



CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER



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WFRD TO TRAIN AT CITY FACILITY



Next week Wednesday, the Woodstock Fire/Rescue District (WFRD) will be training in confined space entry at the City's water booster station in front of Centegra on U.S. Route 14. The District has also invited

other agencies from McHenry County to join them in this effort. Having the training at this facility and providing exposure to rescue personnel has a direct benefit for City employees in the event assistance is necessary in the future. If you see a group of fire/rescue vehicles gathered in this area Wednesday morning, you will know that all activity is proactive in this case rather than reactive.

AAIM HONORS POLICE OFFICERS

The Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM) recently awarded four **Woodstock Police Department** Officers with Certificates of Appreciation in recognition of their exceptional DUI enforcement efforts.

Every year hundreds of people are killed and thousands severely injured as a result of alcohol and drug-related crashes in Illinois. It takes only seconds to become a victim – without warning or choice.

Officers Rich Dolan, Eric Schmidtke, Adam Schraw and Rob Branum were honored by the organization that works diligently to prevent impaired driving and campaigns hard to eradicate this 100% preventable crime.

Congratulations to each of the Officers on a job well done!

BANDSTAND REPAIRS

Welding repairs were made Thursday to the railings on the Bandstand in the Park in the Square by **Bill Kreutz** and **Shane Scarpace** of the **Department of Public Works**. They restored three balusters which had been broken off by vandals but later recovered and replaced several other missing steel pieces with parts made in the **Opera House** shop. They also reinforced other broken and rusted sections. Bill and Shane completed the job so quickly that Opera House workers were able to prime and paint the railings in time for Friday's Band Camp concert.

GIRLS SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT UNDERWAY TODAY



The **Recreation Department** is co-sponsoring the Fifteenth Annual Woodstock Recreation/Heatwave Girl's Fastpitch Softball Tournaments this Friday, Saturday, & Sunday with over 60 teams competing in five age divisions- 18U, 16U, 14U, 12U and 10U.

Teams from as far north as Lakeland WI, Chicago to the east, Freeport to the west and Yorkville to the south will compete against local teams from Woodstock, Marengo, Harvard, McHenry, Crystal Lake, and Cary.

During the three-day event, over 175 games will be played at Emricson Park, Bates Park, and McHenry Township fields.

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WATERING RESTRICTIONS ARE PROTECTING THE CITY'S SUPPLY

We are all looking forward to the next measurable rainfall so that lawns and gardens green up, vegetables and crops develop a successful yield, and so we don't feel so parched. Over a week ago, the City Of Woodstock initiated mandatory water restrictions. Restrictions are designated by a color: green, yellow, orange and red with green being the least restrictive and red being the most restrictive. The City discourages all outdoor water use until the drought is over but if you feel you must water, these are the restrictions (yellow) currently in place:

- Even numbered addresses may use outside water only on even calendar days between midnight and 9:00 AM and/or 6:00 PM and midnight.
- Odd numbered addresses may use outside water only on odd calendar days between midnight and 9:00 AM, and/or 6:00 PM and midnight.
- No outside watering should be done between 9:00 AM & 6:00 PM on any given day.

The last digit of an address determines whether you can water on an odd or even calendar day. These water restrictions have helped to relieve the total number of gallons pumped and treated at the City's water treatment facilities. Since the drought began, the City has experienced a decrease in the volume of water normally found in the underground aquifers where the well water is drawn from. Minimizing water use and practicing conservation efforts will help to ensure that there is enough volume to protect the community from fire and that there is ample supply for consumption should the drought extend further in time. The City extends its appreciation to those who are cooperating with the restrictions that have been imposed and encourages all residents to continue reducing water use every day.

POLICE ANNOUNCE JULY TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT INITIATIVE



The Woodstock Police Department has announced that their Special Traffic Enforcement Initiative for July will target stop sign violators. As always, the ultimate goal of this initiative is two-fold, both to prevent traffic crashes that result from dangerous driving behaviors such as failure to come to a full stop or yield the right-of-way, and to encourage motorists to voluntarily comply with traffic laws.

Questions regarding this or any other traffic enforcement issue should be directed to **Sergeant Dennis Leard** at 815-338-2131 or at dleard@woodstockil.gov.

HEALTH & SAFETY MESSAGE: BIG TASTE WITH LESS REGRETS

While gobs of cheese and loads of butter may make us drool, we all know how many calories and fat these do add to our food. The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics offers these suggestions to spice up your food without piling on the calories:

- Use techniques that employ high heat for more intense flavor, such as broiling, grilling or pan-searing.
- Use fresh herbs and seasonings, such as cumin, cilantro, basil, caraway, chives, rosemary, ginger or garlic.
- Add just a sprinkle of a sharp cheese to your favorite vegetable, rice or pasta.
- Add dried ingredients, such as sundried tomatoes, dried plums, cranberries, figs, apricots or red pepper flakes.
- Use brightly colored peppers to add flavor, and a splash of hot sauce or jalapenos.
- Add a squirt of citrus juice or grated peel from lemons, limes or oranges.

