



CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER



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WOODSTOCK MOVIE THEATER & PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY PROJECTS

The remainders of the Main Street sidewalk improvements associated with the expansion of the Woodstock Movie Theater were completed earlier this week. A temporary box office and theater entrance, north of the old entrance located under the marquee, are now in use due to the fact that the existing box office and theater entrance were recently closed for remodeling. The decorative exterior movie theater sign, located on the northeast corner of the building, was installed earlier this week. Installation of the final landscaping, exterior walkway lights, and some pavement in the Throop Street parking lot are the only items that remain to be completed before the walkway can be opened to the public.



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SOUTH OF THE BORDER FIESTA

Come out to the beautiful Woodstock Square this Sunday, September 8, for an afternoon and evening filled with fun and festivities at this year's South of the Border Fiesta. This family-friendly event begins at noon and will include a DJ and a mariachi band that will entertain you with their traditional Mexican music.

Folkloric ballet dancers will thrill you with their beautiful, ethnic costumes and exciting dances representing different regions and culture.

Along with children's games and authentic Mexican food, several local organizations and businesses will be presenting information. Don't miss the Talent Show presented by LULAC Youth Council.

FREE admission; donations will assist LULAC Youth Council.

For further information, find them at [facebook.com/southoftheborderfiesta](https://www.facebook.com/southoftheborderfiesta)



WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT INSPECTIONS

The City of Woodstock's **Department of Public Works** recently received our Water Compliance Inspection Reports from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) for our Northside and Southside wastewater treatment plants. These reports were generated based on information gathered by IEPA staff during their annual Compliance Evaluation Inspection that took place on June 28, 2013.

The purpose of this visit was to review facility operations with regard to applicable state and federal water pollution control laws and regulations. **Wastewater Treatment Superintendent Anne George** spent several hours with the IEPA inspector reviewing facility data and record keeping. A walk through inspection was then completed at both facilities.

For the past several years, the wastewater treatment facilities have been noted to be in significant compliance with their National Pollution Discharge Eliminate System (NPDES) permit requirements. This year is no exception; once again the Wastewater Division's operations were in significant compliance with NPDES permit requirements.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION REVIEWS DRAFT RFP

The Historic Preservation Commission reviewed a draft Request for Proposals for the Purchase, Restoration, and Reuse of the Old McHenry County Courthouse and Sheriff's House and draft Design Guidelines for the property at their meeting on Monday, August 26th. Commission members offered input, particular regarding historic preservation review processes and agreed to identify significant features that should be protective through historic covenants which could be incorporated into a development agreement.

LAB MANAGER PERFORMS FAVORABLY IN DMR/QA STUDY

Wastewater Plant Lab Manager Sue Hansell has received a rating of "all acceptable" for the eighth straight year in the DMR-QA study which is mandatory for all NPDES permittees. This study initiated by the USEPA, is used to determine the accuracy of sample analysis for self-monitoring laboratories. Each year, the City receives a set of spiked samples from a contract lab. Samples are analyzed for total suspended solids, pH, ammonia nitrogen, CBOD5, phosphorus, and chlorine residual. Results are submitted and a report follows comparing known values with the City's results. Favorable performance in this study reflects very well on the Wastewater Treatment Division and the City as a whole.



LIBRARY NEWS

Registration for children and adult programs at the **Woodstock Public Library** began Wednesday, September 4, but there is still time to sign-up. Join us for the popular children's storytimes, with options for newborns to 23 months, 2-3 year-olds, and 4-year-olds to pre-Kindergarten. For the grown-ups, local author Amy Gail Hansen will be at the library on Thursday, September 12 at 6:30PM and there will be a blood drive on Tuesday, September 17. For anyone with fines-- come in next week to pay them off and we'll knock 50% off what you owe! It's half-priced fine week, Monday, September 9 through Sunday, September 15.

SLOW DOWN AND HANG UP

During the month of September, the **Woodstock Police** will engage in a special enforcement initiative targeting ***Posted Speed Limit/School Speed Zone*** compliance, ***Cellular Telephone Use in School Zones*** and ***Use of Cellular Telephones in Construction Zones***.

The purpose of the speed enforcement initiative is to reduce the incidence of speeding within a school zone through highly visible increased enforcement of speed related laws. In order to achieve this purpose, the following goals have been defined:

1. To reduce the number of speed violations while school is in session.
2. To increase enforcement of speed limited laws.
3. To increase compliance with the posted speed limit while school is in session and enforce the law prohibiting the use of cellular telephones while operating a vehicle in a school zone and while school is in session.
4. To increase compliance with the law prohibiting the use of cellular telephones while operating a vehicle in a construction zone.

