



CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER



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LABOR DAY SCHEDULE

In observance of Labor Day, all non-emergency City offices will be closed on Monday, September 2nd.



Have a safe and happy holiday weekend!

LABOR DAY IMPACTS GARBAGE SERVICE

As a reminder, the Labor Day holiday will alter the garbage pickup schedule for residents during the week of September 2nd through September 6th. With Labor Day falling on a Monday, all residents will be required to place their garbage out one day later. Residents that normally have garbage pickup on Friday will need to place their garbage out for collection on Saturday. Any questions should be directed to the City's garbage contractor, MDC Environmental Services at 815-334-0014.



HYDRANT FLUSHING BEGINS

The fall 2013 hydrant flushing has been scheduled for:

Tuesday, September 3 through Wednesday, September 11 – west of Illinois Route 47
Thursday, September 12 through Friday, September 20 – east of Illinois Route 47

No scheduled hydrant flushing will take place on Saturdays or Sundays.

During these three weeks, some loss of pressure and discoloration of water may occur. This condition will not present any health hazards and will only be temporary. Due to this discoloration, residents are urged to check their water quality **prior** to doing laundry and to avoid doing any laundry when hydrants will be flushed in your area. If you have any questions regarding the hydrant flushing, or when flushing will occur in your neighborhood, please contact the **Department of Public Works** at 815-338-6118, or via e-mail at pwdept@woodstockil.gov.

SAY "CHEESE"

WLS-TV (ABC 7 Chicago) has been searching for locations to place cameras which will be used for live "cut-a-way" shots. They are doing this in selected communities throughout their viewing areas, having just placed one on the Riverwalk in Naperville. After visiting Woodstock and poking their heads out of the top of the cupola on the old courthouse they feel that not only will this provide great/interesting shots for them, it will benefit Woodstock by showcasing the beautiful Woodstock Square. The camera is fairly small, weatherproof and requires little maintenance. The camera will be installed before November and the live cut-a-way shots will be a part of the daily newscast.

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WPD OFFICERS HONORED FOR DUI EFFORTS

On Sunday, August 25, 2013 the **Woodstock Police Department** was recognized by the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM) at AAIM's 11th Annual Motorcycle Pledge Run held at Woodstock Harley Davidson.

Sergeant Robert Pritchard, Officers Richard Dolan, Eric Schmidtke and Adam Schraw were recognized for their dedication to traffic safety by arresting impaired drivers.

The Woodstock Police Department is proud of Sergeant Pritchard and Officers Dolan, Schmidtke and Schraw for their efforts contributing to highway safety and helping to fulfill the mission of the Police Department in keeping the roadways of Woodstock safe for the motoring public.

FALL CITY SCENE IN MAIL TODAY

The Fall City Scene will be direct mailed today to over 15,000 residents in the 60098 zip code and the west side of Wonder Lake (District 200 boundaries).

The 64-page brochure is compiled by the **Recreation Department** with submittals from various City departments. In addition to the general information about City services that are published in each edition, there is also program information for the Challenger Learning Center, **Opera House, Library, NISRA, the Recreation Center, and the Recreation Department.**

NEW DWELLING ACTIVITY ON THE RISE!

Building activity in the City and permit issuance for new dwelling units has increased sharply over the past year. As of the end of August, Woodstock's building inspectors have issued 33 permits for new single family homes which is significantly higher than the 12 homes approved at this time last year. Furthermore, four building permit applications for new homes have been submitted to the City for plan approval purposes and are currently being reviewed. This is the highest number of single family homes under construction in the City since 2008 when the construction of 37 homes were approved for the entire year.



MEETINGS NEXT WEEK...

