



CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER



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TIF DISTRICT SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS TO BEGIN

A portion of the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) revenue will pay for sidewalk improvements in the defined TIF area again this year. A local firm, Alliance Contractors, has been awarded a contract to complete those improvements with work scheduled to begin Monday, August 20, 2012. The City has conducted a pre-construction meeting with the contractor to set guidelines and expectations for the work that will take place in the public rights-of-way adjacent to private property. Residents can call the **Department of Public Works** at 815- 338-6118 if they have questions or if they need additional information about this project.



BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY REMINDER

Just a reminder to everyone that District # 200 classes began yesterday and Marian Central Catholic High School and St. Mary Elementary School start next Thursday, August 23rd. While driving please be alert to the additional pedestrian traffic as children walk to and from school each day. Illinois law requires drivers to stop and yield to pedestrians in crosswalks. Remember to obey the 20 MPH speed limits in designated school zones. In addition, be alert to school bus stop arms and warning lights indicating that the bus is loading or unloading students. No vehicle may overtake or pass a school bus when the stop arm is extended.

Also important to remember is the January 1, 2010 Illinois law prohibiting all hand held cell phone use while driving in a school zone.

The **Woodstock Police Department** will have extra patrols assigned around the schools initially to ensure safety while everyone becomes accustomed to school being open again. **PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY!**

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LABOR DAY IMPACTS GARBAGE SERVICE



As a reminder, the Labor Day holiday will alter the garbage pickup schedule for residents during the week of September 3rd through September 7th.

With Labor Day falling on a Monday, all residents will be required to place their garbage out one day later. Residents that normally have garbage pickup on Friday will need to place their garbage out for collection on Saturday. Any questions should be directed to the City's garbage contractor, MDC Environmental Services at 815-334-0014.

CLASSIC CARS PERMIT ISSUED

Detailed building plans for the new Classic Cars of McHenry County building in Cold Headers Industrial Park were approved by the City and the required site engineering and landscaping plans are in the process of being reviewed and approved. Once the required building permit is issued and a pre-construction meeting has been held with Woodstock's inspection and engineering personnel, construction of the 5,000 square foot building is expected to take approximately 3 to 4 months to complete. The new building will replace a smaller facility presently used by Classic Cars and located on Cobblestone Way.



SUGAR AND SPICE AND EVERYTHING NICE

Woodstock Police Department Telecommunicator Amy McKendry and her husband, Scott, welcomed their second child, a daughter, into the world on Friday, July 27, 2012. Sarah Catherine McKendry weighed 8 lbs. 12 oz. and was 18 in. long. Big sister, Lauren, who is two years old, is thrilled at the new arrival and loves helping her mother take care of the new baby. Congratulations to the McKendry family!



WOODSTOCK ON THE SQUARE CAR SHOW

The former *Kroozers Cars for Kids Car Show* will return to the Woodstock Square once again this year from 5 to 9PM on Saturday, August 18th, under the new name *Woodstock on the Square Car Show*.

The show will include more than 360 cars, with an opportunity to test drive a Harley in a Woodstock Harley-Davidson "Jump Start" activity", a silent auction, the disc jockey "Double J", food vendors and more!

All proceeds from the car show will benefit Pioneer Center for Human Services, with donations to groups such as McHenry County Pads, the Youth Service Bureau, Children's Center for Autism, Mental Illness, and Developmental Disabilities and Voice Sexual Assault Services.

Whether you're a car aficionado or just looking for a fun way to spend your Saturday evening, come out and enjoy a great night on the beautiful Woodstock Square.

For further information, call 815-338-5108.

WASTEWATER CONFERENCE

Superintendent Anne George, Plant Operator I Adam Sheahan, and Plant Operator I Tim Maynard attended the 6th annual wastewater mini-conference held in Algonquin at the Village of Algonquin Public Works Building on Thursday August 16th. This training included several workshops and a vendor exhibition. The workshops they attended were Phosphorous Removal, Wastewater Process Control, Preparing for a Power Outage, and EPA Bench Sheets & Record Keeping. Attending workshops such as these are beneficial to keep wastewater operators current with IEPA changes and to learn of other ways to successfully operate the wastewater plants.

POLICE FOCUS ON IMPAIRED DRIVING

During the month of August, the **Woodstock Police Department** will focus on Impaired Driving as their special enforcement initiative.

As part of the Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) grant the department was awarded, there will be several DUI saturated patrols conducted between August 17th and September 3rd. The McHenry County Sheriff's Department will join the WPD when they conduct a Roadside Safety Checkpoint over Labor Day weekend.

In addition to the alcohol enforcement campaign, the WPD will conduct two nighttime seatbelt enforcement zones as part of the Labor Day holiday crackdown. Officers performing these special enforcement details are paid through the grant funded by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT).

Questions may be directed to **Sergeant Dennis Leard** at 815-338-2131 or email Sgt. Leard at dleard@woodstockil.gov.

EMPLOYEE PICNIC TOMORROW



Please join us tomorrow for the City of Woodstock Employee Picnic. The pool opens at 9:00AM and lunch will be served at 11:00AM.