Officers that are detailed to perform during this special enforcement initiative shall adopt a low tolerance philosophy regarding School Speed Zone related violations, although the outcome of the stop will remain at the officer's discretion.

If you have any questions, please contact **Sergeant Dennis Leard** at 815-338-2131 or dleard@woodstockil.gov.

BID DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR COURTHOUSE DOME AND ROOF

Bid documents are now available for the restoration of the courthouse cupola and roof. The plans and documents were prepared by Gary W. Anderson, Architects. The base bid will be for the restoration of the dome including installation of pre-patinated copper shingles, with several alternate bids also requested. Alternates include flagpole installation, three different types of materials for the courthouse roof (copper standing seam, aluminum standing seam, and EPDM), and lightning protection . A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for September 4th and sealed bids will be due September 16th. The project is being coordinated through the Community and Economic Development Department. The complete plans are included with other bid documents on the City's website.



MEETINGS NEXT WEEK...

- Tuesday, September 10 – Economic Development Commission Meeting, 8AM, Council Chambers
- Tuesday, September 10 – Parks and Recreation Commission, 7PM, Council Chambers

RECRUITMENT NEWS

The positions shown below are open for application by both internal and external candidates:

Economic Development Coordinator

Woodstock seeks dynamic, experienced economic development professional to attract and facilitate new and existing business, and market Woodstock as a unique and thriving business destination. This full-time position reports to the Director of Community & Economic Development and serves as the City's main contact to handle all retail, commercial and industrial recruitment and expansion. Min. qual: Bachelor's Degree in Business or Public Admin, Marketing, Urban Planning, or related; 3 yrs' progressively responsible relevant work experience; excellent communication skills and valid driver's license. CEcD, EDFP or AICP certification a plus. \$42,127 - \$65,377 DOQ w/excellent benefits. Send resume and cover letter outlining relevant qualifications and education to: humanresources@woodstockil.gov. Formal applications will be sent only to the most qualified candidates. Submission deadline: Friday, 9/20/13.

LPT Library Shelver

The City of Woodstock is accepting applications for the year-round position of Shelver with the Woodstock Public Library. Limited part-time position shelves books, magazines, CDs, DVDs and other library materials; reads, straightens and cleans shelves, and provides routine assistance to Library staff as directed. Min. qual.: excellent organizational skills and attention to detail, strong work ethic; ability to push and pull heavy carts and lift book boxes (30-40 lbs); min. age 16. Variable schedule includes weekdays, Tuesday & Wednesday 4:00pm – 9:00pm, Thursday 3:00pm – 7:00pm; plus weekend rotation with occasional Friday, Saturday or Sunday afternoon shift required. Pay rate: \$8.25/hr.; no additional benefits are provided. **NOTE: This is not a seasonal position; candidates must demonstrate commitment to year-round continued employment on a set schedule.**

To request an application please contact the City of Woodstock HR Department via email: humanresources@woodstockil.gov or visit Woodstock City Hall, 121 W. Calhoun Street, Woodstock. The City reserves the right to select

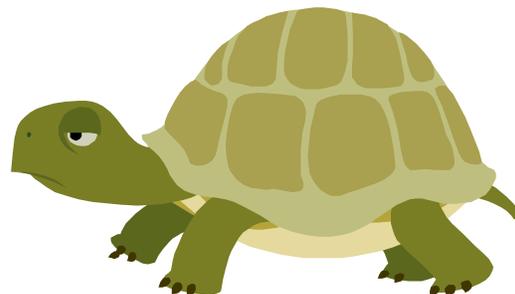
only the most qualified candidates for an interview. **Deadline to apply: Friday, 9/13/13.** EOE.

The second round of applications for the position of **Finance Director** have been thoroughly reviewed and discussed by the **City Manager** and **HR Department** and strong consensus was expressed to interview 4 selected candidates. Initial interviews have been scheduled for Friday, 9/13/13, and will once again include peer participation with two local municipal finance professionals.

Quotation

Try to be like the turtle- at ease in your own skin.

