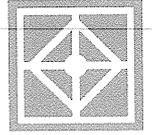


CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER



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POLICE ANNOUNCE MARCH TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT INITIATIVE

The **Woodstock Police Department** has announced that their Special Traffic Enforcement Initiative for March will target stop sign violators. As always, the ultimate goal of this initiative is two-fold, both to prevent traffic crashes that result from dangerous driving behaviors such as failure to come to a full stop or yield the right-of-way, and to encourage motorists to voluntarily comply with traffic laws.

Officers will primarily focus their efforts on eight specific intersections that are known for a high number of such infractions, but will remain on the lookout for offenders throughout the city.

Questions regarding this or any other traffic enforcement issue should be directed to **Sergeant Dennis Leard** at 815-338-2131 or at dleard@woodstockil.gov.

PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES ATTEND FLAGGER TRAINING

The State of Illinois requires all flaggers working within a traffic work zone to be certified because they are the ones responsible for public safety and because they as roadway workers typically have the greatest amount of contact with the public maneuvering through and around the work zone. Many of **Woodstock's Public Works** employees are certified through the State of Illinois, Department of Transportation as flaggers. A few examples of when the Public Works Department may need to set up a work zone may include the repair of a water or sewer main, during road maintenance activity or maintenance in the rights-of-way, installation of signage, or while completing tree maintenance. Employees **Chris Birdsell, Brandon Eddy, Tad Lester, Phil Mass, Roger Vidales, and Tim Whiston** all attended flagger training this week. The certifications that they earned will be valid for a period of two years.

PANERA BREAKS BREAD IN WOODSTOCK

Building plans for Panera Bread were submitted to the **Community and Economic Development Department** early this morning. The new dining facility and bread store will be located within the Jewel-Osco shopping center south of the Circle K filling station. Plans will be distributed today to inspection personnel and review of the plans is expected to start on Monday, with initial comments being provided to the builder within 10 to 15 days. Copies of site engineering plans for this project have also been distributed to the City Engineer for his review. Unfortunately, the Panera representative did not bring any food samples.



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LIBRARY NEWS

DROP-IN STORYTIME

Date: Tuesday, March 13, 2012

Time: 9:30 AM

Location: Woodstock Public Library- Storytime Room for ages 2 and up.

Description: Come to one class or join us every week! We'll share great stories, songs, and lots of fun during these drop-in sessions. Drop-In Storytimes are held from March 6-April 17. No class on March 27. No registration required.

CUENTOS EN ESPAÑOL

Date: Tuesday, March 13, 2012

Time: 6:30 PM

Library: Woodstock Public Library- Storytime Room

Age Group: Ages 2 and Up

Description: Cuentos en Español—Spanish-Language Storytime

¡Traiga a sus niños a pasar una tarde divertida! Invitamos a las familias que hablan o están aprendiendo español a que se acerquen a la Biblioteca para escuchar el relato de interesantes historias, realizar manualidades y aprender bellas canciones. El programa se realiza enteramente en español. La admisión es gratuita. No necesita registrarse.

Families who speak or are learning to speak Spanish can enjoy stories, crafts, and songs at our Spanish-language storytime. For students in School District 200's Dual Language Program, this is also a great opportunity to practice speaking Spanish outside of the classroom. This program is conducted entirely in Spanish and registration is not required.

FACEBOOK 101 - PART II

Date: Wednesday, March 14, 2012

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Woodstock Public Library Training Room

Event Type: Computer Class

Age Group: Adult

Description: The second portion of this class will delve into uploading pictures, different ways to interact and share information, friend requests, notifications, chat, and an open question and answer period. Prerequisite: Enrollment in Facebook 101 or previous Facebook Experience. Registration is required for this program.

STUFFED ANIMALS' SLEEPOVER

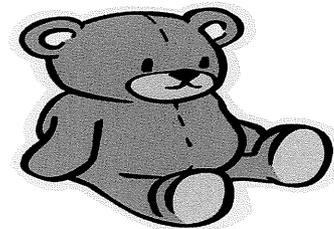
Date: Thursday, March 15, 2012

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Woodstock Public Library-Storytime Room for ages 4 to Grade 1

Description: Bring one of your favorite stuffed animals to the library for storytime and a craft, then head home to your own bed while your stuffed friend has a sleepover at the library. Mrs. D will document all of the fun things the animals get up to – and you can pick up your friend and find out what they did the next day! Animal friends must be picked up during library hours on Friday, March 16.

