



CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER



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During the month of June, the **Woodstock Police Department** is engaging in a special traffic enforcement initiative targeting “Posted Speed Limit” violators.

The purpose of the speed enforcement initiative is to reduce the incidence of speed-related motor vehicle crashes and the resulting injuries and fatalities through highly visible increased enforcement of speed-related laws. In order to achieve this initiative, the following goals have been defined:

1. To reduce the number of speed related crashes.
2. To increase enforcement of speed laws.
3. To increase compliance with the posted speed limit.

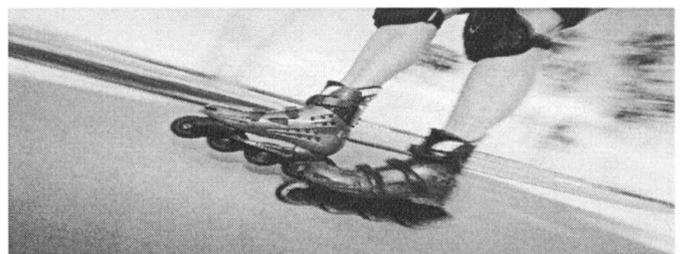
Officers that are detailed to perform traffic-related duties during this enforcement initiative will adopt a low tolerance philosophy regarding speed-related violators. The outcome of the traffic stop will remain at the officer’s discretion.

Questions regarding this traffic initiative or any traffic related problem or question may be directed to **Sergeant Dennis Leard** at 815-338-2131 or dleard@woodstockil.gov.

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CITY ADMINISTRATION ATTEND SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS KICK-OFF MEETING AT IDOT

On May 24th, **Director of Public Works John Isbell and Assistant Director Jeff Van Landuyt** traveled to Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) offices in Schaumburg to attend a “Kickoff Meeting” for the Dean Street Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) Project. This project involves the construction of sidewalk where none currently exists on both sides of Dean Street between Kimball Avenue and Prairie Ridge Drive. The City has one year to develop a final cost sharing agreement with IDOT and this kickoff meeting is the beginning of that process. Next week these City representatives will travel to IDOT once more to attend a FHWA Coordination meeting which is required for this federally funded project. The meeting allows an opportunity for Federal Highway Authority representatives to review the scope of the project and comment, and address concerns before the next planning stage. The City’s Consulting Engineers were in town this week completing some surveying that is needed before the new sidewalk goes to design. Before the sidewalk is constructed, issues like drainage, existing conditions that may conflict with the new sidewalk, simple documentation of existing conditions, and delineation of public and private property need to be determined. It is anticipated that sidewalk construction will occur during the summer of 2013. If you have any questions about this project do not hesitate to contact the Department of Public Works @ 815 338-6118.



SEASONAL EMPLOYEES PROVIDED SAFETY TRAINING

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In 2012, the **Public Works Department** has hired nine (9) employees to assist full-time employees with the increased workload that comes with warmer temperatures. This week, eight of these employees traveled to McHenry Public Works to attend a three hour training session sponsored by McMRMA and designed specifically for seasonal employees. Examples of safety related topics discussed in this training session included but was not limited to Right-To-Know, Bloodborne Pathogens, Personal Protective Equipment, Safe Lifting, Ladder Safety, Slip/Trip/Fall Hazards, Temperature Extremes, and Heat Stroke. This training will certainly benefit these employees who are exposed to workplace hazards without the full time experience.

SEMINAR ATTENDANCE COULD AID IN RESTORATION OF COURTHOUSE

Tim DeWane of the **Public Works Department** attended a two (2) day seminar at the Campbell Center in Mount Carroll, IL to further his knowledge of methods and materials for maintenance of historic buildings. Tim was chosen to attend this training because of his overall knowledge and experience in completing woodworking projects at City facilities. Over the two day period, students identified the underlying conditions that create maintenance problems and were given instruction and hands on training for the proper use of products and methods that have been tested in the field. The course was originally developed in cooperation with the National Park Service who often deal with historic buildings and monuments in addition to the renovation of former residences of famous people. The City is confident that the information passed on to Tim at this seminar will aid in the restorative efforts that the City needs to perform not only at the Old Courthouse building but also at historic locations like City Hall.

LIBRARY NEWS

Scholastic Book Fair!

The Scholastic Book Fair will visit the library this summer for one week only! Proceeds from the book fair will benefit Woodstock's Christmas Clearing House. In addition to your personal purchases, you may also make a book or monetary donation towards our goal of ensuring that every child on the Clearing House list receives a new book for Christmas. The sale will run during regular library hours.

