



# CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER



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## **TRAX DEPOT HOLDS FUNDRAISER FOR DARE/GREAT PROGRAMS**

On Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:30AM to 5:00 PM the *Trax Depot Café* will hold a fundraiser to benefit the **Woodstock Police Department** DARE and GREAT programs.

A portion of all sales made that day will go directly to the District # 200 Drug Abuse Resistance Education and Gang Resistance Education and Training programs. These programs are a collaboration between the City of Woodstock, School District # 200 and the **Woodstock Police Department** and utilize a specially trained Officer to teach both curriculums to fifth and seventh graders in the district. These programs are funded solely through donations and fundraising efforts.

Please stop by the *Trax Depot Café* located at 90 Church Street (inside the train station) on February 12<sup>th</sup> to purchase a treat (or two!) and benefit our community's children at the same time.

For further information contact DARE/GREAT Officer **Michael Gustis** at 815-338-2131.

## **PLANNER'S FORUM HELD IN WOODSTOCK**

This past Tuesday, the McHenry County Planner's Forum held their quarterly meeting in Woodstock at the Old Courthouse. Members of various municipal planning and community development agencies were in attendance, as well as representatives from the McHenry County Department of Planning & Development and the McHenry County Division of Highways. Public improvement and private development activities occurring in member communities were discussed and participants then had an opportunity to tour the Old Court House. City staff in attendance included **Community & Economic Development Director Cort Carlson**, **Code Enforcement Officer Donovan Day**, **City Planner Nancy Baker**, and **Planning & Zoning Administrator Jim Kastner**.



## **STAN'S TOWER UNDER CONSTRUCTION**

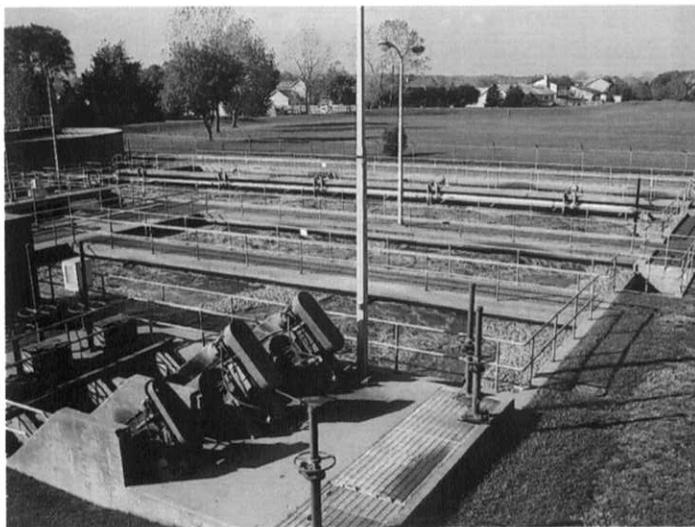
Building inspectors have issued the required building permits for the new internet transmission tower behind Stan's Business Technologies at 1375 South Eastwood Drive. A special use permit was issued for the 120 foot tall tower in December 2012. Construction of the tower is ongoing and is expected to be completed shortly and will result in improved internet service for the City.

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## **SCREW PUMP REPLACEMENT UNDERWAY AT NORTHSIDE WWTP**

In addition to several conventional types of pumps and motors in use at the **Northside Wastewater Treatment Plant**, there are three screw pumps at a critical stage of the treatment process. These pumps use the rotating action of a screw to lift the process flow to the next stage of treatment. One of these three pumps was replaced in 2010 and the remaining two screw pumps have been in service for more than thirty-five years. Over time, this style of pump has proven to be the right fit and application, however, in recent years the existing units are showing signs of normal wear resulting in a decrease in efficiency and an increase in maintenance. The City could not remain compliant with its NPDES discharge permit if more than one of these pumps were to fail at the same time. One of the two original 54 inch diameter screw pumps was funded for replacement in 2013 as planned for in the City's 5-year Capital Improvement Program. Removal of the existing pump and installation of the new pump is scheduled to be completed by the middle of February.



## **HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT AWARDED TO CITY**

Earlier this week, Woodstock was informed that it had been awarded \$4,550 in federal funds to produce a video highlighting the history, ongoing restoration projects, and future plans for the Old Court House and Jail site on North Johnson Street. The grant is administered by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency and will provide up to 70 percent of the video's production cost. The video is intended to be approximately 10 to 12 minutes long and will be available on the City's web site, as well as on YouTube. A professional videographer will be selected by the City to start the project in May and it is expected to be completed by early fall. The video will focus on the Old Court House.

## **PARKS DIVISION MEETS WITH REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MORTON ARBORETUM**

Morton Arboretum's Community Trees Program Manager is scheduling visits with a handful of communities to learn and understand how forestry needs are being handled and to determine if there is any assistance that they could provide. Last week, **Parks Division employees** met with Ms. Lydia Scott and talked mainly about the impact of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) on the Woodstock community. Through this session the City found that the Arboretum can be used as a resource for public information, (i.e. brochures, technical documents) about Ash Trees, the EAB, and treatment alternative available for trees not yet affected. Lydia also promised to supply the City with information regarding grants that may become available in the future to replace those affected Ash trees that have already been removed from the public rights-of-way. This meeting and outreach has already been a benefit to the City and those City employees dealing with everyday forestry issues surrounding publicly owned trees and gained a valuable professional contact who shares their passion for the care, preservation, and conservation of trees.