The following prizes will be raffled:

- Five floating holidays
- \$50.00 gift certificates to Kohls, Jewel-Osco, Panera and Walmart and BBQ King Smokehouse
- 2013 Family Season Pass to Woodstock Water Works
- A one year individual membership to the Woodstock Recreation Department
- Three \$30.00 Chamber Gift Certificates

Thank you to **Tim Clifton** and the **Department Directors** for sponsoring the picnic.

RECRUITMENT NEWS

Several employees at both the **Recreation Center** and the **Library** are heading off to school and other life adventures this time of year. Interviews are scheduled for next Tuesday, 8/21, with 9 candidates to fill **LPT Shelver** or **Desk Assistant** positions at the **Library**.

Openings at the **Recreation Center** are being filled this week and next as we welcome the following new employees: **Karina Fuentes** and **Trey Grover** as **LPT Recreation Center Cashiers**, and **Leah Baird** as **LPT Playroom Attendant**. Also, former employee **Nate Selof** returns as **LPT Rec Center Cashier**, along with **Melissa Canto**, who transfers over to that role from her seasonal position as **Pool Supervisor**.

The following recruitment has been extended for **LPT Café Workers** at Stage Left Café:

LPT Café Workers

Experienced servers needed at Stage Left Café for audiences of Stage Left events and Woodstock Opera House shows. Serve drinks and snacks, cashier, bus tables. Must have excellent customer service skills, be HS grad or equiv., age 21 or older. Variable schedule 8-10 hrs./wk, inc. eves/wknds. Pay rate: \$9.57/hr.; no additional benefits provided.

To request an application for this position contact the City of Woodstock HR Department via email: humanresources@woodstockil.gov. The City reserves the right to select only the most qualified candidates for an interview. **Deadline: Friday, August 24, 2012.** EOE.

QUOTE

“Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do.”

-John Wooden

HEALTH & SAFETY MESSAGE: 10 QUICK TIPS TO FIGHT FAT

Losing a few extra pounds doesn't have to be difficult or mysterious. Sometimes it's the simple things that can be the most effective, such as the following:

1. Eat eggs for breakfast--A study in *Nutrition Research* found that people who start the day with a satisfying protein like eggs consume fewer total calories the rest of the day.

2. Stand up--Stand up whenever you read or take a phone call at work. (You can also use a stand-up desk.) Standing burns 1 1/2 times more calories than sitting does.

3. Don't eat meals in front of the TV--In a University of Massachusetts study, people who did that took in nearly 300 more calories a day.

4. Weigh yourself each week--Three out of four successful dieters do this, the *American College of Sports Medicine Health & Fitness Journal* reports.

5. Have an apple--At lunch, have an apple instead of apple juice. Chewing triggers a feeling of fullness, so you'll likely want nearly 15 percent fewer calories, notes the journal *Appetite*.

6. Mix a shake--Consuming 55 grams of whey protein a day for 23 weeks can leave you 4 pounds lighter than if you'd eaten those calories in carbs, USDA scientists say.

7. Put produce at eye level--You're 2.7 times more likely to eat healthy food if it's in your line of sight, say scientists at Cornell University.

8. Clean the house--People with the most spic-and-span living quarters have the highest levels of physical activity, research from Indiana University reveals.

9. Add chickpeas to soup--Toss a half cup of chickpeas into your next pot of winter soup. You'll tack 6 more grams of flab-fighting fiber onto your bottom line and feel fuller, faster.



10. Drink skim milk—Got milk? Drinking 2 1/2 cups of skim milk in the a.m. instead of the calorie equivalent in juice can lower calorie consumption by 8.5 percent, says an Australian study.

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK...

Tuesday, August 21- Opera House Advisory Commission, 4:30 PM, Opera House

Tuesday, August 21 – City Council, 7PM, Council Chambers

REC CENTER OFFERS JOINING INCENTIVES TO FORMER CARDINAL MEMBERS

The **Rec Department** is offering incentives to encourage former Cardinal Fitness members to join the Rec Center. Cardinal closed on Thursday and is moving to Crystal Lake to partner with Charter Fitness.

In addition to a one-week free trial offer, the Rec Center is offering a reduced initiation fee of \$24 for the first family member and \$12 for the second family member. Per the Rec Center's normal policy, kids 14 years and younger are free with a full-time parent member.

On Saturday, September 8, the Rec Center will be offering free fitness class demos to prospective new members. These demos are "shot gun" format with five various classes offered beginning with yoga from 7:45-9AM, Zumba from 8-8:30AM, HIIT/Kick (high intensity interval training) from 8:30-9AM, Pure Core from 9-9:30AM, and Barball Strength from 9:30-10AM.

Current Rec Center members are encouraged to take advantage of the "Bring a Friend" promotion. If a member refers a friend who becomes and remains a member for three months, the member receives one month free and there are no limitations to the numbers of friends a member can refer.

For more information regarding the fitness opportunities available at the Rec Center, visit www.woodstockrecreationdepartment.com or stop by at 820 Lake Avenue for a tour.

EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 19TH – AUGUST 25TH

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

Employee	Department	Day	# of Years
Susan Hansell	Wastewater Treatment	August 19 th	16 Years
Martha Hansen	Library	August 21 st	23 Years
Stephen Major	Sewer & Water Maintenance	August 24 th	20 Years
Pat O’Leary	Parks	August 24 th	14 Years
Cindy Smiley	City Manager’s Office	August 25 th	15 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!

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

Solution: Last Week’s Puzzle

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