Shake, Rattle and Roll: Sing-Along!

Children's Program for Ages 2 to 4

Date: 6/11/2012

Start Time: 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM

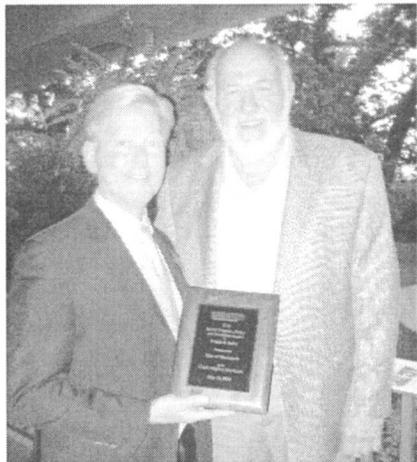
Join local musician Karen Slavin for this interactive sing-along program that includes old favorites and new songs too! We'll shake, rattle, and roll as the music encourages vocabulary development and emergent literacy. Program is for child AND adult/guardian.

PUBLIC WORKS TO STUDY PARKS IMPROVEMENTS

As recently suggested by the Mayor and City Council, over the next two months **Public Works** will evaluate options to improve trash collection and also options to provide recycling options at some park facilities. This will include ways to improve trash collection services in the downtown such as providing more containers, increasing the frequency of service, and/or using new technology recently available for trash disposal. At the same time, the City Administration will contact the local refuse hauler to discuss options that can be provided for recycling containers to be placed at some City park sites.



WOODSTOCK RECEIVES MP3 AWARD



On May 16, 2012 the City was advised that it had received the Model Program, Policy or Program (MP3) Award from the McHenry County Council of Governments.

The award, which was in the “health and safety” category, was given in recognition of Woodstock’s “Good Neighbor Brochures” program. The program is designed to educate residents and local property owners of the various codes and ordinances which apply throughout the City, as well as the many programs and services offered by Woodstock.

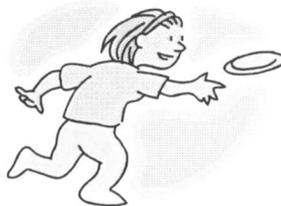
The first brochure provided information and guidance on how to get along in your neighborhood and what to do in order to resolve neighborhood disputes. Because of the success of this brochure, various City departments developed additional brochures dealing with a variety of subjects, including

- Animal Care and Control
- Water Conservation
- Sewer Backup Prevention
- Leaf Collection
- Administrative Adjudication
- Garage Sales
- Snow Removal
- Property Drainage
- Sump Pump Guidelines
- Tree Planting
- Emerald Ash Borer
- Leak Inspection

The brochures are available in Spanish and can also be downloaded from the City’s web site. Copies can also be requested at City Hall and are distributed to citizens and residents on a regular basis.

PUBLIC WORKS TO PREPARE INFORMATION PROMOTING DONATIONS FOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Over the past few years, the City has been fortunate to have some local residents who have been interested in raising funds for some specific park improvements. These have included residents and park users interested in the development of a skate park, Frisbee golf, and a dog park. Woodstock residents have historically benefited from the generous donation of time and money for numerous projects that serve the community and we want to continue to encourage those partnerships that can benefit the entire community. To aid in this effort and to provide some basic planning information, the **Department of Public Works** will prepare informational packets and flyers to help promote support and donations from our residents for any of these three facilities.



RECRUITMENT NEWS

A total of 59 candidates expressed interest in the posted opening for **FT Accounting Assistant**. Telephone interviews were conducted with 16 of the most qualified candidates. Based on these results, 6 external applicants were invited for in-person interviews this week. Several internal candidates were interviewed as well. Results on a new hire will be announced soon.

The recruitment for **FT Maintenance Worker/Public Works** resulted in 140 submissions for 8 expected vacancies. Thirty-five candidates have been identified to be invited for in-person interviews. Due to scheduled vacations for both **HR** and **Public Works** representatives, as well as the large number of positions to be filled, interviews will take place in late June and/or early July.

**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 29th for the pay period of June 17th – June 30th. This will allow the Finance Department the necessary time to process the payroll and have all checks available on Tuesday, July 3rd at 3:00PM. Please feel free to contact the Finance Department with any questions.

