



# CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER



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## **DOWNTOWN BRICK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM**



The Downtown Brick Replacement program is an annual maintenance program designed to remove, replace and repair areas on and around the Square where bricks have deteriorated.

Repair is necessary in order to maintain the character of the community and the identity of the historic Woodstock Square.

On August 5, 2014, the Woodstock City Council awarded the 2014 Downtown Brick Replacement contract to Nierman Landscape and Design, Inc. of Woodstock. After a pre-construction meeting scheduled for August 13, the contractor will begin the process of removing and replacing damaged bricks. The majority of the work will focus on Main Street and Benton Street with some additional work around the Square. Work is scheduled to be completed by mid – September, if the weather remains favorable. The contractor will not be working on Tuesdays or Saturdays in order to avoid traffic from the Woodstock Farmer’s Market.

If you have any questions regarding the Brick Replacement Program, please contact the **Department of Public Works**, 815-338-6118, and speak to the **City Engineer**.

## **FINAL MOVIES IN THE PARK TONIGHT!**



Bring your blankets or lawn chairs and come out for the final movie of this, the 9<sup>th</sup> season of Movies in the Park! Tonight’s feature will be the popular, *Despicable Me 2*, beginning at 8:30PM at

Woodstock Water Works. Of course, we will be joined by rc juggles, who will provide the pre-movie entertainment. Thanks to the **Department of Public Works**, the **Recreation Department**, and the **Office of the City Manager** for putting on this popular program.

## **WWTP LAB MANAGER RECEIVES GOOD REVIEW**

For the ninth straight year **Wastewater Treatment Plant Laboratory Manager, Sue Hansell**, received an “all acceptable” on the IEPA (Illinois Environmental Protection Agency) DMR-QA (Discharge Monitoring Report–Quality Assurance) proficiency test, which is an annual requirement of her position. “DMR-QA evaluates the analytical ability of the laboratories that perform self-monitoring analyses required by their NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) permit.”

This study is initiated by the USEPA (United States Environmental Protection Agency) and determines the accuracy of the personnel performing the analysis. In order to do that, Sue received a set of spiked samples from a contract lab. She measured the samples for total suspended solids, pH, ammonia nitrogen, CBOD5, phosphorus and chlorine residual. Then, Sue received a report with the known values and compared them to her results. Sue once again has performed very well, with many of her results being almost exact.

This is a very favorable designation in the eyes of the IEPA, and it reflects very well on the City of Woodstock and the **Wastewater Treatment Division**.



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## **REC DEPARTMENT OFFERS HORSEBACK RIDING LESSONS AND CAMP WITH JOHN WHITE**



### **STABLES**

The Recreation Department and Program Coordinator, Renee Torrez, has partnered with Lisa White and John White Stables to offer *Horseback Riding Lessons and Horseback*

*Riding Camp* for children ages 6 - 18 years.

The focus of the lessons is to provide our riders with confidence, self-esteem, a sense of achievement, and an understanding of horses and horsemanship in a safe environment.

As their skills develop, riders will be encouraged to participate in local academy shows where they will ride on one of the lesson horses and compete against other beginning riders.

The final classes for the summer session started last week. A total of four different sessions were offered this summer on Monday and Tuesday evenings and an adult class on Wednesday nights.

The *Horseback Riding Camp* began July 29 and finished up on August 1. Pictured are participants practicing their riding skills at camp last week.

Activities included horse care, games, swimming, arts and crafts and, of course, horseback riding. It is a perfect week for horse lovers!

For more information about John White Stables, visit the website [www.johnwhitestables.com](http://www.johnwhitestables.com).

Classes will be offered this fall on Monday and Tuesday evenings. For more information about our Horseback Riding lessons, visit our website at [www.woodstockrecreationdepartment.com](http://www.woodstockrecreationdepartment.com).

