



# CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER



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## **FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS SHOW RESTRICTIONS**

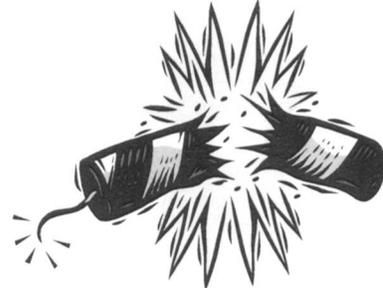
Each year thousands of citizens flock to Woodstock's Emricson Park to enjoy the annual Fourth of July Fireworks Show. The **Woodstock Police Department** would like to inform all citizens who are planning to attend the 2012 fireworks show of some important information.

The 2012 fireworks show will take place on Wednesday, July 4, 2012 with the display starting at approximately 9:30 PM.

For the safety of all who choose to attend certain restrictions are in place on this date.

- A portion of the recreation path located by the upper pond and warming house will be closed to use and access all day on July 4, 2012.
- The West Jackson Street entrance/exit will be closed to all vehicular traffic all day on July 4, 2012. Pedestrians will be allowed to enter and leave the park through this entrance/exit throughout the event.
- The Bigelow Road entrance to the park will be open throughout the day until 7:00 PM when it will be closed to all incoming vehicular traffic. Vehicular traffic leaving the park will be able to use this exit throughout the event. Pedestrians will be allowed to enter and leave the park through this entrance/exit throughout the event.
- The South Street entrance to the park will be open throughout the day and at 7:00 PM will become the only vehicular access point into the park. Vehicular access into the park through this entrance will continue under Police Department direction and control until such time as all paved parking areas are full.

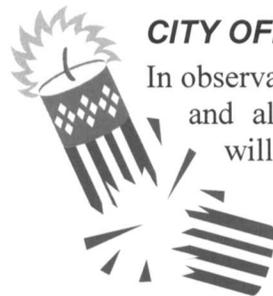
- Pedestrians will be allowed to enter and leave the park through the South Street entrance/exit until



approximately 9:30 PM - at that time this entrance will be completely closed to all forms of traffic to provide

for the safety zone required to start and conduct the fireworks show.

The Police Department highly recommends that people plan to arrive at Emricson Park early to avoid being disappointed by not getting a parking space or by not being allowed to enter the park. All available parking spaces within the park will be filled well before the start of the fireworks show. All pedestrian access into the park through the South Street entrance will be closed prior to the start of the fireworks show.



### **CITY OFFICES TO CLOSE FOR 4<sup>TH</sup>**

In observance of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, City Hall and all non-emergency City offices will be closed on Wednesday.

Have a safe and happy holiday!

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## LIBRARY NEWS

### All Summer Reading Club Members are Invited to Swim!

**Age Group(s):** Children, Family

**Date:** 7/6/2012

**Start Time:** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**Description:** Dive right in for an evening of swimming fun. Whether you are a swimming champ or just a splasher, drop into the Woodstock Water Works for a cool dip in the pool. No registration required for **Woodstock Water Works**. NOTE: Reading Logs are required for entry. So be sure to bring your summer reading log to the pool when you come!

### Cool Stories Told by Ben Rosenfield

**Age Group(s):** Grades K through 5

**Date:** 7/9/2012

**Start Time:** 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM

Come listen to professional storyteller Ben Rosenfield as he shares stories with a fun food focus - like "Stone Soup"! Mr. Rosenfield will share his stories on Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup>.

### Friends of Woodstock Public Library Ice Cream Social

On July 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM the Friends of Woodstock Public Library will hold an Ice Cream Social at the City Band Concert on the Square. The theme is "By the Numbers" and we are told that Digits are involved!

