



CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER



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2013 BUILDING ACTIVITY

During the 2013 calendar year, Woodstock issued permits for 48 new single family homes, which is 168 percent higher than in the previous year. Additional permits were issued for 11 townhome dwellings, resulting in a total of 59 new dwelling units being approved. Most of these homes were built in the Sweetwater and Maples at the Sonatas development sites, and the number is substantially higher than the 37 dwellings permitted during 2012.

During the past year, the City collected \$1,023,074 in payments at the time of building permit issuance. This amount included \$1,004,594 for residential permits, commercial permit fees in the amount of \$11,329, industrial building permit fees of \$4,565, and \$2,586 in sign permit fees. The amount of residential fees included a total of \$426,878 in impact fees and \$438,203 in water and sanitary sewer connection fees. The impact fee amounts are listed below according to category.

- \$76,343 - park impact fees
- \$230,835 - school impact fees
- \$39,796 - library impact fees
- \$14,514 - street impact fees
- \$53,892 - police impact fees
- \$11,498 - fire/rescue impact fees



TREE COLLECTION UPDATE

The **Department of Public Works** has completed their curbside collection of live Christmas trees. As in years past, trees were collected for a period just over 3 weeks. This year just under 800 trees were collected, a somewhat lower amount than in previous years.

The City plans to keep the collection of Christmas Trees on the calendar each year as a service to our residents.

If you still have a tree, or you notice a tree by the curb in your neighborhood, please contact the Department of Public Works at 815-338-6118.



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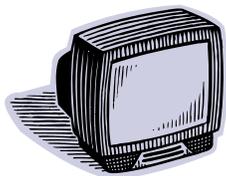
ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

The Village of Lakewood has partnered with Universal Recycling Technologies to offer an electronics recycling site. City of Woodstock residents now have access to this Electronics Recycling drop off bin, which is located behind Lakewood's Public Works Garage at 6570 Haligus Road (toward the back of the parking lot). There is a large sign above the bin which reads "Electronics Recycling". Items can be dropped off daily from 7:00AM until 7:00PM. Acceptable items include:

- Televisions
- Computers
- Laptops
- Monitors
- Printers
- Scanners
- Fax machines
- Calculators
- Cell Phones
- Keyboards / Mice
- Radios / Stereos
- Telephones
- Cables / Power Supply Wire
- DVD, VCR & CD Players

Universal Recycling Technologies, an electronics recycling company in Janesville, Wisconsin "processes all materials in full compliance with the best practice industry standards". For further information on URT, please go to their website www.urtrecycles.com

If you have any questions about electronics recycling, please contact the **Department of Public Works** at 815-338-6118.



NEW EQUIPMENT FOR WOODSTOCK'S WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Woodstock's Water Treatment Division intended on budgeting for the purchase of additional chlorine regulators at our First Street Water Treatment Plant in coming Fiscal Year 2014/15. We were planning to purchase four (4) chlorine tank regulators and two (2) chlorine cylinder scales. Adding this equipment will allow both the pre and post chlorine feed regulators to have an independent source of chlorine. This modification will provide flexibility in treatment process options, allows a larger volume of chlorine to be available for each stage of the treatment process, and also acts as an insulator should one of the chlorine injectors fail and fill the system with water. As the system is set up now, if an injector fails it can damage both of the chlorine feed systems. The cost for this additional equipment is approximately \$8,000.

Wastewater Treatment Superintendent Anne George was aware of the Water Treatment Division's needs and shared a recent newsletter article from Fox River Wastewater Operators Organization. The article stated that the Northern Moraine Sanitary District was installing a new type of chlorination system and had four (4) tank regulators and scales for up to four (4) chlorine cylinders that they no longer had use for. City of Woodstock staff was able to pick up the equipment this week at no cost and the equipment will soon be ready for installation after minor repairs are completed. Thanks to Anne George and the Northern Moraine Sanitary District, we will be able to complete this project for a fraction of the price of new equipment.

RECRUITMENT NEWS

The following recruitments remain active at this time: **2014 Summer Seasonal Workers for Recreation Lifeguards and Playground Program Counselors**, with a minimum age of 16; and for **Public Works Summer Maintenance**, with a minimum age of 18 and a valid driver's license required. Deadline to apply is March 7, 2014.

Also, today is the final day to submit applications for experienced part-time Telecommunicators for the **Woodstock Police Department**. These positions will earn \$20/hr. and receive no additional benefits. Resumes and cover letters may be sent by 5pm today, January 31, 2014 to: humanresources@woodstockil.gov.



Thanks Anne!



DANCE CLASSES BEGIN

The **Recreation Department's** *Little Dancers, Ballet, Hip/Hop, Kidz Pop, and Poms* programs began the Winter/Spring session this week with fifteen different classes.

Little Dancers teaches students basic ballet and jazz steps while having fun expressing themselves through creative movement. The Ballet class is a beginner ballet that teaches participants ballet terms and positions while improving the child's balance, movement and flexibility. Hip/Hop and Kidz Pop all teach popular dance moves to the current popular music.

These popular ten-week classes are led by instructors **Laura Powell, Eden Powell, Bridget Saladin, Robin Sobel, and Jamie Pierce.**

Recreation Coordinator Renee Torrez and the instructors are planning the annual recital for all dance participants on April 17 at Woodstock High School.

