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AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM TO BE HELD AT WPD



The very popular *AARP Driver Safety Program* will be held at the **Woodstock Police Department** on September 15th and 16th from 10:00AM to

2:00PM each day. Participants must attend both days to receive credit for the class. The cost is \$15.00 for AARP members and \$20.00 for non-members.

Participants who successfully complete the program may be eligible for a reduction in their vehicle insurance rates.

For further information or to register for the class, please contact **Administrative Office Manager Tamara Reed** at 815-338-6787.

CHILDRENS PEACE PARK AND PATH ORGANIZERS INVITE THE PUBLIC TO ASSIST THIS SUNDAY

D200 Challenge Corps “Cornstalkers” have been working with the Bull Valley Garden Club and the City of Woodstock to create a Peace Park within Dick Tracy Way Park. The Peace Parks concrete peace symbol has been poured and the circumference of the circle has been prepared for the laying of brick to define the perimeter. This is where park organizers can use your help.

This Sunday, August 24th, brick will be laid to define the perimeter of the park between the hours of 3:00-5:00 at the Lake Avenue location just west of the **Police Department**. The public is invited to place a brick to be a part of the peaceful construction of this unique park. There will be bricks to place or you can bring/donate your own. Bricks need to be 2 3/8” to 3” thick but color doesn’t matter.

A future date will be announced for planting red sedum in the peace sign spaces. Recycled plastic benches will be added to the park soon so that you might sit, relax, and think peaceful thoughts about the world around you. All are welcome!

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YARD MAINTENANCE AND WEED CONTROL

The **Department of Public Works** requests your assistance with controlling weeds that may be growing in front of your property and along the curb line adjoining the asphalt surface.

Your assistance with weed control would help maintain property values in neighborhoods throughout the City of Woodstock, allow storm water to move more easily towards the drain inlets, and aid in the longevity of the asphalt.

Also, as a reminder, when mowing your lawn please do not blow the grass clippings into the roadways as this can clog drain inlets and cause flooding issues during rain events.

We appreciate your assistance. If you have any questions about these practices, please contact the Department of Public Works, 815-338-6118.



“JAZZ ON THE SQUARE”

Come out to the historic Woodstock Square this Saturday, August 23 for the **2014 Woodstock Jazz Festival**.

The event begins at 9:30AM and goes until 1:00 PM (during the Woodstock Farmer’s Market) with The Rick Embach Trio and Outcast Jazz Band in the Gazebo at the Park in the Square.

Stage Left Café will host the evening event from 7:00PM – 10:00PM which will include the Johnny Weber Trio and Le Percolateur.

It’s sure to be another wonderful event!

For further information, go to www.jazzonthesquare.com



RECRUITMENT NEWS

Nick McCahill has requested and been offered a transfer opportunity from his position as **Maintenance Worker/Parks** to the open position of **Maintenance Worker/Sewer & Water**, beginning on August 18, 2014.

The following recruitment expires today:

Woodstock Opera House Production Assistant

The City of Woodstock is seeking qualified applicants for **Production Assistant** with the **Woodstock Opera House**, a renowned historic year-round performing arts theatre and concert venue. This full-time hourly position assists the Production Manager and Building Manager with duties related to technical theatrical scenery, lighting and sound for all public performances and events in the Opera House, Stage Left Café and Park in the Square, under the direction of the Opera House Production Manager.

Min. Qual.: High school degree or equivalent; 1-2 years' theatre scenery, stage lighting, sound and design production experience; valid driver's license with good driving record; ability to obtain CPR and basic first aid certifications. **Salary Range:** \$17.20 – 22.00 per hour DOQ, with full benefits package of group health & dental insurance, benefit time and IMRF retirement plan.

Applications for this role may be obtained on the City's website under Employment Opportunities, or may be sent by contacting humanresources@woodstockil.gov. A completed City of Woodstock job application, current resume and cover letter - clearly outlining relevant experience and education - should be returned to humanresources@woodstockil.gov no later than **FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 2014**. The City reserves the right to select only the most qualified applicants for an interview. EOE

PARKS DIVISION PROJECTS UPDATE

The new playground equipment for Raintree Park was delivered this past week. Equipment installation is being scheduled for September.

The **Parks Division** has been cutting back / trimming the lilac bushes on Lake Avenue this week. We expect this work to be completed by the end of next week.

Crews have continued the preparation work on the Disc Golf Course at Raintree Park. Most of the holes have been installed; they will be working on the baskets and goals next week.

If you have any questions about these projects, please contact the Department of Public Works, 815-338-6118 or pwdept@woodstockil.gov



MEETINGS NEXT WEEK...

Thursday, August 28 – Plan Commission, 7PM,
Council Chambers

Quote

Never be afraid to sit awhile and think.

Lorraine Hansberry

CAMPING HEALTH AND SAFETY TIPS

Camping is a fun way to get family and friends together to enjoy the outdoors. Follow these tips and use the packing checklist to help ensure your camping trip is safe and healthy.



