



CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER



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CITY HALL STATUE REVIVED

Kudos to **Donovan Day** for arranging to have the legendary “Joan of Arc” statue at City Hall repaired. Also known as “the Maid of Orleans”, Joan led French military forces to several victories during the Hundred Years’ War, before being captured and burned at the stake for heresy in 1431 at the age of 19. The plaster statue was donated for public display by the Woodstock Central School class of 1915. Over the years, it had become damaged and deteriorated in a number of places. Thanks to Donovan’s hard work and effort, the base was refurbished and blemishes to the statue were removed, and it has now been repaired to its former glory.



WOODSTOCK’S WATER TREATMENT DIVISION EARNS COMMENDATION

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) along with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) presented fluoridation awards to 448 Illinois community water systems for maintaining state mandated fluoride levels in the public water supply every month in 2012. 62 of these communities have remained compliant with the state mandated levels for 15 - 20 consecutive years. Woodstock falls within this category by maintaining the optimum fluoride concentration in the City’s drinking water supply for 18 consecutive years. According to IDPH approximately 99% of Illinois residents served by public water systems receive the benefit of fluoridated drinking water, compared to the current national average of 72%. Fluoride is found naturally in water but in many communities the amount of the mineral is too low and does not meet the required standards. Congratulations to **Water Treatment Division employees** for achieving the highest standard of compliance in accordance with the Illinois Fluoridation Act

FAREWELL AND GOOD WISHES

Telecommunicator Anthony D. “Tony” Bittig will retire from the **Woodstock Police Department** on Tuesday, October 1, 2013 after nearly 40 years of dedicated service to our community!

In honor of this milestone, the department will host a reception for Tony on Monday, September 30th from 1:00PM to 3:00PM in the training room. There will be cake, coffee and samples of the department’s award winning chili (courtesy of **Telecommunicator and Chef Amy McKendry.**)

Please join family, friends and colleagues in wishing Tony a happy, healthy and enjoyable retirement!

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Happy Retirement

DOWNTOWN BRICK PAVEMENT REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

Each year, the City has to adjust or replace bricks in the Historic downtown Square that have heaved or settled as a result of the winter freeze/thaw cycle or become damaged from snow plows. This work is typically done in the late summer or early fall, after the pavement re-surfacing work has been completed and prior to applying new pavement markings. If parking spaces, lines or other lane markings need to be changed or deleted, bricks usually have to be flipped or removed and replaced. Power washing (to remove the old paint) can damage the older bricks or remove the finish and destroy the structural integrity of the brick. This year, Nierman Landscape and Design of Woodstock were awarded the contract to adjust, remove and replace damaged or deteriorated bricks on the Square. Work is anticipated to begin during the first week of October and will continue at various locations around the Square for approximately 2 weeks. Drivers and pedestrians should expect some minor traffic delays and minimal inconvenience while bricks are being adjusted or replaced.



MADNESS MANOR; THE HAUNTED SQUARE

Today is the official unveiling of **MADNESS MANOR** Family Alliance's "incredibly terrifying, interactive Haunted House" built in the Woodstock Square.

Plans began behind the scenes earlier this year to build Madness Manor, "a depiction of Madigan Manor – a fictional, Victorian-style home built in the 1800s near Bull Valley". The structure will cover approximately 7000 square feet in the Park in the Square.

Several *SPECIAL EVENTS* are planned:

- **Kids' Day** (for ages 4-13 years old) on October 5 from 11:00 – 4:00PM includes pumpkin decorating, spooky story-telling and a scavenger hunt.
- **Blackout**, a terrifying evening for those over age 18, is on October 18, 7:00PM. – Midnight.
- And, a **Zombie Pub Crawl** (ages 21+) on October 26.

All proceeds of The Haunted Square 2013 will go to benefit Family Alliance and help restore the Courthouse on the Woodstock Square.

