

PIPELINE

Upcoming Events

May 4 & 5

Camp DuBois Rendezvous

May 13-17

Hydrant Flushing

May 18

New Police Department
Open House 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

June 1

Youth League Parade,
Line up 9 a.m.
Parade 9:30 a.m.

June 7

Bike Ramble, 7 p.m.

June 24-27

Free Fishing Clinic
at Belk Park
9-11 a.m. & 1-3 p.m.

July 14

Ice Cream Social, 3-6 p.m.
Central Park

August 10

1st Annual PD
5K at Belk Park

Farmers Market

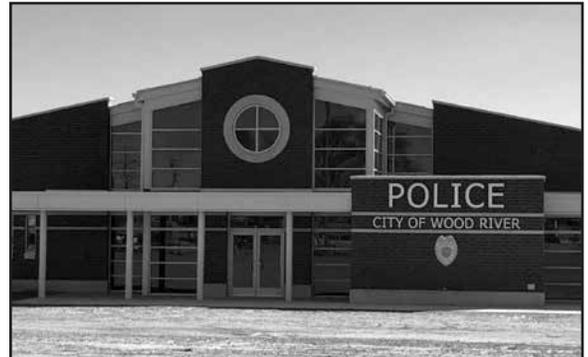
The Farmers Market will be held every Thursday from 4 p.m. to dusk July through September in the parking lot at Madison Avenue.

Water/Sewer Billing

If you are over the age of 62 or receiving social security, please bring your ID and/or social security award letter to the Finance Department to see if you qualify for a penalty waiver.

New Police Department

The Police Department's new 20,000 square foot facility located at 550 Madison Avenue will bring all police operations under one roof: Patrol Officers, Investigations, Administration, Records, Jail and a state-of-the-art Dispatch Center. The Wood River Police Department Dispatch center is responsible for answering 911 calls for Wood River, Roxana, South Roxana, Hartford and East Alton.



The Police Department outgrew its current location attached to City Hall. The much-needed larger facility was made possible by a generous monetary and land donation from BP Products North America Inc. The donation covered the entire cost of construction. After nearly 17 months of construction the facility is complete.

The building dedication day will be May 15, 2019 which corresponds with Police Officer Memorial Day. A day to honor those officers that have died or been disabled in the line of duty. The public is invited to an Open House to be held May 18th at the new facility from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Belk Park Clubhouse Renovations



The clubhouse at Belk Park underwent major interior renovations. The golf check-in counter and snack bar counter were combined to form one large customer service counter. Golf Course Manager Mick Sabolo oversaw the upgrades during the winter season. The clubhouse will now provide a streamlined check in and food ordering process. Make your tee time today by calling 618-251-3115.

Election Results

The new City Council will be sworn in at a May City Council meeting. Re-elected Councilmen Leroy Duncan and Chris Stanley will join currently seated Councilman Tom Stalcup and Councilwoman Gale Ufert. This council will hold office until May 2021 when the offices of Mayor and 2 council seats will be up for election.

Report from Mayor Cheryl Maguire:

It has been a very busy year for the City Council and staff. I'd like to highlight some of the major accomplishments during 2018.

- We welcomed 14 new businesses with an additional eight businesses having new ownership such as Cleary Shoes, Wood River Printing, and Schnucks.
- There were 488 building permits issued for a total value of \$6,741,837 and eleven businesses made improvements for a combined total of \$3,146,625.
- The City EAV (Equalized Assessed Valuation) increased by a million dollars.
- Home sales for the year saw 120 owner-occupied homes sold. Fulford Homes has begun work on Grandview Hills subdivision featuring 82 lots with the target for construction to start in July 2019.
- The Sixth Street improvements were completed with \$922,000 of grants. Phase II Downtown Streetscape and Phase II for Edwardsville Road will begin soon with a combined total of grant funding of \$1,000,050.
- Emerick Sports Complex's playground will soon have its grand re-opening. This \$173,000 renovation project was made possible through donations and grants.
- The grand opening of the \$6.7 million police station is scheduled this May. The facility was a gift from BP Products North America Inc.

Special Events

Ice Cream Social:

Come on down to Central Park and the Roundhouse on Sunday, July 14 from 3-6 p.m. for a home town Ice Cream Social. There will be ice cream, games, food and a Pie Eating Contest. Bring your appetite and join in the fun!



