



CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER



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CITY OF WOODSTOCK FIGHTS NUISANCE MOSQUITOES



Recent rainfall has triggered hatches of the floodwater mosquito. The City has contracted with Clarke Mosquito Control once again this year to provide periodic Larvicide applications in road- side storm sewer inlets and structures and publicly- owned areas with open water and Adulticiding applications which are applied through a sprayer attached to a truck which travels City Streets. Assuming favorable weather conditions, **Adulticiding applications along City streets will be completed this Friday evening (7/12) between dusk Friday and dawn Saturday.** If weather conditions are not favorable on Friday, spraying will take place at the next available opportunity. 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 infection and assist in the fight against West Nile Virus:

- If outdoors when mosquitoes are active, dress in light-colored, long-sleeved clothing, long pants and socks during prime mosquito hours. 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 your county health department.

DRUG COLLECTION CONTINUES TO BE A SUCCESS

The MedReturn Drug Collection Unit located in the **Woodstock Police Department** lobby continues to be a success! In its first month, 32 pounds of unwanted and expired prescription and over-the-counter drugs were collected. Less than a month later, the box was once again filled to capacity, so **Detective Sergeant Jeff Parsons** and **Sergeant Dan Wesolek** emptied the unit on June 24th. This time, approximately 40 pounds of said drugs were collected!

The drugs will be securely stored in the department's evidence vault until the next DEA pick up in September. The DEA will then dispose of the drugs in an environmentally- safe manner.

The MedReturn Drug Collection Unit is available 24/7/365. Located in the lobby of the Woodstock Police Department at 656 Lake Avenue, the unit is as simple to use as a mail box. So keep cleaning out those medicine cabinets and cupboards now and make your home a safer place for your family!

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SUMMER TENNIS LESSONS GOING STRONG

The first session of the **Recreation Department's** summer *tennis lesson* program ended this week June 28th at the Emricson Park tennis courts. Youth lessons meet five days a week for three weeks.

The 2nd/3rd grade class at 9AM; 4th/5th grade at 10AM; 6th-8th grade at 11AM. The same class schedule will be offered for Session Two.

The second session of tennis started July 8th and will run through July 26th. Pictured is the July 8th class that was indoors at the Recreation Center Gym during a thunder storm.

The second session of the adult & high school lessons are also currently meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:00PM-8:30PM.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT BLOOD DRIVE

Heartland Blood Centers will be at the **Recreation Center** on Monday, July 15 from 12:30 – 2:30pm. If you are able to give stop by, no appointment needed. All donors will receive an Oberweis gift certificate.



MEETINGS NEXT WEEK...

Tuesday, July 16 – Cultural & Social Awareness, 10:30AM, Council Chambers

Tuesday, July 16 – City Council, 7PM, Council Chambers

Wednesday, July 17 – Transportation Commission, 7PM, Council Chambers

Quotation

Silence is one of the hardest arguments to refute.

[Josh Billings](#)

RECRUITMENT NEWS

Recruitment to find the most highly-qualified person to fill the **Finance Director** role continues:

Finance Director

The City of Woodstock continues its search for a dynamic financial leader with hands-on, involved management style to be our next **Finance Director**. This position reports to the City Manager and is responsible for supervising a staff of six and overseeing a \$28M total budget serving our population of 24,770. Operating under the Council-Manager form of government, Woodstock has received the GFOA Achievement of Excellence in Financial Reporting Award for 18 years and the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for 10 consecutive years.

A position profile outlining required application materials, formal opportunity notice and a fillable City of Woodstock job application for this role may be obtained by clicking the links on the website, or requested via email to humanresources@woodstockil.gov. Application materials will be accepted until Wednesday, July 17, 2013, 5:00 PM.

Second interviews were held this week with the top two candidates for **Public Works Director**. The candidates met first with all of the Department Directors, followed by question and answer sessions with several **Public Works Department** staff members. The outcome of these meetings will be determined soon.

Congratulations to **LPT Recreation Center Cashier Trey Grover**, who was promoted this week to fill a vacancy for **Part-Time Recreation Center Cashier**, created by the pending resignation of **Ariel Beck** in that position. Also, welcome to **Taylor Scheidler** who began work this week as **LPT Playroom Attendant** at the **Recreation Center**.

Congratulations as well to **Dan Bolda**, who moves to the position of **WasteWater Treatment Operator I** this week, as announced earlier.

Offers have been made to candidates for **FT Maintenance Workers in Sewer & Water and Streets**, as well as **LPT Facility/Events Workers** and **LPT Box Office Worker** at the **Woodstock Opera House**, and for an additional position as **LPT Recreation Center Cashier**. Formal announcement of these individuals will be made following completed drug screens and background checks.

WOODSTOCK HAPPENINGS

Little Mermaid - July 19-21 at the Woodstock Opera House



**HEALTH & SAFETY MESSAGE: DRINK UP!
H2O TO THE RESCUE**

Most people know that they are supposed to drink water, but up to 75 percent of Americans may be functioning in a chronic state of dehydration, according to new research.

One reason is that we have a tendency in the U.S. to drink a lot of beverages that are mildly dehydrating, according to one physician. Dehydration is one of the easiest conditions to reverse, according to doctors, but it is also one of the most commonly overlooked. It can contribute to a long list of medical conditions from respiratory and circulation problems to headaches, ulcers, high blood pressure and kidney disease.

Physicians explain that one indicator of dehydration may be constant hunger. “The human body is so unique that it will say ‘I want water’ in food, in any way, shape or form,” one doctor stated. “People think that when they start to get a little weak or they have a headache, they need to eat something, but most often they just need to drink.”

Water is necessary for the body to digest and absorb vitamins and nutrients. It’s also key to proper food digestion, it detoxifies the liver and kidneys, and carries waste away. Experts recommend drinking between eight and ten cups of water a day.

If you don’t like drinking water there are other options including flavored water or water-based foods like watermelon or soup. But nothing beats the clear, cold refreshment of good old plain water, and it’s often readily available at low or no cost!

