



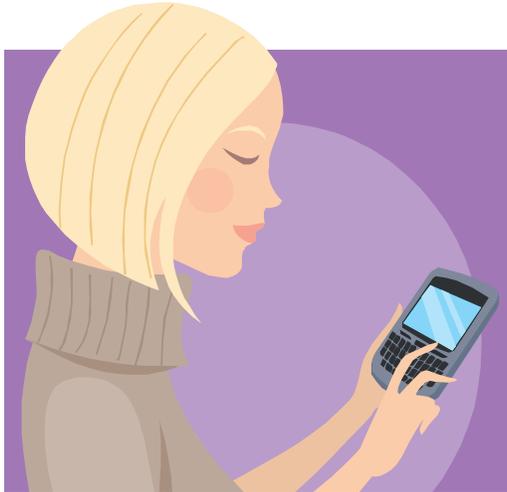
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WPD NOVEMBER TRAFFIC INITIATIVE



The **Woodstock Police Department** has announced that November's Traffic Enforcement Initiative will target both Distracted Driving and Electronic Communications Violations.

Woodstock Police Officers will be conducting highly visible increased enforcement on these issues with the primary goal being to reduce the incidence of motor vehicle crashes and the resulting injuries and fatalities that 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.

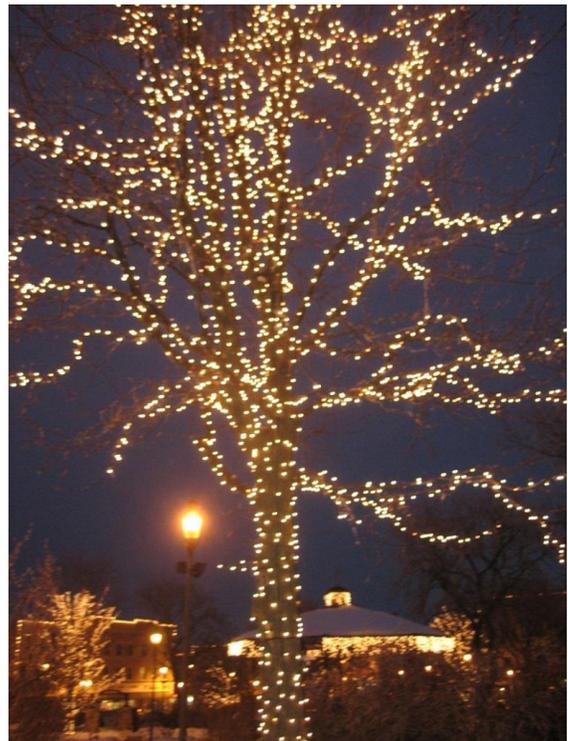
HOLIDAY LIGHTS RECYCLING PROGRAM

The **City of Woodstock** will be participating in Elgin Recycling's 'Holiday Lights Recycling Program' again this year. Collection (recycling) bins will be available at City Hall, 121 W. Calhoun Street; Woodstock Public Library, 414 W. Judd Street; and at the Department of Public Works, 326 Washington Street.

“Lights that will be accepted for this program are: Mini-lights (or Italian lights), C7 lights, C9 lights, rope lights, LED lights, extension cords, etc. All colors and lengths will be accepted. *Garland, live greens, wreaths or other non-recyclables are not accepted in this program.*”

The City's 'Holiday Lights Recycling Program' begins today and goes through February 2015.

For further information or questions about this program, go to www.elginrecycling.com



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LEAF COLLECTION CONTINUES

The **Department of Public Works** will continue collecting bulk leaves curbside during the next two weeks. Although we cannot guarantee that every leaf is collected during this time, we do collect the majority of leaves. Residents are asked to rake loose leaves to the parkway for collection but should NOT rake leaves into the street. Leaves that have been raked into the street can plug storm sewer intakes and cause unnecessary flooding during rain events. Leaf collection will follow the schedule below:

Monday, Nov. 10 *Weather permitting*, the final collection from all streets north of the railroad tracks will be made during the week of November 10. Residents in this area must have their leaves raked to the parkway by 7:00 AM on Monday, November 10.

Monday, Nov. 17 *Weather permitting*, the final collection from all streets south of the railroad tracks will be made during the week of November 17. Residents in this area must have their leaves raked to the parkway by 7:00 AM on Monday, November 17.

If you'd like the City to collect leaves at your property, please have leaves raked to the parkway by the above dates. **No vehicles should be parked on the street within twenty (20) feet of any leaf pile.** Residents who prefer to bag their leaves for collection may call Public Works to request pickup of bagged leaves; leaves must be placed in paper bags only. Residents along Route 47 & Route 120 are encouraged to bag their leaves and phone Public Works to arrange for pickup as collection of leaves along state highways can be dangerous for the leaf collection crews. This is only a request & is not mandatory.

Once the scheduled bulk collection is completed, there is a possibility that Public Works will continue to collect **bagged** leaves the following week. Contact Public Works for further information, 815-338-6118.



