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SPECIAL OLYMPICS WINS AGAIN

Woodstock Police Sergeant Constantino “Tino” Cipolla has announced the results for the *Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics* T-shirt sale this year - \$415.00!

The total monies raised by the Woodstock Police Department for Special Olympics this year now totals \$8,600.00! This includes earlier events like the *Polar Plunge* and the recently completed *Torch Run*.

Congratulations to all plungers, runners, T-shirt buyers, volunteers and those generous souls who made donations for this very worthy cause! You are making a difference in your community! A special thank you goes to Sergeant Cipolla for coordinating the department’s outstanding efforts to benefit Special Olympics.

The next event on the schedule to benefit Special Olympics is the *Plane-Pull* on September 27th at O’Hare airport. You do not have to be in law enforcement to participate – only have a desire to help. If interested, please contact Sergeant Cipolla at 815-338-2131 or at cipolla@woodstockil.gov.

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WORKING FOR COLLEGE CREDITS ...

During the past two weeks, University of Wisconsin student, Nick Walkosz, spent time job-shadowing employees of the City of Woodstock’s **Water Treatment and Wastewater Treatment Plants**. Nick’s major field of study is Water Resources; he’s currently working on obtaining a certificate in wetlands.

Nick spent his first week with **Will Smith, Superintendent of our Water Treatment Plant**. Will explained the water treatment plant’s processes, such as the different types of treatment technologies, the variety of wells used, and comparisons to surface water. Nick learned how a water softener works, how the media removes various minerals, and learned about the array of tests that are completed and why they are necessary.

During Nick’s second week with the City, **Superintendent, Anne George**, gave him a tour of the Wastewater Treatment Plant facilities and explained how wastewater is treated. Nick spent time in the lab with the plant operator, observed tests and also learned the various steps in the process to clean up sludge.

Nick will earn 2 credit hours by working 80 hours between the two treatment plants. He thought both the water and wastewater treatment processes were educationally beneficial and said this information will help him immensely with his studies at University of Wisconsin.

Best of luck, Nick!

COURTHOUSE ROOF PROJECT IMPACTS JOHNSON STREET

Beginning on Monday August 4th, Renaissance Restoration will position a lift on Johnson Street which will allow them to work on the built-in gutter system and crown molding around the edge of the roof. It will be necessary to block off several parking spaces during the work day to allow room to move the lift and to maneuver the bucket. Most parking spaces will reopen by 3PM

A covered walkway will be installed over the sidewalk with a “chute” at each end to funnel pedestrians into the walkway. Access to La Petite Creperie and to the Old Courthouse Arts Center will remain open throughout the project.

Upon completion of the Johnson Street side of the Courthouse, the lift will be moved around the building to also complete the Jackson and Throop Street sides.

The photo below shows the valley and gutter on the southwest side of the courthouse. Access to this particular location can be gained from scaffolding placed on the lower roof. Unfortunately this is not an option for the front side.

The next phase of the Old Courthouse dome and roof restoration project is officially underway. Construction fencing has been installed in front of the courthouse and a protective cover has been installed over the front stairs. The construction fencing will be relocated on weekends when the La Petite Creperie has special events scheduled on the patio.

On Monday morning, Sterling Commercial Roofing began removing the asphalt-covered metal roofing that was installed over 130 years ago. Architect Gary Anderson was called for a consultation regarding the rotted framing at the valley in the northeast corner. This location was temporarily stabilized by Community and Economic Development Department staff members **Rob Walkington** and **Donovan Day** in 2012 and further repairs were noted in the restoration plan.

Plans include the installation of insulation, new built-in gutters, and copper standing seam roofing. The lower roofs on the west side of the building will also be repaired and new EPDM (rubber membrane) roofing will be installed.

The project is very weather dependent but should be completed by the end of September.



RECRUITMENT NEWS

Way to go, **Joe!** Congratulations to former **Lead Facilities & Events Worker Joe McCormack**, who has been offered and has accepted the position of **Production Manager** for the **Woodstock Opera House**. **Joe** has been working “behind the scenes” at the **Opera House** for the past two years, but recently stepped out in the spotlight, performing many **Production Manager** duties since the position became vacant. **Joe** has a BA in Theatre from Marquette University and has had experience performing, ushering and stage managing at the **Opera House** over the years. Since expanding his duties this summer, **Joe** has received numerous complimentary letters from production companies he has worked with, confirming the valuable skills he brings to the **Opera House** in his new role.

Congratulations as well to **Jason Walters**, former **Maintenance Worker/Sewer & Water**, who has been promoted to the role of **Utility Inspector/Sewer & Water** in the **Public Works Department**. An internal posting was made this week to determine any current **Public Works** employees who may be interested in transferring to the vacant **Maintenance Worker/Sewer & Water** position, with a deadline to verbally respond to the **Public Works Director** no later than Monday, August 4th.

And more congratulations are in order for **Jess Bloniarz**, who has been promoted from limited part-time to regular **Part-Time Recreation Center Cashier** at the **Woodstock Recreation Center**. **Jess** also serves as **Playground Program Counselor** and as **Playroom Attendant** when needed.

