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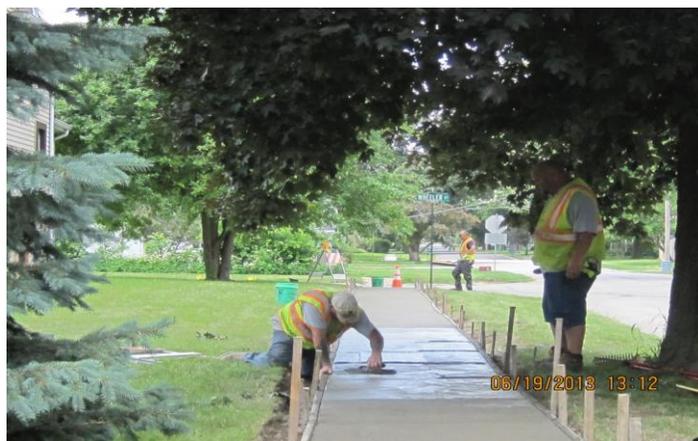
2013 SIDEWALK REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

The **Department of Public Works' Street Division** has started work on their 2013 Hazardous Sidewalk Removal and Replacement Program. Work started on the north side of town in the area of 1001 Wheeler Street. In a one block area, 410 feet of sidewalk has been removed and replaced. As of June 19, 2013 the division has 85 different locations where hazardous sidewalk has been identified for replacement.

The City will be hiring a contractor to mud jack sunken sidewalk at approximately 25 additional locations throughout town. Mud jacking can correct hazardous conditions in areas where the sidewalk has sunken below grade; mud jacking lifts and levels the surface of the public sidewalk.

The attached photo shows **Street Division Employees, Keith Wojtecki, Jim Lombardo, and Roger Vidales**, replacing hazardous sidewalk on Todd Avenue.

If you want to report a hazardous sidewalk, or if you have any questions about this program, contact the Department of Public Works at 815-338-6118 or pwdept@woodstockil.gov



STILL TIME FOR SUMMER READING!

Sign-up for the children's Summer Reading Program has already surpassed last year—we have over 700 kids participating, plus an additional 150 plus in the young adult program. But there is still time to join in and “travel around the world” at your library. Come in to the Children's Desk to pick up reading logs for kids from age 2 through those entering 5th grade. For the older family members, grades 6-12, stop at the Reference Desk for your reading logs.

There will be storytimes throughout the summer, at the library, at the Highland Shores Community Building in Wonder Lake and at noon at the Tuesday Farmer's Markets. The storytimes will take us to far off places and fascinating locations, without ever having to leave the library. For details and times, please see our calendar at: <https://il.evanced.info/woodstock/lib/eventcalendar.asp>.

For the middle- and high-schoolers: stop in Wednesday, June 26 from 3 pm to 4 pm for our Broken Book Crafts session. That's right—come to the library and tear up books! But only from 3-4PM and only with the books provided, please. Register online for this and other programs at: <https://il.evanced.info/woodstock/lib/eventcalendar.asp>, then click on the event link.

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RECRUITMENT NEWS

The City of Woodstock has posted notices on our website and professional government finance association websites indicating that we are extending our search to find the most highly-qualified person to fill the **Finance Director** role.

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.

Minimum qualifications: Master's degree in Finance, Accounting, Business or Public Administration, or Bachelor's degree with CPA certification, and 5 years public financial administration experience. We are seeking an innovative person with strong customer service, dynamic leadership, team building, strategic planning and solid communication skills. An equivalent combination of education and experience may be considered. Salary range: \$84,277(min) \$107,548(mid) \$130,819(max).

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**.

Those interested and qualified, should apply electronically, in confidence, with a completed job application, a cover letter outlining specific interest in this position, current resume, three (3) professional references, and salary history with salary expectations to: **humanresources@woodstockil.gov**. Application materials will be accepted until Wednesday, July 17, 2013, 5:00 PM.

Second interviews with the top two candidates for **Public Works Director** have been scheduled for next Thursday, 6/27. Once again, Department Directors will meet with the candidates first, followed by questions prepared by the **Public Works** management and administrative team members.

Interviews were held this week with five current **Public Works** employees who submitted interest letters to fill the vacant **WWT Plant Operator I** position. Congratulations to current **Maintenance Worker/Streets & Parks Dan Bolda**, who has been offered this new opportunity, effective July 8, 2013.

Woodstock Opera House has an opening for **LPT Facilities & Events Workers** to assist with staging of shows; build/repair props and scenery; run lights/sound and help maintain the facility. Requires physical strength and flexibility, and excellent customer service skills.

HS grad or equiv., 18 or older. 10-15 hrs./week, days or weekends, \$9.57/hr. with no additional benefits. To obtain required application materials, email: **humanresources@woodstockil.gov** , or call the HR Dept., Woodstock City Hall, 121 W. Calhoun St., 815-338-1172. Deadline to apply: Friday, June 28, 2013.

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK...

