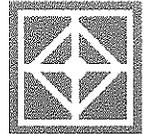


CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER



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INSPECTOR DAN ATTENDS ACCESSIBILITY WORKSHOP



Building Inspector Dan Streit

recently attended training workshops in the use and implementation of the Illinois Accessibility Code. Doug Gamble, the instructor for these workshops, is the Senior Technical Specialist for Illinois State Capital Development Board, which oversees the application and enforcement of Federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) provisions for Illinois. The training emphasized how the accessibility regulations are interpreted, ways of enforcing them, and the different ways they can be implemented. It also discussed changes to the ADA and how the changes will impact local communities and local building practices.

THANKSGIVING OBSERVANCE



In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, all non-emergency City offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 22nd and 23rd.

**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING!**

LIBRARY NEWS

World Film Night

The November selection for library's World Film Night is *Welcome*, a French film about a soon-to-be-divorced swimming instructor Simon who is struggling emotionally until he meets Bilal, a Kurdish refugee, who is intent on swimming the English Channel to reunite with his girlfriend in England. This bittersweet film was a winner at the Berlin International Film Festival. The library's World Film Nights highlight some of the best of independent films from around the world. It will be shown at the library on Wednesday, November 21st at 6:30PM. Following the showing, the DVD will be added to the library's extensive World Film collection and may be checked out by cardholders.

Reading with Kalani

Reading aloud is a great way for students to become better readers, and no one is a better listener than certified-therapy dog Kalani and his friends! Independent readers in Grades 1-5 are encouraged to bring a book and read aloud for 15-minutes to a patient, furry friend in a no-pressure environment. This event is on Saturday /November 17 from 10:00-11:30AM. Please call the library at 815-338-0542 or email (library@woodstockil.gov) for more details.

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HELP SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

Woodstock **Police Department Telecommunicator Robin Karolewicz**, fresh off raising more than \$500 for the DARE program by hosting a Stampin' Up scrapbooking event, is at it again! She has turned her attention to supporting our troops in conjunction with Joe Alger and his "Operation Support Our Troops America" organization.

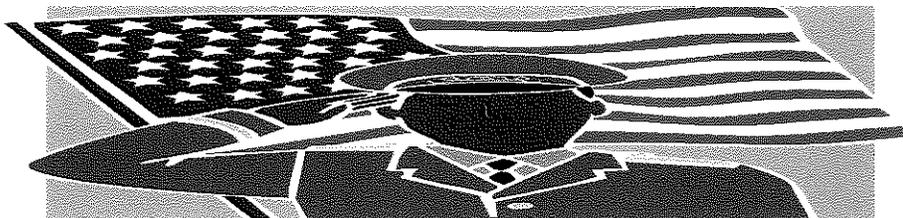
She is collecting donations of 20 very specific items that our troops most need and enjoy having (see list below.) There are collection boxes at both City Hall and the Woodstock Police Department for convenient drop-off. The last day to make a donation is Thursday, November 29th. After that, Robin will turn over all items collected to Joe Alger who will in turn see that they are shipped to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Questions may be directed to Robin by phone at 815-338-2131 or via email at rkarolewicz@woodstockil.gov.

For further information visit the organization's website at www.osotamerica.org.

ITEMS NEEDED

- Antacids (Tums, Roloids, etc. – small rolls/bottles of less than 150 count)
- Pain Relievers (Tylenol, Advil, etc. – 100 count or less)
- Over-the-counter cold medications (no liquids please)
- Eye Drops
- Nasal Spray
- Multi-vitamins (200 count or less)
- Hand or foot warmers
- Lotion for men (18 oz. or less, smaller tubes preferred)
- Chapstick
- Mouthwash (500 ml. or less, plastic bottles only)
- Dental Floss/floss picks
- Body wash for men (10 oz. or less)
- White or black athletic socks (crew length, no visible logos please)
- Purse /pocket packs of tissues
- AA or AAA Batteries
- Small Puzzle books (Sudoku, Crosswords, Word Finds)
- Shaving cream (non-aerosol preferred)
- Cold drink mix packets (Propel, Gatorade, etc. – to add to bottled water)
- 1 lb. bags/cans of ground coffee
- Individual packets of powdered coffee



RECRUITMENT NEWS

Congratulations to **Tad Lester** who moves from **Maintenance Worker/Parks** to **Heavy Equipment Operator/Parks**, based on the committee's review of his application, interview and qualifications for this promotional opportunity. **Tad** has been with the **Public Works Department** since September 9, 2000.

