



# CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER



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## DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that you are *23 times more likely* to be involved in an accident while texting and driving? So says recent statistics from the Canadian Automobile Association

([www.distracteddriving.caa.ca](http://www.distracteddriving.caa.ca)). In an effort to remind motorists of the terrible chance they're taking when driving distracted, the **Woodstock Police Department** has announced that February's Special Traffic Enforcement Initiative will target Distracted Driving Violations.

Woodstock Police Officers will be conducting highly visible and increased enforcement regarding distracted drivers who are talking on handheld cell phones or otherwise using a handheld electronic communication device. As always, the primary goal is to reduce the incidence of motor vehicle crashes and the injuries and fatalities that may result from these violations.

Remember – *One text or call could wreck it all!*

For further information or questions regarding this special traffic enforcement initiative, please contact **Sergeant Rob Pritchard** at 815-338-2131 or at [rpritchard@woodstockil.gov](mailto:rpritchard@woodstockil.gov).



## ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

Are you or your school, church or team looking for a new service project? The City of Woodstock, in conjunction with the Illinois Adopt-A-Highway Act, provides groups with instructions and safety guidelines to assist in organizing an Adopt-A-Highway (AAH) event.

Currently, there are seventeen AAH groups that are helping to keep Woodstock's streets and roadways clean. Each group handles from ½ mile up to 2 miles of roadway; and cleanups occur two to four times a year. We still have many roads in need of adoption.

If you have any interest, please contact the Department of Public Works to request further information; phone 815-338-6118 or [pwdept@woodstockil.gov](mailto:pwdept@woodstockil.gov)

## DON'T FORGET TO FAST FOR YOUR HEALTHPOINT CHECK-UP!

If you registered for the HealthPoint Check-Up on February 24<sup>th</sup>, please remember **not to eat for 8 to 12 hours before your appointment and to drink two glasses of water the morning of your appointment.**



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## **RECRUITMENT**

**Chief of Police – Woodstock Police Department:** The City of Woodstock is accepting electronic submissions for the position of **Chief of Police**. The Chief of Police plans, directs, coordinates, and controls all aspects of the Woodstock Police Department including the enforcement of laws and ordinances, crime prevention, and law enforcement assistance for protection of life and property. The work is performed under the direction of the City Manager. This is an exempt position. Salary Range: \$87,690 – 136,117 DOQ with excellent benefit package. **Application Deadline: Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 5:00PM.**

**Summer Seasonal Positions:** The City of Woodstock is accepting applications for Summer Seasonal Positions with the Woodstock Recreation Department and Public Works Department as outlined below:

- **American Red Cross Certified Lifeguards, WSI Instructors, Swim Aides:** These positions provide safety and instruction to swimmers at Woodstock Water Works. Work shifts will include days, evenings and weekends, dependent on pool attendance and weather. Lifeguards ensure the safety and health of all pool patrons, while WSI Instructors and Aides provide proper instruction/teaching for all City of Woodstock Recreation Department swimming lessons. Minimum age is 16. **Candidates must attach copies of certification to application, or must show proof of certification by program orientation date in late spring.** Pay rate to be determined but will be at least: \$8.46/hour (Certified Lifeguards); \$8.67/hour (Certified Instructors); \$8.25/hour (Aides)
- **Playground Program Counselors:** Counselors interact with and supervise a group of 8-12 children, ages 4-12 years, in a recreational setting. This position requires planning, implementing, and evaluating daily activities, and communication with participants' parents on a regular basis. Counselors ensure safety of campers at all times. Minimum age is 16. Experience working with elementary school aged children is preferred. **This position requires attendance at the training session the first week of June and the ability to work during the entire 7-week session that runs thereafter. Tentative Dates: May 31<sup>st</sup> – June 3<sup>rd</sup> (Training Week) and June 6<sup>th</sup> – July 22<sup>nd</sup> (Program).** Pay rate to be determined but will be at least: \$8.25/hour.
- **Public Works Seasonal Maintenance Workers:** These temporary positions perform various manual unskilled and semi-skilled tasks in the maintenance of City streets, parks and sewer/water utilities. Positions work under the direction of Superintendents and/or Foremen for the respective divisions of the Public Works Department. These positions work 7:00AM – 3:30PM., Monday - Friday during the specified time period. Parks positions generally begin in late April/early May and run through August, while other divisions generally begin in June. **Must be age 18 or over with a valid IL driver's license and good driving record.** Previous construction, landscaping or maintenance experience is preferred. Pay rate to be determined but will be at least: \$8.46/hour.

