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LIGHTNING CAUSES DAMAGE TO CITY FACILITIES

The brief, but powerful, storm that passed through Woodstock on the morning of Saturday, May 26, caused damage at various City facilities. The **Woodstock Police Department** sustained a lightning strike to the PD tower which destroyed an antenna and firewall disabling all internet connectivity and disconnecting the PD from the City's network. In addition, the automatic door systems at the Police Department were damaged with all doors needing to be operated manually. The most significant damage at the Police Department was to its phone and communications system. While "back-ups" to these systems are in place, of course, City staff continues to work to restore all of the equipment damaged in the storm.

Various facilities reported damage to their servers and computer equipment and the phone system at **Woodstock Water Works** also sustained damage. City staff was able to repair all of this damage "in-house." The baby pool mechanical equipment at Woodstock Water Works took the hardest "hit," however. Early Saturday morning following the storm, WWW staff discovered that all three recirculation pumps had tripped out due to the lightning storm. Staff was able to reset the pumps in the lap and recreation pools, but it was discovered that much of the PVC supply and discharge lines of the baby pool pump were distorted due to the high heat of the lightning strike. The City's contractor and City staff are working to remove the failed pipe and install new in order to get the equipment back up and running.

City staff is still compiling the costs incurred as a result of this storm and will forward this information to the City's insurance company for review and possible reimbursement. Thank you to all City staff who worked so diligently this week, including giving up their weekend, to help the all of the damaged systems get up and running.

SERVICE LINE WARRANTY

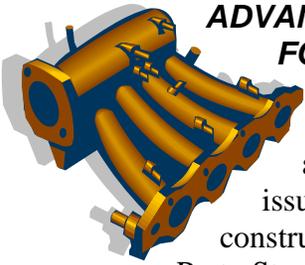


In accordance with the City Code, homeowners in the City of Woodstock are

responsible for the maintenance and repair of their outside sewer service line that runs from their home to the city's main sewer line. The City of Woodstock has partnered with Service Line Warranties of America (SLWA) to offer an optional sewer Service Line Warranty Program to property owners in the City of Woodstock. This program, offered by SLWA, provides repair coverage for your outside sewer line. SLWA is offering a discounted price of \$5.00 per month if you enroll by June 30, 2012. There are no service fees or deductibles, and repair costs are covered up to \$4000 per incident, plus an additional \$4000 allowance for public street cutting, if needed. All residents receiving sewer and water service from the City of Woodstock should have received a letter and information from SLWA. If you have not, or if you have any questions, please contact the **Department of Public Works** at 815-338-6118 or pwdept@woodstockil.gov. You may contact Service Line Warranties of America directly by calling 1-855-535-7141 or visit www.SLWofA.com.

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ADVANCE AUTO PARTS MOVES FORWARD

Earlier this week, the **Department of Community and Economic Development** issued a required permit for the construction of the new Advance Auto Parts Store at 520 South Eastwood Drive. Construction on the 6,800 square foot building has started and is expected to be completed by September. As part of the site improvements needed to serve this business, stormwater detention facilities will be installed at the front of the property and driveway access to the site, as well as to existing businesses to the south and west, will be improved. Access will be provided between this site and the parking lot serving the Eastwood Shopping Center development.

SITE IMPROVEMENTS SCHEDULED ON LAKE AVENUE

Alliance Contractors is scheduled to begin various site improvements during the week of May 28 on vacant property they recently acquired across from their current headquarters at 1166 Lake Avenue. Alliance recently removed a considerable amount of scrub trees and debris along this road frontage and will soon begin the removal and replacement of the existing sidewalk to a higher elevation to accommodate a new commercial driveway entrance. They will then begin installation of decorative landscape berms, trees and plantings along the Lake Avenue frontage as well as several drainage structures to accommodate on-site stormwater runoff. The public sidewalk will be closed to pedestrian traffic while the work is progressing. The majority of the work is scheduled to be completed within 4-5 weeks with final plantings and landscaping to be completed as weather permits. In you have questions or concerns regarding this project, City Engineer Al Wilson can be reached at 815 338-6118.

