

# CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER



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## COMMERCIAL PERMITS READY TO ISSUE



The Department of Community & Economic Development has approved plans for several commercial permits.

Plans for the construction of a Panera Bread restaurant on one of the lots at the Jewel-Osco shopping center have been approved and construction is expected to begin in May. The new 4,100 square foot restaurant will have a drive-thru facility as well as an outdoor seating area.

In addition, plans for an \$800,000 interior and exterior re-fixturing/remodel project at the existing Jewel store have been approved.

Within the next month, demolition and construction should also begin at the Dorr Township Highway Garage on Davis Road. Three existing structures will be demolished and replaced with a new salt storage building, vehicle storage building and a vehicle wash building.

It should also be noted that plans for an Advance Auto Parts store at 520 South Eastwood Dr (next to Tommy's) are under review and construction for that project should also start this spring.

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## GOT DRUGS? SAVE THE DATE!

Once again, the Woodstock Police Department will be participating in the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) *National Drug Take-Back Day*, scheduled for Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from 10:00AM to 2:00PM. This is the third time this event has been held in Woodstock since its inception, and it continues to be very successful in collecting large amounts of unwanted pharmaceuticals for safe disposal.

So start your spring cleaning now in your medicine cabinets, cupboards and drawers. Any and all prescription or over-the-counter drugs will be accepted if they are in pill form (no liquids or syringes.) You can bring in as few or as many as you have – there is no minimum or maximum. The drugs will be accepted no-questions-asked and will then be properly destroyed by the DEA in an environmentally safe fashion.

If you cleaned out your own medicine cabinet last time, help your parents or grandparents clean out theirs this time around. The service is free and your privacy is protected. You don't even have to get out of your vehicle – you can drive-by and drop off and be on your way. The Take-Back is being held in the Woodstock Police Department parking lot.

For further information, please call 815-338-6787 or visit [www.nationaltakebackday.com](http://www.nationaltakebackday.com).



## **LIBRARY NEWS**

### **Local History Tour: Celebrating Woodstock's History!**

**Date:** 5/8/2012

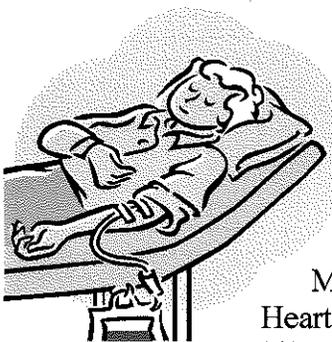
**Start Time:** 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

**Description:**

This walking tour includes the many beautiful and historic homes and buildings near the Woodstock Square. Participants will enjoy stories about our community's past residents and way of life. Architectural details will be noted along the way. NOTE: The Tour will begin on the square! Meet the group at the Spring House on the Square just before 5:00PM. The Spring House is located just inside the park at the corner of East Jackson and Benton Streets.

**Starting Location for the Tour:** Woodstock Square – Springhouse

### **Blood Drive at Woodstock Public Library**



**Age Group(s):** Adults

**Date:** 5/8/2012

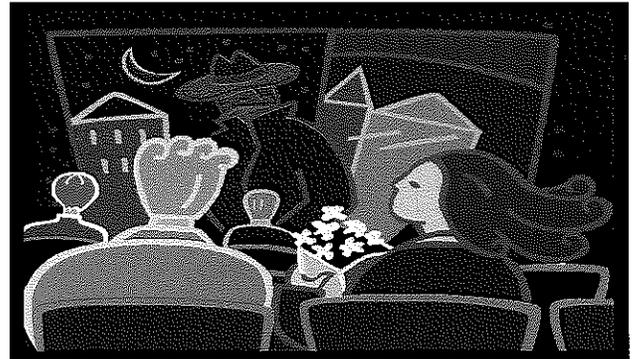
**Start Time:** 3:00 PM -  
5:30 PM

**Description:**

Donate Blood - Starve a Mosquito! WPL will host Heartland Blood Centers' Mobile Coach in the library parking lot. Donated blood will benefit area hospitals. Location is at the Woodstock Public Library, Library Parking Lot. All donors must show a photo ID prior to donating. Please sign up for an appointment at [www.heartlandbc.org](http://www.heartlandbc.org) or call the library at 815-338-0542. Walk-ins are also welcome.

## **THEATER EXPANSION BACK ON TRACK**

**Community & Economic Development staff** have met with representatives from Tivoli Enterprises regarding the demolition and the major expansion of the Woodstock Theater. Building plans for this project have been approved; however the decline in the economy delayed the start of construction and Tivoli Enterprises was forced to put this project on hold. City staff was notified last week that this project is now going forward with an anticipated late May start date for the required demolition. The expansion will include the demolition of three (3) buildings north of the existing theater and a remodel/addition which will ultimately seat a total of 1,089 patrons within the eight (8) auditoriums.



## **RECRUITMENT NEWS**

Interviews were conducted this week with all the candidates who applied by the internal deadline date for posted open positions in **Public Works**. Results of the interviews will be shared in the coming days.