LIBRARY NEWS

Menu Planning For Busy Families

Date: 7/19/2012

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

Do you want to make healthy meals for your family, but find it overwhelming trying to come up with family-pleasing, easy menu ideas? Are you hoping to save money by eating in, but find it hard to find the time to cook? **Carrie Zamorano**, busy mom of three, will share tips and tricks for getting started on frugal, healthy, time-saving meal planning. We'll discuss various options such as once-a-month cooking, weekly cooking plans and emergency menu planning. Participants will leave with recipes, planning templates and a list of helpful published and online resources. Location: [Woodstock Public Library](#) large meeting room.

July 16th Library Blood Drive!

Date: 7/16/2012

Start Time: 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Donate Blood - Starve a Mosquito! WPL will host Heartland Blood Center Mobile Coach in the library parking lot. Donated blood will benefit area hospitals. **Important Information:** All donors must show a photo ID prior to donating. Please sign up for an appointment at www.heartlandbc.org or call the library at 815-338-0542. Walk-ins are also welcome.

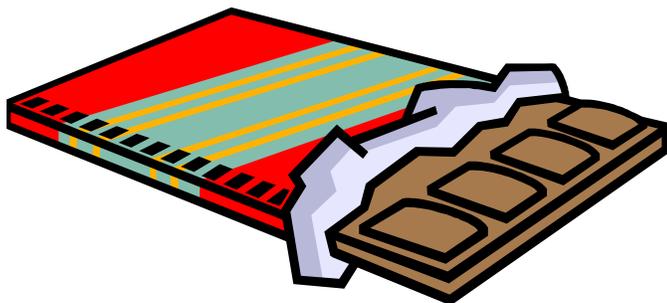
YA Wednesday: Chocolate Challenge

Event Type: Teen Program, Grades 6-12

Date: 7/18/2012

Start Time: 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Celebrate the end of a fantastic YA Summer Reading Program with this sweetly competitive party. The location is at the [Woodstock Public Library](#) large meeting room.



Feeling Groovy: A Tribute to the 60's

Age Group(s): All Ages, Family

Date: 7/21/2012

Start Time: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Take a trip back in time to the 1960's when the McHenry County Historical Society's mobile museum "The James" makes a stop at the library. Enjoy a variety of exhibits featuring everything from go-go boots and lava lamps to an aluminum Christmas tree, Barbie doll, and psychedelic posters. Location: [Woodstock Public Library](#) Parking Lot

Reading with Rover!

Event Type: Children's Program, Grades 1-5

Date: 7/21/2012

Start Time: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

It's always more fun to share stories with friends – even if they get around on four paws! Independent readers going into Grades 1-5 this fall are invited to bring a book, join certified therapy dog Kalani and friends in our storytime room, and read aloud to a patient, furry friend in a no-pressure environment. This program is located at the [Woodstock Public Library](#) in the Storytime Room.

Other Information: Each reader will be allowed a 15-minute session with the dog. A sign-up sheet will be available at the desk in the children's room beginning at 9:00AM on the day of the dogs' visit.

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK...

Tuesday, July 17-City Council, 7PM, Council Chambers

Wednesday, July 18 – Transportation Commission, 7PM, Council Chambers

QUOTE

"Don't knock the weather; nine-tenths of the people couldn't start a conversation if it didn't change once in a while."

-[Kin Hubbard](#)

RECRUITMENT NEWS

The **Woodstock Recreation Center** has posted the following two opportunities:

LPT Playroom Attendant

Woodstock Recreation Center has an opening for limited part-time Playroom Attendant.

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 **Human Resources Department**, Woodstock City Hall, 121 W. Calhoun Street, 815-338-1172 or email humanresources@woodstockil.gov to request an application. **Deadline to apply: Friday, 7/20/12.**

Interviews to fill a variety of vacant positions in three divisions of **Public Works** were concluded this week. The most qualified candidates will be extended offers of employment soon and announcements made when new hires are scheduled to come on board.

The recruitment to establish the next 2-year Patrol Officer Eligibility List has been extended until Friday, July 27th at 3 p.m. **Qualifications remain as follows:**

21-34 yrs old (age waiver for exp. officers); US citizen; HS grad or equiv., with preference points

awarded for bachelor's degree, for associate's degree in criminal justice, law enforcement, fire service or emergency medical services, or for prior military service with honorable discharge; valid driver's license and good record; no felony convictions. FY12/13 starting salary: \$49,761 with comprehensive benefits package.

The entire application packet can be printed at www.woodstockil.gov under Employment Opportunities, or emailed by contacting: humanresources@woodstockil.gov. Completed applications must include \$40 processing fee (cash, check, or money order) and be submitted to City of Woodstock HR Dept., 121 W. Calhoun St., by 3 p.m. Fri. 7-27-12. Mandatory orientation and testing scheduled for Sat., 7-28-12. EOE.