



CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER



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UPCOMING ROAD AND LANE CLOSURES

The **Department of Public Works' Street Division** will have crews working on Throop Street and Zimmerman Road next week. Please take special care while traveling in these areas and look for alternative routes, when possible. Both projects will begin on Wednesday, October 23, 2013, as follows:

Throop Street, south of Judd Street and north of Jackson Street, will be closed on Wednesday, October 23, 2013 from approximately 6:30 a.m. until around 5:30 p.m. for replacement of a collapsed storm sewer pipe.

Zimmerman Road, between Country Club Road and McConnell Road, will be closed daily to thru traffic from Wednesday, October 23, 2013 thru Friday, October 25, 2013 from approximately 7:00 a.m. until around 6:00 p.m. each day for installation of a storm sewer manhole structure. Zimmerman Road will be re-opened to thru traffic each evening after approximately 6:00 p.m.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Department of Public Works at 815-338-6118.

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Bring your family & friends out this Sunday morning, 10/20/13, for a great event to benefit a worthy cause.

“The CARE4 Breast Cancer 5K RUN/WALK is a race held annually to benefit the women of McHenry County by providing Breast Cancer Care through The Family Health Partnership Clinic. All proceeds from the Care4 5K Run/Walk go to the Family Health Partnership Clinic's Breast Cancer Fund and support the women of McHenry County:

- Increase public awareness of breast cancer issues in McHenry County.
- Improve access to screening and treatment resources for women in McHenry County.
- Provide greater access to mammograms for women in McHenry County.

ALL FUNDS STAY LOCAL!

This event is located at Woodstock North High School, 3000 Raffle Road in Woodstock.

The entire course is on the street surfaces of Woodstock along Raffle Road and within the Sonata and Sweetwater Subdivisions.

If you're unable to attend this year's event, but you wish to donate, simply go to their website www.hpclinic.org click on the Care4 breast cancer icon; then click on GENERAL DONATION.

For further information about the event, go to www.hpclinic.org

AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM AVAILABLE



The Woodstock Police Department will be hosting the AARP Driver Safety Program on Tuesday, October 22, 2013 and

Wednesday, October 23, 2013. 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 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 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 minimal fee of \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members.

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

HEALTH & SAFETY MESSAGE: GETTING IN SHAPE FOR HEALTHY HOLIDAYS

Whether it's a result of having too much fun, or as a diversion from feeling too much stress, we all have to face the temptation to overindulge during the holiday season. All that extra food and drink, combined with fewer opportunities to be outdoors getting exercise, provides a natural recipe for added pounds during the holidays.

To help with those tough choices, and take advantage of great opportunities for both exercise and moral support, consider taking part in Centegra's HEALTHY HOLIDAYS program, as described on the attached flyer.

NATIONAL DRUG TAKE-BACK DAY

On Saturday, October 26, 2013, the Woodstock Police Department will again participate in the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) National Drug Take-Back Day event from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the public parking lot (east side of the building.)

Any and all prescription or over-the-counter drugs will be accepted if they are in pill form (no liquids or syringes.) You can bring in as few or as many as you have – there is no minimum or maximum. The drugs will be accepted no questions asked and will then be properly destroyed by the DEA in an environmentally safe fashion.

The service is free and your privacy is protected. You don't even have to get out of your vehicle – **Sergeant Dan Wesolek** and **Officer Dan Pauley** will be on hand to assist you – you can drive-by, drop off and be on your way.

During the first six take-back events, the WPD has collected 712 pounds of drugs. The nationwide total is 2.8 million pounds (1,409 tons)!



For further information, please call **Tamara Reed** at 815-338-6787 or visit www.nationaltakebackday.com.

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK...

Tuesday, October 22 – Police Pension Board, 6:00PM, Woodstock Police Station
Thursday, October 24 – Plan Commission, 7PM, Council Chambers

ARE YOU CONFUSED ABOUT SERVICE LINE WARRANTIES BEING OFFERED?

Here in Woodstock, each property owner is responsible for the full cost of replacement, repair, and maintenance of both the water and sewer service lines from the building to the City's main line. Often times, property owners are mistaken, surprised, or unaware of this responsibility. Depending upon the location of the City's main, those costs could also include the replacement of sidewalk, curb, pavement, etc. In order to help property owners cope with these expenses, which are often sudden and unexpected, the City identified the National League of City's Service Line Warranty Program as an optional 'insurance policy' to help cover these costs.

The National League of Cities (of which the City is a member) selected Utility Service Partners, Inc., to offer this program to its members. In order to help this program become more readily accepted by the City's residents, the City's logo has been made available to Service Line Warranties of America which is a subsidiary of Utility Service Partners, Inc.