## **PARKS DIVISION EMPLOYEES LEARN HOW TO APPLY NATURAL LAWN CARE PRACTICES**



Parks Division Employees John Mecklenburg, Tad Lester, Pat O'Leary, and Brandon Eddy participated in a seminar at the McHenry County Administration Building titled "Natural Lawn Care Practices". Many homeowners desire a weed-free lawn and in order to reach that goal, they apply multiple applications of chemicals and fertilizers throughout the year without any determination of existing soil conditions. The ultimate concern for over-application of fertilizer is storm water runoff into local streams and ponds and the effect that residual concentrations may have on the ground water supply. The Parks Division has completed soil testing at several parks sites that abut detention ponds and low elevations to determine the nutrient composition of the soils prior to any application of fertilizer. Herbicides are applied once in the spring to combat broadleaf weeds.

### **ADA PLAY STRUCTURE AT EMRICSON PARK COMPLETED**

Parks Division employees completed the construction of a new handicap playground structure in Emricson Park this week. Due to the age and limited availability of parts, the old structure was removed in February of this year. The new structure was designed for wheel chair access to several levels for disabled individuals. The Parks Division is proud to open this new playground and offer another recreational alternative to residents and visitors alike.

### **MEETINGS NEXT WEEK:**

Tuesday, May 1 – City Council, 7PM, Council Chambers

Thursday, May 3 – Library Board, 7:30PM, Library

## **Quote**

**"The naked truth is always better than the best-dressed lie."**

**Agnes Landers**

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

- Lawns require 1 inch of water per week to remain green & healthy
- Grass clippings are 90% water. If left in place, these clippings return essential nutrients back to the soil
- Over 70 million tons of fertilizer and pesticides are applied to residential lawns annually
- Approximately 67 million pounds of synthetic pesticides are used on U.S. lawns. The average suburban lawn receives 10 times as much chemical per acre as compared to farm land
- Up to 2% of applied pesticides can work their way through the soil and into ground water
- 1/3 of all major aquifers contain pesticides

Woodstock's Parks Division is doing their part in educating those employees who make decisions in the use of fertilizer and pesticides in an effort to limit groundwater contamination and runoff to ponds and streams.

**HEALTH & SAFETY MESSAGE: DIABETES  
FOOD FIGHTERS**

People with diabetes should look for foods that pack a powerful nutritional punch yet have a low glycemic index, experts say.

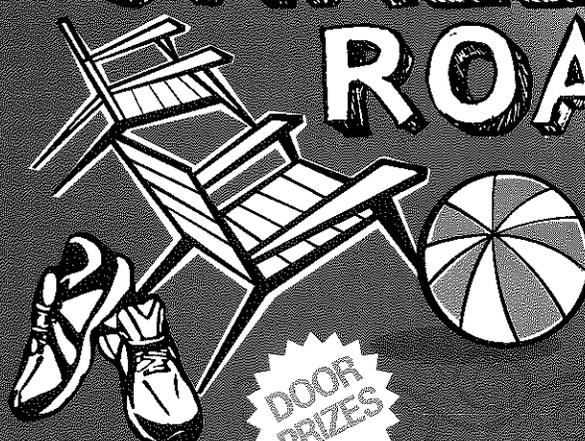
The American Diabetes Association suggests these optimal "Superfoods":

- Any kind of bean, from kidney beans to pinto beans.
- Vegetables that are dark green and leafy, including kale, collard greens and spinach.
- Fiber-rich citrus fruits, including lemons, grapefruit and oranges.
- Berries, sweet potatoes or tomatoes.
- Salmon and other fish that are rich in omega-3 fatty acids.
- Nuts, whole grain foods and fat-free yogurt and milk.

Remember! You are what you eat...so be someone SUPER!



# Woodstock's 35th Annual CHALLENGE ROAD RUN



## & POOL PARTY June 16, 2012

**FREE  
RACE  
T-SHIRT**

**DOOR  
PRIZES**

10K Road Run • 5K Run / Walk  
1-Mile or 1/2-Mile • Kids / Family Runs • Pool Party

All proceeds will benefit NISRA's Special Olympics Training Programs and Woodstock Recreation Department programs

**REGISTRATION PACKET PICK-UP FROM 6:30-7:30 A.M.**  
Emricson Park/Woodstock Water Works Aquatic Center  
10K Run: 8:00 a.m. • 5K Run/Walk: 8:05 a.m. • 1-Mile & 1/2-Mile Kids/Family Runs: 8:06 a.m.

**Pre-Registration Fee** (By June 11) • \$25 Adults\* • \$15 Youth (17 years & younger)  
**Race Day Registration Fee** \$30 Adults\* • \$20 Youth (17 years & younger)

\* Free for adults accompanying kids on the Family Fun Runs.  
**10K/5K:** Plaques will be awarded to the top three finishers in each age and gender division.  
**1-Mile and 1/2-Mile Kids/Family Run** finishers under 14 years of age will receive a gold medal. Woodstock Mayor Brian Sager will lead the 1-mile run; Ty the Turtle, Woodstock Water Works' mascot, will lead the 1/2-mile run.

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