The following recruitment remains posted and open:

City of Woodstock FT Maintenance Workers/Public Works

Position: The City of Woodstock has three (3) entry level openings for experienced, CDL-licensed Maintenance Workers. Positions perform manual labor and operate vehicles and equipment in the maintenance and repair of City streets and throughways, parks and recreational areas. Work is performed under the supervision of the respective division's Supervisor and Foreman. Positions have varying daytime work schedules that may include weekends (Sat/Sun) as part of the standard 40-hour work week schedule. Further variations may occur due to departmental staffing, seasonal or emergency needs.

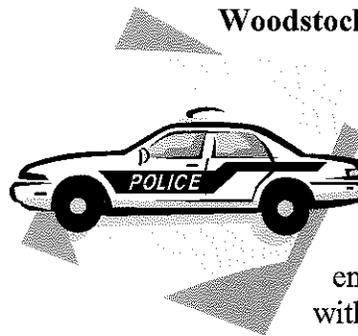
Min. Qual.: valid **Class B Illinois commercial driver's license (CDL) with air brakes endorsement and good driving record;** high school diploma or equivalent; ability to speak, read and write English language; preference for prior work experience in public works, construction or related field; preference for one to two seasons of snow plowing experience in a CDL vehicle. Physical requirements are as follows: Visual and auditory acuity, natural or corrected; ability to operate equipment as outlined above; ability to perform moderate to heavy work requiring climbing, balancing, bending, stooping, twisting, reaching, kneeling, crouching, crawling; ability to lift/carry/move loads up to 200 lbs; ability to push/pull upwards of 100 lbs. of force; ability to stand for upwards of 8 hours per day (with breaks); ability to climb ladders; ability to work in confined spaces.

Starting Salary: \$15.30/hr. in accordance with current Union contract; includes full benefit package with group health insurance, benefit time and IMRF retirement plan.

If qualified: Current resumes and letters of interest citing CDL experience should be emailed to-- humanresources@woodstockil.gov. If electronic submission is not possible, the above may be delivered to the City of Woodstock HR Department, 121 W. Calhoun St., Woodstock, IL 60098. Formal applications will be sent to the most qualified candidates and must be returned by the specified deadline date in order to receive consideration. The City reserves the right to select only the most qualified applicants for an interview. EOE.

Application deadline: Monday, November 26, 2012

ME AND MY SHADOW



Woodstock Police Department welcomed another District# 200 high school student this past week as part of their Job Shadowing program. Erika Tapia enjoyed spending the day with **Officer Mitch Falat** including doing a ride along with him in his squad car. Erika was able to experience up close and personal what a day in the life of a Police Officer is really like. Woodstock Police Department is proud to partner with District # 200 in this worthwhile annual event.

COOKING WITH KIDS

A popular "no-cook," *Cooking with Kids Class* for kids ages four to eight started this week through the **Recreation Department** on Tuesdays at the Rec Center just as the *Cooking with Kids II* for 9-12 year olds just finished up last week.

Participants will get to enjoy the fruits of their labor including breakfast, snacks, lunch, and of course, dessert, that will be cooked up during this four-week class.

This interactive class taught participants the basic cooking skills for even the smallest of chefs while also learning about kitchen safety, healthy eating habits, and culinary delights with instructor Jen Bigler.



MEETINGS NEXT WEEK...

Tuesday, November 20- Economic Development Commission, 8:00AM, Council Chambers
Tuesday, November 20 – Cultural Diversity Commission, 10:30AM, Council Chambers

HEALTH & SAFETY MESSAGE: THOSE BRITS KNOW WHAT THEY'RE DOING

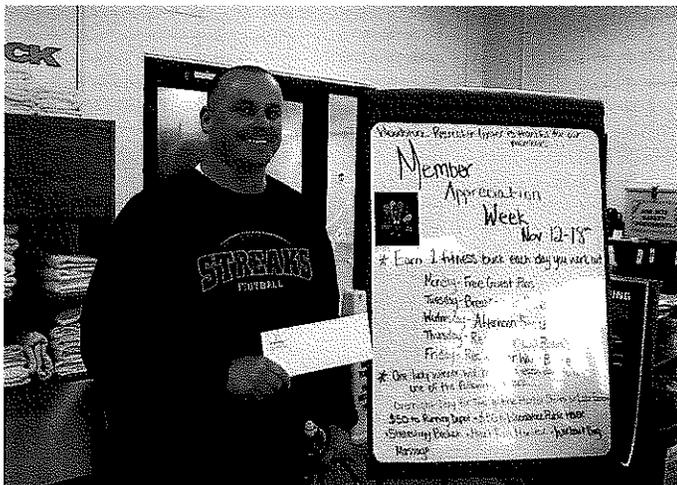
There's nothing quite so civilized, so calming and reassuring, as holding a steaming cup of tea in hand and contemplating the day's travails. In addition to the soothing effects of participating in a daily "tea time" ritual, studies now also confirm that rates of type 2 diabetes are lower in countries where many people drink black tea, a finding that supports previous research suggesting that regular consumption of black tea is associated with a reduced risk of diabetes.

