



CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER



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CITY OFFICES TO CLOSE FOR 4TH

In observance of the 4th of July, City Hall and all non-emergency City offices will be closed next Friday.

Have a safe and happy holiday!

“REMEMBER OUR HEROES” CAR SHOW

VFW Post 5040 will be hosting their annual “Remember Our Heroes” Car Show this Saturday, June 28th, from 9:00PM until 3:00PM at 240 N. Throop Street. The public parking lot just south of the VFW lot will be closed off for this event.

The show is open to all collector cars; there is a \$20 registration fee, spectators are free. All participants will receive commemorative dog tags and trophies will be awarded.

Come out for the Car Show and stay to enjoy the pig roast, beer tent, free raffles, music and more!

All proceeds will benefit local veteran's causes to honor those serving our country. If you have any questions, please contact VFW Post 5040 at 815-338-5040 or visit their website <http://www.vfw5040.org/>



FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY WILL IMPACT GARBAGE SERVICE



As a reminder, the Fourth of July Holiday will alter the garbage pickup schedule for residents during the week of June 30th through July 4th. With the Fourth of July falling on a Friday, residents with Friday pick-up will need to place their garbage out on Saturday. Any questions should be directed to the City's garbage contractor, MDC Environmental Services at 815-334-0014.

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OFFICER PRENTICE GRADUATES FROM POLICE ACADEMY

Officer Matthew Prentice graduated from the Police Training Institute (PTI) on Thursday afternoon in Urbana. The Basic Law Enforcement Class is a rigorous and intensive twelve week course to prepare the recruit for a career as a Patrol Officer.

Chief Robert Lowen and **Sergeant Constantino Cipolla** attended the graduation ceremony to represent the **Woodstock Police Department** and to personally congratulate Officer Prentice on his accomplishment.

Officer Prentice will have one day off to celebrate and then he will begin sixteen additional weeks of departmental field training on Saturday. Once completed, he will then be certified to go on solo patrol duties.

Congratulations Officer Prentice and good luck as you continue your training!



MEETINGS NEXT WEEK...

No Meetings Scheduled

CITY WIDE MOSQUITO SPRAYING SCHEDULED FOR NEXT WEEK

Recent rainfall has triggered hatches of the floodwater mosquito. The City has contracted with Clarke Mosquito Control once again this year to provide as-needed Adulticiding applications which are applied through a sprayer attached to a truck traveling through streets within the City's corporate boundaries. Assuming favorable weather conditions, **Adulticiding applications along City streets will be completed between dusk Wednesday, July 2 and dawn Thursday, July 3.** If weather conditions are not favorable on Wednesday, spraying will take place beginning at dusk on Thursday. Residents that would like to be notified prior to an actual spraying event can call Clarke's Mosquito Hotline at (800) 942-2555. Calls will be made prior to an actual spraying event here in the City.

According to Clarke, individuals can take the following steps to protect themselves against nuisance mosquitoes:

- If outdoors when mosquitoes are active, dress in light-colored, long-sleeved clothing, long pants and socks. Apply mosquito repellent with DEET to clothing and exposed skin in accordance with label directions.
- Discard any outdoor container that might hold water and empty water from wading pools and birdbaths once a week.
- Keep grass cut short and shrubbery well-trimmed around the house so adult mosquitoes will not hide there.
- Since dead birds (crows, blue jays and raptors) can be the first warning that West Nile Virus is present in the area, report dead birds on your property to the McHenry County Health Department (815.334.4510).

RECRUITMENT NEWS

Congratulations to **Facility & Events Worker Joe McCormack** who has been promoted to **Lead Worker** at the **Woodstock Opera House**. Also, welcome to **Tyler Hollis** and **Nathan Knapke** who have joined the **Opera House** as summer **Facility & Events Workers**.

Following 8 interviews with both internal and external candidates for **Streets Supervisor in Public Works**, an offer of employment has been made and accepted, with the candidate's name to be announced pending completion of background and reference checks.

