



CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER



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BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY REMINDER

Just a reminder to everyone that District 200 classes begin on Thursday, August 16th, with Marian Central Catholic High School and St. Mary Elementary School starting the following week on August 23rd. While driving please be alert to the additional pedestrian traffic as children walk to and from school each day. Illinois law requires drivers to stop and yield to pedestrians in crosswalks. Remember to obey the 20 MPH speed limits in designated school zones. In addition, be alert to school bus stop arms and warning lights indicating that the bus is loading or unloading students. No vehicle may overtake or pass a school bus when the stop arm is extended.

Also important to remember is the January 1, 2010 Illinois law prohibiting all hand held cell phone use while driving in a school zone.

The **Woodstock Police Department** will have extra patrol assigned around the schools initially to help ensure safety while everyone becomes accustomed to school being open again. PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY!

LAB MANAGER PERFORMS FAVORABLY IN DMR/QA STUDY

Wastewater Plant Lab Manager Sue Hansell has received a rating of "all acceptable" for the seventh straight year in the DMR-QA study which is mandatory for all NPDES permittees. This study initiated by the USEPA, is used to determine the accuracy of sample analysis for self-monitoring laboratories. Each year, the City receives a set of spiked samples from a contract lab. Samples are analyzed for total suspended solids, pH, ammonia nitrogen, CBOD5, phosphorus, and chlorine residual. Results are submitted and a report follows comparing known values with the City's results. Favorable performance in this study reflects very well on the Wastewater Treatment Division and the City as a whole.

Congratulations Sue



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MARY PETRO, LIBRARY DIRECTOR LEAVING WOODSTOCK PUBLIC LIBRARY

It was with great regret that I resigned as Director of the Woodstock Public Library and the Rural Woodstock Public Library District on July 19th, 2012. This month I leave Woodstock to return to North Suburban Library District (Loves Park/Roscoe) as Director. I came to Woodstock Public Library in June 2009. The opportunity to work with the Library staff, Boards, Friends of WPL and residents on such events as the MiniLinks golf fundraiser, Mums the Word plant sale and other Library programs and services has made my time in Woodstock a joy.

The past three years have been challenging economic times for the City and the residents, but the staff, library boards, and the Friends group have all pulled together and worked hard to carry on without major reductions to programs and services. Library circulation continues to grow and the number of residents using programs and services increases each year. For this reason, as I look back on my accomplishments at WPL I can honestly say, it is the teamwork, the dedication to service, and the creativity that the Library staff, Board and City staff provide to residents that I will remember most and that I am most proud of. To each and every one of you I can only say *'thank you so much'* for allowing me to be part of your great team.

Mary M Petro

Friends Shelf Reading Party

Age Group(s): Adult

Date: 8/10/2012

Start Time: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Do you like to organize? Do you like books? Do you want to feel good helping out your library? Join us for our monthly shelf reading parties where volunteers help to put books in order on the shelves. If you can count or alphabetize, you can shelf read. You'll get to meet other library fans and have the satisfaction of helping to keep your library in ship-shape. No experience necessary. We're happy to train you! We'll also ply you with coffee and treats. [Woodstock Public Library](#)

SUGAR AND SPICE AND EVERYTHING NICE

Woodstock Police Department Detective Jason Bernstein and his lovely wife, **Carrie**, welcomed their first child, a daughter, into the world on Thursday, July 26, 2012. **Briella Rose Bernstein** weighed 7 lbs. 6 oz. and was 20 in. long. Everyone is happy, healthy and "in the pink!" Congratulations to the Bernstein family!



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.

ANNUAL MAINTENANCE PROJECTS COMPLETED AT REC CENTER POOL



Pictured are **Recreation Department staff members** applying the second coat of paint to the Rec Center pool this week. Last Friday, the whirlpool and pool were closed for various maintenance procedures. During the annual summer shutdown, the following projects were completed:

- The pool was drained and the pool shell painted.
- The lap lane lines were repainted.
- The whirlpool was drained and the shell acid washed.
- The bottom of the whirlpool was repainted.
- The whirlpool was re-grouted and sealed.
- The north wall of the pool room was repainted to brighten the room.
- The deck was acid washed.
- The sand in the whirlpool filter was replaced.
- The shower area in the men's locker room was re-grouted and sealed.

