



CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER



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MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU

Police Chief Robert Lowen and other members of the **Woodstock Police Department** joined family and friends of four new Officers, as they were ceremonially sworn in before the Mayor and City Council on Tuesday evening, April 17th. Officiating at the ceremony was **Ron Giordano, Chief of the Fire and Police Commission**, who had the privilege of swearing in Officer Michael Karnath, Officer Marco Guerrero, Officer Kevin Teitz and Officer Michael Niedzwiecki.

Two Officers previously served in the U.S. military, one in the Army and one in the Marines, both having completed deployments to Iraq. One Officer is fluent in Spanish and another in Polish. All four Officers bring past experience and/or education in the field of Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice and will be great assets to the Woodstock Police Force. The newly sworn-in Officers replace four retirements that have occurred over the past year.

SUGAR 'N SPICE

Brittany Kopulos, wife of **Woodstock Police Detective George Kopulos**, gave birth to a healthy, little girl this past Tuesday. *Savannah Starck Kopulos* made her debut into the world, joining big brother, George III ("Geo"). Congratulations to the growing Kopulos family!



GOT DRUGS? SAVE THE DATE!

Once again, the **Woodstock Police Department** will be participating in the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) **National Drug Take-Back Day**, scheduled for Saturday, April 28th, 2012 from 10:00AM to 2:00PM. This is the third time this event has been held in Woodstock since its inception, and it continues to be very successful in collecting large amounts of unwanted pharmaceuticals for safe disposal.

So start your spring cleaning now in your medicine cabinets, cupboards and drawers. Any and all prescription or over-the-counter drugs will be accepted if they are in pill form (no liquids or syringes.) You can bring in as few or as many as you have – there is no minimum or maximum. The drugs will be accepted no-questions-asked and will then be properly destroyed by the DEA in an environmentally safe fashion.

If you cleaned out your own medicine cabinet last time, help your parents or grandparents clean out theirs this time around. The service is free and your privacy is protected. You don't even have to get out of your vehicle – you can drive-by and drop off and be on your way. The Take-Back is being held in the Woodstock Police Department parking lot.

For further information, please call 815-338-6787 or visit www.nationaltakebackday.com.

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LIBRARY NEWS

Library Closed Until Noon for Staff Training on April 20th

Date: 4/20/2012

Start Time: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Description: Even when the library building is closed our website is always open. Take advantage of the many online resources that are available through our website, including downloads of eBooks and audiobooks, magazines, newspapers, genealogy materials and more. All that is needed to access these materials is a Woodstock Public Library card number. REMINDER: Library materials may be returned in the book drop to the right of the library doors and at the book return at the Wonder Lake State Bank in Wonder Lake IL (3316 Thompson Road).

Build Your Own Pinata

Date: 4/28/2012, 5/5/2012

Start Time: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Description: Families are encouraged to register for our "Build Your Own Piñata" workshop! This two-session workshop is for families to work together to create their own unique piñata. The library will provide basic piñata-making supplies but families are encouraged to bring decorations or other items to make their piñata unique. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. This program is intended for children five years and older with up to four participants per family. Piñatas will be displayed in the library following the second sessions and patrons will vote on their favorite. Program will be held in the meeting room.



Free College Planning Night

Date: 4/25/2012

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. For parents of 10th- 12th graders. This program will be held in the meeting room.

Birding With the Web

Date: 4/24/2012

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

Description: Take advantage of electronic tools, such as Cornell University's ebird, Yahoo's IBET (Illinois Birders Exchange Talk), and smart phone apps such as iBird and improve your birding experience. Anyone can become a "citizen scientist" and contribute data to advance the science of birding. Co-sponsored by the McHenry County Audubon Society, this program provides hands-on experience with internet sites and demonstrations of several different birding apps. Fly to the [Woodstock Public Library](#) and be sure to land in the Training Room!

HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FUNDING APPLICATIONS DUE

Applications for consideration of hotel/motel tax funding in FY12/13 are due on Friday, May 4th. Three (3) copies of a proposal must be submitted. Requests for funding must be typed and include a completed applications. The City Administration will then compile these requests and submit a formal report to the City Council tentatively scheduled for the second meeting in June. Copies of the application are available on the City's website, www.woodstockil.gov.

END OF YEAR EXPENDITURES



With April representing the last month of the City's fiscal year, it is important to understand the criteria used to determine expenditures that will be reported in the current year versus those expenditures that will have to be reported against the FY12/13 budget. The City's auditors will only allow the City to recognize as expenditures those goods or services that have been delivered or provided to the City prior to May 1st. The actual bill for the good or service can be received and paid in May and still be applied against the previous fiscal year. During the month of May, all departments will need to code bills to include the account number to be charged and the fiscal period that the goods or services are received.

SUMMER CITY SCENE MAILED

The Summer City Scene was direct mailed last week to over 15,000 residents in the 60098 zip code and the west side of Wonder Lake (District 200 boundaries).

The 72-page brochure was compiled by the **Recreation Department** with submittals from various City departments. In addition to the general information about City services that are published in each edition, there is also program information for the Challenger Learning Center, **Opera House**, **Library**, **NISRA**, **Woodstock Water Works**, the **Recreation Center**, and the **Recreation Department**.

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK:

Thursday, April 26 – Plan Commission, 7PM,
Council Chambers

IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO START SAVING FOR RETIREMENT

The future costs of retirement are often easily overlooked during your earning years. In many cases, failing to plan for retirement can limit your future options during your golden years. The City does offer an IRC 457 deferred compensation plan through Nationwide Retirement Solutions that allows for current payroll deductions which occur pretax, reducing your total taxable income. For more information concerning the NRS deferred compensation plan, please feel free to contact the **Finance** or **Human Resources Departments**.



ADULT 5-ON-5 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT CONCLUDES

After a seven-week season that saw The Bench Mob go undefeated in the league of seven teams, they continued their dominance by winning the **Recreation Department's** single elimination 5 on 5 Basketball League Tournament. #1 seeded The Bench Mob defeated #2 seeded Woodstock Public House in a thriller 59 – 58 in the title game Wednesday night at the Creekside Middle School Gym.

The new adult summer basketball league is scheduled to start Wednesday, June 22 at the Recreation Center. Deadline for team registration is June 15th. League fees are \$400 plus \$10 for each non-resident. For more information contact Alan at adunker@woodstockil.gov

EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

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

Employee	Department	Day	# of Years
Michael Gustis	Police	April 2 nd	4 Years
Dan Splendoria	Streets	April 12 th	5 Years
Tim Whiston	Parks	April 12 th	5 Years
Stephanie Palmer	Library	April 12 th	1 Year
Renee Torrez	Recreation	April 15 th	9 Years
Chad Peterson	Police	April 22 nd	14 Years
Lucille Ann York	Library	April 25 th	21 Years
William Straczek	Finance	April 25 th	17 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!

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