Residents need to be advised that there are other service line warranty programs being offered by competing firms. Some residents have contacted the City after receiving other offers in the mail. Some of the firms being mentioned by residents are "Nicor Home Solutions" and "HomeServeUSA". Residents are free to utilize any firm as a means to warranty their service lines. Regardless of which firm you select, it is the responsibility of the property owner to investigate the cost, coverage, and reputation of the company providing coverage to determine the best coverage for each particular situation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the **Department of Public Works** at 815 338-6118

OUR VETERANS NEED YOUR HELP!



Downsizing of the military is putting skilled technicians into an economy that frequently can only provide them with part-time employment. In addition, many returning veterans were injured in service and require assistance, which has resulted in frustration for them and their families as they try to navigate "the system" to obtain needed services.

To help these veterans and their families, local agencies making up the McHenry County Continuum of Care, Illinois Department of Employment Security, Veterans and Family Services, Veterans Service Organizations, and the McHenry County Community Foundation are looking to train willing volunteers who can be a local resource to our veterans and their families. These volunteers would not be trained as crisis counselors but would provide individuals with accurate information and resources that will help them and their families get reliable information and services they may need.

Anyone interested in volunteering to serve as a resource for our veterans and their families as a Veterans Service Volunteer is invited to attend an introductory course on Saturday, October 19 from 8:30AM to 11:00AM at the McHenry VFW 3002, Route 120 in McHenry. This course will cover some of the more frequently asked for services and will provide a quick access resource guide for the volunteer's use. Other opportunities for free training on specific subjects important to the veterans' community will also be presented.

Anyone wishing to attend or who would like more information is invited to contact the Veterans Assistance Commission at 815-334-4229 or Michael Ruffner at Michael.Ruffner@illinois.gov.

WATERBALL FUN!



Pictured is the **Recreation Center's** Waterball class. The class meets every Friday from 10:00-11:00AM. and is one of the nineteen aquatic classes that meet each week including various aquacise and arthritis classes.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WOODSTOCK...

Friday, October 18 – Haunted Square, Park in the Square

Saturday, October 19 – Haunted Square, Park in the Square

Saturday, October 19- Farmers Market, 8:00AM, Park in the Square

Sunday, October 20 – Care4Breast Cancer Walk/Run, Woodstock North HS

PROPER LAWN FERTILIZATION – GET A SOIL TEXT!

Many people do not know that pet waste is a fertilizer. The dark green spots of thick grass that appear in your lawn are evidence of this fact. Oftentimes, this waste material is washed into a storm sewer or a drainage ditch before it has a chance to decompose. Pet waste that washes into a sewer, pond or street can carry bacteria harmful to both aquatic life and humans. Ideally, pet waste should be picked up and placed in a disposable bag before it has an opportunity to decompose.

Chemical fertilizers are intentionally designed to be applied to lawns, whether by lawn care companies or residents. Unfortunately, studies show that most people do not know what combination of fertilizers their lawns need because they don't know what soil conditions exist in their lawns. Many pre-mixed (bagged) fertilizers contain phosphorus, a nutrient that lawns often have in adequate supply. A soil test is recommended before applying chemical fertilizers on a lawn. Talk to your local University Extension Office after you have had a soil test and discuss what fertilizers are appropriate for your particular situation.

While most people fertilize the grass to promote a thick, healthy, green lawn that is ultimately better for water quality than those which are thin and eroding, too much phosphorus can lead to a polluted runoff. Phosphorus is an ideal food for most aquatic plants, however, too much of it can lead to excess weed and algae growth in surface waters, ponds, streams, etc. Nuisance weeds, however, crave the excess phosphorus during summer periods and usually exhibit summer growth "explosions" as a result.

RECRUITMENT NEWS

The following position remains open for application:

Sewer & Water Maintenance Worker

The City of Woodstock has one (1) full-time entry level opening for an experienced, CDL-licensed Maintenance Worker. Position performs manual labor and operates vehicles and equipment in the maintenance and repair of City sewer and water systems. Work is performed under the supervision of the division's Supervisor and Foreman. Work schedule variations may occur due to departmental staffing, seasonal and emergency needs. Minimum Qualifications include: a valid IL Class B CDL license with air brakes endorsement and good driving record; HS grad or equivalent; physical strength, agility and endurance to meet demands of position. Preference given to candidates with public works, construction or related experience and to candidates with CDL snow plowing experience. Starting pay: \$15.64/hr. with full benefit package. Required applications may be downloaded from www.woodstockil.gov under Employment Opportunities, or obtained at City of Woodstock HR Department at 121 W. Calhoun Street, Woodstock. The City reserves the right to select only the most qualified applicants for an interview. Application deadline: Thursday, 10/24/13. EOE.