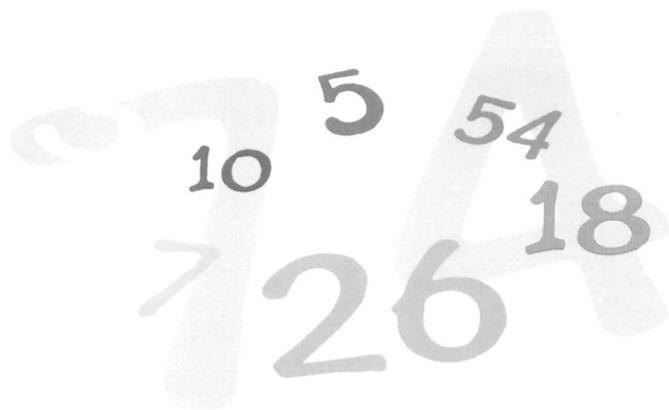
## FOURTH OF JULY TO IMPACT TIME SHEET DUE DATE

Due to the July 4th holiday occurring on the City's regularly scheduled payday, time sheets will need to be submitted to the **Finance Department** in the morning on Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup> for the pay period of June 17<sup>th</sup> - June 30<sup>th</sup>. This will allow the Finance Department the necessary time to process the payroll and have all checks available on Tuesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00PM. Please feel free to contact the Finance Department with any questions.

## FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY WILL IMPACT GARBAGE SERVICE



As a reminder, the Fourth of July Holiday will alter the garbage pickup schedule for residents during the week of July 2<sup>nd</sup> through July 6<sup>th</sup>. With the Fourth of July falling on a Wednesday, residents will need to place their garbage out one day later, beginning on Wednesday, than the normal pickup date. For instance, those residents with a Friday garbage pickup date will need to set their garbage out during the holiday week for collection on Saturday. Any questions should be directed to the City's garbage contractor, MDC Environmental Services at 815-334-0014.



### **ANGELO'S RECEIVES APPROVAL FOR EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS**

On Monday, June 22, 2012, the Historic Preservation Commission approved a Certificate of Appropriateness to allow Angelo's Restaurant to relocate the restaurant's entrance back to its historic corner location (*see photograph below*) and to replace the existing entrance door on the Van Buren side of the building with a window. The emergency egress door and the kitchen exit door on the Dean Street side of the property will also be replaced. New signage, lighting, and awning fabric will be submitted for administrative approval at a later date. All work is contingent on final building plans and financing for extensive interior remodeling.

The Angelo's building was constructed for Chester Gould in the early 1940's. Gould maintained a small office on the second floor. The west half of the first floor has been used continuously as a restaurant since the building was completed. The corner entrance was relocated during the 1980's when the restaurant expanded into the other half of the building.



### **WATER RESTRICTIONS**



With the onset of high temperatures and very limited rainfall the demand on our water system has increased significantly. We need the help of our residents and businesses to insure an uninterrupted supply of water for our community. Trying to maintain a lush lawn in conditions like this is difficult. It will cost a large amount of money to keep grass green in these conditions and it is truly fighting a losing battle. Grass that turns brown is not dead; it has entered a dormant state. With the return of normal rainfall the grass will come back as healthy as ever, the one exception is new sod.

The City is asking that all lawn watering be stopped to conserve our water supply. If you feel you must water your lawn, residents are asked to follow an even-odd schedule and water between the hours of 6PM and 9AM. The City's water system is not unlimited and your help is required to insure that there is adequate water for drinking, cooking, bathing and fire protection.

If you must water your lawn please use an even-odd schedule, this means that if your house number ends in an even number only water on even numbered calendar days, if your residence has an odd number only water on odd numbered calendar days. The most important thing to remember is to only water when the sun is low in the sky and the wind is not excessive. Watering during the heat of the day may actually harm your grass; grass can sunburn just like you, and adding water in intense sunlight and heat can sunburn the grass. Watering during the heat of the day will cost you money with little return on your investment much of the water simply evaporates.

## **TWO NEWEST RECRUITS GRADUATE FROM THE POLICE ACADEMY**

On Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, **Chief of Police Robert Lowen** and **Sergeant Constantino "Tino" Cipolla** attended the graduation ceremony for the two newest recruits of the **Woodstock Police Department**.

**Officer Kevin Tietz** and **Officer Michael Niedzwiecki** completed twelve weeks of intensive training at the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy (SLEA) at the College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn. The Officers must now complete an additional sixteen weeks of Field Training within the department before patrolling on their own.

Congratulations to Officers Tietz and Niedzwiecki on a job well done! Good Luck as you begin your law enforcement careers at the Woodstock Police Department.

