



CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER



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PUBLIC WORKS IMPROVES WEBPAGE

In an effort to better promote the services we provide and to improve the accessibility of information for the public, the **Public Works Office Manager Susan Gullotto** and **Deputy City Manager Derik Morefield** have been working together for the past few months to make improvements to the Public Works section of the City's website. Photos have been included, and the format was changed to make it easier for on-line visitors to access information. The finishing touches were completed this week, and we're proud of the results. Public Works extends grateful appreciation to Derik for his time and assistance with this project.

OFFICER SCHRAW HONORED ONCE AGAIN

Woodstock Police Department Officer Adam Schraw was recently honored again for saving the life of a choking nine month old baby girl last year. The McHenry County Chiefs of Police Association presented Officer Schraw with the McHenry County Officer of the Year Award during their Holiday Reception held on Saturday, January 14th at the Bull Valley Golf Club.

There were several other highly distinguished nominees from agencies all over the county including the Algonquin, Crystal Lake, Harvard and Huntley Police Departments and the McHenry County Sheriff's Office.

Congratulations to Officer Schraw on receiving this well-deserved honor!



LAST DAY FOR CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION



Today (January 20th) is the last day for the scheduled Christmas tree collection for residents, and although a winter storm during the second week delayed the collection a day, the Parks employees were able to catch up this week. As is typical in most years, we

expect a few "stragglers" to still be out there, and residents can call the **Public Works Office** to arrange for collection. Eight hundred trees were collected, chipped, and will be available to residents to reuse and recycle into their landscapes.

Congratulations to these **Parks Division** employees on a job well done: **Brandon Eddy, Chris Birdsell, Kevin Schmidt, Phil Mass, John Mecklenburg, and Tad Lester.**

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LIBRARY NEWS

Geeks are Coming!

Best Buy's best and geekiest geeks from their McHenry Geek Squad will be invading the library on **Saturday, January 28** from 1PM to 4:30PM. They will be bringing all types of ereaders and other new technology for our patrons to look at and try out. Mark you calendars and plan to stop out to the library on January 28th and get all your questions answered!

Free College Financial Planning Night

Date: 1/25/2012

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

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.

PLEASE NOTE IMPORTANT REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Registration required by contacting The College Funding Team at 847-888-3888 or online at www.collegefundingteam.com

SUMMER SEASONAL RECRUITMENT ENDS TODAY

Applications for Summer **Recreational** and **Public Works** positions are available in the **HR Department**, but must be submitted by the end of today, Friday, 1/20/12.

All applications submitted will be reviewed by the **Recreation Program Coordinators** and **Public Works Supervisors**, and decisions on potential interviews determined in the weeks ahead.

BBQ KING OPENING RESTAURANT LOCATION



BBQ King, a Woodstock-based company specializing in Real Texas and Kansas City Style open pit, non-gas, barbequing is opening a restaurant and carry-out location at 125 E. Calhoun

Street. For years, BBQ King has catered pig roasts, corporate events, graduations and all other types of year-round celebrations. After extensive remodeling, BBQ King has received all required approvals from the City and is currently working to secure approval from the McHenry County Department of Health. Opening is anticipated in March. For more information contact BBQ King owner, Jason Szmurlow, at 815-338-3477.

PACKED GYM AT RECREATION CENTER FOR PUMP UP THE JAM

Close to fifty people packed the **Recreation Center** gym this past Saturday for a FREE Land Group Fitness class demonstration. *Pump Up the Jam* is a two-hour workout that included a half hour of *Zumba*, a half hour of *Turbo Kick* and an hour of *Body Shock* – all classes offered on the Rec Center Group Fitness Schedule on a weekly basis.

With all the new New Year's Resolution members joining in January, the demonstrations offer first-timers the opportunity to participate in a variety of fitness classes to determine which best fits their fitness goals.

The next FREE Land Group Fitness demonstration is Saturday, February 18 from 8-10AM.



COMMUNITY ROOM AT WOODSTOCK OPERA HOUSE

The **Opera House Community Room**, which serves as a popular venue for receptions, meetings and exhibits throughout the year, had no events scheduled for two weeks this month. Between the departure of the last Christmas Tree Walk decorations and the arrival of February's art exhibit, Opera House workers have made repairs to cracked plaster and repainted the walls and woodwork to prepare this versatile public area for another year of activities.



FIRST PRIORITY REC REGISTRATION CLOSED TUESDAY

The deadline for first priority registration for the **Recreation Department's** winter/spring programs closed this past Tuesday. For the remainder of the week, Rec Department staff processed the registration forms received during first priority registration.

Registration reopens on Monday, January 23 for programs that still have space on a first-come, first-served basis.

The department will be offering over 75 programs during the fall session for everyone from twelve month-olds through seniors, so if you're looking for something fun to do, checkout the Winter City Scene or visit www.woodstockrecreationdepartment.com for a list of activities.

TIME TO CHECK THOSE CHECKS!

The paychecks distributed this week represent all changes requested for benefits enrollments for the coming year of 2012. Please take a moment to review the codes and amounts deducted to be sure they are consistent with your anticipated enrollments.

Remember the codes used by Payroll include the following:

- Flex Plan – A AFLAC Supplemental Insurance
- Flex Plan – D Dependent Flex Account
- Flex Plan – E Employee Health Insurance
- Flex Plan – H Health/ Unreimbursed Medical Flex Account
- Flex Plan - I IMRF/NCPRS Life Insurance (monthly)
- Flex Plan – L Lincoln Life Insurance (twice monthly)
- Flex Plan – V VSP Vision Insurance (twice monthly)
- Flex Plan – RHP Police Retirement Dues
Police or Public Works represented employees

Also, be sure to check your benefits hours for vacation/holiday/sick leave accumulations in the event these numbers may not be as expected and contact the **HR or Finance Departments** with any questions or concerns.

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK:

- Monday, January 23 – Historic Preservation Commission - 7PM, Council Chambers
- Thursday, January 26 – Plan Commission, 7PM, Council Chambers

CSI VISITS WPD

The guest speaker at next month's *Coffee with the Chief* program will be Sergeant Heather Poerio, a Criminal Scene Investigator for the Illinois State Police.

So if you're a fan of all those crime solving shows on TV stop by and meet a real CSI and find out what's involved in solving a crime in the real world. Join **Chief Robert Lowen** and Sergeant Poerio on Monday, February 13, 2012 at 7:00PM in the training room at the **Woodstock Police Department**.

NEW AQUA AEROBICS CLASS FOR A LIMITED TIME

Aqua Extreme is a calorie burning, muscle toning, high impact work-out geared towards individuals ages 18-30 years. It is offered on Saturdays from 2:00-3:00PM from January 14-March 17 at the Rec Center. The drop-in fee is \$8 if you are not a punch card or **Rec Center** Member. Registration is not necessary.



Quotation

"You can't build a reputation on what you are going to do."

- Henry Ford