Additional Information: Registration Required



LIBRARY NEWS

MINI-LINKS GOLF OUTING

Date: Saturday, March 17, 2012

Time: 10:00 AM - 4:00PM

Location: Woodstock Public Library

Age Group: Family and children

The Friends of Woodstock Public Library Mini-Links Golf fundraiser takes place on Saturday, March 17! Join us to play mini-golf between 10:00 AM and 4:00PM in the library. Tickets are \$3.00 for children and \$5 for adults and may be purchased at the door. If you don't want to play just stop in to watch the fun and while you are at the library enjoy some Rosati's pizza and Jaci's cookies. This 18-hole course is open to golfers of all ages.

BENEFITS CORNER: ALLIED'S WEBSITE IS WAITING FOR YOU

Employees are reminded that many questions regarding their health and dental claims, as well as their Flexible Spending Account usage, can easily be obtained through the Allied Benefit website, www.alliedbenefit.com.

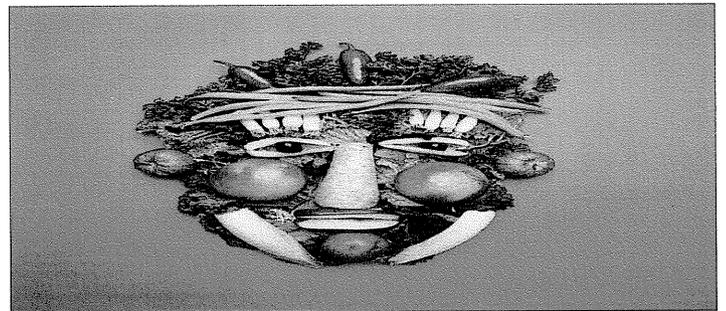
Simply click on the button on the opening page right hand side that says "request new account," then enter the personal information and password as instructed, and you will have access to all the data concerning you and your dependents.

A complete copy of the City's Summary Plan Description, showing all details of coverage included in our current plan for both medical and dental services, is accessible through this site, as well as links to numerous health information resources.

HEALTH & SAFETY MESSAGE: HOW TO AVOID SYNDROME X

With increasing frequency, scientists are achieving greater insight into how the foods we eat dramatically affect our overall well-being. A recent study has identified a connection between those exhibiting the combination of high risk factors known as Syndrome X—high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes and excess weight—and later onset of dementia or Alzheimers. Apparently, the same nutrients that are helpful for optimum physical health are responsible for good long-term mental functioning, as well.

Foods proven to be of great benefit include brightly colored fruits and vegetables containing high antioxidant levels, such as blueberries, strawberries, spinach, carrots, etc. In addition, fish containing omega-3 fatty acids, such as tuna, trout, salmon and sardines, should be eaten twice a week to help avoid depression and maintain clearer thinking.



Foods to minimize or avoid include those made with white flour or white sugar, deep fried or preserved meats. Something as simple as making little snacking changes, day by day, can result in big health rewards over time.

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK:

No Meetings Scheduled

MOVING ON, MOVING UP: SENIOR STAFF CHANGES ANNOUNCED

After briefing the Mayor and City Council members this morning, **City Manager Tim Clifton** wishes to inform all City of Woodstock employees that **Derik Morefield, Deputy City Manager/Director of Community & Economic Development** has accepted the position of City Administrator with the City of McHenry, and will transition over to his new position during the next few weeks. Given **Derik's** 14 years of increasing involvement and oversight in helping make Woodstock the warm and vibrant community we are all so proud of, his loss as an integral senior staff member will be deeply felt.

In response to the created key vacancy, and in recognition of his valuable assistance with the daily operations of all facets of our organization, it is further announced that **Roscoe Stelford** will take on additional responsibilities as **Deputy City Manager/Finance Director**, effective upon **Derik's** departure.

Our very best wishes are extended to **Derik**, as well as heartfelt congratulations to **Roscoe!**

CUSTOMER SERVICE: GO TEAM!

One of the keys to great customer service lies in using the skills and talents of your co-workers to do your job better. Think of it this way:

- Treat co-workers the way you want to be treated**
- Express praise when your teammates do a job well**
- Ask others for their thoughts and suggestions**
- Make co-workers aware of new information**
- Work at staying positive, even in times of stress**
- Offer to help co-workers whenever you can**
- Respect others' differences and opinions**
- Keep in mind that together we all succeed!**

Best wishes Derik

Quotation

"I don't go around regretting things that don't happen."

Virgil Thomson



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

Chief Lowen will present a program on Personal Safety and Crime Prevention.

Coffee with the Chief



March 12, 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.