REC CENTER SCORES BIG ON TWEEN NIGHT

Over fifty tweens attended the *Recreation Center's Tween Night* this past Saturday night. The pool was available for open swim, a walleyball court was set-up and ping pong was a popular option as well. This week the gym was set- up for hockey which brought some new faces to the program, amongst the familiar ones that come each month.

The next tween night coming up is Saturday, December 6 from 6:30-8:30PM. The gym will be set- up for a team building event.



MEETINGS NEXT WEEK...

Tuesday, November 11- Economic Development Commission, 8AM, Council Chamber

Tuesday, November 11- Parks and Recreation, 7PM, Council Chamber

Thursday, September 13 – Adjudication Court, 9:30AM, Council Chambers

CYCLOCROSS 2014

Once again, PSIMET Racing will be hosting PSI-Clocross for Life – Chicago Cyclocross Cup Race #7 in Woodstock. This year's event, being held at Emricson Park, is scheduled for this Sunday, November 9, beginning with the first race around 8:30AM. The organizer is expecting approximately 600 participants, ranging in age from 10 years old to 70+.

It is believed that cyclo-cross began in Europe in the early 1900's, and first became popular in the United States in the 1970's. The sport gained popularity in the states during the 1990's, and has continued to attract participants across the country.

“Much of the challenge of cyclo-cross lies in maintaining traction through loose or slippery terrain at speed.” Courses may consist of dirt, mud, water, grass, sand, ditches, stairs, and rocky ground. “Races almost universally consist of many laps over a short course, ending when a time limit is reached rather than after a specific number of laps or certain distance.”

For further information, go to <http://www.psimet.com/about-us.html> to register, go to <http://www.bikereg.com/NET/Events/#3> Registration is also available on race day.



NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT RAINTREE PARK

The playground structures available in the City's parks provide an important part of the overall quality of the park system and play options for residents. The City continues to provide funding for the replacement of each of these facilities not only to ensure safety but also provide new and different options for the children. This year the City Council approved the purchase of new playground equipment for Raintree Park.

Parks Division employees Pat O'Leary, Tad Lester, John Mecklenburg, Chris Birdsell, Tim Spring, Brandon Eddy, and Phil Mass helped to install the new playground equipment at Raintree Park. Having Parks Division employees install the new equipment saved the City thousands of dollars in contractual labor costs. There were approximately 50 bags of concrete used for the footings, 40 new boarder timbers installed, and over 150 tons of sand spread to create a safe playing surface. The **Department of Public Works** takes pride in the work the Parks Division performs. This equipment will service the residents of Woodstock for years to come.

If you have any questions about this project, please contact the Department of Public Works, 815-338-6118.

Before:



After:



RECRUITMENT

Code Enforcement Officer/Assistant Building Inspector – Internal Recruitment:

The City of Woodstock is conducting an *internal recruitment* for **Code Enforcement Officer/Assistant Building Inspector** with the Community & Economic Development Department. The primary purpose of this position is to assess violations of City codes, respond to complaints regarding violations of City codes, investigate and document violations, and take corrective action. Position may also serve as Assistant Building Inspector, inspecting and evaluating buildings and building construction for compliance with applicable building-related codes. The work is performed under the direction of the Community & Economic Development Director.

Interested internal applicants should submit a **current resume and one-page Letter of Interest to the HR Department** no later than the date & time shown below. The Letter of Interest should identify the following: 1) specific applicable skills and experience, and 2) reasons for personal interest in this particular position. A complete position description may be obtained by contacting the HR Department, 121 W. Calhoun St., Woodstock, IL 60098, (815) 338-1172, or email dschober@woodstockil.gov. *The City of Woodstock is an Equal Opportunity Employer.*

Application Deadline: Friday, November 7, 2014 at 5:00PM.

Water Meter Technician I:

The City of Woodstock has an opening for **Water Meter Technician I** with the Public Works Department. The position performs a wide variety of manual labor duties and operates vehicles and equipment as required to read, install, and repair water meters; assist with sanitary sewer collection and water distribution maintenance; perform routine maintenance tasks; and other related duties as assigned. The work is performed under the supervision of the Sewer & Water Maintenance Division Foreman and Supervisor with daily assignments and instructions provided by the Foreman or Supervisor. Position normally works Monday through Friday, 7:00 AM – 3:30PM, with on call assignments and overtime, as required. **English-Spanish bilingual ability is required for this position.**

Please refer to the City's website Employment Opportunities section for further details regarding the application process. *The City of Woodstock is an Equal Opportunity Employer.* Application Deadline: Friday, November 14, 2014 at 5:00PM.

Other Recruitment News:

Interviews for chosen qualified applicants for the **Maintenance Workers** positions were held on Friday, October 24th. Information on the position will be released shortly.

Interviews for chosen qualified applicants for the **Part-Time Library Desk Assistant** were held on Wednesday, October 29th. Information on the position will be released shortly.

