



CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER



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THEATRE WALLS COMING TO TOWN

The installation of pre-cast concrete wall panels for the movie theatre expansion project on Main Street is scheduled to begin next Monday. The panels, which are manufactured in Aurora, will be brought to the site and then lifted into place by an on-site crane. Trucks carrying the panels are required to comply with Illinois Department of Transportation regulations for oversized vehicles and will only be allowed to operate during daylight hours. Actual delivery of the panels at the Main Street location will start at 6:00AM and will have to end by 3:00PM each day. It is anticipated that the installation of the 66 panels will take 3 days. Efforts have been made by **Community and Economic Development** personnel to contact all property and business owners along Main Street to advise them in advance of this activity.

RESTAURANT TO RE-OPEN

Community Development personnel have met with the new tenants of the former ABC Restaurant at the corner of Main and Cass Streets. The restaurant, which will be named *La Placita*, has been leased and will be re-opened for



the preparation and sale of ethnic foods. The new tenants have similar places in McHenry County which they hope to duplicate in Woodstock. Minor cosmetic changes are anticipated to the interior of the premises prior to opening. Opening is expected to occur within the next 10 to 14 days.

LIBRARY NEWS

Anime Art Contest Winners

Over 30 entries were submitted for the **Woodstock Library's** Anime Art Contest. The winner for Best Original Art was Savannah Sobieszczyk and the winner for Best Fan Art was Annie Bilodeau.

Letter to Santa Claus, 1885



This fragment of Woodstock history was found during a renovation project in an office building on Dean Street and was donated,

with other items, to the Woodstock Public Library's Archives collection. Written on November 25, 1885 the writer is Gertrude Burmeister the letter reads: "*Dear Santa Claus: I want a dolly and I want a doggy, a little quilt [for] my doggy. Santa Cauls I antw a lsde adna oxb fo ysot. From Gertrude*"

The last sentence deciphered is: "I want a sled and a box of toys"; it appears to be in different handwriting, perhaps a sibling of Gertrude, or Gertrude was perhaps told that she could only ask for three things so she thought she would sneak the other two requests in in code.

If you discover items of Woodstock history (especially photographs and letters) and would like to donate them to the Library's Archives or allow them to be scanned please contact **Martha Hansen** at the library.

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McHENRY COUNTY TRADE FAIR



Community & Economic Development Director Cort Carlson will be attending an international trade fair next week sponsored by the Illinois Small Business Development Center at the McHenry County College Shah Center.

The trade show is also being sponsored by several local communities, including the City of Woodstock, and by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Development. Local companies will be attending the fair and displaying the diverse nature of manufacturing and service enterprises located in McHenry County. Representatives from a number of consulates, including those of Australia, Germany, Hong Kong, Israel, Italy, Japan, Lithuania, Mexico, the Netherlands, the Philippines, Poland, Taiwan, Thailand, and Turkey are expected to attend and provide exhibits at the fair.

WOODSTOCK MOVIE THEATRE UPDATE

Early Monday morning, December 3, 2012, construction crews are scheduled to begin unloading and installing the pre-cast concrete panels which will form the exterior walls of the new movie theatre. Panel delivery and unloading is expected to occur approximately every 20 minutes from 6:30 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. through Wednesday, December 5. Main Street will be open to thru-traffic during this time period; however, pedestrian access on the west side of Main Street will be limited. The east side of Main Street should be completely open during the delivery process. A police officer will be directing traffic at the intersection of Washington Street and Main Street as the delivery trucks will be approaching this intersection from the northwest. Full pedestrian access will be re-established at the end of each work day.

If you have any questions or concerns about this process, please contact the **Department of Public Works** at 815-338-6118.

RECRUITMENT NEWS

The posted recruitment for **FT Maintenance Workers/Public Works** closed this week. All materials submitted are under review by **HR** and **Public Works** and qualified candidates will be forwarded applications. Those deemed most qualified, which for this recruitment includes a mandatory CDL license, with plowing experience preferred, will be invited for interviews soon.



POLICE SPEAK AT HCE MEETING

Woodstock Police Department Detective Sergeant Jeff Parsons and **Detective George Kopulos** spoke to the members of the local chapter of the McHenry County Home & Community Education (HCE) earlier this month on the topic of *Identity Theft*.

Apparently the group enjoyed it very much, as comments in their recent monthly newsletter were very complimentary. Members thought the talk was “wonderful,” “complete,” “excellent” and “informative.” Detective Sergeant Parsons and Detective Kopulos were deemed “great!”

It was not the first time the WPD has been invited to speak before the group; other topics have included *Home and Personal Safety* and *Computer Safety*.

If your group would like a speaker, the WPD does have personnel available to address a variety of law enforcement topics. Please contact **Administrative Office Manager Tamara Reed** with your request at 815-338-6787 or at treed@woodstockil.gov.

HELPING OTHERS BRINGS YEAR-LONG HOLIDAY JOY TO ALL

The City’s annual United Way campaign is currently underway and many employees have already given generously. Please take a moment to consider the difficult times many of this area’s residents are going through and think about a small—or larger—donation to this very worthy organization. Donations in any amount can be made one-time via check or conveniently deducted from 2013 paychecks.

Our donation goal this year has been set at \$4,100. Anything you can contribute to helping us attain this is so much appreciated!

Donation forms were provided in last week’s pay envelopes and more can be found in the **HR**

Department; these are due back to **HR** no later than Thursday, December 13th. All submissions will be eligible for our annual Pledge Prize Drawing for the following great awards: a WWW Pool Pass, tickets to a Woodstock Opera House show, Chamber of Commerce gift cards and an additional floating holiday!

