



CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER



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ANGELO'S WELCOMES RESTAURANT IMPOSSIBLE AND CHEF ROBERT IRVINE!



This past week, the popular Food Network Reality Show Restaurant Impossible and its host Chef Robert Irvine were in Woodstock to "makeover"

Woodstock's own Angelo's restaurant. The

premise of the show is to come in to a community and in 48 hours create a new menu and update the interior of a local restaurant.

This project not only provided Angelo's with a new look and a menu featuring dishes created by a famous chef, the exposure of the Woodstock Square on national television will bring people to Woodstock to visit and shop at the other businesses as well. In fact, some of the businesses saw increased activity from the visitors who came to the Square to watch the filming, hoping to catch a glimpse of Chef Irvine. The City was very pleased to help the production company and the owners of Angelo's with this project; and, in fact, the production company was extremely complimentary to City staff who assisted them. The producers especially singled out the following individuals for their assistance and customer service:

Building Inspector Dan Streit and **Plumbing Inspector John Bertram** who worked with the design and construction crew, providing their expertise and also expediting the permitting process.

John Scharres, **Mark Greenleaf**, and other members of the **Opera House Staff** who not only assisted the producers and the crew throughout the project, but also kept the Opera House open overnight, providing a dry site that the crew could use for construction activities. The producers have said that without the use of the Opera House, they

could not have completed the project and would have had to pull out.

Roscoe Stelford and **Cort Carlson** who visited with various businesses on the Square providing information to them about the project.

The Department of Public Works for their assistance with those road and parking closures, which were accomplished as requested and on time, meaning the project could meet its very tight deadlines.

The producer particularly noted the City Administration's flexibility and willingness to do whatever it took to complete the project. Finally, when asked how Woodstock fared when compared to the other communities with which he has worked, he said that Woodstock was the best city he has worked with in producing Restaurant Impossible and thanked the entire community for its support.

COME TO THE OPEN HOUSE!

Please join Mayor Brian Sager and the Woodstock City Council at an Open House honoring **City Manager Tim Clifton** as he retires after serving as Woodstock's City Manager for the past 20+ years.

Date: Tuesday, April 23

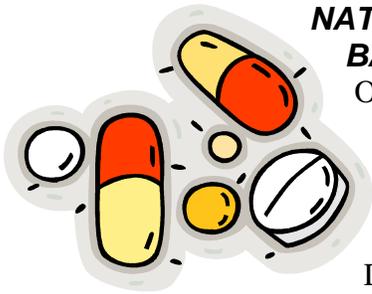
Time: 4PM to 7PM

Place: City Council Chambers
Woodstock City Hall

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NATIONAL DRUG TAKE-BACK DAY

On Saturday, April 27, 2013, the **Woodstock Police Department** will again participate in the United States Drug Enforcement

Administration (DEA) National Drug Take-Back Day event from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the public parking lot (east side of the building) located at 656 Lake Avenue.

Any and all prescription or over-the-counter drugs will be accepted if they are in pill form (no liquids or syringes.) You can bring in as few or as many as you have – there is no minimum or maximum. The drugs will be accepted no questions asked and will then be properly destroyed by the DEA in an environmentally safe fashion.

The service is free and your privacy is protected. You don't even have to get out of your vehicle – Officers will be on hand to assist you – you can drive-by, drop off and be on your way.

During the first five take-back events, the WPD collected a total of 562 pounds of unwanted drugs. The nationwide total stands at *2 million pounds (1,018 tons)!*

For further information, please call **Tamara Reed** at 815-338-6787 or visit www.nationaltakebackday.com.

ADULT 5 ON 5 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT CONCLUDES

During the seven-week season, Woodstock Public House went undefeated in the **Recreation Department's 5 on 5 Men's Basketball League**. The Championship game of the single elimination tournament saw the #3 seed The Bench Mob defeated the #1 seed Woodstock Public House in a thriller 53 – 50. Games were held on Wednesday nights in the Creekside Middle School Gym.



TELECOMMUNICATOR BRUCE HILSTROM RETIRES

Long-time **Woodstock Police Department Telecommunicator Bruce Hilstrom** retires tomorrow after more than 21 years of dedicated service to the department and community.

Bruce's first day was September 26, 1991. He has seen many changes occur in the way emergency calls are dispatched especially in the area of technology. He has seen many dispatchers come and go during the years, but he outlasted all but one.

It is fitting that Bruce is retiring on April 20th, as that is the last day of National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week this year.

Bruce has many hobbies and projects on his to-do list as well as spending more time at his cabin in northern Wisconsin.

A retirement celebration to honor Bruce is planned for Friday, June 14th at the Bull Valley Golf Club.

Congratulations, Bruce, on your retirement and thank you for your many years of service to the citizens of Woodstock!

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK...

Tuesday, April 23 – Police Pension Board, 6:00PM,
Woodstock Police Station

SUMMER CITY SCENE DIRECT MAILED THIS WEEK

The Summer City Scene was direct mailed this week to over 15,000 residents in the 60098 zip code and the west side of Wonder Lake (District 200 boundaries).

The 72-page brochure is compiled by the **Recreation Department** with submittals from various City departments. In addition to the general information about City services that are published in each edition, there is also program information for the Challenger Learning Center, **Opera House, Library, NISRA, Woodstock Water Works, the Recreation Center, and the Recreation Department.**

Featured articles include the Courthouse project, exiting **City Manager Tim Clifton** “passing the torch” to **Deputy City Manager/Finance Director Roscoe Stelford**, the annual water quality report, upcoming summer **Public Works** construction projects, the City’s audible weather warning systems, Coffee with the Chief, Farmers Market, and Movies in the Park.

If you have not received your Summer City Scene, please contact the Rec Dept at 338-4363.

RECRUITMENT NEWS

The recruitments for **FT Police Telecommunicator, for FT Maintenance Workers, and for Public Works Director** all close today, Friday, April 19, 2013, 5:00 PM.

The following opening remains posted through April 30th :

Finance Director

Charming historic community and county seat of McHenry County, located 65 miles northwest of Chicago on Metra rail, seeks Finance Director candidates. Operating under council-manager form of govt., position is appointed by City Mgr., supervises a staff of 6, and oversees \$28M total budget serving population of 24,658. GFOA

Certification for Achievement of Excellence in Financial Reporting for the past 18 years. Standard & Poor’s bond rating AA-. Requires Master’s degree in Finance, Business or Public Administration, or Bachelors with CPA certification, and 5 years increasingly responsible public financial administration experience. Desire innovative person with strong customer service, leadership, team building, strategic planning and communication skills. Salary range: \$84,277 (min) \$107,548(mid) \$130,819(max). Position profile and required application materials may be obtained at www.woodstockil.gov under Employment Opportunities. Application deadline: Tuesday, April 30, 2013. EOE.

HEALTH & SAFETY MESSAGE: NEW 2-1-1 PHONE SERVICE ANSWERS PUBLIC’S QUESTIONS

City of Woodstock employees are often asked questions by residents and newcomers about services the City simply does not provide. Now there’s an easy answer to such questions: “please call 2-1-1 and they should be able to help you.”

The United Way of Greater McHenry County has just instituted this non-emergency help line to assist with finding information about all social services questions. 2-1-1 is a 24/7 staffed number that connects callers with basic human needs such as food, shelter, rent and utility assistance. It also provides information on Medicare and Medicaid, medical information and other physical and mental health resources. The service also is available for job support and for people with disabilities.

Please refer the public to this new 24/7 phone service when questions arise and social service information is needed.