



CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER



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CHECK YOUR VEHICLE STICKER TODAY!

Due to the current budget stalemate and the resulting lack of funding for various State programs, the Secretary of State's office has suspended the mailing of vehicle registration renewal reminder notices. By suspending this service, which will save approximately \$450,000 per month, the SOS will be able to prolong their ability to mail vehicle registration renewal stickers, titles and license plates to vehicle owners for a few months longer before their postage account is depleted. Vehicle owners are encouraged to be mindful of their vehicle registration status.

Motorists can sign up to receive reminder notices electronically via email by going to WWW.CYBERDRIVEILLINOIS.COM (you will need your Registration ID and PIN to do so; this information can be found on your current registration card.) It takes less than five minutes to sign up and they will send you a confirmation email. You can also sign up multiple vehicles at the same time as long as you have the registration and pin numbers for each vehicle you wish to register. No computer? Just call the Public Inquiry Division at 800-252-8980 for assistance.

Don't get caught with an expired sticker – sign up today and sleep better tonight!



PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES ATTEND FLAGGER CERTIFICATION TRAINING



Seven **Public Works employees** attended flagger certification training in Spring Grove on March 16th and 17th. City of Woodstock Public

Works employees are required to hold a current flagger certification card directing traffic through a work zone. The training was geared specifically toward local agencies working on maintenance tasks such as pothole patching, water main breaks, and tree trimming. Topics covered in the class included: use of traffic control devices, a flagger's role in a work zone, Illinois flagger laws and responsibilities, and flagging procedures. The flagger certification is valid for 3 years.

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LUCAS ROAD STORM WATER DRAINAGE WORK

City Engineer Al Wilson recently met with the owner of farmland located along the south side of Lucas Road between Rt. 47 and Dean Street to discuss stormwater that continually ponds on the property and in roadside ditches at two locations along Lucas Road. The ponded water was close to crossing the road and creating a hazard to motorists. Water ponding within roadside ditches leads to premature road base failure, pavement cracking, and pavement displacement resulting in increased costs to residents.

The water began to drain away from the road and into a nearby detention basin once the property owner completed some minor re-grading of the site.

The City's Streets Division further improved drainage by removing debris from a plugged roadside culvert. Given the volume of water that had collected in the area it is likely to take some time to clear completely. Public Works staff will continue to monitor the area and provide additional maintenance to public structures as needed.



SAVE THE DATE FOR CWTC

The program for the April Coffee with the Chief will feature Liz Hackett, Medical Reserve Corps Liaison from the McHenry County Department of Health/McHenry County Medical Reserve Corps. She will present a program entitled “*Disasters, Volunteers, and Our Community.*” Come and meet Liz on Monday, April 11th at 7:00PM at the **Woodstock Police Department** located at 656 Lake Avenue.

FRIENDS GROUPS OFFER FELLOWSHIP AND FUN!

Ever wondered how to show your appreciation for the fabulous activities provided at the **Woodstock Opera House** and the **Woodstock Public Library**, or how to help restoration efforts for the **Old Courthouse & Sheriff's House** facilities?

The answer is simple: Be A Friend!

The buildings mentioned above are all owned and operated by the City of Woodstock, with municipal support fostering a wide range of programming that meets the needs and interests of all members of our community. The maintenance of these highly-trafficked buildings is a continuing challenge that reflects a strong commitment by City Council to provide an exceptional quality of life experience for our residents. The annual budgeting challenge is greatly aided by additional fundraising and volunteer activities conducted by Friends groups for each of the buildings.