**Congratulations**

## **CITY'S AED SUPPLY UPDATED AND READY FOR ACTION**

While we all hope the need will not present itself, as responsible hosts to the public, each City facility now has an updated and fully functional AED, or Automatic External Defibrillator, on hand for use in the event of an emergency medical situation.

The units are designed to be usable by virtually anyone trying to help in a distressful situation. When the machine's case is opened, a voice instructs individuals as to exactly the next steps they should take to potentially save someone's life. Any attempt at providing rescue support, no matter how insignificant it might seem, could be the turning point for preventing someone from incurring permanent damage.

Many City employees have also undergone voluntary CPR training through the Fire/Rescue District, and all Recreation employees receive CPR certification as part of their employment

## **ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (IEPA) INSPECTION**

A compliance evaluation inspection was conducted by Ms. Karen Katamay, representing the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency at the **Northside** and **Southside Wastewater Treatment Plants** on June 20<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of this visit was to review facility operations with regard to applicable state and federal water pollution control laws and regulations.

**Wastewater Treatment Superintendent Anne George** spent several hours with the inspector reviewing facility data and record keeping. A walk-thru inspection was then given at both locations. In the past several years, the City has been noted to be in significant compliance with both of the NPDES permit requirements. Based upon feedback from the representative from the IEPA during this visit, the City will receive a favorable report again this year. Thanks to **Anne and all of the Wastewater Treatment Plant employees** for keeping these facilities operating in a manner that is in compliance with regulatory agencies.

## **WWW ATTENDANCE TOPS 21,000 FOR THE SEASON**



As expected with the warm temperatures in June, it has been very busy at **Woodstock Water Works** with attendance exceeding 21,000 in the first thirty-three days of the season, averaging 657 swimmers per day for open swim.

Memorial Day was the top attendance day with 1,393 swimmers that generated \$4,519 in daily admission revenues. Attendance has exceeded over 1,000 swimmers seven times already this season. The only day the pool has been closed all day was on May 31.

Thanks to the **WWW Pool Staff** for handling all the crazy incidences that occur with crowds of these size. Thanks also to the **Rec Center** front counter staff who have been busy selling season pool passes. We will have an update on season pool pass sales next week.

## RECRUITMENT NEWS

A great big City of Woodstock welcome is extended to **Megan Lopez**, the **Finance Department's** new **Accounting Assistant**. No stranger to municipal finance work, Megan's background includes 7 years with the City of St. Charles in an identical capacity to her current role. She resides in Marengo with her husband and two young sons.

Interviews have begun with the 34 candidates selected to discuss their qualifications for 8 open positions to be filled as **Maintenance Worker in Public Works**. **HR Director Deb Schober**, **Public Works Director John Isbell**, and **Assistant Public Works Director Jeff Van Landuyt** will be conducting these interviews, at scheduled intervals through Tuesday, 7/10. Candidates hired will fill positions on a staggered basis through the rest of the year.

The recruitment to establish the next 2-year Patrol Officer Eligibility List is currently underway, with qualifications as follows:

21-34 yrs old (age waiver for exp. officers); US citizen; HS grad or equiv., with preference points awarded for bachelor's degree; for associate's degree in criminal justice, law enforcement, fire service or emergency medical services; or for prior military service with honorable discharge; valid driver's license and good record; no felony convictions. FY12/13 starting salary: \$49,761 with comprehensive benefits package.

The entire application packet can be printed at [www.woodstockil.gov](http://www.woodstockil.gov) under Employment Opportunities, or emailed by contacting: [humanresources@woodstockil.gov](mailto:humanresources@woodstockil.gov). Completed applications must include \$40 processing fee (cash, check, or money order) and be submitted to City of Woodstock HR Dept., 121 W. Calhoun St., by 7 PM Tues. 7-10-12. Mandatory orientation and testing scheduled for Sat., 7-28-12. EOE.

## FLYING HER FLAG: HONORING MRS. EDINGER-WALLACE ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup>

A former Woodstock native, whose legacy includes a life devoted to military and public service, is being honored this month by flying her memorial flag in front of Woodstock City Hall.

