



CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER



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DON'T FORGET TO BUCKLE UP!

Woodstock Police Department has announced that September's Traffic Enforcement Initiative targets Occupant Restraint (seat belt) violations with equal emphasis on passengers, including children in child safety seats.

The primary goal is to reduce the incidents of motorists driving without properly buckling up themselves, their passengers and their children. Equally important is the continuing education of the motoring public by encouraging mandatory compliance with Occupant Restraint laws.

For further information regarding these traffic enforcement initiatives, contact **Sergeant Rob Pritchard** at 815-338-2131 or at rpritchard@woodstockil.gov.



HYDRANT FLUSHING CONTINUES

September 2 - Wednesday, September 10 ...
West of Illinois Route 47
September 11 - Friday, September 19 ...
East of Illinois Route 47

No scheduled hydrant flushing will take place on Saturdays or Sundays.

During hydrant flushing, some loss of pressure and/or water discoloration may occur. This condition will not present any health hazards and is temporary. Residents are urged to check their water quality **prior** to doing laundry and to avoid doing any laundry when hydrants will be flushed in your area.

If you have any questions about hydrant flushing, please contact the Department of Public Works at 815-338-6118, or via e-mail at pwdept@woodstockil.gov.



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ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A SERVICE PROJECT?



Do you have a group or team that is looking for a service project? The Department of Public Works would be happy to talk with you to find the right tasks for you. Volunteers have helped with painting facility signs, fire hydrants, picnic tables, raking leaves, spreading mulch, cleaning up around gardens, as well as picking up trash along roadways. Public Works will provide supplies, instructions and safety guidelines to assist in organizing your Service Project event.

Along with our Adopt-a-Highway program, we've also had many volunteers from Church groups, Scouts and schools that we have helped to organize Service Projects throughout our community.

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

Quote

The only true wisdom is in knowing you know nothing.

[Socrates](#)

COMED'S VEGETATION MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

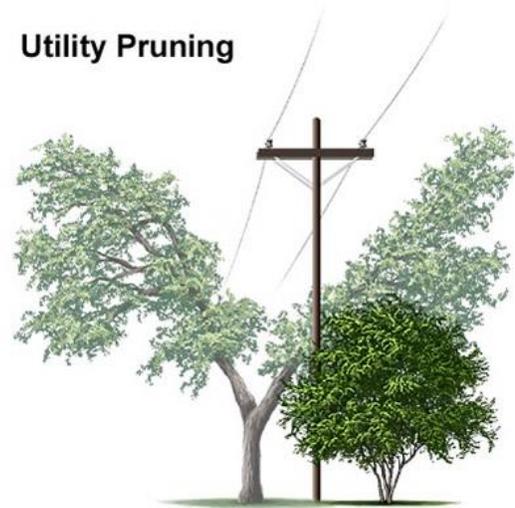
Within the next three months, ComEd will begin their mid-cycle vegetation management activities; trimming trees, branches and vines that interfere or have the potential to interfere with power lines. Tree-trimming is "a key component of ComEd's maintenance program to ensure system electrical reliability." According to ComEd, "trees and other vegetation cause about 20% of all electric service interruptions."

Com-Ed has contacted all residents that may be affected by this fall's tree-trimming activities; mainly along Country Club Road and Zimmerman Road.

For further information about vegetation maintenance along power lines, and ComEd's "Right Tree, Right Place" program, please go to: <http://www.comed.com/sites/customerservice/Pages/TreesPowerlines.aspx>

If you have any questions about these activities, call ComEd at 1-800-334-7661 and ask to speak with a Vegetation Management representative, or visit <https://www.comed.com/customer-service/service-request/trees-powerlines/pages/maintenance.aspx>

Utility Pruning



Right Tree Right Place

RECRUITMENT NEWS

The **Public Works Department** has posted two internal promotional opportunities for current **Public Works** employees only. The position of full-time **Water Treatment Operator I** is open until Monday, 9/8/14. The position of full-time **Mechanic** is open for application until Wednesday, 9/10/14. Interested Public Works employees should submit a current resume and letter of interest highlighting their qualifications to the **HR Department**, in person or via humanresources@woodstockil.gov by the specified due dates noted above.