**ELECTRIC AGGREGATION OPT OUT
PERIOD ENDS NEXT WEEK**

In the last week of May, opt-out notices were mailed by the NIGEAC consortium, which the City of Woodstock is a member, and the chosen electric supplier, Direct Energy that explains the specific details of the electric aggregation program. The residents have been provided a three-week opt-out period, which will expire next Tuesday, June 12th. Some of the most important features of the City's electric aggregation program are as follows:

Direct Energy will supply the residents' electricity at the fixed rate of \$0.04169 per kWh beginning with the next eligible meter read date and will continue through the June 2013 billing cycle. After the June, 2013 billing cycle, the NIGEAC Consortium's agreement and the electricity service from Direct Energy will continue month-to-month under the same price, terms and conditions until the NIGEAC consortium and Direct Energy enter into an agreement for a new Aggregation program or the program ends. Please note that this special rate does not include ComEd's distribution charges and taxes.

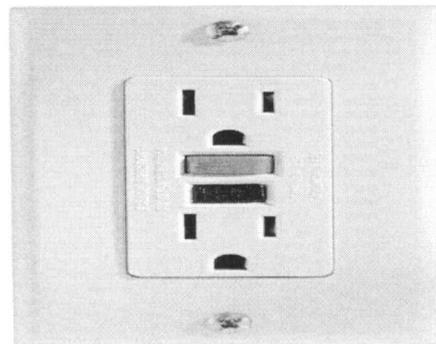
As a comparison, ComEd's electric supply and transmission rate, also known as the "Price to Compare," from June 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012 will be \$0.07034 and from October 1, 2012 through May 31, 2013 will be \$0.08542.

With Direct Energy's electricity plan, a resident can cancel at any time and will not be subject to any early termination fees or penalties. The City's electric aggregation program with Direct Energy runs through the June, 2014 billing cycle. However, after the June, 2014 billing cycle, the NIGEAC consortium may begin a new program and at that time as a customer in the program, the City's residents will have an opportunity to remain or opt-out without penalty.

If you choose to enroll in the NIGEAC Program, you must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Have a residence or small business located in the communities of Genoa, Huntley, Lakewood, Ringwood and Woodstock;
- Receive your electricity generation service from Commonwealth Edison (ComEd); and
- Be current with your electricity bill payments.

If you have additional questions about this offer, please contact Direct Energy at 1-800-422-8614., Monday through Friday from 8:00AM to 8:00PM. EST, and Saturday from 8:00AM to 5:00PM EST



MEETINGS NEXT WEEK:

- Tuesday, June 12 –Parks and Rec, 7PM, Council Chambers
- Thursday, June 14 – Adjudication, 9:30AM, Council Chambers

SIGN UP FOR THE CITY'S DIRECT DEBIT PROGRAM

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's use of technology to improve the processing of payments and enhance customer service.

EPIC GAME TIME TRIP EXPLODES

On Thursday, May 31 twelve eager teens loaded on the **Recreation Department** mini-bus for a day of fun at Epic Air Trampoline Park and Gameworks. At Epic Air they were treated to 5 different arenas, dodgeball, basketball dunking, the foam pit and 2 different freestyle areas. The group then headed to Gameworks for 3 hours of video games.

We are always looking for ideas for new teen trips or activities. If you or your teen has any ideas contact Alan at adunker@woodstockil.gov

WOODSTOCK WATER WORKS ROCKS DURING TWEEN NIGHT

The **Recreation Department's** TWEEN NIGHT began this past Wednesday at Woodstock Water Works All tweens 5-8th grade (in the fall) are invited to enjoy WWW on Wednesday nights from 8:15-9:30 pm. Open Swim, planned activities, raffles, \$1 food specials and best of all...NO PARENTS!



This event is free for Season Pass Holders; otherwise the cost is \$3.00.

This week a DJ from Music in Motion was rockin' on the deck! Pizza slices from the Napoli's concession stand were \$1. Next week is Float Night! The tweens can bring in rafts and noodles and sip on root beer floats.

HEALTH & SAFETY MESSAGE: I'LL BE SEEING YOU

Probably not one of our other senses means as much to us as that of our sight. And what we eat plays an important role in healthy vision, helping to prevent eye conditions such as macular degeneration, cataracts and glaucoma according to the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.



The academy mentions these food sources that can help promote vision health:

- Vitamin A: Select tomatoes, papaya, carrots and fortified milk.
- Vitamin C: Eat oranges, strawberries, peppers and broccoli.
- Vitamin E: Choose wheat germ, oils, nuts and seeds.
- Also key are nutrients such as zeaxanthin and lutein: Eat leafy green vegetables, mangoes, kiwi, honeydew, peas, broccoli, yellow squash, corn, red grapes and oranges.

