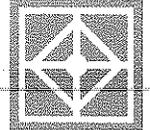


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BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

The month of May is recognized as "Building Safety Month" throughout the United States. This recognition effort is indicative of a public awareness campaign offered each year to help individuals, families and businesses understand what it takes to create and sustain safe and structurally sound structures. The campaign reinforces the need for adoption of modern, model building codes, a strong and efficient system of code enforcement and administration, and a well-trained, professional workforce to maintain the system.

The campaign is celebrated by the International Code Council and the International Code Council Foundation, by Woodstock's building and code inspectors, and by the numerous individuals and construction, design and safety companies in the community. Corporations, government agencies, professional associations, and more have come together to support Building Safety Month because they understand the need for safe and sustainable structures where we live, work and play.

Woodstock's building inspection and code enforcement staff (**John Bertram, Rob Walkington, Dan Streit, and Donovan Day**) invites you to take part in Building Safety Month by supporting the City's ongoing efforts to ensure safe and sound housing and business facilities for everyone.

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK OBSERVED



National Police Week runs from May 13th through May 19th this year. There are a multitude of activities occurring in Washington, D.C. this week to commemorate the occasion, such as a memorial service, candlelight vigil, baseball and football games, Pipe Band march and a survivors' conference to support the families of fallen Officers. The event seeks to honor those who have fallen and say thank you to those who continue to serve and protect our communities.

By Federal law, May 15th is designated as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and as such both the United States and State of Illinois flags are flown at half-staff from sunrise to sunset in honor of all those Officers throughout the country who have made the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty.

If you have an opportunity this week to do so, please remember to say thank you to your local **Woodstock Police Department Beat Officers** for their dedication and service to our community – your support really does matter.

Thank You

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LIBRARY NEWS

Free College Financial Planning Night

Age Group(s): Adult, Teen

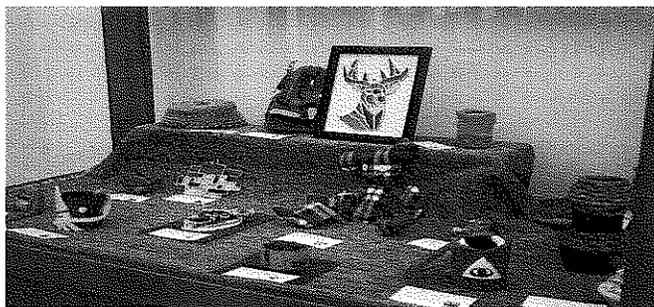
Date: 5/14/2012

Start Time: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Description: Join the College Funding Team for one of three free and educational financial planning workshops. They'll discuss the FAFSA form, what you need to know to maximize your eligible financial aid, and the best strategies for paying for college in a tax efficient way and without straining the rest of your finances. This program is for students and parents of 10th- 12th graders and will be held at the Woodstock Public Library in the large meeting room.

Registration is required. Please contact The College Funding Team at 847-888-3888 or online at www.collegefundingteam.com

Contact Beth Ryan for more information at 815-338-0542.



D200 Art Show at Library

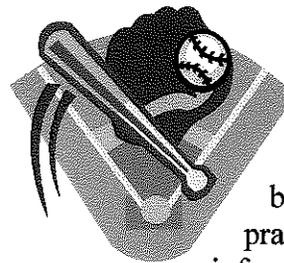
Stop in to see the D200 student artwork that is on display at the **Woodstock Public Library**. The many forms of artwork created by the talented students at D200 will be on display for the next few weeks at the library. D200 art teachers arranged the artwork on walls, in display cases, on display boards and even on the top of book shelves in order for students, their families and the public to enjoy. If you come, plan to spend about one hour touring the first floor public areas of the library where the artwork is on display. Part of the joy of this event is taking the time to wander and enjoy the various art pieces.

NOTE: If you come to find artwork by a particular student you should know that there is no guide to art placement; the teachers set this up for so everyone would have a chance to browse and enjoy all of the artwork.

DRUG TAKE BACK UPDATE

The **Woodstock Police Department** collected **90 pounds** of unused, expired or unwanted pharmaceuticals during the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration's National Drug Take Back event held last month. **Officers Fred Spitzer, Rich Dolan and Michael Karnath** manned the drive-thru drop-off lane in the police department's public parking lot during the four-hour event and were happy to accept any and all medications as long as they were in pill or tablet form.

SEMINAR ATTENDANCE BENEFITS BALLFIELD USER GROUPS



On May 9, 2012 Parks Division employees **Phil Mass and Tony Polizzi**, attended a seminar on proper ball field maintenance practices. This seminar included information on moisture control for skinned infields, soil aerification methods, seeding and fertilization, drainage, and use of athletic field paint. This seminar was hosted by Conserv F.S. with many professionals in the greens industry presenting their knowledge of proper techniques for maintenance. Employees have returned from this seminar with new knowledge that they can relay to other members of the division and put into practice for our many user groups scheduling the City's fields.

