



# CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER



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## HILLSIDE PLAY AREA RECEIVED FACELIFT



**Parks Division Employees** recently completed the installation of a new playground located near the Hilltop Pavilion on the west side of Emricson Park. This playground replaced an existing structure that was replaced because replacement parts were no longer supported by the manufacturer. Many new features were included with this new equipment that other playgrounds in the City's park system do not have. Employees have already received many compliments from Recreation Path users walking past the construction site. Photo shows **Parks Division Employee Casey Reed** tightening up the bolts on the new swing set.

## THEATRE PROJECT MOVES FORWARD

Demolition on the Woodstock Theatre expansion project continues. The majority of the buildings on the site have been demolished and cleanup activities and the removal of debris is ongoing. Gas and electric utilities serving the site were disconnected last week, and water to the buildings being torn down was turned off prior to issuance of the demolition permit. Access to the adjoining sidewalk has been maintained and protective fencing has been used to avoid damage and unsafe conditions for both pedestrians and parked vehicles.



## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> through September 7<sup>th</sup>. 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.



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## RECRUITMENT NEWS

Interviews were held this week and offers of employment made to 3 candidates for limited part-time positions at the **Woodstock Public Library**, pending drug screens, background and reference checks.

Interviews with the Board of Fire & Police Commissioners have been scheduled for 47 **Patrol Officer** Eligibility List applicants who scored 70% or better during recent testing. Interviews will be held at the **Woodstock Police Department** on Saturday and Sunday, 9/8 and 9/9/12. Following results of these interviews, candidates will be ranked and sent the Initial Eligibility List and offered the mandatory 10-day opening to apply for preference points based on police experience, related education or military background.

Today is the final day to submit applications for **LPT Café Server** at Stage Left Café. In addition, the following recruitment was posted this week for **LPT Facility & Events Workers** at the **Woodstock Opera House**:

### LPT Facilities & Events Workers –

Assist with staging events at renowned Woodstock Opera House; build/repair props and scenery; run lights/sound; help maintain facility. Requires physical strength and flexibility, and excellent customer service skills. High school grad or equiv., 18 or older. 15-19 hours./week, days or weekends, \$9.57/hr. with no additional benefits. To obtain required application materials, please email: [humanresources@woodstockil.gov](mailto:humanresources@woodstockil.gov), or call or visit the HR Dept., Woodstock City Hall, 121 W. Calhoun St., 815-338-1172. Deadline to apply: Friday, 9/7/12.



## FALL CITY SCENE MAILED



The Fall City Scene will be direct mailed next week to over 15,000 residents and businesses in the 60098 zip code and the west side of Wonder Lake (the D200 boundaries). The City Scene is compiled by the **Recreation Department** with submittals from various City departments.

In addition to the general City information, this session's brochure includes articles regarding the Senior Citizen Call-in Program, safety tips for Halloween, Coffee with the Chief, hydrant flushing, and leaf collection.

As usual, also included is fall program and event information for the **Library**, NISRA, the Challenger Learning Center, the **Rec Center**, and the Recreation Department.

If you have not received your City Scene, please call the Recreation Department at 815-338-4363. Additional copies will be available at the Rec Center, **City Hall**, and the Library.

## QUOTE

**“The future starts today, not tomorrow.”**

**-Pope John Paul II**

## MEETINGS NEXT WEEK...

No meetings next week

**EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 26<sup>TH</sup> – SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>**

Please stop by and congratulate the following employees on their anniversaries with the City.

Employee	Department	Day	# of Years
Barry Pierce	Streets	August 28 <sup>th</sup>	12 Years
Anne George	Wastewater Treatment	August 29 <sup>th</sup>	7 Years

A special thank you to both of these employees for their tireless efforts and commitment to excellence, which makes the City of Woodstock a wonderful place to work and raise a family, as well as for all of the future years of service still to come.

**SUDOKU PUZZLE**

Sudoku is the number placing game taking the world by storm. The rules of Sudoku are simple. Enter digits from 1 to 9 into the blank spaces. Every row must contain one of each digit. So must every column, as must every 3x3 square. Each Sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

**This Week's Puzzle!**

2	1		7			5		
5				2			3	
6			5	3	8	2		
	2	7	3					
			2		5			
					7	1	9	
		4	6	5	2			8
	8			7				5
		6			9		2	7

**Solution: Last Week's Puzzle**

6	4	7	2	8	5	3	1	9
5	3	8	4	1	9	6	7	2
9	2	1	3	7	6	5	4	8
1	6	2	7	9	3	4	8	5
7	8	4	6	5	1	2	9	3
3	5	9	8	4	2	1	6	7
4	9	5	1	2	8	7	3	6
2	7	6	9	3	4	8	5	1
8	1	3	5	6	7	9	2	4

**HEALTH & SAFETY MESSAGE: HONEY  
FOR YOUR HONEYES**

As we approach another school season filled with all manner of infectious possibilities, parents are always concerned about the pros and cons of medications for children. Antibiotics are well-known to be over-prescribed and ineffective for viral illnesses. Even over-the-counter cold remedies can have dangerous potential if heavily-

ingested, and the benefits can be questionable when compared to possible side effects.



However, recent studies have reconfirmed the suspected benefits of using the "homestyle remedy" of regular honey to quell coughs and ease sore throats in children over

the age of one. An expert on the subject of honey as a potential treatment for respiratory infection, Dr. Ian Paul, professor of pediatrics at Penn State College of Medicine, stated: "My study in 2007 was the first paper ever to show that honey was an effective alternative to over-the-counter cold and cough medicines. In fact, we found that honey was the best treatment and provided the most relief."

The bottom line for parents is that common cold medicines that many families use are "not very effective, if at all, and there's potential for side effects," said Paul, who is also a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics' committee on drugs. "whereas honey for children over the age of one is both safe and highly effective."



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**Woodstock Begins Enforcement Crackdown  
Steps Up Enforcement Focusing on Impaired Driving, Seat Belt Enforcement**

Woodstock, IL - The Woodstock Police Department today announced its late-night plans for the 2012 Labor Day "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over/Click It or Ticket" crackdown. The intensified enforcement effort against impaired drivers and seat belt law violators underscores the disproportionate number of traffic deaths involving alcohol and unbelted motorists. The stepped-up enforcement will begin August 17 and run through Labor Day, September 3. Enforcement efforts will concentrate on the deadly nighttime hours.

According to data from the Illinois Department of Transportation and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the midnight to 3 a.m. timeframe is the deadliest time on Illinois roadways. The data also shows this time of day has the highest percentage of alcohol involvement and the lowest seat belt usage rate.

"The numbers do not lie. We will be stepping up our late-night enforcement efforts, making sure impaired drivers are off the road and motorists are buckled up," said Sgt. Dennis Leard. "In Woodstock, the message is simple... Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over and Click It or Ticket."

Woodstock Police recommends designating a sober driver and not letting friends and family drive impaired as just two of several simple steps to avoid a tragic crash or an arrest for impaired driving. Other important tips include:

- Plan ahead. Designate a sober driver before going out and give that person your keys.
- If you are impaired, call a taxi, use mass transit or call a sober friend or family member to get you home safely.
- Promptly report impaired drivers you see on the roadways to law enforcement;
- Wear your seat belt and make sure all passengers are buckled up. It is your best defense against an impaired driver.

The law enforcement crackdown runs concurrently with a media campaign that will remind motorists, "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" and "Click It or Ticket."