Camping Tips:

- **Get vaccinated.** Vaccinations can help protect against certain diseases and conditions while camping. Check with your doctor or nurse to see if you've had all of the recommended vaccines. He or she may recommend tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), meningitis, and/or hepatitis A, depending on your medical history, destination, and other factors.
- **Prepare healthy and safe food.**
- **Bring healthy food along on your camping trip.** Follow these steps to keep your food safe:
 - Pack foods in tight, waterproof bags or containers. Keep them in an insulated cooler.
 - Wash hands and surfaces often. Use hand sanitizer if water is not available.
 - Separate raw foods from cooked foods.
 - Cook foods to proper temperatures (for instance, ground beef should be cooked to an internal temperature of at least 160 degrees).
 - Chill foods promptly.
- **Include safe physical activities.** Camping is a great way to get physical activity. Do things such as walking, hiking, biking, or swimming to keep you active during your camping trip. Be sure to bring protective gear, such as helmets, sturdy shoes, and life jackets. Avoid poisonous plants, like poison ivy, poison oak, and poison sumac. Know your limits, and take steps to avoid injury during activities. Never hike or swim alone. Watch kids closely. Adults should get at least 2½ hours a week and kids should get at least 1 hour a day of physical activity.
- **Protect against carbon monoxide poisoning.** Carbon monoxide is odorless and colorless and can cause illness or death in people and pets. Never use fuel-burning equipment such as gas stoves, heaters, lanterns, and charcoal grills inside a tent, camper, or other enclosed shelter. It can cause dangerous levels of carbon monoxide to build up. As alternative heat sources to fuel-burning appliances inside an enclosed shelter, campers should bring adequate bedding and clothing and should consume extra calories and fluids during the outing to prevent hypothermia (a dangerous loss of body warmth that can cause death).
- **Avoid wild animals, and protect family pets.** Some wild animals carry diseases that are dangerous to people, including rabies, Hantavirus, *Giardia* infection, and more. Avoid touching, feeding, and getting near wild animals. Enjoy watching them from a safe distance in their natural surroundings. Keep foods stored in sealed containers and out of the reach of animals. Make sure your family pets are vaccinated and always keep a close eye on their whereabouts. Check for ticks, and remove them promptly. Make sure pets have plenty of water, food, and shelter.
- **Fight the bug bite.** Mosquitoes, ticks, and other insects can cause certain diseases. For example, mosquitoes can cause West Nile Virus, and ticks can cause Lyme disease. To help fight the bite, apply

insect repellent containing DEET to exposed skin. Repellents containing 20% or more DEET (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide) can protect up to several hours. Apply the insect repellent permethrin to clothes to help keep ticks from attaching to them. Be sure to follow directions on the package. Check for ticks daily, and remove them promptly. Wear long sleeves, pants, and other light-colored clothing to help prevent and spot ticks more easily.

- **Prevent temperature-related illness.** To help prevent hypothermia during cool nights, bring adequate bedding and clothing to stay warm. Use a plastic ground cloth under your tent to help keep you dry. To help prevent heat-related illness during hot days, drink plenty of alcohol-free and sugar-free fluids. Don't wait until you're thirsty to drink. Wear layers of light-weight, light-colored, and loose-fitting clothing. Rest often in shady areas. Protect yourself from too much sun.
- **Protect yourself from the sun.** Protection from ultraviolet (UV) radiation is important all year round. UV rays from the sun can reach you on cloudy and hazy days, as well as bright and sunny days. Use a broad-spectrum (against UVA and UVB rays) sunscreen and lipscreen with at least SPF 15. Seek shade, especially during midday hours, when the sun's rays are strongest. Cover up with clothing, a wide-brimmed hat, and sunglasses.
- **Avoid water-related illness and injury.** Camping often includes playing in and around the water. To help protect yourself and your fellow campers from illness, don't swim if you have diarrhea, and don't swallow the water you swim in. Take a shower before and after swimming. Never swim alone. If you plan to ride in a boat, canoe, or other water vehicle, be sure to wear a life jacket. Avoid alcohol.
- **Be prepared.** Always prepare for the unexpected. Before you leave, check the weather report, learn about security at your camp location, and tell family and friends your plans. Know what to do when toilets are not available. Be sure to bring along a supply kit that includes a first-aid kit, compass or GPS, map, flashlight, blankets, batteries, food, water, clothes, and medications. Know who to contact at the camp to report issues that may come up. When you return home, check for ticks, skin rashes or sunburn, dehydration, and other problems.

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CHILI COOK-OFF



Get your recipes ready and mark your calendar for Thursday, October 2 for the Chili-Cook-Off. The event will be held in the Police Department parking lot from 4-7PM. More details to follow.



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.

Woodstock Water Works

Temperatures are supposed to reach the 90's this weekend!! What better way to beat the heat then going to Woodstock Water Works! WWW will be open Saturdays and Sundays through Sept 1!

Saturdays, Aug 23 & 30 - Noon - 8:00 pm

Sundays, Aug 24 & 31 - Noon - 7:00 pm

Plus Monday, September 1 11:00 am - 6 pm

Adult Lap Swim on the weekends, 11 am - noon.



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