PUTTING ON THEIR WALKING SHOES

Members of the **Woodstock Police Department** showed their support for the Child Advocacy Center of McHenry County by participating in the **Champions 4 Children 5K Walk** on Saturday, May 12th. **Chief Robert Lowen** and his wife, Debbie, **Detective Sgt. Jeff Parsons** and his wife, Mani, **Detective George Kopulos** and **Detective Rob Branum** and his wife, Jenny all teamed up to walk their way through Emricson Park in an effort to help raise awareness and dollars to support child advocacy. Thank you for working together with the CAC to help provide a safer environment for the children of our community.



HOT! HOT! HOT!

Mother Nature helped **Woodstock Water Works** with record breaking opening weekend attendance. Even though Saturday was a little chilly when the sun was behind the clouds, a fair amount of people came for opening day. But when temperatures reached the high 90's on Sunday, close to 1500 people came through the doors – the highest attendance day on opening weekend in the eleven-summer history. A total of **\$4,519** in daily revenues was generated on Sunday.



LIBRARY NEWS

Beginning Computer Class

Age Group(s): Adult

Date: 6/4/2012

Start Time: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

This hands-on class is for anyone with little or no computer experience. Learn computer terminology such as hardware and software, drives, disks, and flash drives. Practice keyboard and mouse skills and create a WordPad file and save it to the hard drive. This program is held in the training room. Registration is required. \$5 charge for this class (payable at class)

Food-A-Palooza: Summer Reading Club Kick Off!

Age Group(s): Children, Ages 2 and up

Date: 6/4/2012

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

Celebrate the end of the school year and the beginning of summer fun with magic storyteller Chris McBrien and his interactive comedy puppet show! Children and teens can also register for the "Reading is So Delicious" Summer Reading Program and receive their reading logs. (This program is also being offered at 4:00-5:00 PM.)

Ages: 2 and up; Fun for the family! This program is held in the WPL Meeting Room. Registration is required.

¡Ven a Payasear en Español!: Summer Reading Kick Off Party en Español

Event Type: Children's Program

Age Group(s): Ages 2 and up, Family

Date: 6/5/2012

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

¡Ven a Payasear en Español!: Summer Reading Kick Off Party en Español

¡Ven a celebrar el fin del año escolar y el comienzo de la diversión en nuestra fiesta de inicio del Programa de Lectura de Verano! Los payasos Burbujita y Turrón tienen preparada una tarde mágica llena de carcajadas y sorpresas en este programa gratuito. Toda la familia se divertirá con las ocurrencias de los payasos y podrán interactuar con ellos en diferentes juegos y actividades. Después de la presentación, niños y adolescentes podrán aprovechar para registrarse en el Programa

de Lectura de Verano "La lectura de los Caballeros." Este programa es totalmente en Español. La admisión es gratuita. Necesita registrarse.

Celebrate the end of the school year and the beginning of summer fun during this evening of magic, laughter, and surprise. The whole family will be entertained by Burbujita and Turrón the clowns, and children will be invited to join in games and activities. Families who speak or are learning to speak Spanish are encouraged to join us for this event. For students in School District 200's Dual Language Program, this is also a great opportunity to practice speaking Spanish outside of the classroom. This event will be conducted entirely in Spanish.



MEETINGS NEXT WEEK:

Monday, June 4 –Board of Fire and Police, 5PM, Council Chambers

Monday, June 4 – Historic Preservation Commission, 7PM, Council Chambers

Tuesday, June 5 –City Council, 7PM, Council Chambers

Wednesday, June 7- Library Board, 7:30PM, Library

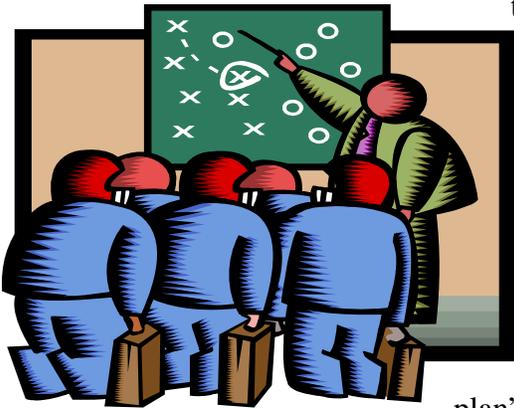
QUOTE

"Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one."

