



CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER



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PURPLE HEART DAY

The City of Woodstock, in cooperation with the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Department of Illinois, will conduct a ceremonial observance of Purple Heart Day on Tuesday, August 7, 2012, beginning at 10:00AM. The event will be held in the Park in the Square and will feature a wreath-laying at the Purple Heart Memorial monument. State and local officials will join members of local veterans' groups and the public to honor all service members who have ever received the Purple Heart.

Department of Public Works employees and Opera House staff have worked to prepare the Park for this event and for our other regular summer activities, grooming the Park and making repairs to the Bandstand and Springhouse. August 7th will be the first Purple Heart Day in Illinois since the law creating this annual statewide commemorative date "to honor and remember those who have been wounded or killed in battle" went into effect.



THEATRE DEMOLITION PREPARATION STARTS

Initial activity regarding the expansion and renovation of the Woodstock Theatre located on Main Street began this week with the installation of protective fencing and the preparation of the site for demolition activity. Three buildings located at 223, 225 and 229 Main Street will be removed in order to make room for the enlarged theatre and for a pedestrian walkway connecting Main Street with the public parking lot on Throop Street. Demolition is expected to be completed in the next several weeks with a total project completion in the 3rd quarter of 2013.



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LIBRARY NEWS



Children's Librarian Liz Delzell

Children's Librarian Liz Delzell has accepted a position as a school librarian. She begins work at her new job this fall. Her last day will be on Friday, August 3rd, 2012. We wish Liz all the best!

Reading With Rover

Age Group(s): Grades 1 through 5

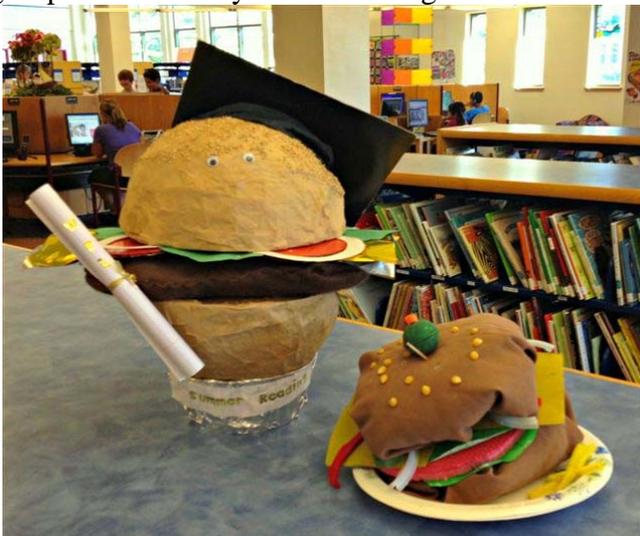
Date: 8/18/2012

Start Time: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

It's always more fun to share stories with friends – even if they get around on four paws! Independent readers going into Grades 1-5 this fall are invited to bring a book, join certified therapy dog Kalani and friends in our storytime room, and read aloud to a patient, furry friend in a no-pressure environment. Each reader will be allowed a 15-minute session with the dog. A sign up sheet will be available at the desk in the children's room beginning at 9:00 a.m. on the day of the dogs' visit.

Dream Burger Contest Winners

Pictured below are the creations of Jake Murray, age 8, whose "Bobber Burger" won in the 7-9 year-old age group and Alejandro Ortiz, age 11, whose "The Perfect Burger" won in the 10-12 year old age group of the Library's Dream Burger Contest.



RECRUITMENT NEWS

A total of 75 applications were received for **Patrol Officer** Eligibility List Testing held last Saturday, 7/28/12. Fifty-nine of those applicants actually participated in the physical ability test and fifty-three completed the background knowledge test as well.

COPS Testing Service will finalize scoring of all tests and provide test scores to the BOFPC, who will then share with the **Police** and **HR Departments** to determine which candidates will be invited for in-person interviews with the Board. Stay tuned!

A great big City of Woodstock Welcome to three new employees at **Public Works**! Starting this past Monday, 7/30/12, were: **Nick McCahill, Maintenance Worker** in **Parks**, and **Trevor Schacht** and **Casey Reed**, both split position **Maintenance Workers** in **Streets & Parks**. Two additional new employees are scheduled to begin next Monday, 8/6, with the final four new hires scheduled for Tuesday, 9/4, right after Labor Day.

The following recruitment has been posted for **LPT Café Workers** at Stage Left Café:

LPT Café Workers

Experienced servers needed at Stage Left Café for audiences of Stage Left events and Woodstock Opera House shows. Serve drinks and snacks, cashier, bus tables. Must have excellent customer service skills, be HS grad or equiv., age 21 or older. Variable schedule 8-10 hrs./wk, inc. eves/wknds. Pay rate: \$9.57/hr.; no additional benefits provided.