Becoming a Friend to any, or all, of these buildings has just been made quick and easy through a new section on the City's website. Under the heading **Residents** on the home page, each building title is hyperlinked and each facility now includes a separate link: *Become a Friend.* <http://www.woodstockil.gov/>

The *Become a Friend* link goes to a page that describes the history of the respective building, its programming, and the mission of its Friends group. A button offers access to the Membership Application, which can be printed out and submitted as indicated on the form. A separate “for more information” link goes directly to that group's Facebook page, to show the most current activities and news. All three Friends groups are also featured together under the **New to Town?** section, with the **Be Our Friend!** heading: <http://www.woodstockil.gov/community/page/be-our-friend>

We encourage all employees, and friends and families, to take advantage of the wonderful programs offered at our cultural facilities, and to enjoy the added benefits and personal rewards that come from joining the Friends groups and helping ensure their programs continue!

DONATION GIVES ROTARY REFUSE CANS A NEW LOOK



Resident Michael McKay recently donated seven new refuse can lids to replace those on cans donated by the Rotary near Woodstock High School. The **Parks & Facilities Division** completed the change-out on Wednesday, March 23, 2016 using the lids and hardware Mr. McKay provided. The pictures above show the marked improvement to the container's appearance with the new lid installed. The **Department of Public Works** thanks Mr. McKay for his donation and helping to promote Woodstock as a community that cares.



RECRUITMENT

Front Desk Cashier (Part-Time) – Woodstock Recreation Center: The City of Woodstock is accepting electronic submissions for the position of **Front Desk Cashier** with the Woodstock Recreation Center. The position works up to 28 hours per week, with possible scheduling for work periods that may include: Monday – Friday 4:30AM – 9:00AM, 8:00AM – 3:00PM or 3:00PM – 9:00PM; Saturday and Sunday 7:00AM – noon or Saturday and Sunday noon – 5:00PM. Pay rate is \$8.46 per hour; benefits include prorated vacation, holiday, and sick leave and IMRF pension. **Application Deadline: Friday, April 1, 2016 at 5:00PM.**

Play Room Attendants – 2 Positions (Limited Part-Time) – Woodstock Recreation Center: The City of Woodstock is seeking limited part-time Play Room Attendants (2 positions) with the Woodstock Recreation Center. Position works up to 18 hours per week, with possible scheduling for work periods that may include: Monday – Saturday mornings 7:45AM – 11:00AM, Monday – Friday 3:45PM – 8:00PM or Sunday 9:00AM – 11:00AM. **NOTE: These are not seasonal positions; ideally candidates should demonstrate commitment to year-round employment on a set schedule, preferably for a minimum of 1-2 years.** Pay rate is \$8.25 per hour with no additional benefits. **Application Deadline: Friday, April 1, 2016 at 5:00PM.**

School Crossing Guard (Limited Part-Time/Seasonal) – Woodstock Police Department: The City of Woodstock is accepting electronic submissions for the position of **School Crossing Guard** with the Woodstock Police Department. **We are seeking two (2) regular School Crossing Guards and one (1) relief School Crossing Guard.** The crossing guard staff is responsible for six (6) dedicated school crossings in the City of Woodstock, providing for the safe transit of our community's children to and from school. Guards work Monday through Friday at a designated location during the school year. Most positions are scheduled in two shifts, 1 - 1 ½ hours in the early morning and 1-1 ½ hours mid-afternoon. Salary: \$9.57 per hour; no additional benefits are provided. **Application Deadline: Friday, March 21, 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). **Application Deadline: Friday, April 8, 2016 at 5:00PM**
- **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: Friday, April 8, 2016 at 5:00PM**

Please refer to the City's website at 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.*

WALKING VS. RUNNING: WHICH IS BETTER?

The sun is shining. The birds are singing and the weather is picture perfect. A gorgeous day is beckoning you outside to exercise. As you head out the door you ponder your options. Should you go for a leisurely walk and enjoy the sights? Or would you be better off pounding the pavement, energetically running through the neighborhood? Your health and fitness goals should dictate your direction. Here are some guidelines to consider.



Goal: Overall Health

Recommendation: Walking

If you are looking to maintain an overall healthy lifestyle, then walking may be the mode of exercise for you. A study conducted at the University of California, Berkeley and published in the journal *Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology* found that walking and running offered similar reductions in risk for high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and diabetes. So why, then, is walking recommended to maintain a healthy lifestyle?