For the complete schedule of events, go to <http://thehauntedsquare.com/>



PAVEMENT MARKING PROGRAM

Now that the road pavement re-surfacing work is complete, the pavement marking contractor (Preform Traffic Control Systems, Ltd. from Elk Grove Village) will begin the process of applying the paint pavement markings throughout the City of Woodstock. These markings include crosswalks, lane lines, stop bars, turn arrows, center lines, edge-lines, cross hatch lines as well as parking-space lines. If weather conditions remain favorable, the marking work is anticipated to take approximately 7 days to complete. Some minor traffic control measures will be necessary to direct vehicles and pedestrians around newly painted areas. Work is expected to begin during the first week of October.



MEETINGS NEXT WEEK...

Tuesday, October 1 - City Council, 7PM,
Council Chambers
Thursday, October 3 – Library Board, 7:30PM,
Library

TREE TRIMMING IMPACTS MCCONNELL ROAD TRAFFIC

The City of Woodstock has jurisdiction over McConnell



McConnell Road adjacent to the intersection with Harrow Gate Drive and Heron Way. As such, it is the responsibility of the **Department of Public Works** to maintain the rights-of-way along this

corridor. The trees, limbs, and brush along the edge of the road in each direction have grown to the point which significant trimming and brush removal is necessary. Years of growth is now encroaching into the travel lane and in some areas is creating line of sight issues. In order to protect employees from vehicular traffic while they complete this hazardous work, McConnell Road traffic will be detoured through the Bull Valley Greens development for approximately 2½ hours this coming Wednesday, October 2nd. This detouring of traffic will allow employees the opportunity to set up a safe work zone which will also help expedite the work. As a result, residents living on Heron Way and on Harrow Gate Drive will experience an increase in volume on their street between 9:30 AM and 12:30 PM on Wednesday, October 2nd. Later in the day on Wednesday and carrying over to Thursday, employees will be utilizing flaggers to manage the traffic flow on McConnell Road which will be reduced to one lane of traffic in order to finish this project. If you have any questions in this regard or if you need additional information, please contact the Department of Public Works at (815) 338-6118.

RECRUITMENT NEWS

As was shared with City of Woodstock employees and City Council this week, **Terry Willcockson** has accepted the newly-created position of **Grant Writer**. Terry will continue her duties as **HR Coordinator** in the morning hours, and spend afternoons researching and writing grants, reporting directly to **City Manager Roscoe Stelford**. Terry was one of two well-qualified internal candidates who demonstrated interest in this new opportunity. In addition to almost two decades with the City of Woodstock, her previous employment includes music industry sales and marketing, advertising agency account work and arts administration, with writing experience ranging from grant writing to public relations to tourism projects.

A second round of interviews was held this week with two finalist candidates for **Finance Director**. Candidates provided a presentation to all Department Directors, followed by questions and answers, then spent an hour meeting with **Finance Department** staff members. Results of this extensive interview process will be announced soon.

A total of 34 candidates submitted resumes and cover letters indicating interest in the posted position of **Economic Development Coordinator**. After careful evaluation by **HR Director Deb Schober** and **Community & Economic Development Director Cort Carlson**, 15 of the most highly-qualified candidates were invited to continue in this recruitment process. Those individuals were sent formal applications and asked to submit examples of their writing and/or marketing acumen by Monday, 9/30. A select number of candidates will be asked to interview, following comprehensive review of these submissions.

Twenty-six applications were submitted for the posted opening as **LPT Library Shelver** at the **Woodstock Public Library**. Based on review by **Library Director Nick Weber**, **Circulation Manager Pam Moorhouse** and the **HR Department**, nine candidates were interviewed this week and the chosen candidate will be named soon.

Welcome back to previous **Opera House** employee **Trish (Gonzales) Bayer**. **Trish** will be helping out on a temporary basis as **Finance Office Clerk**, providing customer service at the City Hall front desk.

The position shown below remains open for application:

Seasonal Leaf Crew

The City of Woodstock has openings for temporary workers for **Leaf Crew** duties this fall. Positions work Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., up to 40 hours per week, approx. 10/28 through 11/22/13. These are manual labor positions with no driving required. Candidates must possess physical strength and mobility to spend full days walking, bending and lifting. Positions pay \$11.00/hr. with no benefits. Please contact humanresources@woodstockil.gov, or visit the Human Resources Department at Woodstock City Hall, to request an application. The City reserves the right to select only the most qualified candidates for an interview. **Application deadline: Friday, 10/11/13.** EOE.