HEALTH & SAFETY MESSAGE: HEALTHY BODY, HEALTHY MIND

We are often reminded of the benefits of healthy diet and exercise for our physical well-being. But an increasing number of studies points to a definite correlation between poor physical health and cognitive decline, as well. Scientists involved in such studies report that people need to be aware that lifestyle choices could damage the mind as well as the body.

The Alzheimer's Society said: "We all know smoking, a high blood pressure, high cholesterol levels and a high BMI [Body Mass Index] is bad for our heart. This research adds to the huge amount of evidence that also suggests they can be bad for our head too."

These results underline the importance of looking after our cardiovascular health from mid-life on. One in three people over 65 will develop dementia but there are things people can do to reduce their risk. These include eating a balanced diet, maintaining a healthy weight, exercising regularly, getting our blood pressure and cholesterol checked at least annually.

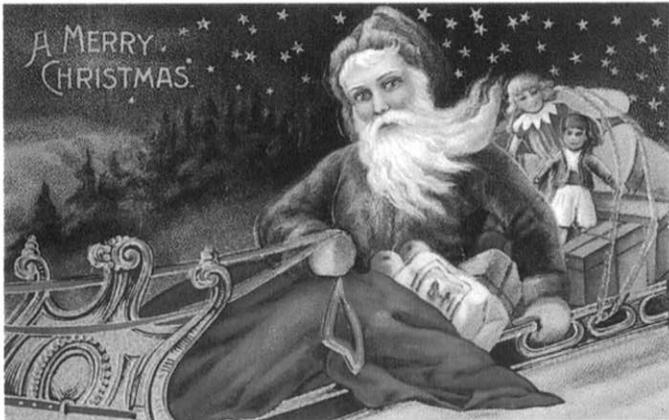
To make this type of checkup as easy as possible, next week’s pay envelopes will include detailed information about the City’s annual Wellness Day health assessments, offered at no charge to all health plan participants, and rewarded with a reduction in monthly health insurance premiums for the coming year. These assessments are conveniently offered at City Hall, this year on Thursday, 1/3/13 and again on Tuesday, 1/8/13, from 8:00AM – 11:00AM each day. Scheduling may be done on-line or via phone based on information supplied in the pay envelope stuffer, so plan to take advantage of this great benefit!

**REC CENTER SPONSORING
WRAPAROUND ADOPT-A-FAMILY
PROGRAM**

The **Recreation Center** is participating in the McHenry County Mental Health Board's Wraparound Adopt-A-Family gift giving program. The recipients of the gifts are families who are involved in the Mental Health Board's Wraparound process, which is a philosophy of care that provides intensive community-based mental health services and activities to families who have children with serious emotional disturbances.

If you are interested in helping a family in need, come in to the Rec Center and choose an ornament from the giving tree and purchase the requested gift for a family member. Return the gift with the original ornament attached by Tuesday, December 10 and receive a free guest pass to the Rec Center.

If you have any questions, contact the Rec Center at 338-4363.



Quote

“What we see depends on what we look for.”

John Lubbock

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK...

Tuesday, December 4 – City Council, 7PM, Council Chambers

Tuesday, December 4 – Historic Preservation Commission, 7PM, 2nd Floor Conference Room

Thursday, December 6 – Adjudication Court, 9:30 AM, Council Chambers

Thursday, December 6 – Library Board, 7:30 PM, Public Library

EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE WEEKS OF NOVEMBER 18TH – DECEMBER 1ST

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

Employee	Department	Day	# of Years
Carolyn O’Leary	Library	November 20 th	22 Years
Tim Clifton	City Manager’s Office	November 30 th	20 Years

A special thank you to both 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!

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

Solution: Last Week’s Puzzle

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



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

Sergeant Steve Laudick of the McHenry County Corrections Department will be speaking on McHenry County Jail operations and specialty units.

Coffee with the Chief



Monday, December 10, 2012
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.



Woodstock Police Explorers Post #765 Food Drive



For the month of November and December the Woodstock Police Explorers are looking for Non-perishable food items to donate to the Woodstock Food Pantry.

Bring items to:

Any District 200 School

Woodstock Police Department

656 Lake Ave. Woodstock IL, 60098





THE CITY OF
WOODSTOCK
Illinois

Please Help Give...

Support Life Hope



Make A Change In McHenry County

The community needs your help. United Way of Greater McHenry County is the easiest & most powerful way to help your community. A gift to United Way supports programs all across McHenry County. Donations directly impact **38 human service programs** offered through **22 local partner agencies**, including Family Health Partnership, Hospice of Northeastern Illinois, Turning Point, Family Alliance, Home of the Sparrow, etc.

Last year, United Way of Greater McHenry County was able to help **84,234 PEOPLE** in the McHenry County area—that's **1 IN EVERY 4 RESIDENTS!**

Due to the continued economic limitations our country faces, including state funding cuts, your donation is needed NOW more than ever before.

Donations are tax-deductible. You can even direct where your donation will be applied! Donations may be made one-time via check or conveniently deducted from paychecks throughout the year.

PLEASE GIVE.



To encourage & recognize City of Woodstock employees who contribute to these worthy organizations, we are pleased to offer the 2012 UNITED WAY PLEDGE PRIZE DRAWING! Winners will be randomly drawn to win:

- WWW Family Pool Pass for summer 2013
- 2 tickets to a Woodstock Opera House show
- \$25 Chamber of Commerce Gift Card
- 1 additional Floating Holiday

To be eligible for the drawing, pledge cards, or checks, must be turned in to the HR department by 5pm Thursday, December 13, 2012