The paint will be allowed to dry over the next few days with the pool scheduled to be filled Sunday night and Water Treatment staff will be in Monday morning to add chemicals. The pool is scheduled to open on Wednesday morning once the chemicals are balanced.

During the period the pool is closed, the morning water aerobics classes are being held at **Woodstock Water Works**.

RECRUITMENT NEWS

And yet another great big City of Woodstock Welcome goes out, this week to two more new employees at **Public Works!** Starting this past Monday, 8/6/12, were **Jim Lombardo** and **Keith Wojtecki**, both **Maintenance Workers in Streets**. The final four new hires are scheduled to start Tuesday, 9/4, right after Labor Day.

The following recruitment has been extended 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 24, 2012.** EOE.

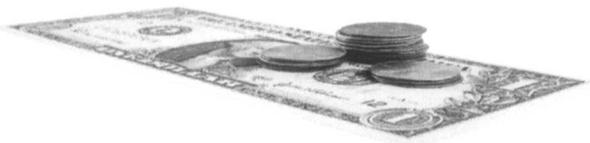
MEETINGS NEXT WEEK...

Monday, August 13 – Zoning Board of Appeals,
7PM, Council Chambers
Tuesday, August 14 – Parks and Recreation
Commission, 7PM, Council Chambers

DIRECT DEBIT PROGRAM CAN HELP WITH VACATIONS

The City's Direct Debit Program is a convenient, FREE and totally optional service, which makes your life easier by automatically paying your water/sewer bill from your checking or savings account. On the last business day of the month that your water/sewer bill is due, your payment will be transferred from your checking or savings account to pay your water/sewer bill. The City will continue to send you a water/sewer bill and proof of payment will also appear on your checking or savings account statement. A message will appear on your bill identifying that payment is through the Direct Debit Program.

To sign up for the program contact the **Finance Department** at 815-338-4300 to request a direct debit form or mail your request to Direct Debit Program, City Hall, 121 W. Calhoun St., Woodstock, IL 60098. You will need to complete a form that will provide the account information to be used by the City for the Direct Debit Program. The City will send you a confirmation letter after your completed form has been received indicating your acceptance in the program. The Direct Debit Program is another example of the City utilizing technology to improve the processing of payments and enhance customer service.



QUOTE

“How much easier it is to be critical than to be correct.”

-Benjamin Disraeli

REC DEPARTMENT OFFERS HORSEBACK RIDING CAMP WITH JOHN WHITE STABLES

The **Recreation Department** partnered with Lisa White and John White Stables to offer *Horseback Riding Camp* for children ages six-sixteen years old. Two camps were offered: June 19-22 and July 31-August 3.



Activities included horse care, games, arts and crafts and of course, horseback riding. It was a perfect week for horse lovers!

For more information about John White Stables, visit the website www.johnwhitestables.com.

Classes will be offered this fall on Monday and Tuesday evenings. For more information about our Horseback Riding lessons, visit our website at www.woodstockrecreationdepartment.com.

HEALTH & SAFETY MESSAGE: LIVING “LESS THAN” LARGE

As hard as it is to rid ourselves of unwanted weight, the battle isn't over once we succeed at losing the extra pounds. The ultimate challenge becomes keeping it off.

The American Council on Exercise offers these suggestions to help us maintain a healthy body weight:

- Weigh yourself weekly, so weight gain doesn't creep up on you. Also measure your waistline.
- Incorporate physical activity into your day as much as possible.
- Keep healthy foods at home at eye level. Avoid being tempted by junk food.
- Practice healthy stress management techniques, such as progressive relaxation.
- Engage a buddy in your fitness program, making exercise a social affair.

EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 12TH – AUGUST 18TH

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

Employee	Department	Day	# of Years
David Zinnen	Recreation	August 12 th	16 Years
Mark Greenleaf	Opera House	August 13 th	27 Years
Adam Sheahan	Wastewater Treatment	August 16 th	6 Years

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.

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!

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

Solution: Last Week's Puzzle

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



You are cordially invited to join Sergeant Tino Cipolla at the Woodstock Police Department for coffee, conversation, and an informative program.

Permanent Beat Officer Shane Marshall will present a program on Crime Scene Collection and discuss his duties as an evidence technician and first responder.

Coffee with the Chief



Monday, August 13, 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.