Bike Ramble:

Bring your kids for a safe and exciting family night bike ride at the 11th Annual Bike Ramble on Friday, June 7. The lineup is at 7 p.m., and the ride will start at 7:30 p.m. Directly following the bike ride there will be refreshments at the Roundhouse. Register at the Roundhouse for a fee of \$3 per person/\$6 per family which includes a T-Shirt, bike light, and refreshments. Call Park and Rec. for more info at 251-3130.

Storage of Trash/Recycling Containers

City Code states waste and recycling containers are to be placed beside or behind the residence within 24 hours after the scheduled collection day. All refuse and recycling materials must be enclosed entirely within the confines of the waste/recycling containers with the lid closed. Nothing put around or alongside the Republic containers will be collected. Nothing placed in a non-Republic container will be picked up. Only trash or recycling that is put completely inside the proper Republic container will be picked up. If your old garbage containers are not needed, they need to be appropriately disposed of. Please note if you do not plan to recycle,

YOU will need to call Republic Services at 656-6883 to come to your house and pick up the Recycling container that they provided. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter, it is appreciated.

Personalized Big Trash Pickup

City-wide Spring and Fall Trash Pickups have been replaced by Personalized-On-Demand Twice-A-Year-Pickups. That's right! YOU call and schedule YOUR pickups on YOUR schedule, when YOU are ready! No missing the date. Each household gets two FREE pickups per calendar year. You must pre schedule by calling customer service at 618-656-6883.

Notes From the General Inspector

Clean up Alleys - City ordinances state it shall be unlawful for any owner or occupant of any premises to allow such premises or any right-of-way or sidewalk adjoining such premises, to be hampered by any growth of grass, weeds or bushes over a height of eight inches. Please remember to maintain your alley right-of-way, especially if you have a fence.

Keep it Short - Grass and weeds must be kept under 8" to comply with City ordinance. Let's help each other. If the City has to send you a letter and has to cut your grass, it ends up costing you a lot more than having it done yourself.

Vehicles parked on public and/or private property MUST be licensed and operable. If a vehicle does not comply, the City can have the vehicle towed at the owner's expense.

Parking in residential districts shall not be located in any required front yard, except in a driveway. Parking may be located in the side or rear yards as well.

Recreational vehicles and utility trailers in residential districts shall comply with the following guidelines:

- Not more than one recreational vehicle or utility trailer on any lot.
- The parking of a recreational vehicle or utility trailer is allowed in the rear yard only.
- The parking of a recreational vehicle or utility trailer shall comply with the yard requirements for accessory buildings.
- The parking of a recreational vehicle or utility trailer shall not impede the light or air of a neighboring structure.

All of the above matters are Code violations and carry a fine of up to \$500/day.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION



Wood River Hit N Run was named Small Business of the Month for December 2018 by the Growth Association. Hit N Run donates a portion of Hummdinger sales to the Police Department each year to support the Too Good For Drugs (formerly DARE) program at Lewis & Clark Elementary School.

Dwight Fowler, Mayor Maguire & Chief Wells

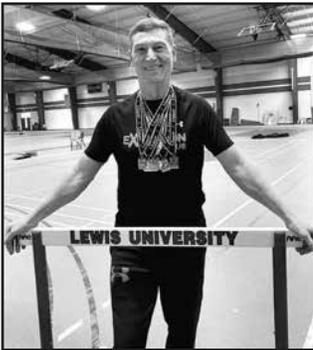
The **Wood River Woman's Club** donated funds to the Fire Department for the purchase of a Pediatric Medical Bag.

Members of the Wood River Woman's Club, Wood River Fire Department, and Mayor



Congratulations to **Wood River resident Mike Young** for setting an Illinois state record at the USATF Illinois Masters and Open Track & Field Championships February 9th and 10th at Lewis University in Romeoville, Illinois.

Mike Young, pictured left



Heritage Council News:

The Wood River museum's popular Veteran Exhibit will be on display from Memorial Day (May 27th) until July 4th. June will bring a summer display open until the Small Art Works Exhibition in October. Starting in November, the museum will host an exhibit entitled "Years Gone By" until the museum closes for the winter December 21st. The museum is open Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 1-4 p.m.

The museum's friendly and knowledgeable volunteers are happy to provide personal tours and encourage anyone interested to become a volunteer.