IS WOODSTOCK THE "BEST OF THE ROAD"?

Rand McNally and USA TODAY have teamed up to create a community of road travelers to review the best stops on America's highways and byways, from small towns to points of interest in and between them. These "Best of the Road" communities and locations will be acknowledged on Rand McNally's web site and will enable travelers to access photos and reviews of winning communities, plan regional and themed road trips, and view blogs featuring travel tips, U.S. destinations, and news and stories from the road.

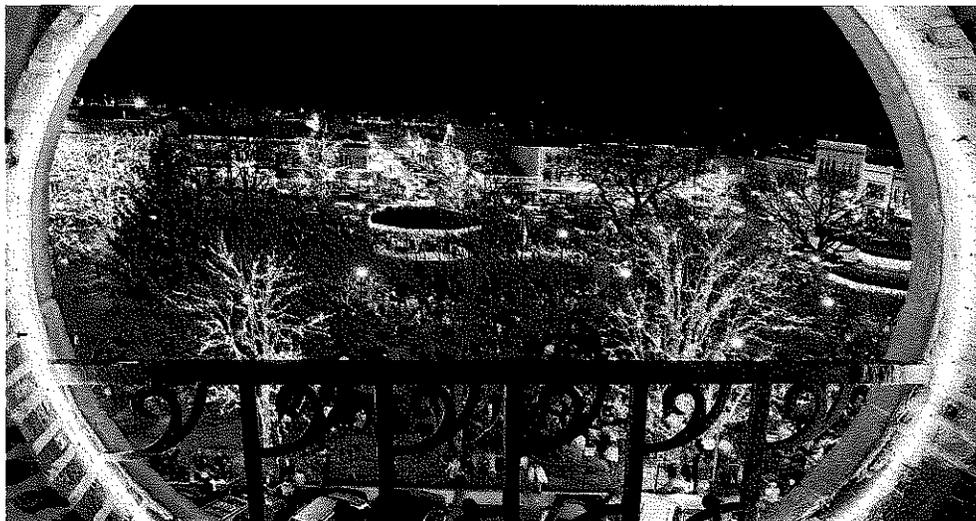
Every year Rand McNally and USA TODAY collect votes for the small towns you think we should visit, and obviously Woodstock is a prime contender. They then send amateur travelers across the country exploring the Best Small Towns in America. At the conclusion of their travels, they will be naming the Most Beautiful, Most Patriotic, Friendliest, Most Fun, and Best Food small towns in America.

@BestoftheRoad

To win this contest, you can go on-line to www.bestoftheroad.com - register, and vote every 24 hours for Woodstock. After Woodstock wins, reviews of the city by the amateur travelers will be posted and places, events, and activities to visit will be provided.

Best of the Road is looking for the most unique and inspiring road trip stop across America. How can you make Woodstock a winner and a destination for travelers throughout the country? Here's how:

- READ [reviews](#) and [blogs](#) for travel tips, popular places, local insight, and traveler favorites.
- WRITE about Woodstock ([favorite towns](#)) and UPLOAD photos of the city
- VOTE for your [favorite towns](#) to become Road Rally stops in one of the five categories and for your favorite places to be featured on Best of the Road
- SHARE your experiences on Best of the Road and [social media](#) to grow the community



RECRUITMENT NEWS

Accounting Assistant Sylvia Liedtke has resigned her position in the **Finance Department** effective 5/15/12 to take an Accountant position with another municipality. We thank her for 6 years of service to Woodstock and wish her all the best.

The following recruitment has been publicly posted and shared with employees internally this week:

FT Accounting Assistant/Finance

The Finance Department at Woodstock City Hall has opening for experienced Accounting Assistant. Position performs data entry for numerous municipal billing processes, provides customer service at front desk, coordinates the City's community-wide fire/security alarm system, and serves as backup to Staff Accountant. Min. qual.: HS diploma or equiv.; 2 to 3 years' office/bookkeeping experience; computer skills in MS Office Suite. Hours M-F, 8:30AM-5:00PM. Starting salary: \$16.70/hr. with full benefits.

Interested parties are asked to send a resume and cover letter outlining their qualifications. **Information must be submitted electronically to: humanresources@woodstockil.gov.** Upon review, the most qualified candidates will be invited to submit formal applications. Deadline: Thursday, May 24, 2012. EOE.

The recruitment process to fill potential **Maintenance Worker** vacancies in **Public Works** will be posted publicly and on the City's website as soon as details become finalized.

Congratulations to **Recreation Center Cashier Arturo Diaz**, who was promoted from limited part-time (LPT) to full part-time (PT) status this week. Also, welcome to **Mike Wisinski**, who joins the **Recreation Center** as **LPT Rec Center Cashier** and **Site Supervisor**.