HEALTH & SAFETY MESSAGE: GOOD FOODS MAKE HAPPY MOODS

While we naturally dive into great-tasting comfort foods like burgers and fries, chocolate, salty chips and sugary baked goods, it is well-known that overindulging in these foods also causes lethargy,

irritability and cravings as a result. On the other hand, eating the foods listed below will have numerous positive effects: stabilizing blood sugar, eliminating mood swings and boosting neurotransmitters in the brain. Try these 5 items next time you need a quick energy or emotional boost!

- 1) *Omelet* (also lean beef, fish, poultry)—B vitamins in these foods help lessen depression symptoms and send brain signals that govern mood. Also, the protein stabilizes blood sugar, making you feel satisfied longer.
- 2) *Nuts & seeds* (also green leafy vegetables and whole grains)—magnesium found in these foods influences production of serotonin, the “feel good” brain chemical that also affects energy production. Walnuts and almonds are especially good snacks, raw or roasted, without extra salt or sugar coatings.
- 3) *Cold water fish* (also fish oil supplements)—salmon, herring, tuna and trout are full of omega-3 fatty acid DHA which increases the nerve function of gray matter in the brain, especially those areas associated with mood.
- 4) *Wholegrains/complex carbohydrates*—barley, millet, quinoa, amaranth and others are becoming more popular as side dishes instead of potatoes and pasta. These “ancient” grains take longer to digest, thereby increasing blood stability and serotonin levels and improving concentration and energy.
- 5) *Green tea*—including flavored varieties like jasmine or berry, green tea contains an amino acid shown to have a relaxing and calming effect on the body.



TWEENS TAKE OVER THE REC CENTER



Cabin fever sunk in and brought over 60 Tweens, grades 5-8, to the Rec Center this past Saturday night. For a \$4 drop in fee, they could swim, play in the gym and play walleyball and ping pong. Light refreshments were donated by **Woodstock Dunkin' Donuts**. The program runs once a month with the next Tween Night on March 22.

QUOTE

Next and most important perhaps, 'Balance' is something that depends entirely on the individual.

M.F.K. Fisher

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK...

Tuesday, February 4, - City Council, Council Chambers, 7PM

Thursday, February 6 – Library Board, 7:30PM, Library



You are cordially invited to join Chief Robert Lowen at the Woodstock Police Department for the 100th consecutive Coffee with the Chief program.

Sergeant Larry Drish from the Cook County Sheriff's Bomb Unit will discuss his 25 year career in Explosives Detection. He will also bring his K-9 partner, Ali, with him.

Coffee with the Chief



Monday, February 10, 2014
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Woodstock Police Department
656 Lake Avenue

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Classic Cinemas Introduces \$5 Tuesdays

Classic Cinemas announces the launch of “**\$5 Tuesdays**,” which begins **February 18, 2014**. Through this program, patrons can purchase tickets to showings at any of the listed 11 Classic Cinemas Theatres for only \$5 each Tuesday. The \$5 price per person includes new releases, with 3D showings offered at an additional \$2; excludes all special events.

“We’ve wanted to offer discounted admission for a while as a way to thank our guests for being so loyal to Classic Cinemas,” said Chris Johnson, vice president of Classic Cinemas. “Tuesday seemed like the best day to offer the special pricing.”

Typically, evening showings are pricier than matinees, but on Tuesdays, the \$5 deal is available all day. “We want to continue to offer high quality service to our guests and affirm that Classic Cinemas is our patron’s hometown theatre of choice,” said Johnson.

This promotion does not include the Ogden or the Tivoli theatres, which are a bargain every day! The Ogden Theatre is \$4 all day, and the Tivoli is \$4 before 6 p.m. and \$5 after 6 p.m.

“\$5 Tuesdays” will be offered at the following 11 Classic Cinemas locations:

- **Charlestowne 18 Theatre**, 3740 E. Main St. in St. Charles
- **Cinema 12 Theatre**, 100 Besinger Drive in Carpentersville
- **Elk Grove Theatre**, 1050 Elk Grove Town Center on Arlington Heights Road in Elk Grove
- **Fox Lake Theatre**, 115 Towne Centre Lane in Fox Lake
- **Lake Theatre**, 1022 Lake St. in downtown Oak Park
- **Lindo Theatre**, 115 S. Chicago in downtown Freeport
- **Meadowview Theatre**, 55 Meadowview Center in Kankakee
- **North Riverside Mall Theatre**, 7501 West Cermak Rd. in North Riverside
- **Woodstock Theatre**, 209 Main St. in downtown Woodstock
- **Paramount Theatre**, 213 North Schuyler Avenue in Kankakee
- **York Theatre**, 150 N. York St. in downtown Elmhurst

About Classic Cinemas

Classic Cinemas, based in Downers Grove, Illinois, is a family-owned company operated by Willis, Shirley and Chris Johnson. Established in 1978, Classic Cinemas operates 13 theatres, which comprise 104 screens in the northern Illinois area, with each auditorium equipped with state-of-the-art digital projection and sound technology. Classic Cinemas recently celebrated its 35th anniversary as the hometown theatre to moviegoers. For more information on Classic Cinemas, please visit www.classiccinemas.com.

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