The historic chapel at the corner of 5th and Lorena is a quaint, warm and cozy location for a modest size wedding seating 50 and rents for \$150 for the first hour & \$50 for each additional hour.

Camp Dubois is an exciting venue for personally reliving the Lewis & Clark Expedition experience. While very rustic, an on-site comfort station provides modern toilets and warm water showers. The rental price is \$60 for a weekend. Consider attending Camp Dubois' Annual Rendezvous in May. The camp is located adjacent to the corner of Rt. 143 and Rt. 3.

The historic Vaughn Cemetery is located along Rt. 111, just north of the Wood River water tower. The cemetery was founded in the 1800s. Veterans from the Revolutionary War, The War of 1812, The Civil War and other conflicts are buried there as well as the victims of the Wood River Massacre. A new memorial was dedicated and donated by the Sons of the American Revolution.

Winterville Festival:

The Appearance Board hosted the 2nd Annual Winterville Festival (formerly Winter Wonderwalk) on Friday, December 7, 2018, at the Roundhouse. Area businesses donated hot cocoa, coffee, and cookies for attendees to enjoy. Children were entertained by the Grinch, played games and visited craft stations.

There was a tree decorating contest with Christmas trees decorated by Lewis and Clark Elementary students (K-5th) on display along with a few from local businesses. After the votes were tallied, the winners were the 4th graders of Mr. Keith Springman & Mrs. Erica Riedesser classes! Congratulations and enjoy your \$50 prize. The City extends thanks to all who participated in the tree decorating contest for your hard work and creativity.

Christmas Spirit Awards

The Appearance Board recognized the following homes for their seasonal displays with the 2nd Annual Christmas Spirit Awards.

451 E. Ferguson

24 N. 9th Street

105 Illini Lane

455 N. Second

536 Leslie

1317 Miland

61 E. Lorena Avenue

564 S. Seventh Street

452 E. Ferguson

502 Whitelaw

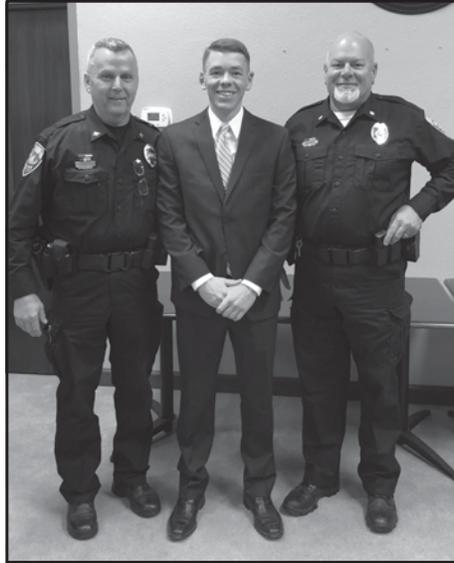
Police Department News

New Patrol Officers Join the Department

The Wood River Police Department hired two patrol officers in late 2018. Aaron Burns was hired on October 1, 2018. He holds a bachelor's degree in Organizational Leadership from Greenville College and graduated from Southwestern Illinois College Police Academy in 2006. He was previously employed with the East Alton Police Department as a Sergeant with 12 years of police experience. Officer Burns is a veteran of the United States Coast Guard.

Carl Butler was hired on October 15, 2018. Officer Butler holds an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice from Lewis & Clark College. He attended the Illinois State Police Academy in Springfield, IL., and graduated in 2015. He was previously employed with the East Alton Police Department for three years. Officer Butler is a veteran of the United States Marine Corp.

The City of Wood River would like to welcome our newest Patrolmen and wish them every success throughout their careers.



Chief Wells, Officer Butler and Major Bunt



Chief Wells and Officer Burns



Raffle Raises Money for Fallen Officer Memorial:

The police department recently sold raffle tickets to raise money for a Police Memorial. The raffle awarded eight individuals the opportunity to be the "First Inmates" in the new jail. The winners received a mugshot and prisoner meal (pizza!). Congratulations to the following "First Inmates": Diane Ford, Pete Rombach, Tammy Iskarous, William "Bubba" Webber, Tina Kitchell, Tom Stalcup, Paul Thomas, Reggie Sparks.