Walking is a less demanding form of exercise than running. The impact of your foot on the pavement when you run can stress your ankles, shins, knees, and even your back. Walking is also a good form of weight bearing exercise that helps strengthen the bones and has a low risk of injury.

Goal: Training for a Race

Recommendation: Work up to a run

If you've been active for some time and are looking to partake in a 5K, obstacle race, fun run, or a triathlon, go ahead and begin mapping routes around the neighborhood and pushing your heart rate. On the other hand, if you've been inactive for some time and want to compete, you're better off easing your way into vigorous exercise like running. Start by walking a mile and assess the way you feel. If you aren't overly fatigued and sore, gradually pick up the pace and add to the distance. In time your body will adjust to the demands of exercise and your endurance will improve. Starting slowly is one of the best ways to prevent injury.

Goal: Weight Loss

Recommendation: Running

A study conducted by Paul Williams at Berkeley National Lab and published in the journal *Medicine & Science in Sports & Exercise* found that more weight was lost through running than walking. Studies have yet to understand why; however, Williams speculates that because running is more vigorous, there is an "after burn" effect. What this means is running depletes oxygen more than walking does and the body has to work harder (or use more energy) to return it to a resting state. Another theory proposed by Williams is that, after vigorous exercise, the appetite becomes suppressed.

**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
for more information.

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK

No Meetings Scheduled

Quotation

Chance favors those in motion.

James H. Austin

MCHENRY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The McHenry County Historical Society offers a “Free Week” to cities and townships in the county. A program schedule is attached to the newsletter

COFFEE AT THE CAFÉ

March was a hopping place for the seniors at **Stage Left**. The first meeting had one brave soul show up in a snowstorm for our Economic Development Program which will be rescheduled. The next week the weather was cooperative for our game of “Green Bingo” with the winners choosing a prize related to the color green. At the “Taste of Woodstock” the following Tuesday, the seniors enjoyed a lunch of Corned Beef sandwiches and coleslaw in honor of St. Patrick’s Day. And so as not to leave out Easter, this past Tuesday they played Easter Bingo with winners selecting a plastic egg with an Easter prize inside. The seniors also decorated sugar cookies.



At our monthly program with Hearthstone Communities this past Thursday, **Chief Lowen** was our amazing Bingo caller. Beside his skill at calling Bingo, the Chief also entertained the group with his jokes, which received both laughs and groans. Lunch was sub sandwiches, chips and Hearthstone’s famous Signature Cookies. Ten lucky winners picked out gift baskets which were donated by employees at both the City of Woodstock and Hearthstone Communities.



Sept. 11 – Sunday

• 2 p.m. – The Art of War. Presented by Robert Frenz. This year marks the 75th anniversary of Pearl Harbor and the United States entry into World War II. Wartime propaganda posters, like those in Bob's collection, encouraged Americans to defend their country, ration food, conserve energy, purchase war bonds, produce for victory, and maintain secrecy. Learn about these iconic wartime images and the artists who created them. \$5 members/\$10 nonmembers (includes museum admission and mobile WWI exhibit)

Sept. 25 – Sunday

• 2 to 4 p.m. – Circuit Sing-along. Learn about the early circuit riders of the Methodist Church and join in singing some old-fashioned hymns. Riley Church, 9316 Riley Road, Marengo. Tap your toes and sing to the music of keyboardist/accordion player Mary Ellen Heelan of Cary. Free will donation to maintain the 1898 church.

Oct. 2– Sunday

• 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. – 39th Annual Cider Festival. Civil War re-enactors featuring the 36th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. Live music, old fashioned cider making, barn-raising demonstration. An apple goodies bakery, kettle korn, book, antique clothing, and white elephant sale and food will be available. The museum, the Gannon 1843 log cabin and 1895 West Harmony one-room school are also open free all day.

