



CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER



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WHAT ARE YOUR OBSTACLES?

The City's Transportation Commission, an advisory board to the City Council, is studying pedestrian traffic and movements throughout the community and they would like to solicit information from the general public with regard to obstacles that walkers and persons with disabilities encounter while moving throughout the community. The Commission has produced a survey that will be available on the City's website and at many locations throughout the community in an effort to get some feedback with the hopes of providing some recommendations to the City Council in the very near future. In addition, members of the Commission will be visiting local organized groups in an effort to get the word out with regard to what they are working on and the type of input they need to effectively represent a wide range of individuals based on their particular needs. A "kickoff" meeting is planned for **Thursday, April 4 at Hearthstone Communities, 840 N. Seminary Ave.** The meeting is scheduled for 10:00 AM and it is open to the public. After April 4th, surveys will be available at most City facilities and on the city's website. The Transportation Commission meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the City Council Chambers. If you have input for the Commission, they would love to hear from you. Comments in this regard can also be sent to pwdept@woodstockil.gov and they will be forwarded to the Commission.

OFFICER FREUND GRADUATES FROM POLICE ACADEMY

Woodstock Police Department Officer Sharon Freund graduated Thursday from the Police Training Institute in Champaign. She successfully completed the intensive and comprehensive twelve-week Basic Law Enforcement Class. **Chief Robert Lowen** and **Sergeant Constantino Cipolla** attended the ceremony held in Urbana along with Officer Freund's proud family and friends.

Officer Freund will report for duty tomorrow and initially work the afternoon shift (4:00PM to midnight.) She must now complete an additional sixteen weeks of departmental Field Training prior to beginning solo patrol duty.

Congratulations Officer Freund and welcome to the Woodstock Police Department!



HOP INTO THE REC CENTER FOR A WORKOUT EASTER MORNING



The Rec Center will be open on Easter morning, Sunday, March 31 from 7AM-11AM. Hop over for a workout before your Easter meal.

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HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FUNDING APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

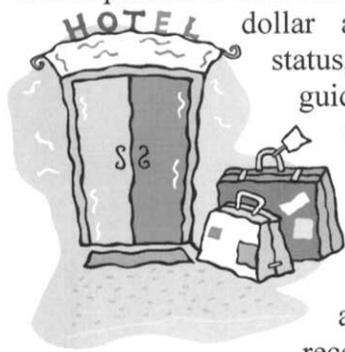
The City will be accepting funding requests from state and federally recognized tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations. Funding is considered for those activities that both promote the City of Woodstock and generate additional overnight stays. Funding may be provided for the following activities:

Promotion of Tourism;

Tourist-Related Activities; and

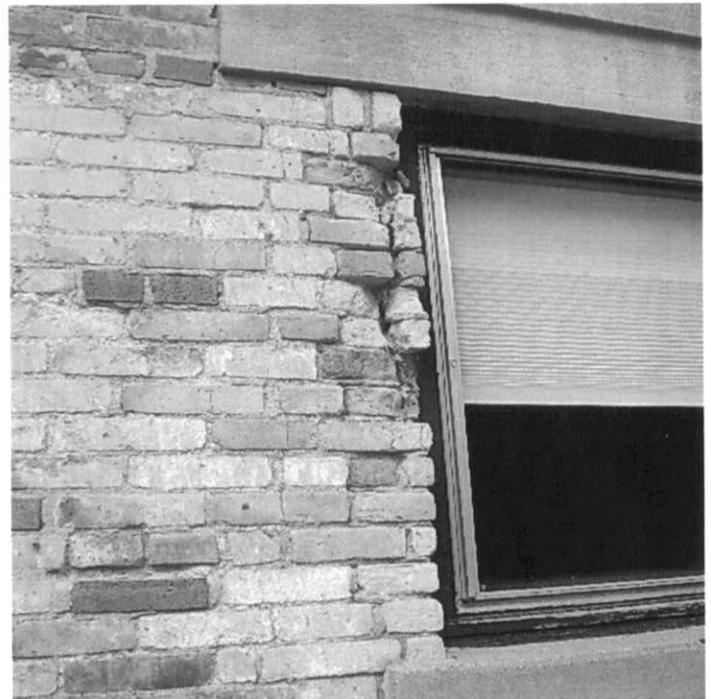
Tourism-Related Municipal Projects.

It is important to note that all requests, regardless of dollar amount or prior award status, must meet funding guidelines. Three (3) copies of the proposal must be submitted. Requests for funding must be typed and include a completed application. Completed applications must be received by May 3rd for consideration for funding in 2013. The City Administration will then compile all of the requests and submit a formal report to the City Council tentatively scheduled for the second meeting in June. Copies of the application are available on the City's website (www.woodstockil.gov).



MASONRY RESTORATION AT OLD COURTHOUSE

The first phase of masonry repairs and restoration at the Old Courthouse will begin April 1st, weather permitting. Courthouse masonry restoration is a multi-year project. This first phase was approved by the City Council last fall. The work includes three critical areas—the severely eroded section of the south wall of the Courthouse, the parapet on the west wall of the Courthouse near the chimney, and the south wall of the Sheriff's House along with other work in the general vicinity of these repairs.



CITY LOWERS WELL PUMP TO IMPROVE RELIABILITY

The City's potable water system relies upon the management and operation of six wells under the supervision of **Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Will Smith**. In 2012 Northern Illinois experienced severe drought conditions and as a result, static and pumping levels in the underground aquifers were lower than years past. The amount of water that was pumped from the wells for consumption, bathing, etc. greatly exceeded the recharge rate due to the lack of rain.

