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FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS SHOW RESTRICTIONS

Each year thousands of citizens flock to Woodstock's Emricson Park to enjoy the annual Fourth of July Fireworks Show. The **Woodstock Police Department** would like to inform all citizens who are planning to attend the 2012 fireworks show of some important information.

The 2012 fireworks show will take place on Wednesday, July 4, 2012 with the display starting at approximately 9:30 PM.

For the safety of all who choose to attend certain restrictions are in place on this date.

- A portion of the recreation path located by the upper pond and warming house will be closed to use and access all day on July 4, 2012.
- The West Jackson Street entrance/exit will be closed to all vehicular traffic all day on July 4, 2012. Pedestrians will be allowed to enter and leave the park through this entrance/exit throughout the event.
- The Bigelow Road entrance to the park will be open throughout the day until 7:00 PM when it will be closed to all incoming vehicular traffic. Vehicular traffic leaving the park will be able to use this exit throughout the event. Pedestrians will be allowed to enter and leave the park through this entrance/exit throughout the event.
- The South Street entrance to the park will be open throughout the day and at 7:00 PM will become the only vehicular access point into the park. Vehicular access into the park through this entrance will continue under Police Department direction and control until such time as all paved parking areas are full.

- Pedestrians will be allowed to enter and leave the park through the South Street entrance/exit until



approximately 9:30 PM - at that time this entrance will be completely closed to all forms of traffic to provide

for the safety zone required to start and conduct the fireworks show.

The Police Department highly recommends that people plan to arrive at Emricson Park early to avoid being disappointed by not getting a parking space or by not being allowed to enter the park. All available parking spaces within the park will be filled well before the start of the fireworks show. All pedestrian access into the park through the South Street entrance will be closed prior to the start of the fireworks show.

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LIBRARY NEWS

Simply Gluten Free

Date: 6/26/2012

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

Come hear Abigail Powers from Simple Market on the Woodstock Square present this informative program on Gluten Free Living! She'll share an easy to understand overview of celiac disease and gluten intolerance including a discussion on nutrition and what to eat, and attendees are encouraged to bring any questions they might have. This program will be held at the [Woodstock Public Library](#) in the Meeting Room.

YA Wednesdays! Tie Dying

Age Group(s): Grades 6-12

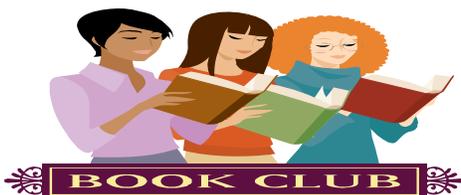
Date: 6/27/2012

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

Bring a pre-washed, white cotton t-shirt to the program. Weather-permitting, we'll be dying your items outside. Meet us downstairs in the library's meeting room. Prepare to roll up your sleeves and get a little messy so dress accordingly. This program will be held in the [Woodstock Public Library](#) Meeting Room. Registration is highly recommended for these programs but drop-ins are welcome too!

Sign up NOW for Summer Reading Club-Children, Tweens, Teens

Come to the Library and sign up to receive your Summer Reading Club Log. It is quick and it is easy! Program registration can be done online. Keep track of your reading minutes at home using the Reading Log and get prizes for every three hours of reading you do!



100,000 JOBS MISSION HIRING EVENT

In collaboration with the Illinois Department of Employment Security, the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs and the University of Illinois at Chicago, the "100,000 Jobs Mission" will be holding a hiring event for transitioning military members, veterans, and military spouses. "100,000 Jobs Mission" is a coalition of major employers with a common goal to hire 100,000 U.S. military veterans by 2020.



Representatives from several companies, including



Cisco, AT&T, Coca-Cola, ACADEMI, Cushman & Wakefield, Enterprise Holdings, Frontier Communications, JPMorgan Chase & Co., ManTech International, Microsoft, Pitney Bowes, Securitas Security Services USA, and United Health

Group, will be in attendance to meet and discuss career and hiring opportunities at their companies.

This event will be on Thursday, July 12, 2012 from 9:00AM to 2:00PM at the University of Illinois at Chicago UIC Forum, located at 725 West Roosevelt Road, Chicago, IL 60608. For more information, please contact Sean Gillispie, Recruiting Officer, JPMorgan Chase, at 904.462.1260 or via email at inquiries@100000jobsmission.com.