Following 8 interviews with both internal and external candidates for **Parks Supervisor in Public Works**, second interviews were held this week with the top 3 candidates, with a final offer for this position forthcoming.

The following position closes for application today:

Woodstock Opera House Production Manager

Due to retirement, the City of Woodstock is seeking qualified applicants for **Production Manager** with the **Woodstock Opera House**, a renowned historic year-round performing arts theatre and concert venue. This full-time exempt position coordinates technical theatrical scenery, lighting and sound for all public performances in the Opera House, Stage Left Café and Square Park Bandstand; organizes and assigns personnel and equipment; supervises personnel training and purchases and maintains production equipment. Work is performed under the direction of the Opera House Managing Director.

Min. Qual.: Bachelor's degree in Theatre Production, Theatre or Fine Arts (MFA degree in Theatre preferred); 5 years' theatre scenery, stage lighting, sound and design production experience, at more than one venue; valid driver's license with good driving record; ability to obtain CPR and first aid certifications, and to be federally licensed to manufacture, possess and use pyrotechnic materials. **Salary Range:** \$59,654 - \$80,000 DOQ, with full benefits package of group health & dental insurance, benefit time and IMRF retirement plan.

A completed City of Woodstock job application, current resume and cover letter—clearly outlining relevant experience and education—should be emailed to: humanresources@woodstockil.gov no later than **Friday, June 27, 2014**. Formal applications for this position are available on the City's website or will be sent via e-mail upon request. The City reserves the right to select only the most qualified applicants for an interview. EOE

The process to establish a new **Patrol Officer Eligibility List** is currently underway:

City of Woodstock -PATROL OFFICER

Woodstock, NW Chicago suburban community of 24,770, on Metra rail and McHenry County seat, seeks dedicated public servants to establish a Patrol Officer Eligibility List. Min qual: 21-34 yrs old (age waiver for experienced officers); US citizen; HS grad or equiv., with preference points awarded for bachelor's degree any major; for associate's degree in criminal justice, law enforcement, fire service or emergency medical services; or, for prior military service with honorable discharge; valid driver's license and good driving record; no felony convictions. FY14/15 starting salary: \$52,025 with comprehensive benefits package. Application packet can be saved to your computer and/or printed from www.woodstockil.gov under Employment Opportunities, or emailed by contacting: humanresources@woodstockil.gov Completed applications must include \$35 processing fee (cash, check, or money order) and be submitted to City of Woodstock HR Dept., 121 W. Calhoun St., by 5:00 pm **Tuesday, July 15, 2014**. Mandatory Orientation and Testing to be held Saturday, 7-26-14. Current valid POWER card (issued within 6 months of Orientation date) will be accepted in lieu of physical testing at Orientation. EOE.

DOES YOUR HOME DISPLAY HOUSE NUMBERS?

Ever wonder about your house number? Most of us move into a home and numbers are already displayed on the house. Most residents have no idea why the numbers are displayed where they are or why a particular color or size was chosen. Here in Woodstock, the City governs under the auspice of the 2006 International Fire Code which states that “new and existing buildings shall have approved address numbers, building numbers or approved building identification placed in a position that is plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting their property. These numbers shall contrast with their background. Address numbers shall be Arabic numerals or alphabet letters. Numbers shall be a minimum of 4 inches high with a minimum stroke width of 0.5 inch”.

The fact of the matter is; these numbers are probably more important than you realize. House numbers should be clear enough so that in the event of an emergency, Police & Fire personnel and paramedics can locate your residence in a hurry. This may be a good time to review the display of your house numbers and seriously consider the following guidelines:

- Try to get numbers that can be visible from the road, 4-6 inches tall
- Purchase a color that contrasts with the background
- Consider reflective numbers since they are easier to see at night
- Carefully choose the location. Pick a location that can be seen from the street clear of trees, shrubs, piles of snow, etc.
- Make sure the numbers face the street that is listed in your homes address
- If your house is not visible from the street, locate the address at the driveway entrance.