Tuesday, September 3 – City Council, 7PM,
Council Chambers

Thursday, September 5 – Library Board, 7:30PM,
Library

CONGRATULATIONS OWC

Inc. magazine recently named Woodstock-based Other World Computing to its list of “Fastest-Growing Privately Owned Companies in America” for the seventh consecutive year! OWC is one of only 356 companies to make the list seven or more years. In addition, *Inc.* named OWC 32nd on its list of “Top Computer Hardware Companies”. Qualifications for selection to the “fastest growing” list include being U.S.-based, privately held, for profit and independent of any other company. OWC has achieved a 64 percent three year growth rate. Other World Computing’s headquarters building is LEED Platinum certified and wind-powered. Congratulations to one of Woodstock’s very own.



2013 ROAD MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE

The City’s 2013 MFT road resurfacing and maintenance contractor, Geske & Sons, Inc., is currently in the final phases of the annual road maintenance and improvement program. The final surface course has already been installed on McConnell Road, Zimmerman Road, Lee Ann Lane, Ware Road, Banford Road, Woodside Drive and Woodside Circle. The contractor is in the process of cutting butt joints and adjusting the height of existing utility structures before they can install the final surface course on Greenwood Avenue, North Street, Seminary Avenue, Jefferson Street, Throop Street and Jackson Street. If the weather remains favorable, they expect to begin placing the final surface course on the remaining roadways over the course of the next week. Landscape restoration and pavement marking installation will begin shortly after the entire final surface course has been placed.

If you have any questions about the road maintenance project, please contact the **Department of Public Works** at 815-338-6118 or email pwdept@woodstockil.gov

Quotation

It is amazing how much can be done if we are always doing.

-Thomas Jefferson

Coffee with the Chief “Square Merchants Meeting”
Stage Left Café
August 20, 2013 at 08:30 AM

Owners and representatives from several merchants and businesses in and around the Square were in attendance at the Square Merchants Meeting. They included: Interiors Anew, NICA Shooting Accessories, Rare Rubbish, The Backdrop, Read between the Lynes, Woodstock Chamber of Commerce, Public House, Woodstock Theater, Green Box Boutique, Applecreek Flowers, and Seasons by Peg. The Chamber of Commerce sent out notices to all of its contacts and the **Woodstock Community Development Department** hand-delivered notices of the meeting to 41 businesses.

Chief Lowen, Permanent Beat Officer Jason Bernstein, Day- Shift Patrol Sergeant Daniel Wesolek, Community and Economic Development Director Cort Carlson and Opera House Director John Scharres represented the City of Woodstock.

Chief Lowen listened to concerns from the business community regarding problems related to the Merchants and Business Owners working in and around the Square. Issues centered on limited-time parking enforcement, poorly behaved youths frequenting the Park in the Square and the increased presence of the transient population in the Park in the Square.

Chief Lowen outlined the **Police Department’s** response to the issues including increased foot and mobile patrols and a zero tolerance on unwanted behavior such as aggressive panhandling and open alcohol in the business district. More than thirty citations were issued over the summer for open alcohol and aggressive panhandling. Merchants were encouraged to immediately call the Police if they noted illegal behavior. Merchants were also advised that they did not have to allow unwanted behavior to occur in their business place and to call the Police Department immediately if any person was uncooperative.

The merchants were encouraged to call the Police Department at any time with concerns or problems and the Department would do whatever possible to assist them.

RECRUITMENT NEWS

The following revised position was recently approved by the City Council and has been opened for application for both internal and external candidates as follows:

Economic Development Coordinator

Woodstock seeks dynamic, experienced economic development professional to attract and facilitate new and existing business, and market Woodstock as a unique and thriving business destination. This full-time position reports to the Director of Community & Economic Development and serves as the City's main contact to handle all retail, commercial and industrial recruitment and expansion. Min. qual: Bachelor's Degree in Business or Public Admin, Marketing, Urban Planning, or related; 3 yrs' progressively responsible relevant work experience; excellent communication skills and valid driver's license. CEcD, EDFP or AICP certification a plus. \$42,127 - \$65,377 DOQ w/excellent benefits. Send resume and cover letter outlining relevant qualifications and education to: humanresources@woodstockil.gov . Formal applications will be sent only to the most qualified candidates. Submission deadline: Friday, 9/20/13.