Interviews were held this week with three internal candidates for **PT HR Benefits Analyst**. Congratulations to **Jill May**, who has been offered this opportunity, after serving as **LPT HR Office Assistant** since the beginning of this year. Jill has a Master's degree in Public Administration, has worked as a paralegal, and has an extensive background with non-profit organizations. She will be available afternoons in the **HR Department** for assistance with all benefits-related questions, changes and enrollments, beginning next Monday, 10/21/13. With this addition to the HR Department staffing, **HR Coordinator Terry Willcockson** splits her role and moves upstairs during the afternoons to begin her new part-time duties as **Grant Writer**.

Interviews were also held this week with two candidates for **PT Community Service Officer**. Both candidates are active participants in the **Police Department's Explorers Program**, which provides hands-on training and field experience for those pursuing careers in law enforcement. Results from these interviews will be announced soon.

The position of **Economic Development Coordinator** was discussed this week with five highly-qualified candidates, who interviewed with **City Manager Roscoe Stelford, HR Director Deb Schober** and **Community & Economic Development Director Cort Carlson**. The top three candidates have been invited to return for more in-depth, second interviews on Monday, 10/28/13.

Applications for **Leaf Crew** have been reviewed and a selected number of candidates will be asked to do phone interviews next week. Leaf Crew is scheduled to begin duties on Monday, 10/28/13.

Quotation

Defeat should never be a source of discouragement but rather a fresh stimulus.

-Robert South

SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM HONORS 25 DEDICATED EMPLOYEES

Congratulations to the following 25 dedicated employees who were recognized for their service to the Woodstock community at this week's City Council meeting:

<u>Employee Name</u>	<u>Current Position Title</u>	<u>Hire Date</u>
<u>5-Year</u>		
William Lintner	Police Officer	2/13/08
Robert Randall	Police Vehicle Maintenance	6/23/08
<u>10-Year</u>		
Anthony Bittig	Police Telecommunicator	2/10/03
Rob Branum	Police Detective	6/26/03
Kirk Dawdy	Reference Librarian	1/6/03
Fred Eiselstein	Police Officer	1/9/03
Pamela Moro	Library Desk Assistant	9/2/03
Elizabeth Ryan	Reference Librarian	1/9/03
Shane Scarpace	Mechanic	7/2/03
Daniel Streit	Building Inspector	6/16/03
Cary Woodruff	Billing Coordinator	8/4/03
Carrie Zamorano	Reference Librarian	1/13/03
<u>15-Year</u>		
Daniel Campbell	Opera House Box Office Manager	1/23/98
Richard Dolan	Police Officer	3/26/98
Kathleen Gallagher	Police Telecommunicator	11/30/98
Daniel Henry	Police Officer	9/17/98
Joe Mayer	City Hall Custodian	6/1/98
Patrick O'Leary	Forestry Technician	8/24/98
Daniel Pauley	Police Officer	12/22/98
Eric Schmidtke	Police Officer	9/9/98
Jeffrey Van Landuyt	Assistant Public Works Director	3/9/98
<u>20-Year</u>		
David Reeve	Opera House Production Manager	6/14/93
<u>25-Year</u>		
Dennis Leard	Police Sergeant	3/31/88
<u>30-Year</u>		
Pam Moorhouse	Library Circulation Manager	3/11/83
<u>35-Year</u>		
Dale Behm	Streets Supervisor	2/9/78



healthy holidays: a weight management program

Are you worried the holidays will sabotage your waistline? The holidays bring not only rejoicing and celebrating, but tempting, high-calorie foods, stress and busy schedules.

This 8-week program will help you become more conscious of your food intake and exercise routine to ensure you maintain and maybe even lose weight during the holiday season.

Challenge yourself to become more aware of your health and well-being this holiday season!



\$40 PER PARTICIPANT
(12 participant min.)

If requested, this program can be offered to spouses.

A portion of each participation fee will go into a prize pot. **One grand prize winner will be drawn by raffle and awarded with a gift card.** The more participants you have, the bigger the prize pot (a minimum \$50 prize will be awarded to the raffle winner!)

For more details, contact Denise Daleo at (847) 802-7007 or ddaleo@centegra.com or your Centegra Worksite Wellness Specialist.

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1st-6th GRADE GIRLS DEVELOPMENTAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE



1st-4th Grade Girls

The focus of this developmental program is the introduction of fundamentals, rules, and game situations. Teams practice once a week with games on Saturday. 1st and 2nd graders will be combined as well as the 3rd and 4th grades. Fee includes a basketball and a reversible jersey.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MONDAY, DECEMBER 2.

