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ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN COMMISSION WILL CONSIDER GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

During the Plan Commission's meeting this week, the draft "Green Infrastructure and Buffer Plan" was discussed and input was provided. The Plan was prepared after direction from the City Council in March 2010. The draft Plan will be presented to the Environmental Commission next Thursday, August 2, 2012 for comments and input from the members. This meeting will be held at 5:30PM in the City Hall Council Chambers. Comments generated by the Environmental Commission members,

along with those obtained from the Plan Commission earlier in the week, will be delivered to the City Council or utilized to revise the Plan before its conveyance to the City Council. Revised copies of the Plan can be viewed at the **Department of**

Community and Economic Development.



POLICE TESTING TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY

The Police Test to establish a new Patrol Officer Eligibility List for the **Woodstock Police Department** is scheduled to begin with a mandatory Orientation Session at 8:00AM on Saturday, July 28th at Woodstock High School. Applications to participate in the testing process must be received by **Human Resources** by 3:00PM today. The Eligibility List will be valid for a two year period or until it is exhausted.

PURPLE HEART DAY

The City of Woodstock, in cooperation with the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Department of Illinois, will conduct a ceremonial observance of Purple Heart Day on Tuesday, August 7th, 2012, beginning at 10:00 AM. The event will be held in the **Park in the Square** and will feature a wreath-laying at the Purple Heart Memorial monument. State and local officials will join members of local veterans' groups and the public to honor all service members who have ever received the Purple Heart Medal.

Department of Public Works employees and Opera House staff have worked to prepare the Park for this event and for our other regular summer activities, grooming the Park and making repairs to the Bandstand and Springhouse. August 7th will be the first Purple Heart Day in Illinois since the law creating this annual statewide commemorative date went into effect, "to honor and remember those who have been wounded or killed in battle."



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POLICE EXPLORERS MEET

Fifteen members of the **Woodstock Police Department Explorers Post** met on Wednesday evening in the parking lot of the old Farm and Fleet building to learn firsthand about High Risk Traffic Stops. **Sergeant Tino Cipolla, Officer Rich Dolan and Canine Officer Ray Lanz** presented a variety of scenarios that involved taking suspects into custody utilizing high risk officer safety tactics that the Explorers had previously studied. The live action event illustrated the dangers that Police Officers encounter every day. The scenarios were based on real- life high- risk incidents that have been experienced while on duty by Sergeant Cipolla, Officer Dolan and Officer Lanz.

HOSTING A PARTY???



Want to end the summer on a positive note? Don't want to mess up your home? Looking for a unique place to hold your corporate meetings? By combining the

fantastic views offered by the City's historic square with the ambience of the theater provided by the **Woodstock Opera House**, the **Stage Left Café** offers a perfect venue to host family birthday parties, wedding receptions, recitals, bridal/baby showers, as well as corporate events. The facility is available for rentals by the public. Please contact the Opera House Business Office at 815/338-4212 for additional rental information or to reserve a date.

LIBRARY NEWS

Friends Shelf Reading Party

Age Group(s): Adult/Teens

Date: 8/10/2012

Start Time: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Description: Do you like to organize? Do you like books? Do you want to feel good helping out your library? Join us for our monthly shelf reading parties where volunteers help to put books in order on the shelves. If you can count or alphabetize, you can shelf read. You'll get to meet other library fans and have the satisfaction of helping to keep your library in ship-shape. No experience necessary. We're happy to train you! We'll also ply you with coffee and treats. Registration Required!



Genealogy Workshop: Adult Program

Age Group(s): Adult

Date: 8/14/2012

Start Time: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Description: Join us for an exploration of genealogical research. This program includes an introduction to beginning genealogy and a demonstration of the library genealogy databases, Ancestry and Heritage Quest. Attendees are encouraged to bring questions they may have about genealogy research in general or questions that have arisen during their own research. The workshop will be held in the Woodstock Public Library Training Room. Registration required. Contact: **Beth Ryan**

RECRUITMENT NEWS

Woodstock Public Library has posted an Internal Opportunity for current Library employees only, to fill the vacant opening as **PT Library Desk Assistant**. A letter of interest and current resume may be submitted to the **HR Department** by the end of the day today, Friday, 7/27/12, for Library employees interested in interviewing for this position.