The second round of applications for the position of **Finance Director** have been thoroughly reviewed and discussed by the **City Manager** and **HR Department** and strong consensus was expressed to interview 4 selected candidates. Initial interviews have been scheduled for Friday, 9/13/13, and will once again include peer participation with two local municipal finance professionals.

HEALTH & SAFETY MESSAGE: 5 WAYS TO LIVE TO 100

Centenarians, those sturdy folks hitting triple digit birthdays, are increasing in number as well as cognitive health. This group is now providing helpful new insights into some of the many aspects of life that can contribute to, or detract from, one's longevity prospects. Among their notable suggestions:

1) Move around.

Study after study has documented the benefits of exercise to improve your mood, mental acuity, balance, muscle mass and bones. One professor of medicine calls exercise "the only real fountain of youth that exists." The biggest benefits are seen in folks who go from limited activity to simply walking around the neighborhood, gym or local mall for 30 minutes a day; the improvements to mind and body are immediate and long lasting.

2) Eat a fiber-rich cereal for breakfast.

A serving of whole grains stabilizes blood sugar and provides enough sustained energy to avoid mid-morning crashes. Those who do this also have a lower incidence of diabetes.

3) Get at least 6 hours of shut-eye.

Instead of adding more hours to your day, add more years to your life with good sleep habits. Sleep is one of the most important functions our body uses to regulate and heal cells.

4) Floss every day.

As if the aesthetic results weren't enough, daily flossing dramatically reduces bacteria in the mouth that has been linked to inflammation in the arteries, a major risk factor for heart disease. Twice a day is even better!

5) Consume whole foods, not supplements.

While it's okay to add these to a nutritious diet, the real benefit comes from the natural foods themselves. In addition to choosing the right foods, it's just as important to avoid the wrong foods, especially white bread, flour and sugar, which offer only empty calories.

“FALL BACK INTO FITNESS” DEMOS ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Join us Labor Day morning for the **Rec Center’s** “Fall Back into Fitness” Demos. Come for one or stay for all four classes. This is a great way to try out our classes and see which ones are right for you and best of all, Demo Day is FREE!

8:00 AM Zumba

Zumba is a fusion of Latin and International music. The routine features aerobic/fitness interval training with a combination of fast and slow rhythms that tone and sculpt the body. It is a mixture of body sculpting movements with easy to follow dance moves

8:30AM Hip Hop Hustle

Burn up the dance floor and burn calories too! Hip Hop Hustle™ blends hip hop and dance moves, making them simple and easy to follow. This workout feels more like a night on the town than exercise. Drop the pounds and get rapid results while you dance!

9:00 AM RIPPED

Resistance, Intervals, Power, Plyometrics, Endurance all in one class. Set to amazing music, this fun athletic based format will get you in the best shape possible.

9:30 AM Barbell Strength

A strength training workout using barbells and adjustable weights. The class is designed to work every major muscle group in your body by also incorporating the use of hand weights, tubing and body bars.





You are cordially invited to join Chief Robert Lowen at the Woodstock Police Department for coffee, conversation, and an informative program.

Officer Eric Schmidtke will be presenting on the Woodstock Police Department Traffic Unit – Duties and Responsibilities.

Coffee with the Chief



Monday, September 9, 2013
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Woodstock Police Department
656 Lake Avenue

For further information, please call
815-338-6787.



City of Woodstock

Employee Picnic

Sunday September 8th from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm

At Emricson Park - Main Pavilion

Featuring:

- A Bounce House
- Campfire w/Smores Bar
- Dunk Tank
- Raffle Prizes
- Root Beer Keg & Hot Dogs



Chili Cook-Off!

Inter-departmental Chili Cook-Off at 4:00 PM

Come and see which City Department will win the coveted Chili Cook-Off Trophy this year!

Enjoy a summer day out with your co-workers & family!