Researchers in Geneva, Switzerland, looked at black tea consumption in 50 countries on every continent and compared that to rates of diabetes and cancer, as well as respiratory, infectious and cardiovascular diseases in those nations.

Statistical analyses showed that diabetes rates were low in countries with high levels of black tea consumption. "These original study results are consistent with previous biological, physiological and ecological studies conducted on the potential of [black tea] on diabetes and obesity," and provide "valuable additional scientific information at the global level," the researchers wrote.

Black tea contains a number of complex flavonoids that have been linked with several potential health benefits, the researchers noted. The brewing process releases these flavonoids.

The number of people with type 2 diabetes is predicted to nearly double, from 285 million in 2010 to 438 million in 2020, the International Diabetes Federation estimates.



REC CENTER HOSTING MEMBER APPRECIATION WEEK

Pictured is **Detective Sergeant Jeff Parsons** displaying the one-hour massage from ReEnergize Massage he won during the **Rec Center's Member Appreciation Week**.

Each day this week there has been a giveaway plus a special prize drawing.

Monday's giveaway was a free guest pass; Tuesday breakfast was served with bagels, yogurt, fruit, coffee, and juice; Wednesday was afternoon/evening snacks with cheese, pretzels, and yogurt; Thursday was a Rec Center lip balm; and Friday a Rec Department water bottle.

Monday's prize winner was Anabel Robles-Arallano who won a \$50 gift certificate to the Running Depot; Tuesday was the aforementioned Jeff Parsons; and Wednesday was an overnight stay at the Harbor Shores Inn on Lake Geneva. Four more prizes are left for Thursday through Sunday and include a \$50 gift certificate to the Woodstock Public House; a Shakeology Basket full of

nutritional goodies; a heart rate monitor; and a *Thirty-One* Work- Out Bag.

In December, the Rec Center will offer the *Countdown to Christmas Contest* to encourage members to keep the pounds off during the holidays.

LOOKIE, LOOKIE: PAY ENVELOPES HOLD IMPORTANT MESSAGES!

Employees are encouraged to pay close attention to pay envelopes in the upcoming weeks. Next week's envelopes will contain information and pledge forms for employees to conveniently participate in the City of Woodstock's annual United Way charitable giving campaign. There has never been a better time to reach out and help our neighbors in Woodstock and McHenry County.

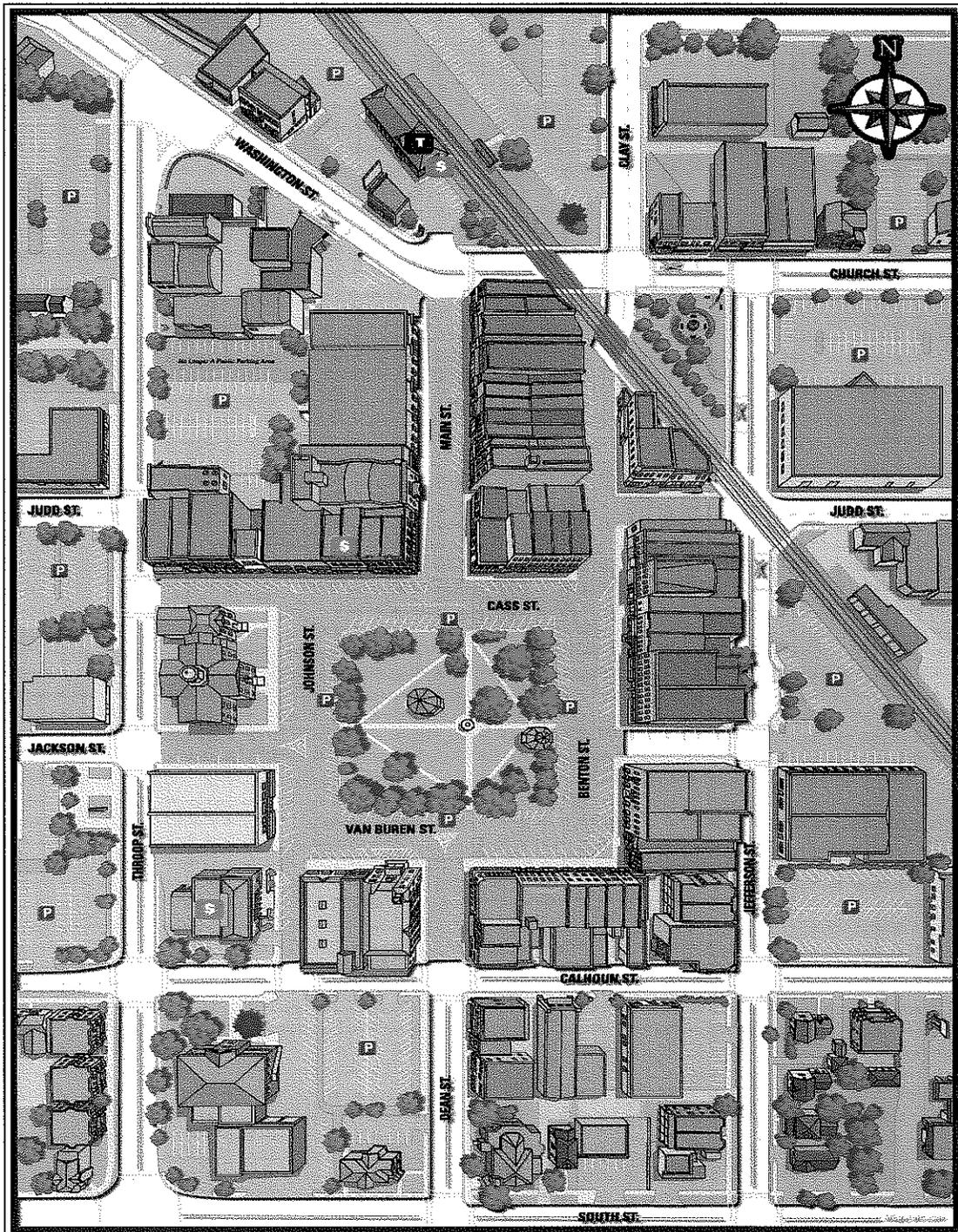
The following pay period, envelopes will contain details and on-line registration codes to allow scheduling appointments for the City's annual Wellness Day health assessment, scheduled this year for Thursday, January 3rd and Tuesday, January 8th, 2013. Remember, participation in Wellness Day assessments earn employees significant discounts on health insurance premiums for the rest of the year!