QUOTE

“Let him that would move the world first move himself.”

Socrates

THE WOODSTOCK OPERA HOUSE'S NEW WEBSITE GOES LIVE!

On Thursday of this week, the **Woodstock Opera House** launched its new website. Completely recreated from the virtual “ground-up,” the new site has a wealth of information to share with patrons and users of the Opera House. Featuring new content, easier navigation, more in-depth information and a whole new design the Opera House website is waiting for you. Visit the new site and see for yourself at:

www.woodstockoperahouse.com

BLOCK PARTIES



The **Department of Public Works** is happy to assist residents that wish to host a neighborhood or **BLOCK PARTY**. A block party application form must be submitted, with required signatures, to Public Works at least seven (7) days prior to the requested date of the block party. Applications are reviewed and approved on a first-submitted, first-approved basis. Once approved, Public Works will provide barricades to close the public street during the event (if desired by the resident) along with picnic tables and trash cans for event use. For further information, or to schedule a **BLOCK PARTY**, please contact the Department of Public Works at 815-338-6118.

TRAINING UP CLOSE

On Wednesday, June 13, 2012, the **Woodstock Police Explorers** were engaged in a hands-on training experience concerning serious motor vehicle accidents. **Sergeant Tino Cipolla** supervised the exercise, coordinating with the *Woodstock Fire Rescue Department* and *Midas Touch Company* in recreating a crash scene using two previously-crashed vehicles. The WFRD utilized several cutting and extrication tools to illustrate how victims are removed from crashed vehicles. With an informative talk and Q&A, the Explorers gained valuable insight, both visually and orally, into emergency personnel’s role in traffic crash responses.

COOKING WITH KIDS

A popular “no-cook,” cooking class started this week through the **Recreation Department** on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Rec Center. The Thursday classes filled with ten participants, ages 4-12 years, so a Tuesday class was added that also filled!

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.



HEALTH & SAFETY MESSAGE: PROTEIN IS NATURE'S BEST FUEL

Protein is an important part of everyone's diet because it helps build lean muscle. Sufficient protein is also essential to maintaining a strong immune system; protein speeds healing, fights disease and supplies continuous energy to all parts of the body.

The American Dietetic Association says preferred choices for protein include:

- Beans, lentils, peas and other legumes.
- Seeds, nuts and nut butters (such as peanut butter).
- Lean cuts of chicken, turkey and beef.
- Seafood, including salmon, tuna and shrimp.
- Cheese, yogurt and eggs.
- Tofu and other soy-based foods, and meat substitutes such as tempeh.

Not only does protein provide a delicious and filling main course at any meal, several items that are high in protein make quick, inexpensive and easily portable snacks. Instead of chips and cookies, try hard-boiled eggs, cheese sticks, or raw nuts such as almonds and walnuts for an excellent mid-day booster or late evening snack.

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK...

Monday, June 25 – Historic Preservation

Commission, 7PM, Council Chambers

Thursday, June 28 -Joint Meeting with Plan

Commission and Environmental Commission,
7PM, Council Chambers



CHALLENGE RUNS SMOOTHLY FOR OVER 600 PARTICIPANTS

The sunny and warm temperatures were great for swimming after the race for the 600+ runners who participated in the **Recreation Department's** 35th annual *Woodstock Challenge Road Races* last Saturday. Numbers were up around 20% from last year with 335 runners in the 5K; 181 in the 10K; and 94 in the kids/family runs.

Thanks to **Mayor Brian Sager** for leading the 1-Mile Kids/Family Fun Run and **Ty the Turtle**, Woodstock Water Works' mascot, for leading the half-mile run.

The Recreation Department would like to thank all the City departments that assisted with the event including the **Police Department**, the **Opera House** and the **Parks Division**. Thanks also to the Fire/Rescue District, County Sheriff's Department, the State Police, the corporate sponsors, and the 50+ volunteers who made the event a success.

Congratulations to **Police Chief Robert Lowen**, pictured with **Mayor Sager** and **Race Director Dave Zinnen**, who finished third in his age group (which we won't mention) in the 5K with a time of 34:04 and **Ryan Zinnen**, son of **Recreation Director Dave Zinnen**, who finished first in the 9-11 age and placed 39th overall with a time of 23:55.