Testing will be held tomorrow, Saturday, 7/28/12, beginning at 8:00AM at Woodstock High School for the estimated 65 applicants who have submitted complete applications for the **Patrol Officer Eligibility List** process for the **Woodstock Police Department**. Following extensive physical ability and background knowledge testing by COPS testing agency, candidates will be ranked and the top 75% will be invited to interview with the Board of Fire & Police Commissioners in the weeks ahead.

T-BALL/BITTIE BALL SEASON ENDS

Saturday was the final day for the **Recreation Department's** T-Ball/Bittie Ball program. Over 160 boys and girls ages five to seven participated in the program this summer.

The T-Ball program focuses on beginner players and is an introduction to batting, fielding, and throwing. In Bittie Ball, the coach pitches to the batters to prepare them for the Rookie Leagues for Little League and Girls Softball.

Thanks to the over forty volunteer coaches who helped make the program a success. Without their hard work and dedication we would not be able to run such a successful program.

GIRLS SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT SURVIVES HEAT, RAIN, AND MORE HEAT



“Thanks to you and Connie for running a great tourney. With the hot weather to deal with the grounds crew that volunteered their weekend was above and beyond the call of duty. Watering, dragging and raking the fields after every game was incredible for the girls. The attention to detail was better than any tourney this year. I would recommend your tourney to any and all. Thanks again for a great weekend.”

Keith Whitlock, Manager
Lake Forest Scouts U-14

This email typifies the comments received by **Recreation Director Dave Zinnen** after the Fifteenth Annual Woodstock Recreation/Heatwave Girl's Fastpitch Softball Tournament held last Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Over 60 teams from all over southern Wisconsin and northern Illinois competed in five age divisions- 18U, 16U, 14U, 12U and 10U. During the three-day event a total of 176 games were played at Emricson Park, Bates Park, and McHenry Township fields.

Thanks to the **Parks Division** for their assistance on the fields and **Community Development** for the use of their trucks.

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK...

Thursday, August 2 –Environmental Commission,
5:30PM, Council Chambers
Thursday, August 2 – Library Board, 7:30PM,
Library

HEALTH & SAFETY MESSAGE: DITCH WHITE, GO BRIGHT!

When we were growing up, the “good guys” always wore white. But just the opposite is true when it comes to foods that are good for us. A very general guideline when trying to change our diets in healthy ways, is simply: avoid white!

White potatoes, white rice, and bread or anything else made with bleached white flour, are such staples in the American diet we don't even consider that there are far more nutritious alternatives. Sweet potatoes, brown rice and whole grain baked goods contain significantly more vitamins and minerals, plus their additional fiber takes longer to digest, making us feel fuller, longer, and giving our systems a more consistent flow of nutrients.

The same theory holds true for fruits and vegetables in general. The goal is to make our shopping carts, or our dinner plates, look as “rainbow-like” as possible. The brighter the fruits and more colorful the vegetables —red, orange, yellow, green, blue and purple—the more energy we will feel by the time we're done eating. And, as our bodies start to respond to receiving this better fuel, our taste buds will begin to appreciate and desire these wonderful new flavors as well.



KIDS' GARAGE SALE



The **Recreation Department** held its annual *Kids' Garage Sale* at the Woodstock Farmer's Market on the Square last Saturday. The sale was a complete success with the

kids selling a variety of items such as clothes, toys, games, sports equipment and CDs.

Eight participants, ages seven to twelve, set up tables in the **Park on the Square** and filled the park with visitors looking for bargains. The weather was beautiful and the kids had a great time.

QUOTE

"A word to the wise isn't necessary - it's the stupid ones that need the advice."

-Bill Cosby

EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE WEEKS OF JULY 15TH – AUGUST 4TH

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

Employee	Department	Day	# of Years
Robert Coates	Recreation	July 20 th	7 Years
Jeremy Mortimer	Police	July 21 st	7 Years
Alan Dunker	Recreation	July 22 nd	10 Years
Jeff Burgess	Streets	July 29 th	27 Years
Amy McKendry	Police	July 30 th	11 Years
Estee Forst	Recreation	July 30 th	6 Years
Scott Creighton	Opera House	July 30 th	22 Years
Mary Sugden	Library	July 31 st	17 Years
Jim Kastner	Community & Economic Development	August 1 st	23 Years
Dan Latham	Police	August 1 st	21 Years
Robert Lowen	Police	August 1 st	7 Years
Cary Woodruff	Finance	August 4 th	9 Years
Pamela Hess	Police	August 4 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!

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

Solution: Last Week's Puzzle

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