To request an application for this position contact the City of Woodstock HR Department via email: humanresources@woodstockil.gov. The City reserves the right to select only the most qualified candidates for an interview. **Deadline: Friday, August 10, 2012.** EOE.

YEAR-END FAMILY PICNIC WRAPS UP ANOTHER GREAT SUMMER OF PLAYGROUND PROGRAM

Over 300 Playground Program participants and their families enjoyed the festivities at the **Recreation Department's Year-End Family Picnic** held at the Main Pavilion in Emricson Park last Friday.

Playground Program Coordinator René Torrez, the Playground Program counselors, including **Site Supervisor Elissa Limbaugh** and **Assistant Site Supervisor Brandon Benda** worked diligently throughout the morning to prepare for the highly attended event. Many thanks to the **Parks Department** for its help in making the picnic so successful.

The morning included music by Music in Motion DJ, the Counselor Challenge and plenty of pizza donated by Papa Murphy's.

The seven-week program, which served over 300 kids ages five to twelve, provided supervised activities including arts and crafts, sports and games, nature walks, picnics, story-time, science experiments, swimming at Woodstock Water Works, splash mornings at the Olson Park spray feature, and socializing with new friends. Participants also enjoyed a variety of guest speakers including presentations by several Woodstock Fire Department staff.

The Rec Department reduces the program's subsidy by soliciting corporate sponsors. Thanks to the contributions from several businesses, over \$4,000 was raised to offset the cost of supplies, field trips, entertainers and T-shirts for the participants.

Thanks to our sponsors Papa Murphy's, Mercy Health Systems, Northwest Healthcare Center, Schmitt Engineering, Americast Concrete, Centegra Health Systems, Brown Printing, Indepth Graphics, Zukowski Roger Flood & McCardle, Gummerson Rausch Wand Gray Wombacher LLC, Kelly Williamson Company, Frett Double Headers, Woodstock Orthodontics Kirk Christiansen DDS, and Swanky Spa.

HEALTH & SAFETY MESSAGE: DEM BONES, DEM BONES

While it's often thought to be most prevalent among older women, osteoporosis can affect people of any age and gender. Bones that become thin, frail and brittle can break easily and take longer to heal, severely limiting both work and recreational options.

As we age, doctors often recommend a baseline bone density scan, a procedure that is quick, painless and non-invasive, to gauge a patient's risk. If concerns arise, medicine may be indicated. Preventive measures for everyone to consider include the following:

- ◆ Eat a healthy, balanced diet that's rich in vitamin D and calcium; take supplements to provide extra support.
- ◆ Get frequent exercise, especially routines designed to strengthen bones.
- ◆ Take steps to actively prevent falls, including removing clutter in the home, securing rugs to the floor, wearing low-heeled shoes and using grab bars in the bathroom.

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK...

Tuesday, August 7 - City Council, 7:00PM,
Council Chambers

Thursday, August 9 – Administrative Adjudication,
9:00AM, Council Chambers

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR BLUE RIBBON WINNER!



Salutations and a tip of the hat to **Finance Accountant Ruth Ann Lieb** on continuing her winning tradition at the McHenry County Fair. Two first-place blue ribbons were awarded to Ruth Anne for her quilt submittals. But wait, that's not all ... she also received a blue ribbon in photography! High fives and a fist bump to Ruth Ann! Please stop by and congratulate Ruth Ann on her wonderful accomplishments.



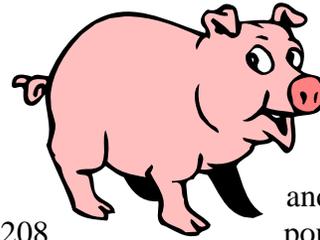
... MORE FAIR NEWS ...



How about **Hannah Wilson**, daughter of **City Engineer Al Wilson!** Hannah won 21 ribbons at the Fair in a variety of categories, including cooking, sewing, photography, and flower arranging. Hannah will also be competing at the State Fair in the floraculture category. **Fay Wilson**, Al's wife, was also a successful participant at the Fair, wining several ribbons in a sewing, baking, photography, and a number of other areas. Not to be outdone, Al won a blue ribbon for his poignant Andy Griffith tribute drawing. Congratulations, kudos, and a big SHAZAM to the Wilson family for their successful entries! Please stop by and congratulate Al on his and his family's terrific accomplishments.



AND IN THE WILD ANIMAL CATEGORY...



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Matt Betram, son of **Plumbing Inspector John Bertram**, won "Best of Breed" for his Rhode Island Red rooster and hen! Matt's pig entries, pound Bacon and 240 pound Porkchop, received an excited response from the 4-H judge: Porkchop came in 6th place and Bacon received 7th place in the swine category. Porkchop will be available for purchase at Saturday's 4-H Auction.

QUOTE

We are all faced with a series of great opportunities brilliantly disguised as impossible situations.

- Charles Swindoll

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!

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

Solution: Last Week's Puzzle

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