An additional temporary internal opportunity is now available in **Public Works**. A posting has been made for duties as a **Temporary Mechanic**, for current **Public Works** employees with relevant vehicle and equipment maintenance experience. Candidates should make their interest known to the **Public Works Director** no later than Thursday, August 7th.

The process to establish a new two-year **Patrol Officer Eligibility List** continues following the Mandatory Orientation & Testing held last weekend. Out of 103 applications received and processed, 80 candidates performed the required testing. COPS Testing Service will provide the final scores and ranking soon, and the top 20 individuals will be invited for in-person interviews with the Woodstock Board of Fire & Police Commissioners in the coming weeks. The **HR Department** will notify all candidates of their status as soon as scoring information is received from COPS.



MEETINGS NEXT WEEK...

Tuesday, August 5 – City Council-7PM, Council Chambers

Thursday, August 7 – Library Board, 7:30PM, Library

HEALTHY GARDENING

Enjoy the benefits of gardening and stay safe and healthy.



Get close to nature and enjoy the benefits. Gardening can be a great way to enjoy physical activity, beautify the community, and go green. However, it is important to protect yourself and take precautions as you work and play in the sun and around insects, chemicals, and lawn and garden equipment.

Whether you are a beginner or expert, remember these health and safety tips for gardeners, and enjoy the beauty and bounty gardening can bring:

Dress to protect.

- Prevent exposure to harmful chemicals, insects, and the sun by wearing proper clothing and safety equipment.
- Use an insect repellent and sunscreen with sun protective factor (SPF) 15 or higher, and both ultraviolet A and B ray protection.
- Remember that the hours between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. daylight savings time (9 a.m. to 3 p.m. standard time) are the most hazardous for UV exposure outdoors in the continental United States.
- Always check your clothes and body for ticks.
- Wear a hat with a wide rim to shade the face, head, ears, and neck.
- Wear a protective nose and mouth mask, or even sunglasses or protective eyewear, while doing yard work to help to avoid the triggers that cause allergy and asthma complications.

Know your limits in the heat.

- Even being out for short periods of time in high temperatures can cause serious health problems.
- Monitor your activities and time in the sun to lower your risk for heat-related illness.
- Schedule outdoor activities carefully, and pace yourself. Use common sense.

Stay hydrated.

- If you're outside in hot weather for most of the day you'll need to make an effort to drink more fluids.
- Avoid beverages with alcohol and drinks high in sugar, and stay away from caffeinated and carbonated beverages.
- Whatever your outdoor activity, have water on hand to decrease the chance of dehydration.

Put safety first.

- Be aware of possible hazards to prevent injury.
- Read all instructions and labels before using chemicals and operating equipment.
- Check equipment before each use.
- Limit distractions while using equipment.

Enjoy the benefits of physical activity.

- Active people are less likely than inactive people to be obese or have high blood pressure, type 2 diabetes, heart disease, stroke, depression, colon or breast cancer, and premature death.
- Adults should get at least 2½ hours per week of moderate intensity physical activity.

Engage in physical activity for persons with disabilities.

- Engage in regular physical activity based on abilities. Avoid inactivity.
- Adults with disabilities should consult their health care provider about the amounts and types of physical activity that are appropriate for their abilities.
- Physical activity can reduce pain and improve function, mood, and quality of life for adults with arthritis.

Get vaccinated.

- Vaccinations can prevent many diseases and save lives.
- Remember that the bacteria that cause tetanus are found in soil and all adults should get a tetanus vaccination every 10 years.

Go green.

- Conserve water, reuse containers, recycle, and share your bounty.
- Eye-catching gardens and landscapes that save water, prevent pollution, and protect the environment can be achieved.

Keep your yard clear.

- Remove any items that may collect standing water, such as buckets, old tires, and toys. Mosquitoes can breed in them within days.
- Clearing trees and brush in your yard can reduce the likelihood that deer, rodents, and ticks will live there.

DISC GOLF COURSE

In the next few weeks, the **Department of Public Works** will begin construction of a 9-hole disc golf course in Raintree Park.

Woodstock resident, Jeff Kaufmann, approached the City with his desire to construct a disc golf course in Woodstock. Jeff has continued to be instrumental in bringing this project to fruition.

“Disc golf is similar to traditional “ball” golf except players use specially made plastic discs instead of balls and clubs; they throw them for “par” at an above ground basket instead of a hole in the ground.”

This past week **Parks Division** employees began clearing away vegetation in the wooded area to prepare the course. Several other areas need to be prepped before construction can begin in the next few weeks. Once locates are complete, an expected two week installation is planned, depending on weather.

Businesses and individuals are encouraged to sponsor a hole, which will assist in the further development and up-keep of the course. If you would like to volunteer your time and help with the construction of this new park amenity, or if you want additional information, please contact the Department of Public Works, 815-338-6118 or pwdept@woodstockil.gov

ALL-SPORTS CAMP

The **Recreation Department's All-Sports Camp** started this week. This camp focuses on keeping the participants extremely active and introducing them to a number of different sports.