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**"Whatever you are, be a good one."
-Abraham Lincoln**

PARKING APLENTY

With the holidays quickly approaching and shopping and dining on the rise, it's a good idea to familiarize yourself with public parking opportunities on the Square and in downtown Woodstock. The following map shows the location of over 1,400 spaces available for visitors and customers to the downtown ... and they're all FREE!





Woodstock Christmas Clearing House

P.O. Box 53 • Woodstock, IL 60098

Get into the Spirit of the Season... Help Christmas Clearing House

Christmas Clearing House was started in 1970 by Woodstock Girl Scout troops. In 1972 the Rotary Club of Woodstock took over the project and has coordinated it ever since, with the help of many other service clubs and community volunteers. Volunteers raise money to provide food, children's presents, gloves and mittens to families in need. Last year we served over 1000 families!

Donations are a critical part of our effort. **Checks can be made out directly to Christmas Clearing House (501(c)(3) non-profit organization)** and mailed to P.O. Box 53, Woodstock, IL 60098 or deposited directly into an account at BMO Harris Bank.

Barrels will be placed throughout the community and in area schools for the collection of food and new toys. We are always in need of gifts for the 12 to 16 year olds, male and female. The last day for the barrels to be picked up is Monday, Dec. 17.

Volunteers are needed for the following activities:

- **RECIPIENT VOLUNTEERS**

Volunteers are needed to verify recipient information and to make follow-up phone calls to recipients. Being bi-lingual is a plus. All this work is completed prior to Friday, Dec. 14. Please call Karin at (815) 338-8790 to help.

- **TAG DAY VOLUNTEERS**

Volunteers are needed to fill two-hour slots from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 21, and Friday and Saturday, Nov. 23 and 24. Volunteers collect monetary donations in front of a pre-assigned location around Woodstock. To volunteer, call Lynn Fiala at (815) 321-5017 or go to www.cchwoodstock.org.

- **WAREHOUSE**

Wednesday, December 19 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for bagging the toys. There is no need to sign up. Just show up.

Thursday, December 20 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for packing food boxes. There is no need to sign up. Just show up.

- **DELIVERY DAY — Drivers Needed**

Saturday, December 22 from 8:00 a.m.-Noon. No need to sign up. Just show up and get ready to be filled with the true meaning of Christmas. We will be delivering baskets and gifts to over 1000 families and making their holidays a little bright. Brings lots of friends....baskets are heavy.

Location for the Warehouse and Delivery Days for us old timers is the "old Farm & Fleet building and for the newcomers, it is the southwest corner of Routes 47 and 14 (old looking building, north of Woodstock Harley-Davidson. We are around the side near the loading docks (south side of building)

For additional information, **call Joe Starzynski at (815) 245-4954.**

Thanks in advance for all the support and generosity. Your involvement makes this project the tremendous success it has become.