Congratulations to **Rob Lamz** who applied, interviewed and was selected as the most qualified candidate for the **Public Works** internally-posted position of **Fleet Foreman**, effective 9/7/14.

More congratulations are due to **Jill May**, who is promoted to the position of **HR Coordinator** from her current position as **HR Benefits Analyst**, as **Terry Willcockson** fully transitions to the **City Manager's Office** to serve in her role as **Grant Writer** on a full-time basis. Both moves are effective next Monday, 9/8/14.

Interviews were held this week with 6 internal and external candidates for the posted position of **Production Assistant** for the **Woodstock Opera House**. The results of the interviews will be announced soon.



ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PAVEMENT PATCHING

IDOT's road patching contractor, Peter Baker & Son Company, is scheduled to complete intermittent pavement patching on Illinois Route 47 from US Route 14 to Charles Road this coming Friday (9/5/14) and Saturday (9/6/14), depending on the weather. IDOT apologizes for any inconveniences this may occur, but pointed out that when completed, this project will improve the operation of the highway facility.

If you have any questions, please contact IDOT directly, <http://www.idot.illinois.gov/>



MEETINGS NEXT WEEK...

Monday, September 8 – Historic Preservation
Commission, 7PM, Council Chambers

Tuesday, September 9 – Economic Development
Commission, 8AM, Council Chambers

EXTENDED SEASON DRAWS OVER 1,000 PATRONS

Pictured is Jay Zinnen showing his not so Greg Louganis style while taking advantage of the extended season at **Woodstock Water Works**. A total of 1,056 patrons visited WWW during the five additional days that the facility was open this year. Sunday, August 31 drew the biggest crowd with an attendance of 367 swimmers. Daily admission revenues totaled just over \$4,000 for the five-day period.

Historically, WWW closes the weekend after school which this year would have been August 17. However, at the request of the City Council, the season was extended on weekends through Labor Day.

A big thanks to the pool staff that was still available to work the extra weekends.



HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS – SAFETY

The products you use for cleaning, carpentry, auto repair, gardening, and many other household uses can contain ingredients that can harm you, your family, and the environment. These include:

- Oven and drain cleaners
- Laundry powder
- Floor polish
- Paint thinners, strippers and removers
- Pesticides
- Grease and rust removers
- Motor oil and fuel additives
- Arts and craft supplies

Toxic substances in these products can cause harm if inhaled, swallowed, or absorbed through the skin. People respond to toxic substances in different ways. At high doses a toxic substance might cause birth defects or other serious problems, including brain damage or death.

To avoid problems, keep products in the containers they come in and use them exactly as the label says. Follow label directions or get medical help if you swallow, inhale or get them on your skin.

Annual LobsterFest Reaches 30th year Milestone

If you have lived or worked in Woodstock over the past 30 years, you will undoubtedly have seen the red-and-white Lobster yard-signs that pop up in yards and on front lawns throughout McHenry County this time of year. 2014 is the 30th year that fresh, New England lobsters will be flown-in live, for the much anticipated annual LobsterFest, sponsored by St. Ann's Episcopal Church, Woodstock.



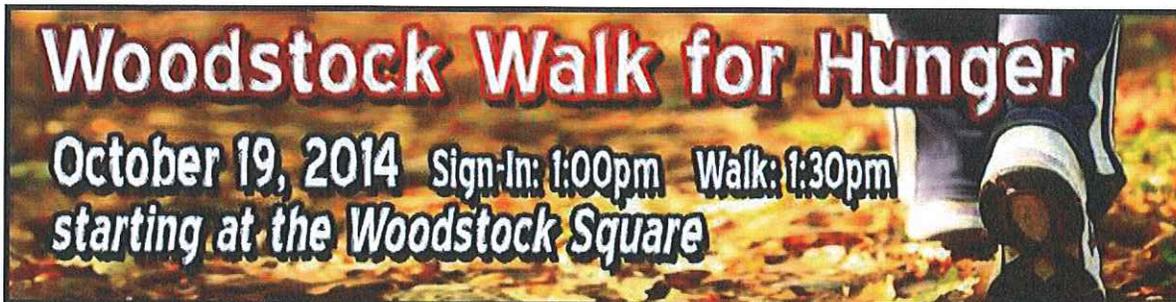
What you may not be aware of, is the number and variety of community outreach programs that this annual event supports. St Ann's donates a portion of the profits from this annual event to a myriad of local programs benefitting the homeless and others within the local community.