TO MARKET, TO MARKET: ACA HEALTH INSURANCE OPTIONS DEBUT 10/1/13

The Affordable Care Act requires the establishment of a “Health Insurance Marketplace” (“Marketplace”) in every state by January 1, 2014. (The intended purpose of the Marketplace is to serve as a public forum for the purchase of individual health insurance coverage.) Federal law requires that the City of Woodstock provides our employees with formal notice to inform them of the existence of the Marketplace, and how to contact the Marketplace for additional information.

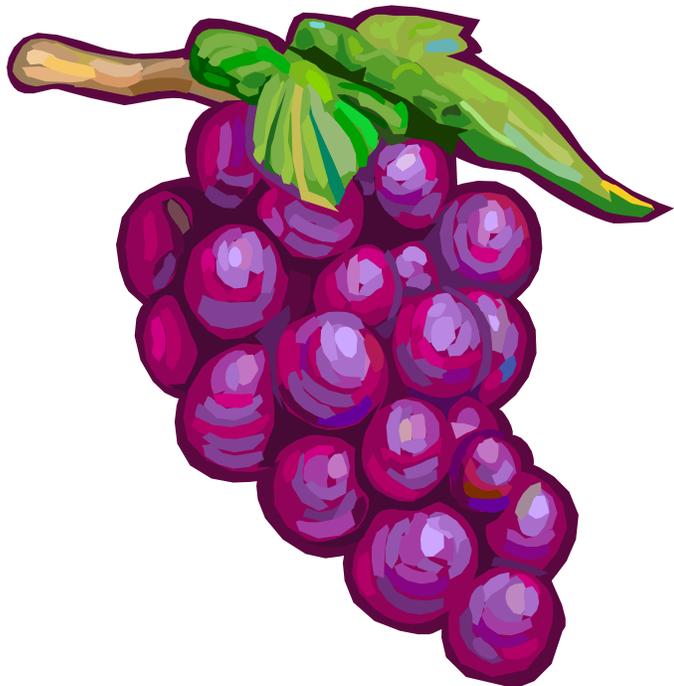
This official notice has been included in every paycheck envelope this week. In the event anyone did not see this notice, please visit the **HR Department**, or check the City’s Shared Drive under HR Files to view another copy of it.

**HEALTH & SAFETY MESSAGE: ONE
FRUIT, TWO FRUITS, RED FRUITS, BLUE
FRUITS**

As we enter into another flu and cold season, it never hurts to try every little trick possible to get our immune systems in tip-top shape. This includes the “tried & true” lifestyle tips of washing hands frequently and getting plenty of sleep. But more and more studies recently confirm the benefits of specific foods and their positive impact to our immunity.

According to a new study, two such “wonder foods” might be red grapes and blueberries. Researchers found that both fruits contain compounds that work with vitamin D to increase expression of an antimicrobial peptide gene, which is involved in the immune function. Researchers claim that the immune system connections with these two red and blue fruits “popped right out” when reviewing the effects of hundreds of compounds.

Strengthening our immune systems is more important than ever as many antibiotics have become less effective in recent years.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WOODSTOCK...

Friday, September 27 – Haunted Square, Park in the Square

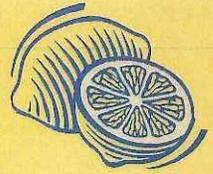
Saturday, September 28- Farmers Market, 8:00AM, Park in the Square

Quotation

***Remember that the most valuable
antiques are dear old friends.***

H. Jackson Brown

Alex's Lemonade Stand



FOUNDATION FOR CHILDHOOD CANCER

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HOSTED BY

Woodstock REC Center

DATE

Monday, September 30

TIME

9AM - 5PM

LOCATION

820 Lake Avenue
Woodstock IL

Lemonade Will be Sold!

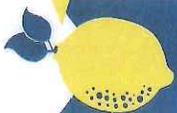
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