**Application Deadline for Summer Seasonal Positions: Friday, March 4, 2016 at 5:00PM.**

Please refer to the City's website at [www.woodstockil.gov](http://www.woodstockil.gov) and click on the Jobs section for further details and the application process on the above opportunities. *The City of Woodstock is an Equal Opportunity Employer.*

### **YOUTH FLOOR HOCKEY IS THE GOAL**

The **Recreation Department's** indoor *Youth Floor Hockey* program ended last week. The seven to eight-year-old class, which had 12 participants, was held at 4:30PM, followed by the nine to eleven-year-old, which also had 12 participants, at 5:30PM. Both classes started on January 19<sup>th</sup>.

The class focused on fundamentals and the rules of hockey while also offering supervised games.

The **Recreation Department's** *Dodgeball Club* for ages 7-11 years-old will start February 23rd. Fees are \$25 for residents and \$37 for non-residents. Classes will run through March 17th.



### **DANCE CLASSES BEGIN UNDER THE INSTRUCTION OF EXCEPTIONAL TEACHERS**



The **Recreation Department's** *Little Dancers I & II, Ballet, Hip/Hop, Mini Hip/Hop, Mini Poms, Advanced Poms and Poms* programs began the Winter/Spring session the first week in February with twelve different classes. All twelve classes are learning their own dance routine to a variety of music for the Spring Dance Recital.

These popular ten-week classes are led by instructors **Laura Powell, Eden Powell, Bridget Saladin, Olivia Vepley, Kelly Read, Leslie Behrns** and **Jamie Pierce**. These instructors are a valuable part of the Recreation Dance program and the main reason it has grown so much over the past 5 years. The instructors not only teach the students an entire routine but they pick out music and budget friendly costumes for the recital in April.

**Recreation Coordinator Renee Torrez** and the instructors have planned the historically well-attended Spring Dance Recital for April 20th at Woodstock High School.



### **HAWA PERKS**

If you are participating in the HealthPoint Check-Up, **March 15<sup>th</sup>** is the deadline by which 100 points must be earned to receive a full calendar year's worth of applicable premium reductions (if 100 points are earned after this date, the premium reductions will be prorated by the number of full calendar months remaining in 2016).

**Questions?** Contact the **HR Department: Deb Schober** at ext. 11203 or **Jill May** at in 11206.

### **MIPAY ONLINE**

If you are experiencing any difficulties in creating your username and password, please contact the Human Resources Department during the hours of Monday – Friday, 8:30AM to 5:00PM at 815-338-1172 or via email at [dschober@woodstockil.gov](mailto:dschober@woodstockil.gov) or [jmay@woodstockil.gov](mailto:jmay@woodstockil.gov) and we would be happy to assist you.

# Quotation

I'm sorry, if you were right,  
I'd agree with you.

[Robin Williams](#)

### **MEETINGS**

Monday, February 22 –Historic Preservation, 7PM,  
Council Chambers  
Thursday, February 25-Plan Commission, 7PM,  
Council Chambers

### **Want to Start to Get Healthy with an Exercise Program?**

City of Woodstock employees receive an employee discount at the **Woodstock Recreation Center**. **The initiation fee is waived! Executive membership is \$35 per month. Full membership is \$25 per month.** Try a week for free! For more information, contact Mary Lynn Lisk or Renee Torrez at 815-338-4363 or visit [www.woodstockrecreationdepartment.com](http://www.woodstockrecreationdepartment.com) for more information.

### **WATER TREATMENT EMPLOYEE RECEIVES IEPA CERTIFICATION**

**Shane Scarpace, Water Operator I** for the City's **Water Treatment Division**, recently obtained his state license as a Class D Water Treatment Plant Operator from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. This is the first in a series of four potential licenses offered through the IEPA for water treatment. To qualify for his license, Shane had to satisfy the State requirement for hands-on experience and pass a difficult exam involving mathematical calculations, various types of equipment and storage facilities, and environmental concerns. Please join us in congratulating Shane on his achievement and for his hard work in advancing his career in service to the citizens of Woodstock.