The use of these guidelines may save your life or that of a friend or family member. Minutes and even seconds count in the event of an emergency. Contact Woodstock Fire/Rescue District, 815-338-2621, if you need help determining a proper size or location for numbers on your home, office, or place of employment.



FINALLY! NO RAIN FOR TWEEN NIGHT

This week was the first Wednesday of the summer that the rain has held off for *Tween Night* at **Woodstock Water Works**. Every Wednesday evening from 8:15-9:30PM, 5th through 8th graders have a “private pool party.” There is a \$3 drop-in fee for non-pass holders. It is free for those with passes.



LOOKING TOWARDS THE FUTURE

The **Recreation Department** is offering a new class this summer. The six-week *Junior Guard* program is offered to 11-14 year olds to give them an idea of what a lifeguard does to ensure patrons are safe in and around the water.

When the class is over, they will get a chance to shadow the staff at Woodstock Water Works. The class is taught by **American Red Cross Instructor Leslie Behrns**.

QUOTE

Nothing can stop the man with the right mental attitude from achieving his goal; nothing on earth can help the man with the wrong mental attitude.

[Thomas Jefferson](#)

HEALTH & SAFETY: ASSESSING RISKS OF INDOOR TANNING

Teens and young adults who engage in indoor tanning risk developing skin cancer at an early age, a new study finds. Once thought safer than outdoor sunbathing, indoor tanning can produce 10 to 15 times as much ultraviolet (UV) radiation as the midday sun, the study authors noted.

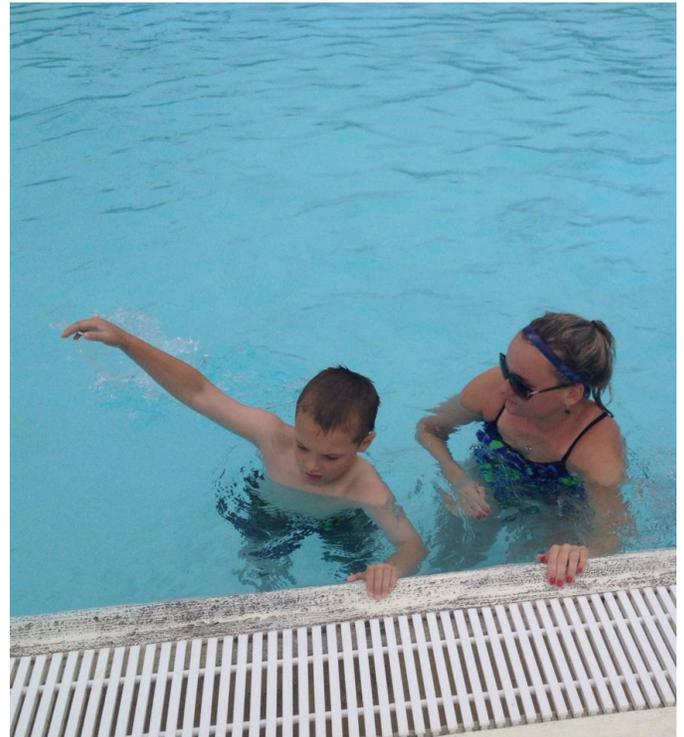
Findings suggest that children and young adults who seek indoor tanning may be especially vulnerable to developing basal cell carcinoma, the most common form of skin cancer, at a young age. While usually treatable, this type of skin cancer can be highly disfiguring if not caught early, and basal cell tumors have a high rate of recurrence.

Until recently, basal cell skin cancer was considered a cancer of later life, the researchers said. Moreover, the strongest link was seen among those whose first exposure to indoor tanning occurred when they were teens or young adults. These results support the recommendation of the American Academy of Pediatrics to minimize ultraviolet exposure, the researchers said.

In about 40 percent of cases, basal cell skin cancer was found on the back or chest rather than the head and neck. Tumors on the back and chest are associated with indoor tanning, rather than with natural sunlight, the study authors pointed out. The link between indoor tanning and cancer was seen for all types of indoor tanning devices, including sunlamps, tanning beds and tanning booths, the study found.