Fee: \$80 on or before Dec 2
Fee as of Dec 3: \$100
Session: Jan 6-Mar 15
Practices: Weeknights
Games: Saturdays beginning Jan 11

<u>Gender/Grade</u>	<u>Program #</u>
Girls 1st & 2nd	327171-A
Girls 3rd & 4th	327171-B

5th & 6th Grade Girls

These leagues will continue to focus on fundamentals but a "step up" from the 1st-4th grade program as score is kept, fouls and violations are called more closely, and there is a post-season tournament. The 5th and 6th graders will be combined. Fee includes a basketball and a reversible jersey.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MONDAY, DECEMBER 2.

Fee: \$80 on or before Dec 2
Fee as of Dec 3: \$100
Session: Jan 6-Mar 15
Practices: Weeknights
Games: Saturdays beginning Jan 11

<u>Gender/Grade</u>	<u>Program #</u>
Girls 5th-6th	327172-A

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Woodstock Recreation Department Developmental Basketball League Registration Form

Register on-line, drop off, or mail form to: 820 Lake Avenue • Woodstock, IL 60098

Questions: Contact Dave Zinnen • 815.338.4363 • dzinnen@woodstockil.gov

Program # _____ Program Name _____

Player's Name: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Cell: _____

Father's Name: _____ Cell: _____

Address: _____

City, Zip: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email address (print clearly): _____

Grade: _____ School: _____ Player's Height: _____ Years of League Experience _____

Jersey Size: YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL (please circle one)

Special Requirements: _____

Nights of Conflict: M T W TH F (please circle all that apply)

Willing to Coach? Head Coach* _____ Assistant _____

Name of Coach: _____ Cell: _____

(*Head coaches will receive a credit at the end of the season as a thank you. See information shown on back)

I have carefully read the insurance liability waiver on reverse side of this form and understand the signature is required below of participant or Parent/Guardian if under 18.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

1st-6th GRADE BOYS DEVELOPMENTAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Grades 1st-3rd Grade Boys

The focus of this developmental program is the introduction of fundamentals, rules, and game situations. Teams practice once a week with games on Saturday. Depending on numbers, the 1st and 2nd graders may be combined. The 3rd graders will have a separate league. Fee includes a basketball and a reversible jersey. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MONDAY, DECEMBER 2.**

Fee: \$80 on or before Dec 2
Fee as of Dec 3: \$100
Session: Jan 6-Mar 15
Practices: Weeknights
Games: Saturdays beginning Jan 11

<u>Gender/Grade</u>	<u>Program #</u>
Boys 1st & 2nd	327173-A
Boys 3rd	327173-B

Grades 4th-6th Grade Boys

These leagues will continue to focus on fundamentals but a "step up" from the 1st-3rd grade program as teams practice twice a week, score is kept, fouls and violations are called more closely, and there is a post-season tournament. Depending on numbers, the 4th graders will have a separate league; the 5th and 6th graders will be combined. Fee includes a basketball and a reversible jersey. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4.**

Fee: \$80 on or before Nov 4
Fee as of Nov 5: \$100
Session: Nov 25-Mar 15
Practices: Weeknights
Games: Saturdays starting Dec 7

<u>Gender/Grade</u>	<u>Program #</u>
Boys 4th	327174-A
Boys 5th & 6th	327174-B

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REFUND FOR VOLUNTEERS – At the end of the season, head coaches in the 4TH-6TH grade boys programs will receive a \$50 credit; \$40 for the other programs as a Thank You for volunteering! Please e-mail Dave at dzinnen@woodstockil.gov if you're interested in becoming a volunteer coach and be sure to list it on your child's registration form.

INSURANCE LIABILITY WAIVER

Please read this form carefully and be aware that in registering yourself or your minor child/ward for participation in City of Woodstock - Recreation program(s), you will be waiving and releasing all claims for injuries you or your child/ward might sustain arising out of the activities of this program. Your signature is required on the form.

"I recognize and acknowledge that there are certain risks of physical injury to participants in programs and I agree to assume the full risk of any such injuries, damages or loss regardless of severity which I or my child/ward may sustain as a result of participating in any activities connected or associated with any such program."

"I agree to waive and relinquish all claims I or my child/ward may have as a result of participating in the program against the City of Woodstock and its officers, agents, servants, and employees."

I do hereby fully release and discharge the City of Woodstock and its officers, agents, servants, and employees from any and all claims resulting from injuries, damages, and losses sustained by me or by my child/ward, arising out of, connected with, or in any way associated with the activities of any of the program(s)."

"I have read and fully understand the above release and waiver form."