Take care of your precious vision-related resources now and avoid painful and lifestyle-limiting conditions later on.

IT'S SUMMER TIME – BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR!

Now that the warmer months are here and we're spending more time outside, it's important to be considerate of those who live next door to us. The following suggestions are provided to help us all be "good neighbors".

- Get to know your neighbors, introduce yourself and participate in your neighborhood association.
- Maintain your yard, mow your grass so it doesn't exceed 8 inches in height, and trim your shrubs and trees.
- Trash can include anything from discarded furniture and appliances, to car parts and other junk, in addition to daily refuse. If your trash is everywhere, your neighbors could have a problem and might complain to the City, so be sure to pick it up and dispose of it properly.
- Barking dogs can be a source of conflict, so be aware of your pet's effect on others. Also, clean up after your pets.
- Park your cars in designated areas on your property or in the street. Don't park on the grass or in your front yard.

If you're planning an out-door party or an Independence Day get together, consider the following items of advice:

- Let your neighbors know when you are planning your event and find out if they have any concerns. Give them your phone number so they can call you (before they call the Police) if it gets too loud.
- Periodically monitor how loud your get-together is. You may want a lot of people to attend, but the folks next door might prefer a quiet evening at home. Loud noises can be considered a nuisance or a disturbance of the peace and result in official action by the City.
- If alcohol is present, make sure everyone is 21 years of age or older. Serve food and have non-alcoholic drinks available. If people under 21 are present and drinking, you may be held responsible for their behavior or any accidents that occur.
- Discourage guests and friends from wandering away from your premises.
- Clean up any mess after your get-together and generally maintain your party.



EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE WEEKS OF MAY 27TH – JUNE 16TH

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

Employee	Department	Day	# of Years
James Wegener	Sewer & Water Maintenance	May 30 th	5 Years
Robert Lamz	Fleet Maintenance	May 30 th	6 Years
Shawn Parker	Sewer & Water Maintenance	May 31 st	22 Years
Mary Petro	Library	June 1 st	3 Years
Joseph Mayer	City Hall	June 1 st	14 Years
David Freund	Streets	June 9 th	37 Years
Dwayne Van Wazer	Streets	June 11 th	11 Years
Monica Amraen	City Manager's Office	June 11 th	8 Years
Tim DeWane	Sewer & Water Maintenance	June 12 th	32 Years
Ray Lanz	Police	June 13 th	10 Years
Mitch Falat	Police	June 13 th	10 Years
Adam Mass	Sewer & Water Maintenance	June 14 th	8 Years
David Reeve	Opera House	June 14 th	19 Years
David Dempsey	Police	June 16 th	8 Years
Daniel Streit	Community & Economic Development	June 16 th	9 Years
Joshua Fourdyce	Police	June 16 th	8 Years
Andrew Reitz	Police	June 16 th	8 Years
Joshua Rapacz	Police	June 16 th	8 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.

This Week's Puzzle!

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.

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

Permanent Beat Officer Fred Eiselstein will present "Police Continuing Education: Police Training Beyond the Academy." Officer Eiselstein will also discuss an overview of police activity in Beat 21, the northeast quadrant of Woodstock, with time at the end for Q&A.

Coffee with the Chief



Monday, June 11, 2012
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Woodstock Police Department
656 Lake Avenue

For further information, please call
815-338-6787.

It's time for the Woodstock Challenge!

The Woodstock Challenge will be held on Saturday, June 16th. We are asking all of our experienced volunteers back for another fun time!

First of all, if you've already called & volunteered, THANK YOU, we'll see you on the 16th! And if you are not available, we'll miss you, but hope you can help out next year.

Volunteers can assist with registration, hand out registered runner bags, work at a water stop, assist at the finish line, be a course marshal, or be a timer. Volunteers can start at 6 a.m. or at 7:15 a.m. and will be done by 10:30 a.m. at the latest. After the race volunteers and their families are welcome to join us at the Woodstock Water Works for refreshments and swimming until 11:30 a.m. Volunteers receive a race shirt and a goodie bag including a guest pass to the Woodstock Water Works and the Woodstock Recreation Center.

Please join us at the race this year!

Send me your name, phone number, tshirt size and where you would like to help out. Invite friends, we can always use help!

Don't forget your swimming suit, towels, and sun screen. I hope to see you at the race

Many thanks,



Mary Lynn Lisk, Recreation Center Manager
City of Woodstock
Health, Fitness and Recreation Department