NEXT SESSION OF SWIMMING LESSONS ARE UNDERWAY AT WWW

Session II of the Recreation Department's *Outdoor Swim Lessons* began this past Monday. There is a total of 19 classes offered from June 23-July 3 throughout the morning and in the evening. It takes nine certified swim instructors and three aides to teach the 115 participants that are registered for this two-week session. There are still openings available in Sessions III & IV.





ILLINOIS ROUTE 47
US Route 14 to Charles Road
www.IL47woodstockstudy.com

You're Invited!

Public Meeting #3

The Illinois Department of Transportation continues to seek public input on the current and future transportation issues and needs for the Illinois Route 47 Preliminary Engineering and Environmental (Phase I) Study, and has scheduled a third Public Meeting. The Illinois Route 47 study area is located in the City of Woodstock and McHenry County, extending approximately 5 miles from US Route 14 to Charles Road.

The Public Meeting will be held:
Wednesday, July 9, 2014
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Challenger Learning Center
222 Church Street, Woodstock, Illinois 60098

The purpose of this meeting is to present intersection and roadway alternatives, potential impacts, and benefits. Your input will assist in further developing a Preferred Alternative.

The meeting will be presented in an open house format. Interested persons may visit anytime between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Attendees will have the opportunity to view an audio-visual presentation, review exhibits, provide comments, aid in the development of project alternatives, and meet with IDOT and study team representatives on a one-on-one basis.

For more information, contact:
John Baldauf, P.E., Project Manager
Illinois Department of Transportation
201 W. Center Court, Schaumburg, Illinois 60196
(847) 705-4103

This meeting will be accessible to handicapped individuals. Anyone needing specific assistance should contact John Baldauf at (847) 705 - 4103. Persons planning to attend who will need a sign language interpreter or other similar accommodations should notify the TTY/TTD number (800) 526-0844/or 711; TTY users (Spanish) (800) 501-0864/or 711; and for Telebraille dial (877) 526-6670 at least five days prior to the meeting.

www.IL47woodstockstudy.com



Illinois Department of Transportation
PUBLIC MEETING #3



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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For Information Contact:

Sgt. Rob Pritchard

815-338-2131

rpritchard@woodstockil.gov

Woodstock Police Department begins Independence Day crackdown on drunk drivers

(Woodstock, IL) – Woodstock P.D. today announced plans for July 4th traffic enforcement, focusing on drunk drivers. The intensified enforcement effort will focus on late-night hours as statistics show a disproportionate number of traffic deaths occur late at night and involve a drunk driver and/or unbuckled motorist. The crackdown is part of the statewide, Independence Day *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* effort.

“Summer is in full force, and so is the summer travel season. All too often, that means more traffic and more traffic crashes and Independence Day can be one of the deadliest summer travel times,” said *Sgt. Rob Pritchard*. “Too many people die each year due to those who choose to drive after drinking, so our officers will be out in full force this Independence Day showing zero tolerance for drunk drivers.”

Woodstock P.D. will join the Illinois State Police and hundreds of police and sheriff’s departments in a statewide enforcement effort that begins June 23 and runs through July 6th.

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To avoid a potential crash or drunk driving arrest, the **Woodstock P.D.** recommends designating a sober driver and not letting friends or family members drive drunk. Other important tips include:

- Plan ahead. Designate a sober driver before going out and give that person your keys;
- If you are drunk, call a taxi, use mass transit or call a sober friend or family member to get you home safely;
- Use your community's designated driver program;
- Promptly report drunk drivers you see on the roadways to law enforcement by pulling over and dialing 911;
- Make sure everyone in your vehicle wears their seat belt. It is your best defense against a drunk driver.

The law enforcement crackdown is funded by federal traffic safety funds through IDOT's Division of Traffic Safety. The crackdown runs concurrently with a media campaign that reminds motorists, "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" and "Click It or Ticket."