September 6 th	20 Years
Sandra Valle	Police	September 7 th	11 Years
Henry Vidales	Wastewater Treatment	September 8 th	20Years

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.



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Woodstock Begins Enforcement Crackdown Steps Up Enforcement Focusing on Impaired Driving, Seat Belt Enforcement

Woodstock, IL - The Woodstock Police Department today announced its late-night plans for the 2012 Labor Day "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over/Click It or Ticket" crackdown. The intensified enforcement effort against impaired drivers and seat belt law violators underscores the disproportionate number of traffic deaths involving alcohol and unbelted motorists. The stepped-up enforcement will begin August 17 and run through Labor Day, September 3. Enforcement efforts will concentrate on the deadly nighttime hours.

According to data from the Illinois Department of Transportation and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the midnight to 3 a.m. timeframe is the deadliest time on Illinois roadways. The data also shows this time of day has the highest percentage of alcohol involvement and the lowest seat belt usage rate.

"The numbers do not lie. We will be stepping up our late-night enforcement efforts, making sure impaired drivers are off the road and motorists are buckled up," said Sgt. Dennis Leard. "In Woodstock, the message is simple... Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over and Click It or Ticket."

Woodstock Police recommends designating a sober driver and not letting friends and family drive impaired as just two of several simple steps to avoid a tragic crash or an arrest for impaired driving. Other important tips include:

- Plan ahead. Designate a sober driver before going out and give that person your keys.
- If you are impaired, call a taxi, use mass transit or call a sober friend or family member to get you home safely.
- Promptly report impaired drivers you see on the roadways to law enforcement;
- Wear your seat belt and make sure all passengers are buckled up. It is your best defense against an impaired driver.

The law enforcement crackdown runs concurrently with a media campaign that will remind motorists, "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" and "Click It or Ticket."



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

Kelly Gallagher, Community Educator for VOICE Sexual Assault Services, will present a program on Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention.

Coffee with the Chief



Monday, September 10, 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.



*****Fall Back into Fitness*****
Saturday, September 8
Woodstock Recreation Center
FREE



7:45-9:00 am
Yoga (in the aerobics room)

8:00-8:30am
Zumba (gym)

8:30-9:00am
HIIT/Kick (gym)

9:00-9:30am
Pure Core (gym)

9:30-10:00am
Barbell Strength (gym)