## **RECRUITMENT NEWS**

The following position has been posted this week:

### **Youth Services Librarian**

The City of Woodstock seeks a passionate, positive, flexible and enthusiastic MLS grad for Youth Services Librarian at the Woodstock Public Library. FT position provides programming, collection development and reference services to children and young adults. Min. qual.: MLS, excellent oral and written communications, computer and Internet skills, experience working with both children and young adults. Bilingual Spanish preferable. Starting salary: \$41,710/yr. with excellent benefits package. **Send resume including salary history, and letter of interest outlining qualifications,** to: [humanresources@woodstockil.gov](mailto:humanresources@woodstockil.gov), or mail to City of Woodstock HR Department, 121 W. Calhoun St., Woodstock, IL 60098, **no later than Friday, 2/22/13.** Formal applications will be sent to the most qualified candidates and must be returned by the specified deadline date in order to receive consideration.

And these positions remain open for application:

### **LPT Playroom Attendant**

Woodstock Recreation Center has an opening for a limited part-time Playroom Attendant. The position supervises members' children on-site and performs light cleaning duties. Min. age 16; good communications and customer service skills; childcare experience preferred. Schedule requires flexible availability, mornings and early evenings Mon-Sat; 8-10 hours per week, \$8.25/hr., no additional benefits.

### **LPT Recreation Center Cashier**

Highly responsible person needed long-term as front desk clerk at Woodstock Recreation Center. Check members in & out, process payments, register program participants, provide information and perform cleaning duties. Min. Qual: HS degree or equiv.; excellent customer service skills and attention to detail; computer and data entry skills required. 15-18 hrs./wk., variable hours inc. days, eves and wknds. \$8.46/hr., no additional benefits.

To apply for either position, call or visit the HR Department, Woodstock City Hall, 121 W. Calhoun Street, Please call 815-338-1172 or email [humanresources@woodstockil.gov](mailto:humanresources@woodstockil.gov) to request an application. Deadline to apply: **Friday, 2/8/13.**

**Seasonal Recreation and Public Works** summer positions remain posted and available for application, including: **Certified Lifeguards** and **WSI Swim Instructors, Pool Cashiers** and **Playground Program Counselors.** Minimum age requirement is 16 for all seasonal Recreation positions.

Also, **Public Works general Seasonal Maintenance Workers**, \$8.25 per hour. Minimum requirements are age 18, with a valid Illinois driver's license and good driving record.

Applications for 2013 summer positions will be accepted through Thursday, February 28th. To request an application please do so at: [humanresources@woodstockil.gov](mailto:humanresources@woodstockil.gov), or call or visit Woodstock City Hall HR Department, 815-338-1172.

## **MEETINGS NEXT WEEK...**

Tuesday, February 5- City Council, 7PM, Council Chambers  
Thursday, February 7 – Library Board, 7:30PM, Library

# Quote

*Youth has no age.*

**Pablo Picasso**

## **YOUTH HOCKEY PROGRAM OFF AND RUNNING**

The **Recreation Department's** indoor *Youth Floor Hockey* program started on Tuesday night in the gym at the Rec Center. The seven to eight-year-old class, which has nine participants, begins at 4:30, followed by the nine to eleven-year-old, which has seven participants, at 5:30. Both groups run through February 23.

The league focuses on fundamentals and the rules of hockey while also offering supervised games.

Starting February 26, the **Recreation Department** will be offering the *Dodgeball Club* for kids ages seven to eleven-year-olds. Fees are \$20 for residents and \$30 for non-residents. Classes will run through March 19.



## **HEALTH & SAFETY MESSAGE: SHOO THOSE WINTER CARES AWAY**

It's that time of year when motivation often comes to a grinding halt. Days are short and there's limited outdoor opportunities in cold or snowy weather. This lessened activity, combined with the decreased amount of vitamin-D providing sunshine, naturally results in somber moods, up to and including those who suffer from an extreme form of winter blues called SAD, Seasonal Affective Disorder.

Just know you are not the only one who can become emotionally challenged as the weather gets colder and the days become shorter. To help combat these unwanted effects, the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics offers this sage advice:

- Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of fluids, especially water.
- Hone in on a hobby, such as making your own crafts or reading more.
- Take up a new winter sport, such as skiing or ice skating.
- Cut back on dietary portion sizes, and add more fruits and vegetables to your menu.
- Adjust your sleep schedule -- go to sleep earlier and wake earlier in the morning.

And remember, in just a few more weeks, things get brighter and better each passing day. Hang in there!



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

McHenry County Emergency Management Agency Assistant Director Robert Ellsworth, Jr. will give a presentation on Emergency Planning and Weather Preparedness.

# Coffee with the Chief



Monday, February 11, 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.