Thursday, June 27 – Plan Commission, 7PM,
Council Chambers

PLAYGROUND PROGRAM COUNSELORS RECEIVE PRAISE AFTER COMPLETING THE FIRST WEEK OF THE PROGRAM

The first week of the Woodstock Recreation Department's Playground Program finished up last week and the counselors have been busy having fun but also keeping the participants safe. Below is an email from a parent that was received by **Program Coordinator, Renee Torrez:**

*"My daughter has epilepsy and has not had a seizure in sometime however near the end of the program today during crafts she had one. **Phil, Emily** and I am not sure the other 2 girls names (**Elissa and Jenna**) handled the situation better than I could have imagined. They cleared the room, started timing it, kept her comfortable and contacted me. The way I have always handle it. I am so impressed by all of their actions and kindness, I just wanted you to know. We have always loved the playground program and I just can't thank the counselors enough for what they did. A stressful situation handled so remarkably. Thank you for running such a great program and with such great counselors!"*

*Thank you
(Playground Program Parent)*

Many thanks to the Playground Program staff for thinking on their feet and always putting the safety of our participants first!

Great Job

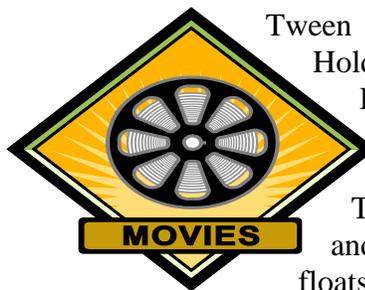
ANGELO'S RESTAURANT IMPOSSIBLE EPISODE TO AIR JUNE 23

Tune in as Angelo's on the Woodstock Square undergoes its transformation on national television. The Restaurant Impossible episode is scheduled to air at 9:00PM on Sunday, June 23 on the Food Network. See what happened behind the scenes and how the crew dealt with the unceasing rain, cold and generally nasty weather. Downton Abbey has nothing compared to the drama on the Woodstock Square. "A must see!" "Five stars!" "Two thumps up!"

FINALLY! GOOD WEATHER FOR TWEEN NIGHT

After being canceled the first two weeks due to inclement weather, Woodstock Water Works lawn was filled with Tweens this past Wednesday night to watch the movie *Jaws* on the big screen!

The **Recreation Department's TWEEN NIGHT** invites tweens in 5th-8th grade (in the fall) to enjoy WWW on Wednesday nights from 8:15-9:30PM. Open Swim, planned activities such as the movie, DJ, Float Night, Glow in the Dark Night, raffles, \$1 food specials and best of all...NO PARENTS!



Tween Night is free for Season Pass Holders, \$3 for non-Season Pass Holders.

Next week is Float Night! The tweens can bring in rafts and noodles and sip on root beer floats.

**HEALTH & SAFETY MESSAGE:
UNDERSTANDING TYPE 1 AND TYPE 2**

A lot of attention is paid these days to the symptoms and consequences of untreated type 2 diabetes. This condition is increasingly seen in adults as the result of poor diet and lack of exercise, and can often be effectively treated with lifestyle changes.

But while most people have heard of type 2 diabetes, experts say a lack of awareness of the signs of type 1 diabetes is all too common, and often with tragic results. Type 1 diabetes can strike at any age -- even though it is often identified at a young age and used to be known as juvenile diabetes -- and it always requires treatment with injected insulin or insulin delivered through a pump. People with type 1 diabetes don't produce insulin, a hormone needed to convert the food you eat into fuel for the body. Without insulin, glucose (blood sugar) rises to unhealthy levels.

Untreated type 1 diabetes causes serious complications and even death. But it's commonly mistaken for other illnesses -- even by doctors. Every day, about 80 Americans are diagnosed with type 1 diabetes. The total number rose 23 percent between 2000 and 2009 in children under 20, and currently, about 3 million Americans -- most of them adults -- are living with type 1 diabetes.

Children, or adults, who present with symptoms such as extreme thirst or hunger, rapid weight loss and overwhelming fatigue should be examined by a doctor immediately. These symptoms are often overlooked as they start out slowly, but then escalate, sometimes dramatically. Blood tests of diagnosed individuals, whose normal blood sugar should be around 100 mg/dl, often show amounts that are 4 or 5 times that high.

The good news is that it's easy to test for type 1 diabetes. A urine test can detect whether there's sugar in the blood. If that test is positive, then a simple test drawing a drop of blood from the fingertip can confirm whether you have diabetes.

The signs and symptoms of type 1 diabetes that everyone should know include:

- Increased thirst
- Frequent urination
- Wetting the bed (in a child who usually doesn't)
- Unintended weight loss
- Extreme fatigue
- Sudden changes in vision
- Unusual irritability
- Increased appetite
- A fruity odor on the breath
- Heavy or labored breathing

As one health professional states, if you see any of the above signs: "Trust your gut instinct, and push to have your child tested."



RAIN DAMPENS CHALLENGE NUMBERS BUT NOT ENTHUSIASM

For the first time in over twenty years, the **Recreation Department's Woodstock Challenge Road Races** experienced rain during the races last Saturday. Preregistration numbers were similar to last year but race- day registration was down significantly.

In the 5K, there were 260 registrants compared to 335 last year; in the 10K, 150 vs 181 last year; and in the Kids/Family runs, 81 this year vs 94 last year.

The rain did improve race times as Dan Kremske of Woodstock set a course record of 30:29 in the 10K, which equates to 4:55 mile split times.

Thanks to **Mayor Brian Sager** for leading the 1-Mile Kids/Family Fun Run and **Ty the Turtle**, Woodstock Water Works' mascot, for leading the ½ mile run.

The Recreation Department would like to thank all the City departments that assisted with the event including the **Police Department**, the **Opera House** and the **Parks Division**. Thanks also to the Fire/Rescue District, County Sheriff's Department, the corporate sponsors, and the 50+ volunteers who made the event a success.

Quotation

Forgotten is forgiven.

F. Scott Fitzgerald

