



CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER



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ETHEREAL CONFECTIONS GRAND OPENING!

Located at the site of the former O'Leary's Pub in the southeast corner of the Woodstock Square, Ethereal Confections will be holding its grand opening on Friday, July 5, 2013. Specializing in the creation of gourmet chocolates, the relocated shop offers exceptional items, with premium ingredients and nuanced flavors, which pervade its entire collection of chocolates, meltaways, organic dark chocolate truffles, mediant, bark and a variety of other confections. Using their own unique recipes, each and every item is handcrafted to create the perfect synthesis of chocolate and ingredients. All are gluten and dairy free, and many are soy free as well. Stop by and experience inside shopping and outdoor seating, and give your sweet tooth a treat!



POLICE SUMMER INTERN

The **Woodstock Police Department** is happy to welcome Marek Siudet to the Department. Marek, a student in the Criminal Justice Program at McHenry County College, will be interning with the Woodstock Police over the summer months. He will be working on Tuesdays and Fridays on an alternating schedule between the Patrol and Investigations Divisions.

Please join us in wishing Marek well as he receives some first-hand experience and enhances his education in law enforcement.

TIME TO VOTE AGAIN

Even though it is not November, we need your votes for the McHenry County 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan. There are two projects pertaining to the City of Woodstock- the Metra Union Pacific Northwest Line Upgrades and Illinois 47 Improvements from US 14 to Charles Road. The URL for the voting site is www.2040mchenrycountyplan.org/. Please click on Projects and scroll down to District 5. Only one vote is allowed per electronic device. Vote 5 stars for both of these projects in District 5 and District 6.

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MURPHY BLOCK FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UNDERWAY

Work is underway on the Murphy Block building located at 100-108 North Benton Street. This building was constructed in the early 1870s after a fire claimed the entire 100 north block of Benton Street. The original part of the Murphy building contains two sections - the northern part which is three stories with very tall ceilings on the top floor, and the southern part which is four stories with small sleeping rooms on the fourth floor. The southern part originally had 6 awning style windows on the Benton Street side and a small double hung window on the Jackson Street side that let light into the sleeping rooms. The windows were bricked in during the 1960's. The City Council approved façade improvement funds to cover part of the cost to restore these unique windows. Building owners Jim and Mary Ellen Prindiville are also making other brick wall and parapet repairs at the same time.



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.

Contrary to previous information, we are pleased to share that **LPT HR Office Assistant Jill May** has decided to stay with the City at this time. **Jill** can be found helping out in the **HR Department**, usually on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK...

Tuesday, July 9 – Economic Development Commission Meeting – 8AM, Council Chambers
Thursday, July 11 – Adjudication Court, 9:30AM, Council Chambers

ARE YOU THE NEXT VOICE?

Ever dream about letting thousands of people hear your voice? Now is your chance and you don't even have to leave Woodstock. You could be the next voice for the City of Woodstock Auto-Attendant Voice Mail System. With the implementation of the new phone system, we are looking for someone to be the voice of the City of Woodstock and the various message options. If you are interested in an audition, please contact **Dan McElmeel, Information Technician**, at City Hall. The deadline is next Friday, July 12th. No prior experience is necessary and the panel of judges promises to be gracious.

THANK YOU



Thank you to all who voted in the Main Street Matters contest sponsored by Benjamin Moore. Voting ended on

June 30 and the list of final towns will be announced on July 8. Check the site www.paintwhatmatters.com/results-coming-soon/ to see if Woodstock made the list!

WOODSTOCK HAPPENINGS

Jazz Jam-Friday July 5-7PM, Stage Left Cafe

Run for Hop 5K- Saturday, July 6-8AM at Grace Lutheran

HEALTH & SAFETY MESSAGE: PASS THE SUNSCREEN, PLEASE!

While we haven't exactly had "tons of sun" so far this summer, there can still be concerns from too much outdoor exposure, even on cloudy days. As one noted dermatologist states: "Hands down, sun exposure is the biggest risk factor for skin cancer. And it's a cumulative risk. The more overall exposure you've gotten, the bigger the risk. The skin doesn't know if you're out one time for an hour or 12 times for 5 minutes at a time. Your skin keeps a running meter."

However, the sun isn't the only thing that can be problematic. Tattoos, certain chemicals, and other diseases have also been linked to skin cancer. And, people who think tanning beds are safer than soaking up the sun should think again.

"There's an unquestionable link between tanning booths and skin cancer. There's been an enormous surge in the popularity of tanning booths, and with it the average age of people with melanomas is much lower," said one physician. "The kind of light produced by tanning beds isn't better or worse than natural sunshine, but people may get more and longer exposure, especially in areas where outside, they might display more modesty."

Although tattoos aren't known to increase the risk for skin cancer, tattoos can make it harder to detect cancer-related changes in moles. If you're considering a tattoo, make sure there aren't any moles in the area you're thinking about inking, according to experts from the American Academy of Dermatology.

People with autoimmune diseases often take medications that suppress their immune system. These drugs can also increase their chances of developing skin cancer.

The experts also pointed out other potential sources of skin cancer risk, including:

- **Previous radiation:** Areas of skin that have been exposed to radiation, such as that used for treatment of other types of cancer, have

an increased risk for skin cancer, according to the American Cancer Society.

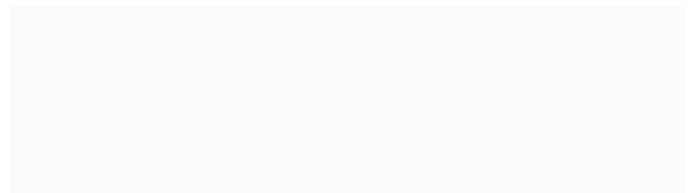
- **Smoking:** Researchers also suspect a link between cigarette smoking and skin cancer. Two studies found that squamous cell cancer was more common in smokers than in nonsmokers.
- **Chemical exposure:** Workplace exposure to certain chemicals can increase the risk of non-melanoma skin cancers, according to the American Cancer Society. These chemicals include arsenic, which is found naturally in well water and is used in the manufacture of some pesticides, as well as tar, coal, paraffin, and some types of oil.
- **Driving:** In the United States, skin cancers are much more common on the left side of the body because of the time spent driving. In Europe, more cancers occur on the right side. And, though he said he hasn't seen any studies on it, he suspects that people who regularly drive convertibles probably have higher rates of skin cancer because of increased exposure.

Doctors recommend wearing sunscreen regularly (applying liberally and reapplying often), avoiding the midday sun, seeking shade, wearing a wide-brimmed hat outside and covering up as much of your body as possible to lessen your sun exposure.

Quotation

They always say time changes things, but you actually have to change them yourself.

[Andy Warhol](#)





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

Permanent Beat Officer Fred Eiselstein from Beat # 21 (northeast quadrant of the City) will present a program on traffic crashes, their top causes and the Police Department's response to these crashes. There will also be time for Q&A.

Coffee with the Chief



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

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