-Bill Copeland



GREAT TURNOUT FOR “FALL BACK INTO FITNESS” DEMOS

Pictured are some of the participants who turned out Labor Day morning for the Rec Center’s “Fall Back into Fitness” Demos. Four classes listed below were demoed:

Zumba

Zumba is a fusion of Latin and International music. The routine features aerobic/fitness interval training with a combination of fast and slow rhythms that tone and sculpt the body. It is a mixture of body sculpting movements with easy to follow dance moves

Hip Hop Hustle

Burn up the dance floor and burn calories too! Hip Hop Hustle™ blends hip hop and dance moves, making them simple and easy to follow. This workout feels more like a night on the town than exercise. Drop the pounds and get rapid results while you dance!

RIPPED

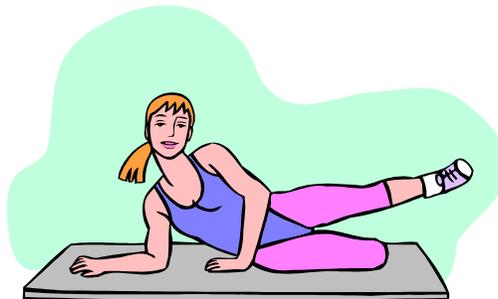
Resistance, Intervals, Power, Plyometrics, Endurance all in one class. Set to amazing music, this fun athletic based format will get you in the best shape possible.

Barbell Strength

A strength training workout using barbells and adjustable weights. The class is designed to work every major muscle group in your body by also incorporating the use of hand weights, tubing and body bars.

These classes plus many more are offered throughout the week at the Rec Center. Classes range from the low impact Lite N’Lively to the more vigorous RIPPED, Turbo Kick, Piloxing, HIIT/TRX, etc.

Class schedules and descriptions are found on pages 4 and 5 of the Fall City Scene or go to www.woodstockrecreationdepartment.com.



COME OUT & PLAY AT THE “SO LONG, SUMMER!” CITY PICNIC!

All employees, spouses, kids and grandkids, are encouraged to join their coworkers for a rousing time this Sunday, 9/8/13, from 2pm to 8pm, at the Main Pavilion at Emricson Park.

Festivities start out with the tail end of the Recreation Department’s popular Touch-a-Truck event, already scheduled at the same location and ending at 2pm that day. Fun for the little ones includes a Bounce House, playground, outdoor games and bubbles...and for some lucky little “Directors in training”...maybe even watching mommy or daddy get dunked!

Yes, for a very reasonable donation, with all proceeds going to Christmas Clearing House, everyone will have a shot at “showering” their favorite supervisor with good wishes, AND wet stuff, in the Dunk-a-Director dunk tank activity!

In addition, there will be drawings for several donated items, such as a Recreation Center membership, tickets to an Opera House show, and several Floating Holiday certificates. Tickets may also be purchased to win a donated firepit, as well as the proceeds from a 50/50 Raffle.

And Food? Did we mention Food??? There will be hot dogs and chips, as well as side dishes offered by each Department. Sweets include an old-fashioned keg of root beer, in addition to an early-evening campfire complete with the perfect summer dessert: s’mores.

Of course, the highlight of the entire afternoon will be the new & improved City of Woodstock Chili Cook-Off. Beginning at 4pm, you can taste test all the scrumptious pots, cast your vote for the People’s Choice Award, and then load up on your favorite! The actual Chili Cook-Off traveling trophy will be determined by an esteemed panel of culinary judges, with all awards and prizes announced at 6pm.

Initial signups have indicated a very strong turnout...but even if you missed signing up, there’ll be plenty of food and fun for everyone! See you this Sunday at Emricson Park!!



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WOODSTOCK...

Friday, September 6- Jazz Jam, 7PM, Stage Left Café

Sunday, September 8 – Touch a Truck, 10AM-2PM, Emricson Park

Sunday, September 8 –South of the Border Fiesta, Noon-Park in the Square



City of Woodstock

Employee Picnic

Sunday September 8th from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm

At Emricson Park - Main Pavilion

Featuring:

- A Bounce House
- Campfire w/Smores Bar
- Dunk Tank
- Raffle Prizes
- Root Beer Keg & Hot Dogs



Chili Cook-Off!

Inter-departmental Chili Cook-Off at 4:00 PM

Come and see which City Department will win the coveted Chili Cook-Off Trophy this year!

Enjoy a summer day out with your co-workers & family!



You are cordially invited to join Chief Robert Lowen at the Woodstock Police Department for coffee, conversation, and an informative program.

Officer Eric Schmidtke will be presenting on the Woodstock Police Department Traffic Unit – Duties and Responsibilities.

Coffee with the Chief



Monday, September 9, 2013
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Woodstock Police Department
656 Lake Avenue

For further information, please call
815-338-6787.