Oct. 12 – Wednesday

• 7 to 9 p.m. – Historic Halloween. "Victorian Art of Death." Draw curtains, cover your mirrors, set traps for the Resurrectionists at your loved ones' graves, and put a bell in the coffin. Michael Murschel, author of "The Uncommon History of Elgin, Illinois and Surrounds," and Judi Brownfield, owner of Books at Sunset, undertake to lead you in a shadowy procession through more than one hundred of the exquisite points of Victorian funeral culture. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Halloween refreshments in the Society's West Harmony one-room school afterward. Admission: \$5 for members, \$10 nonmembers.

Oct. 14, 15, 16 – Friday through Sunday

• 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. – Autumn Drive. Visit Perkins Hall for unique local history gifts during Autumn Drive, along Garden Valley Road, southwest of Woodstock, at the southwest corner of Franklinville and Garden Valley Roads. To rent inside or outside vending spaces call 815-923-2267. For festival information: www.autumndrive.net.

Nov. 11 – Friday

• 1:30 p.m. – "Our Women and Their Quilts." Join Barbara Peterson, owner of the Attic Window in Walworth, Wis., as she showcases vintage quilts from her collection. Listen to the stories behind these rare, vintage quilts, which date from the 1880s to the 1940s. Learn about the local ladies who made these quilts and hear some of their stories. Learn more about McHenry County history and the heritage of quilt-making. Valor Quilt presentation precedes the program. The drawing for the Heritage Quilters' raffle quilt will follow. Admission: \$5 nonmembers, \$3 members.

Dec. 3 - Saturday

• 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Holiday Open House. View unique historic display. Enjoy holiday music, homemade cookies, browse our bake sale and search for unique gifts in the gift shop.

Dec. 7 – Wednesday

• 1 to 3 p.m.: Thank You Luncheon for Historical Society Volunteers.

McHenry County Historical Society & Museum

Organized in November 1963 as a not-for-profit corporation, the McHenry County Historical Society strives to provide the methods and means of presenting McHenry County history in order to enrich life.

On July 4, 1976, the Society's Museum in Union, officially opened to the public. The comprehensive collection includes several preserved buildings: An 1843 log cabin; an 1867 limestone schoolhouse; an 1885 town hall; an 1895 one-room school house used for circa 1900 school programs; an 1898 country church; and a 20th Century modern tourist cabin. In 1982, a local history research library was added to the museum. In 2002 the Society launched a mobile museum called "The James."

Besides operating the museum, the Society plaques historic sites and structures, hosts adult workshops and classes, makes available traveling exhibits, and arranges a wide variety of school, Scout and other group programs. Funding for the Society comes from membership dues, admission fees, donations and a trust fund. Your support through membership always is welcome.

To learn about the Society's barn registration program or "quilted barn" programs, visit our website www.mchenrycountyhistory.org, under the Preservation tab.

Board meetings of the McHenry County Historical Society are open to the public. The board meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month at the museum. There is no board meeting in December.

Become A Member Today!!!

Join on line at www.mchenrycountyhistory.org or simply fill out the form below. Mail your payment to
McHenry County Historical Society
P.O. Box 434, Union, IL 60180

Membership Type	1 Year	2 Years
Students	\$15	\$25
Senior Individual (over 60)	\$15	\$25
Senior Couple	\$25	\$45
Individual	\$25	\$45
Couple or Family	\$35	\$65
<i>(Includes children in school)</i>		
Individual Life	\$500	n/a
<i>(One-time payment)</i>		
Couple Life	\$750	n/a
<i>(One-time payment)</i>		

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2016 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Union, Illinois is a small town located to the southwest of Woodstock, between Routes 176 and 20, and just east of Route 23 in Marengo.

The McHenry County Historical
Society & Museum
6422 Main St., P.O. Box 434
Union, IL 60180
815-923-2267
info@mchenrycountyhistory.org

**Become a Fan. Check out Facebook.
Looking for volunteer opportunities?
Visit www.GotHistory.org**

Museum Hours: May 1 through Oct. 2

Tuesdays through Fridays 1 to 4 p.m.