Mrs. Mary Kay Edinger-Wallace was born June 19, 1920 in Woodstock. Her father served as McHenry County Sheriff and she grew up in the Sheriff's quarters building next to the former McHenry County Courthouse on the Woodstock Square. Mary Kay attended William & Mary College, where she received a degree in Architecture, Painting and Sculpture. In 1942, she was commissioned as a lieutenant in the Women's Army Corps and served with Air Intelligence in the European theater.

She later attended the University of California, Berkeley, where she was one of the first women to ever receive a master's degree in City Planning. She went on to serve in the city planning department of Sunnyvale, CA for many years.

Mary Kay passed away last fall at age 91, but a memorial service was given in her honor recently for family and friends here in Woodstock. Her brother, Mr. Sid Edinger, and his wife Devona (Frisbie) Edinger, are longtime Woodstock community supporters who donated this lovely flag for the City's use. We are pleased to commemorate this patriotic representative of Woodstock, especially during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.



## QUOTE

“Freedom is nothing but a chance to be better.”

~Albert Camus

### **HEALTH & SAFETY MESSAGE: CRIMINALS IN YOUR FOOD PANTRY**

If the Food Police made a visit to your home, here are some items they might find that could definitely warrant “corrective action”:

- 1) *Soda and sweetened beverages*—soda contributes refined carbs with zero nutritional value and ranks at the top of some diet experts’ “worst” list. Take time to read the labels on flavored waters and energy or fruit drinks as they often contain as much sugar as soda pop.
- 2) *High sugar, low fiber breakfast cereals*—especially dangerous for young children (or adults) who eat sugary cold cereal for both meals and snacks. Try weaning them off and replace with whole grain cereals such as Cheerios or Grape Nuts, which are both more filling and more nutritious.
- 3) *Snack cakes and cupcakes*—these “treats” contain 3 of the 4 ingredients we all need to stay away from: refined flour, added sugars, and saturated fat.
- 4) *Movie theater or mega butter microwave popcorn*—these choices have shocking amounts of trans fat in them. A much better choice is air-popped popcorn, with just a touch of real butter if necessary.
- 5) *Chips and Cheetos*—even a small 2-oz bag of these delicious snacks can add more than 300 calories, 20 grams of fat and 450 milligrams of sodium! Worst of all, who can eat just a small bag?
- 6) *Packaged muffins and cereal bars*—such items are loaded with sugar, even those with healthier names like “Nutrigrain”.
- 7) *Crackers*—while most brands no longer contain the nasty trans fats made famous years ago, those made with refined flour are still wasted calories. Choose whole grains

for more flavor and greater benefits.

- 8) *Yeast breads*—the culprits here again are those with refined flour, such as most fast food buns, dinner rolls, toast, etc.
- 9) *Store bought cookies*—chock full of sugar and saturated fats, the worst offenders are chocolate-coated varieties; it’s actually much healthier to eat chocolate candy instead.
- 10) *Canned soup and instant noodle cups*—some of these have half a day’s sodium intake in one serving. Read those labels and choose brands that offer less sodium and more protein, vitamins and minerals.

### **MEETINGS NEXT WEEK...**

No Meeting Scheduled

Have a Happy and Safe 4th of July



**EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE WEEKS OF JUNE 24<sup>TH</sup> – JULY 7<sup>TH</sup>.**

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

Employee	Department	Day	# of Years
Jason Bernstein	Police	June 24 <sup>th</sup>	13 Years
Cory Fink	Police	June 24 <sup>th</sup>	13 Years
Thomas Hoffman	Water Treatment	June 26 <sup>th</sup>	6 Years
Robby Branum	Police	June 26 <sup>th</sup>	9 Years
Rob Walkington	Community & Economic Development	June 28 <sup>th</sup>	8 Years
Anthony Polizzi	Sewer & Water Maintenance	June 30 <sup>th</sup>	8 Years
Shane Scarpace	Fleet Maintenance	July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9 Years
Virginia Palacios	Library	July 5 <sup>th</sup>	11 Years
Charles Amati	Police	July 6 <sup>th</sup>	23 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!**

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

**Solution: Last Week's Puzzle**

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



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

Permanent Beat Officer Adam Schraw will present an in-depth look at the department's Field Training Program for new recruits.

# Coffee with the Chief



Monday, July 9, 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.