Campers meet from 9AM – noon, Monday through Thursdays in Emricson Park for two weeks. Activities include basketball, dodge ball, kickball, capture the flag and many others.

The next two-week session of All-Sports Camp is July 28 – August 7. The program is open to kids ages ten to thirteen years old; fee is \$48 for residents/\$68 for nonresidents.

QUOTE

A day without sunshine is like, you know, night.

[Steve Martin](#)



PLAYGROUND PROGRAM

Over 300 Playground Program participants and their families enjoyed the festivities at the **Recreation Department's Year-End Family Picnic** held at the Main Pavilion last Friday.

Playground Program Coordinator René Torrez, the Playground Program counselors, including **Site Supervisors Elissa Limbaugh and Emily Draffkorn** worked diligently throughout the morning to prepare for the highly attended event. Many thanks to the **Parks Department** for all of their help.

The morning included music by Music in Motion DJ, the Counselor Challenge and plenty of pizza donated by **Papa Murphy's**.

The seven-week program, which served over 300 kids ages five to twelve, provided supervised activities including arts and crafts, sports and games, nature walks, picnics, story-time, science experiments, swimming at Woodstock Water Works, splash mornings at the Olson Park spray feature, and socializing with new friends. Participants also enjoyed a variety of guest speakers including presentations by several **Woodstock Fire Department** staff, **Dr. James Kearns** with Northwest Healthcare Center as well as **Officer Dempsey** and his canine partner **Jax**,

The Rec Department reduces the program's subsidy by soliciting corporate sponsors. Thanks to the contributions from several businesses, over **\$3,000** was raised to offset the cost of supplies, field trips, entertainers and T-shirts for the participants.

Thanks to our sponsors **Papa Murphy's, Mercy Health Systems, Northwest Healthcare Center, Schmitt Engineering, Centegra Health Systems, Brown Printing, Indepth Graphics, Zukowski Rogers Flood & McCardle, Gummerson Rausch Wand Gray Wombacher LLC, BMT Development INC, Frett Double Headers, Mark Mitchell State Farm Insurance and Swanky Spa.**

There is a picture from the Playground Program Picnic on the following page.



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**City of Woodstock
Recreation Department
Blood Drive**

**Friday, August 1st
12:30 pm - 2:30 pm**

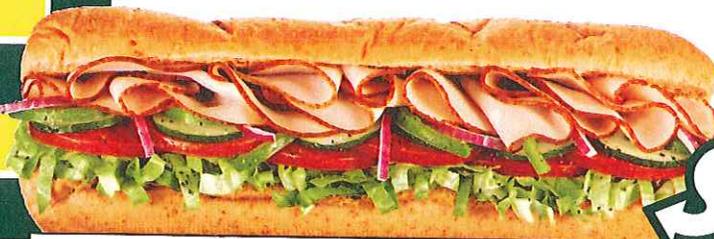
**Located at 820 Lake Avenue in Woodstock
On Heartland's Mobile Coach**

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Photo ID required

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Gift cards and gifts are mailed free of charge to your home.
It's our way of saying "thanks" for being a life-saving blood donor.



You are cordially invited to join Sergeant Constantino Cipolla at the Woodstock Police Department for coffee, conversation and an informative program.

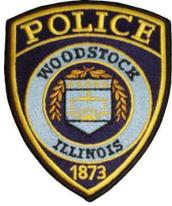
Permanent Beat Officer Adam Schraw (Beat # 22; the northwest quadrant of the city) will discuss law enforcement's response to those with mental illness.

Coffee with the Chief



Monday, August 11, 2014
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Woodstock Police Department
656 Lake Avenue

For further information, please call
Tamara Reed at 815-338-6787.



National Night Out 2014
Woodstock, Il.



On the first Tuesday of each August, National Night Out is celebrated nationwide. The Woodstock Police Department encourages you and your neighbors to use this day to declare to criminals that you will not tolerate criminal activity in YOUR neighborhood! Take a stand against crime and drugs by coming together with your neighbors, get to know each other for the sake of knowing who belongs in your neighborhood, recognizing who your neighbors are, and making a unified statement that you will watch out for each other and your properties. Neighbor's who are united in watching for, and reporting suspicious activity, have safer neighborhood to live and raise their families in.

National Night Out 2014 will be the 31st annual celebration. It will be held Tuesday, August 5th, 2014. Events can be held daytime, afternoon or evening. Whatever works for you and your neighborhood, the event can be as simple or elaborate as you choose. These can include having root beer floats or lemonade, sharing a pot luck dinner, planning games or activities, maybe sidewalk chalk to draw pictures about what safety looks like on your block. Another simple way to celebrate National Night Out in your area is to promote turning on the outside lights at every home from dusk to dawn.

Members of the Woodstock Police Department will be on hand at the Dick Tracy Park from 7:00 pm till 9:00 pm to meet with residents. Children can be fingerprinted, there will be a K-9 demonstrations, and gifts and prizes will be given away. Please join us in taking a stand against crime in our community. For any further questions please contact Sergeant Dan Wesolek at 815-338-2131 or email dwesolek@woodstockil.gov.