## **REC DEPARTMENT PREPARES FOR TRIATHLON**



Pictured is **WWW lifeguard Sam Ludwig** marking the kids' run course in preparation for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual *We.Can.Tri Sprint-Length Adult and Kid's Triathlon* on Sunday morning, August 10 at Woodstock Water Works.

Adults, ages 14+, will **SWIM 400 yards** in the Woodstock Water Works lap pool, **BIKE 12.4 miles** through the scenic countryside southwest of Woodstock, and **RUN 3.1 miles** through beautiful Emricson Park.

Kids, ages 6-14, will swim 50-100 yards in Woodstock Water Works, bike 3.1 miles and run 1 mile both primarily within Emricson Park

All race, registration, and payment info is online at [www.signmeup.com/101922](http://www.signmeup.com/101922)

The cutoff for online registration is today at 5 pm; however, race day registration is available starting at 6AM Sunday morning.

The previous triathlon director chose not to run the event this year so the **Recreation Department** along with **Rec Center Fitness Instructor Mollie O'Connor** and Rec Center member Kim Thomas are coordinating the event.

## **RECRUITMENT NEWS**

Welcome to **Kate Tripp** who began work this week as **PT Young Adult Library Assistant** with the **Woodstock Public Library**. **Kate** graduated with a BS in English from MacMurray College and taught English in grades 6-12 for several years. She is currently working on her MLIS through University of Illinois, completing a School Library Media Specialist endorsement and planning to obtain a Certificate in Library Youth Services.

An internal opportunity has been posted at the **Woodstock Recreation Center** for candidates for an open **Pool Manager** position at Woodstock Water Works for next season. Interested employees with relevant experience should submit a letter of interest and current resume to **Program Coordinator Becky Vidales** by the end of the day today, Friday, August 8, 2014.

An internal posting has also been made at the **Public Works Department** for the position of **Fleet Foreman**. Interested employees with relevant experience should submit a letter of interest and current resume to the **HR Department** by the end of the day, Wednesday, August 20, 2014.

An internal posting is also in effect at the **Public Works Department** for the split position of **Street/Parks Maintenance Worker**; this is a transfer offering only, not a promotional opportunity. Interested employees should notify the **Public Works Director** no later than end of the day Friday, August 15, 2014.

The following recruitment is posted and available for application:

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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

## **MEETINGS NEXT WEEK...**

Tuesday, August 12 – Economic Development  
Commission, 8:00AM, Council Chambers

Tuesday, August 12 – Parks & Recreation  
Commission, 7:00PM, Council Chambers

## **Quote**

Age is not important unless  
you're a cheese.

**Helen Hayes**



**AUGUST IS NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH...ADULTS NEED VACCINES TOO!**

All adults should get vaccines to protect their health. Even healthy adults can become seriously ill, and can pass certain illnesses on to others. Immunization is especially important for adults 60 years of age and older, and for those who have a chronic condition such as asthma, COPD, diabetes or heart disease. Immunization is also important for anyone who is in close contact with the very young, the very old, people with weakened immune systems, and those who cannot be vaccinated.

All adults should get:

- **Influenza (flu) vaccine:** Each year to protect against the seasonal flu.
- **Td or Tdap (Tetanus-Diphtheria or Tetanus-Diphtheria-Pertussis):** Every adult should get the Tdap vaccine once if they did not receive it as an adolescent to protect against pertussis (whooping cough), and then a Td (tetanus, diphtheria) booster shot every 10 years. In addition, women are also recommended to get the Tdap vaccine **each time** they are pregnant, preferably at 27 through 36 weeks.

The need for other adult vaccines – such as shingles, pneumococcal, hepatitis, HPV – depends on one's age, occupation, travel, health status, and other risk factors.



You are cordially invited to join Sergeant Constantino Cipolla at the Woodstock Police Department for coffee, conversation and an informative program.

Permanent Beat Officer Adam Schraw (Beat # 22; the northwest quadrant of the city) will discuss law enforcement's response to those with mental illness.

# Coffee with the Chief



Monday, August 11, 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.