With a desire to expand these services to more needy families and individuals, St Ann's is adding in the sale of Steaks to the Annual LobsterFest event for their 30th year of fundraising. The hope is that broadening the offering to 'surf 'n' turf' will increase demand and raise more funds, thereby enabling this

small but active and well known church community to help more people! In addition to helping the homeless, proceeds of the annual LobsterFest also support the Apple Tree Ministry (donating school supplies), Angel Tree Ministry (Christmas gifts for the needy), Winter Clothing Drive, Feeding the Homeless, and for the maintenance and growth of their Market Garden, enabling donations of much needed fresh vegetables to the Woodstock Food Pantry throughout the summer months every year, as well as proceeds going to WACM (Woodstock Area Community Ministries).

If you would like to be involved, support, help-out, or donate, please reach out to St Ann's Episcopal Church, everyone is welcome. Ordering for this year's Lobster (and steak!) Fest is easier than ever, just order online at www.lobsterchurch.org or by clicking [here](#) or place your order via phone at 815 338 0950. Gift Certificates are also available. The ordering deadline is 5pm on October 13th, and Orders are to be picked up on Saturday 18th October.

After collecting your LobsterFest orders on 18th, why not continue your community support with a weekend of giving by participating the following day in this year's "Woodstock Walk for Hunger" on Sunday 19th? The Woodstock Walk for Hunger, is a WACM-Sponsored 6-mile walk through beautiful Woodstock, to raise awareness of the problem of hunger and to raise much needed funds for combating it. Register now, via the WACM website: www.wacmgroup.org, we can't think of a better reason to walk off your lobster and steak dinner from the night before!



Complete and mail this form, with payment, to St. Ann's Church, 503 W. Jackson, Woodstock, IL 60098

If you have any questions call St. Ann's 815-3238-0950, or email: StAnns@StAnnsWoodstock.org

PLEASE CIRCLE PICKUP TIME:				
2:00 - 4:00 PM LIVE ONLY				
4:00	4:30	5:00	5:30	6:00

ST. ANN'S LOBSTERFEST
Event: Oct. 18, 2014
ORDER DEADLINE: OCT. 13, 2014

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	PRICE	COST
LOBSTER -COOKED		\$22	
LOBSTER - LIVE		\$22	
ALLEN BROTHERS STEAKS 6 oz Filet		\$18	
8 oz Ribeye		\$16	
LARGE ORDER DISCOUNT (-\$2 PER LOBSTER ON 10 OR MORE LOBSTERS)		DISCOUNT(-)	
		TOTAL	

NOTE:

- Live lobsters need to be picked up between 2-4pm. (Bring your own container). YOU choose the time, above.
- Live Lobster orders WITH Steaks – also need to be picked up between 2-4pm. YOU choose the time, above.
- Cooked Lobsters, and Cooked Lobsters WITH Steaks are available between 4-6pm. YOU choose the time, above.
- Once you choose your pick-up time, PLEASE, do not try to pick-up your order earlier.
- If you want to change your Order OR your Pick-Up time – please call us before Monday, Oct 13, 5:00pm.



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AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM AVAILABLE

The Woodstock Police Department will be hosting the *AARP Driver Safety Program* on **Monday, September 15, 2014** and **Tuesday, September 16, 2014**. The classes will be held in the Training Room at the Woodstock Police Department located at 656 Lake Avenue. Classes will be held on each day from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Participants *must* attend both sessions.

The AARP Driver Safety Program is the nation's first and largest classroom course designed especially for drivers age 50 and older. Course completion helps older drivers refine existing skills and develop safe driving strategies in today's challenging driving environment.

Successful completion of the course may entitle the participant to a discount on their auto insurance. Participants are charged a nominal fee of \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members.

There are still places available. For more information or to register for the class, please contact Tamara Reed at the Woodstock Police Department at 815-338-6787.



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

Detective Sergeant Jeff Parsons of the WPD Investigation Unit will discuss the ever growing problem of sexting among today's youth.

Coffee with the Chief



Monday, September 8, 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.