BEGINNING ARCHERY HITS THE TARGET

Sixteen students were on hand every Saturday for the last eight weeks learning the art of shooting a bow and arrow in the **Recreation Department's Archery Class**. The class used Olympic style recurve bows to learn archery safety rules, warm-up exercises, proper shooting techniques and scoring.

This summer the instructors from Fox Valley Archery will be back for a one-week session July 9 – 13 from 9:00AM until noon, Monday thru Friday at Raintree Park. Fee for the class is \$140 for residents and \$160 for non-residents. Registration is currently being taken at the Recreation Center at 820 Lake Avenue.

REC DEPARTMENT OFFERS HORSEBACK RIDING LESSONS WITH JOHN WHITE STABLES



The **Recreation Department** has partnered with Lisa White and John White Stables to offer *Horseback Riding Lessons* for children and adults. The focus of this program is to provide our riders with confidence, self esteem, a sense of achievement, and an understanding of horses and horsemanship in a safe environment.

As their skills develop, riders will be encouraged to participate in local academy shows where they will ride on one of our horses and compete against other beginning riders. For more information about John White Stables, visit the website www.johnwhitestables.com.

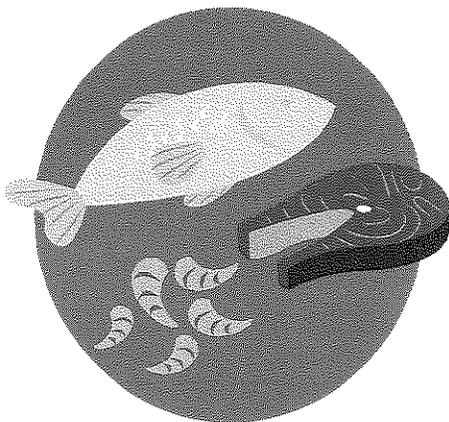
The first classes for the summer session started this past week with five riders. Space is still available for the sessions starting Monday, June 18 and Tuesday, June 19. For more information about our Horseback Riding lessons, visit our website at www.woodstockrecreationdepartment.com.

HEALTH & SAFETY MESSAGE: GONE FISHIN'

Studies continue to mount concerning the undeniable positives to be realized from adding more Omega-3s (EPA and DHA) to our diets.

Cardiac researchers have established direct positive results from treating heart attack victims with enhanced therapeutic levels of fish oil, as found in the prescription medicine Lovaza. This medicine, which is FDA approved to treat high triglycerides, concentrates 3-4 times as much beneficial oil as would normally be found in regular fish oil capsules.

As a preventive measure for anyone concerned with heart health—high cholesterol, poor lifestyle or family history of cardiac disease—supplements totaling 800-1000 mg of EPA/DHA daily are recommended to provide increased protection. For those who simply wish to remain in strong physical health, try weekly additions of 2-3 servings of oily fish (salmon, trout, tuna, herring), ground flaxseed, flaxseed oil and walnuts to your diets for improved cardiac functioning.



MEETINGS NEXT WEEK:

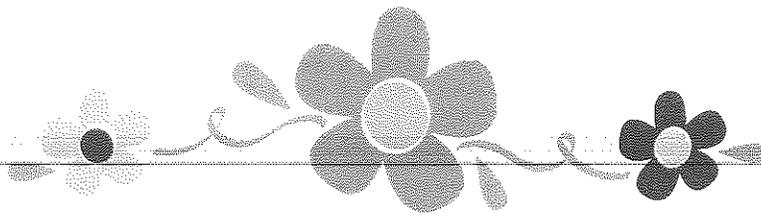
Tuesday, May 15 – City Council, 7PM,
Council Chambers

Wednesday, May 16 – Transportation Commission,
7PM, Council Chambers

Quote

“Strive for excellence, not perfection.”

- H. Jackson Brown Jr.



MOTHER of a WORKOUT

Saturday, May 12

FREE

What doesn't kill you, makes you stronger. Join us for a day of sweat, stamina, and self determination. Dance away your calories,

kick and punch away your stress and tone and tighten what your mama gave you.

Come for one class or stay for all 5!

8:00-8:30 am

Hip Hop Hustle/Zumba

8:30-9:00 am

Turbo Kick

9:00-9:30 am

Hit It KickBox

9:30-10:00 am

Butts and Guts

9:00-9:30 am

Family Yoga (3 years & up with an adult, Family Yoga ONLY)

10:00-11:00 am

Power Gym

 **Light Snacks**

 **Shakeology Samples**

 **Hair Products from Platform 108**

 **Prize Raffle**

Massages
With
Ashley and Estee
8:15-11:00 am

10 minutes for \$10

Sign up sheets
available at 8 am
the morning of May





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

Officer David Dempsey will be conducting an "Interview with a Police Officer", answering questions that the average citizen might want to know about the professional and personal life of an Officer.

Coffee with the Chief



May 14, 2012
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Woodstock Police Department
656 Lake Avenue

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