Interviews for chosen qualified applicants for the **Mechanic** position were held on Tuesday, November 4th. Information on the position will be released shortly.

ME AND MY SHADOW

On Wednesday and Thursday this week, the **Woodstock Police Department** hosted two local high school students from the District # 200 Job Shadow program. Angelica Escorza, a junior at Woodstock North, rode with **Officer Dave Sharp** experiencing for herself a “typical” day in the life of a Patrol Officer. **Officer Josh Rapacz** escorted Ana Fedmasu, a senior at Woodstock High School (and a **Woodstock Police Explorer**), on his daily rounds.

Both young women have expressed an interest in pursuing a career in law enforcement and job shadowing provides them with a unique opportunity to see and experience first-hand the profession.

Quotation

“There are no wrong turns, only unexpected paths.”

- Mark Nepo

2015 OPEN ENROLLMENT BENEFITS FORMS DUE NOVEMBER 12TH

Please note that **all** Benefit Forms are due in the HR Office **NO LATER** than **Wednesday, November 12th, 2014**. If you have any questions regarding your elections, please contact Jill May, HR Coordinator, at extension 11206.

SEWER BACKUP?

Should you experience a sewer backup in your home or business between the hours of 8:30AM and 5:00PM Monday thru Friday, call the **Department of**

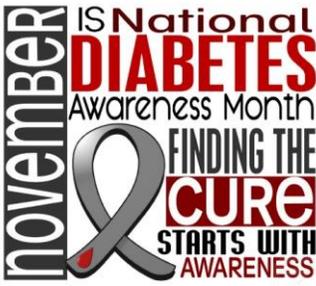


Public Works,
815-338-6118,
before you
call a
plumber.

Outside of those office hours, please call the Police Department’s non-emergency number, 815-338-2131, to report the problem.

Public Works personnel will be dispatched to your home / business to assess the problem. If the blockage is in the City’s sewer main, corrective action will be taken immediately to remedy the situation.

If the blockage is in an area between the building and the sewer main, the property owner is responsible for hiring a plumber to clear the service line. In this instance, all necessary repairs and restoration are the responsibility of the property owner.



NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL DIABETES MONTH...BE SMART ABOUT YOUR HEART: CONTROL THE ABCS OF DIABETES

November is National Diabetes Month. If you have diabetes, the National Diabetes Education Program (NDEP) wants you to Be Smart About Your Heart by managing the ABCs of Diabetes.

More than 29 million Americans have diabetes, and it is estimated that one in every four people with diabetes does not even know they have the disease. If left undiagnosed or untreated, diabetes can lead to serious health problems, including heart attack and stroke.

The National Diabetes Education Program (NDEP) and [insert name of organization] wants people with diabetes to know that heart disease can be a serious health problem for people with diabetes. The good news is that people with diabetes can lower their chances of having diabetes-related heart problems by managing their Diabetes ABCs.

- **A** is for the A1C test (A-one-C). This is a blood test that measures your average blood sugar (glucose) level over the past three months.
- **B** is for Blood pressure.
- **C** is for Cholesterol.
- **S** is for stopping smoking.

If you have diabetes, talk to your doctor about your A1C, Blood pressure, and Cholesterol numbers. Your ABC goals will depend on how long you have had diabetes, and other health problems. If you smoke, ask for help or call 1-800-QUITNOW.

For more information, please visit www.YourDiabetesInfo.org/DiabetesMonth2014 to learn more.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' National Diabetes Education Program is jointly sponsored by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) with the support of more than 200 partner organizations.

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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 for more information.

HR NEWS

Service Awards Program Honors 24 Dedicated Employees:

The individuals noted below were recognized for their years of service to the Woodstock community at the October 21st City Council meeting:

10-Year

Monica Amraen/City Manager's Office Assistant

David Dempsey/Patrol Officer

Brandon Eddy/Maintenance Worker/Parks

Joshua Fourdyce/Police Sergeant

George Kopulos/Police Detective

Ruth Ann Lieb/Staff Accountant

Shane Marshall/Police Detective

Joshua Rapacz/Patrol Officer

Andrew Reitz, Jr./Patrol Officer

Adam Schraw/Patrol Officer

Rob Walkington/Building Inspector



15-Year

Jason Bernstein/Patrol Officer

Cory Fink/Patrol Officer

20-Year

Robert Pritchard/Police Sergeant

William Straczek/Senior Accountant

Daniel Wesolek/Police Sergeant

Terry Willcockson/Grant Writer

25-Year

Charles "Chip" Amati/Police Sergeant

Geraldine Granzetto/Opera House Box Office Assistant

Martha Hansen/Librarian/Network Administrator

James Kastner/Planning/Zoning Administrator

Donna Limbaugh/Community & Econ. Dev. Office Manager

John Mecklenburg/Parks Foreman

30-Year

Julie Fee/Reference/Adult Services Librarian









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

Jim Elliot from the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS) will discuss how they assist local communities in times of emergency and disaster.

Coffee with the Chief



Monday, November 10, 2014
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.