Sundays - in May, second in June;
second and fourth remainder 1 to 4 p.m.

• Other hours special appointment only.

* Museum closed: *New Year's Eve, New Year's Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Nov. 7 (marking Veteran's Day), Nov. 24-25 (Thanksgiving), Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.*

Local History Research Library

Open year-round weekdays from

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Appointment needed.

Quilting Group

Join the "Heritage Quilters" at the museum each
Wednesday morning at 9:30 a.m. throughout the year

Museum Admission - a Blue Star museum

Adults..... \$5.00 Seniors & Students.....\$3.00

Family Rate \$12.00

(Includes 2 family member adults and 2 or more children)

Society Members FREE

Residents of McHenry County municipalities and townships with
governmental memberships receive **FREE** admission during select weeks.

Special Exhibits for the 2016 season include:

"Bottles, Barrels & Brews: McHenry County on Tap"

"Members Only" - Members showcase their collections

"A Tale of Ten Textiles" - Highlights from our textile collection

"Gone But Not Forgotten: Victorian Mourning Customs"

"Wheeling Through History" - Heritage Fair

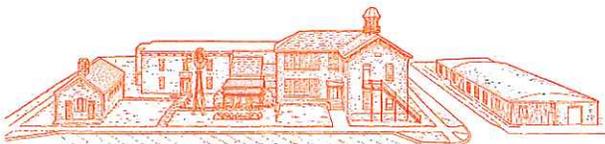
"Off the Hook"

Program Schedule for 2016 Museum Activities

* **May is Historic Preservation Month** – a time to look at
local history. See local listings for special programs.

Sampler Lecture Series

Suggested donation for individual programs is \$10.
Programs are at the McHenry County Historical Society
Museum, 6422 Main St. in Union.



March 7 – Monday

• 7 p.m. – My Kind Of Booze Town. Presented by Liz Garibay. Chicago is a city built on alcohol. From foundation to fires and fairs, beer and booze have played pivotal roles in the development of this area. Beer and tavern historian, Liz Garibay, will discuss how alcohol helped shape Chicago.

March 21 – Monday

• 3 p.m. – The River As A Time Machine. Presented by Fox River laureate and ecologist Brian Ellis of Bishop Hill. This musical ramble through history will explore how we humans have shaped the rivers, how the rivers have changed throughout time, and the importance of rivers in the layers of human history. Made possible by Illinois Humanities.

April 4 – Monday

• 7 p.m. – Wisconsin Supper Clubs - An Old Fashioned Experience. Presented by author/filmmaker Ron Faiola. Discover why supper clubs are such a big part of Wisconsin's food culture. In his new book, "Wisconsin Supper Clubs – Another Round," slated for release in June, Ron highlights 50 more of the finest establishments, including Fitzgerald's in Genoa City and the Colony House Restaurant in Trevor.

April 18 – Monday

• 3 p.m. – The History of Mexican Railroad Boxcar Communities in the Chicago Area & the Midwest. Presented by Antonio Delgado. Between 1910 and the 1950s, particularly in the Midwest, railroads employed a large number of Mexican immigrants to lay track. These immigrant railroad workers and their families lived on railroad property, in railroad boxcars and "section houses," year-round. Made possible by Illinois Humanities.

April 29

• 6 to 9 p.m. – The McHenry County Historical Society marks its 53rd year with a season-opening soirée featuring brewing exhibit, refreshments and sampling of regional craft beers.

May 10-13

• Free museum admission for residents of Huntley.

June 7-10

• Free museum admission for residents of Ringwood and Fox River Grove.