After reviewing the well logs and consulting with the City's well maintenance contractor, it was determined that one of the six pumps, the one that is the shallowest could be lowered 10 feet to provide for more water over the bowl section. Lowering the pump will increase the amount of available water in this well and gives the City and its residents greater reliability in the water supply should the drought continue into 2013. With the onset of winter and the reduced seasonal water demand the levels in the aquifers have risen to near normal conditions. However, this event does confirm that well water supply is not infinite and everyone needs to have an awareness and practice water conservation to preserve this natural resource.

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK

Tuesday, April 2- City Council, 7PM, Council Chambers

Thursday, April 4- Library Board, 7:30 PM, Public Library

QUOTE

"Everyone you meet knows something you don't."

-Bill Nye

NEW LIGHTING PROJECT COMPLETED AT THE REC CENTER



Pictured is an electrician from Associated Electrical Contractors replacing a light fixture in the aerobics room this week at the **Rec Center**. All the interior light fixtures at the Rec Center are being replaced with more energy-efficient, environmentally-friendly light fixtures.

The fixtures in the original building were close to thirty-years old, inefficient, and difficult to maintain and/or replace. The lights in the gym and multi-purpose room, while only nine- years old, were still inefficient and costly to operate compared to the available lighting systems in the marketplace today.

The new lights will be brighter, save significant energy costs, and dramatically reduce the facility's carbon footprint by approximately **17 tons per year**.

The cost of the project is \$18,600 and has been awarded to Associated Electric. The project is eligible for ComEd rebates, estimated to total \$10,800, which brings the after rebate cost for the project down to \$8,520.

The annual electrical cost savings per year is estimated to be approximately **\$8,000** making the return on investment a little over one year. This cost savings is for electrical costs only and does not include a reduction in labor costs related to maintenance expenses.

EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE WEEKS OF MARCH 3RD – APRIL 6TH

Please stop by and congratulate the following employees on their anniversaries with the City.

Employee	Department	Day	# of Years
Geraldine Granzetto	Opera House	March 9 th	24 Years
Jeff Van Landuyt	Public Works Administration	March 9 th	15 Years
Pam Moorhouse	Library	March 11 th	30 Years
Fred Spitzer	Police	March 15 th	29 Years
Al Wilson	Public Works Administration	March 16 th	21 Years
Nancy Baker	Community & Economic Development	March 18 th	17 Years
Constantino Cipolla	Police	March 21 st	11 Years
Arturo Diaz	Recreation	March 21 st	2 Years
Richard Dolan	Police	March 26 th	15 Years
Michael Niedzwiecki	Police	March 28 th	1 Year
Kevin Tietz	Police	March 28 th	1 Year
John Lieb	Police	March 29 th	13 Years
Dennis Leard	Police	March 31 st	25 Years
Roscoe Stelford	Finance	March 31 st	13 Years
Will Smith	Water Treatment	March 31 st	7 Years
Michael Gustis	Police	April 2 nd	6 Years

A special thank you to all of these employees for their tireless efforts and commitment to excellence, which makes the City of Woodstock a wonderful place to work and raise a family, as well as for all of the future years of service still to come.

SUDOKU PUZZLE

Sudoku is the number placing game taking the world by storm. The rules of Sudoku are simple. Enter digits from 1 to 9 into the blank spaces. Every row must contain one of each digit. So must every column, as must every 3x3 square. Each Sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

This Week's Puzzle!

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		7			4			
7		8	9		6			1
		2				4		
9			3		7	5		6
			8			1		
1	8		2	5				
		9			1	8		3

Hi, I am Brian Moxley, a grower and manager at Kolze's Corner Gardens, Inc. in Woodstock. I am excited to announce that I will be coordinating a new program. We are taking on another role in addition to being growers and sellers of bedding plants. We are getting involved in promoting and assisting in a social program to provide relief to the hungry in McHenry County.

Kolze's is joining the garden Writers Association in the "Plant a Row for the Hungry" (PAR) program. PAR is a community based program that encourages gardeners and gardening organizations to plant and donate an extra row of produce to local food pantries and soup kitchens. As a result, Kolze's will be facilitating and providing support in this worthy endeavor in McHenry County and beyond. Kolze's will be promoting this program on the website, our outdoor signs, and in the garden center. Kolze's also will accept donations of the produce seven days a week starting in June and will deliver the produce to local food pantries. This program will be initiated on April 1st and continue into October. It needs to be pointed out that while Kolze's is facilitating the efforts of our customers, one does not need to shop Kolze's to participate. This is open to everyone in the county. Also, while we are accepting donations of produce, one can on their own donate directly to the food pantry. With the limited days and hours available to drop off donations we are trying to make it easier for donations to make it to the pantries.

Would you please support our efforts in getting the word out about growing food for the hungry? If this is not the best place to start, please pass this message on to someone that can help us. Should you have any further questions, check our website at: www.kolzescornergardens.com regarding PAR and our efforts. Click on the Plant a Row for the Hungry in the left-hand column of our homepage. You can also email me at: bmox57@gmail.com or call me direct at [815-353-7756](tel:815-353-7756).

Thank you,

Brian Moxley

Kolze's Corner Gardens, Inc.





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

Permanent Beat Officer Shane Marshall from Beat # 24 (southeast quadrant of the City) will give a presentation on "Problems, Issues & Challenges of Law Enforcement Officers."

Coffee with the Chief



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

For further information, please call
Tamara Reed at 815-338-6787.