[Malcolm Forbes](#)

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE MAP & PLAN

Woodstock's Department of Community and Economic Development and Public Works Department, with assistance from the McHenry County Department of Planning and Development, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, and



the Chicago Wilderness Sustainable Watershed Action Team (SWAT), is in the process of creating a “green infrastructure map and plan” for the City

and surrounding area. The plan identifies significant natural features in and around the City and provides suggestions for their protection and enhancement; including the designation of buffer zones and linkages connecting said resources. Major contributions and considerable input regarding the content and format of the map and plan were provided by **City Planner Nancy Baker and City Engineer Al Wilson**.

Environmental resources data collection and mapping assistance has been provided by the McHenry County Department of Planning and Development and a draft “green infrastructure inventory map” was prepared. Although the map is based on the green infrastructure inventory map recently created for McHenry County and refers to several of the natural features and environmental resources depicted on the County’s map, it has been revised to be more applicable to Woodstock and its 1 and ½ mile planning jurisdiction.

A copy of the draft green inventory map is available in the Department of Community and Economic Development. A copy will also be presented for viewing and comments by local natural resource organizations on Wednesday, June 13th, 2012 at 2:00PM at Woodstock City Hall. This will be an informal meeting since many of these organizations have already commented on the County’s green

infrastructure map and plan. However, this input will be valuable and is being obtained before a final version of the draft map is presented to Woodstock’s Plan Commission and Environmental Commission. This presentation is expected to occur on Thursday, June 28, 2012 at 7:00PM.

OLSON PARK SPRAY POOL

Now that Woodstock schools are dismissed for the summer, Woodstock’s children will be looking for different ways to beat the heat and discover free fun! One such park amenity is the Olson Park spray pool that is on for children’s enjoyment throughout the summer when the air temperature is 80 degrees or hotter.

In keeping with the City’s policy of water conservation education and implementation, the spray pool will be turned on daily, when the temperature is 80 degrees, between the hours of 1:30PM and 3:00PM. One exception to this rule is on Wednesdays when the **Recreation Department’s** Playground Program spends the morning at Olson Park. On Wednesdays, from June 13 through July 25, the spray pool will be turned on at 9:15AM regardless of the temperature. If the temperature is below 80 degrees at noon on Wednesdays, the spray pool will be turned off for that day. If the temperature is above 80 degrees at noon, the spray pool will remain on until 3:00PM.

For questions regarding the spray pool, Olson Park, or any of the City’s parks, please contact the **Department of Public Works** at 815-338-6118 or pwdept@woodstockil.gov.



HEALTH & SAFETY MESSAGE: THE NEW (& IMPROVED) COMFORT FOODS

It's a new generation of dietary awareness and the old standbys that made us feel so "good" in the past (think mac & cheese, meatloaf, mashed potatoes & gravy...you know the ones) are now thought to be not quite so good for us after all.

If you want to really do your body a favor, try an attitude adjustment that makes the following foods your new best friend:

Asparagus—a high degree of folic acid helps produce serotonin which aids in stabilizing your mood

Milk—contains antioxidants, vitamins B2 and B12, protein and calcium; add whole-grain cereal for a perfect way to start a stress-free day

Cottage Cheese & Fruit—high protein foods that don't contain loads of sugar keep blood sugar level making you feel fuller, longer, and aiding concentration

Almonds—vitamin E has been shown to fight free radicals associated with stress, many of which also contribute to heart disease

Blueberries—this high fiber, low calorie fruit is also high in stress-fighting vitamin C

Tuna—a fabulous lunch option, this low-fat protein source with lots of Omega-3 oils provides high energy for hours

Eggs—a great source of choline, a nutrient essential for brain development and memory, eggs can offer a tremendous energy boost; keep a bowl of hard-boileds in the fridge for quick and easy snacks

RECRUITMENT NEWS

The recruitment process for **FT Accounting Assistant/Finance** has yielded a large number of highly qualified candidates. Telephone interviews will be conducted initially to determine a select group of external candidates to be invited for in-person interviews. All internal candidates will be interviewed as well.

Today, Friday, 6/1, is the final day of the recruitment for **FT Maintenance Worker/Public Works**. Selected candidates have been invited to submit formal applications and a number of those will be contacted in the near future to arrange in-person interviews. Due to scheduled vacations for both **HR** and **Public Works** representatives, and the number of positions to be filled, interviews will take place in late June and/or early July.