June 12 – Sunday

• 2 p.m. – Old Fashioned, 1860 baseball game at Village Hall Park off Bareville and Ames roads in Prairie Grove. Civil War-era baseball game pits the McHenry County "Independants" against the Grayslake Athletics. Grayslake Heritage Center Executive Director Dave Oberg will umpire and emcee, explaining the rules and teaching the audience to cheer and jeer in proper 19th-century fashion. (Part of our Passport to History program Sundays in June. Visit GotHistory.org for details.)

June 14-17

• Free museum admission for residents of McHenry and Burton townships.

June 16– Thursday

• 7 p.m. – Perkins Hall Players presents a historic drama. Be on the Square for a re-enactment of a bellwether event in Woodstock's history: The 1895 release from the McHenry County Jail of union activist Eugene Victor Debs before a large, enthusiastic crowd. Sentenced to a six-month jail sentence by a federal court for Debs' American Railway Union's job action affecting Pullman cars on passenger trains, Debs converted to socialism while in jail and five years later ran in the 1900 presidential election as a socialist. Period clothing encouraged. Light refreshments. Free admission.

June 26– Sunday

• 4 p.m. – Annual meeting and members' picnic. Museum grounds. Meeting starts at 5:30 p.m.

June 28-July 1

• Free museum admission for residents of McHenry and McCullom Lake.

July 10 – Sunday

• 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 31st Annual Heritage Fair. Theme: "Wheeling Through History." Antique car show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. White Elephant Sale at 9 a.m. Antique auction with auctioneer Russ Davis will be at 10:30 a.m. At noon and 3 p.m. AWS certified quilt appraiser, artist, and teacher Sandy Schweitzer of Crystal Lake will demonstrate a quilt bed turning featuring circle patterns. Pie-baking contest at 9:30 a.m. Children's discovery area. Baked goods, book, antique clothing, garden plants and white elephant sales continue throughout the day. Freddy Fredericks and other magicians will stroll the grounds throughout the day, with a special performance at 2 p.m. on the auditorium stage. Music will be provided by the Clef Hangers barbershop quartet. "The James" mobile museum will be open and food is available. Admission is free. Residents of the village of Union will host garage sales throughout town.

July 12-15

• Free museum admission for residents of Lakemoor and Marengo.

July 24 – Sunday

• 2 p.m. – Dave Oberg, historian, home brewer and executive director of the Grayslake Heritage Center & Museum, presents A Brief History of Beer. From ancient China, Egypt and Sumeria to the modern age, this program uses fascinating anecdotes and images to trace the evolution of this refreshing beverage over a span of more than 9,000 years. \$5 members/\$10 nonmembers (includes museum admission)

July 26-29

• Free museum admission for residents of Woodstock.

Aug. 3-7 – Wednesday through Sunday

• McHenry County Fair, Woodstock. Visit us in Building E.

Aug. 2-5

• Free museum admission for residents of Alden and Coral townships.

Aug. 9-12

• Free museum admission for residents of Lake in the Hills.

Aug. 12 & 14

• "Elementary Follies" old-fashioned school pageant benefiting Pringle School's restoration. Set in 1936, this original comedy written by Nancy Fike marks McHenry County's centennial ... in a very unusual way. 7 p.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Sunday, historical museum stage. Cost: \$10.

Aug. 16-19

• Free museum admission for Dorr Township residents.

Aug. 23-26

• Free museum admission for residents of Dunham and Riley townships.

Aug. 27 – Saturday

• 4 p.m. Old Fashioned "base ball" game at Central Park, Grayslake. (Precursor to annual balloon festival.) Civil War-era baseball game pits the McHenry County "Independants" (an actual team of that era) against the Grayslake Athletics in a rematch from earlier this year at home. To get there take Route 120 east to South Lake Avenue. Turn left and then take another left into Grayslake Central High School to park. Walk across the street to Central Park to find the ballfield.

Aug. 28 – Sunday

• 2 p.m. – The Seneca Ladies Literary Society, formed in 1855 and believed to be the oldest women's literary group in America, will discuss its new book chronicling the group's history. Free with museum admission.