Steve and Patti Lash from Budget Signs were generous in donating the plaques for the event to keep cost down and money going toward the memorial. The raffle also awarded appreciation certificates and plaques for generous donations made by Dream Home Realty, Nathan Kincade, Perica Law Firm, and Pitchford Funeral Home.

Police Department to hold 1st Annual 5K

The Police Department will hold its first ever 5K race on August 10, 2019 at Belk Park. This race will be held on the date previously occupied by the City's annual Triathlon. The 5K race is being held to raise money to help build a Police Memorial to be constructed in front of the new Police Department. The day will include a 5K race, and other family friendly activities.

Two officers have died in the line of duty in the City of Wood River. Chief Samuel Thompson was killed on December 6, 1912, and Officer John Phipps died on January 25, 1916.

Follow the department's Facebook page "Wood River Police Department" to get up to date information and to register for the event. To volunteer for the event contact Chief Wells via email: bwells@woodriverpolice.com.



Fire Department News

“Give Us a Hand to Help the Community”

I am incredibly proud of all the services the Wood River Fire Department provides to the residents of the City, but I am especially proud of our cardiac arrest survival rate. Our personnel has at their disposal the latest equipment available to treat these emergent cardiac situations. Even with all this great equipment on-hand, and backed by extensive training, we often fall short of our goal of reviving a cardiac arrest patient in the field. The very reason we fall short is the majority of these cardiac arrest patients have no Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) efforts being conducted before first responders arriving on the scene.



In recent years, there has been data indicating that “Hands-only CPR” (which requires a community member to do only chest compressions till the first responders arrive on scene) will greatly enhance patient survival rates. Take a few minutes to view the YouTube video “2017 Hands-Only CPR Instructional Video” by searching that title in your internet browser. If you would like additional training, such as a full CPR class, please contact the Wood River Fire Department at 618-259-0984 Ext. 2

Brendan S. McKee
Fire Chief

Public Notice:

Holiday Schedule for Trash/ Recycling Pickup

If the holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, there is no disruption in the pickup schedule. Should your pickup day fall on or after the holiday, your trash and/or recyclables will be collected one day late.

For example: Holiday falls on a Monday, then:

Monday route is picked up Tuesday

Tuesday route is picked up Wednesday

Wednesday route is picked up Thursday

Thursday route is picked up Friday

Friday route is picked up Saturday

If you need additional information regarding trash and recyclable pick-up, please call Republic Services at 656-6883 or visit www.woodriver.org

Street Asphalt Program for 2019 – 2020

Location From To

First St. Rt. 143 Carringer

Second St. Rt. 143 Edwardsville Rd.

The public works department will also continue to oil and chip alleys in zone 7 and zone 8 this year. These two zones include “Little Italy” and alleys west of Wood River Ave.

Storm Clean-Up

Following a storm, the Street Department will haul away branches that have fallen. Please place the branches at the front curb and contact the Public Services Office at 251-3122.

Deposits on Streets and Sidewalks

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to dump or deposit any grass, leaves, branches, gumballs, glass, nails or other similar articles, or any waste material on any public street, alley, or sidewalk in the City.

Solicitors

City ordinance regulates peddlers and solicitors in residential neighborhoods. Individuals going door-to-door are required to have a City license. Before a license is issued, the Police Department runs a background check on each individual for the safety and welfare of residents. Ask solicitors to see a city license. If they have no license or if the solicitor is acting undesirably, contact the police at 251-3114. Please remember a city license is in no way an endorsement of the firm or product. Established religious and charitable not-for-profit organizations are exempt from these regulations.

YARD & GARAGE SALES

Along with the warm weather comes yard/garage sales. Don't forget to get your yard/garage sale permit. They are FREE and can be obtained at the City Clerk's office Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.. Yard/garage sales are allowed two times a year with a duration not to exceed seventy-two (72) continuous hours. City code prohibits the placement of signs or advertising on utility poles, traffic control devices or anywhere in the public right-of-way. We appreciate your cooperation and good luck with your sale.



APPEARANCE AWARDS

The Appearance Board will be driving around town looking for homes and businesses that have made overall property enhancements. Appearance Awards will be given out every month at City Council meetings until September. If you know of someone deserving of this award, please contact City Hall at 251-3100.



The Parks and Recreation Department sponsors the following programs throughout the summer. Please call 251-3130 for information or to register.

YOUTH PROGRAMS



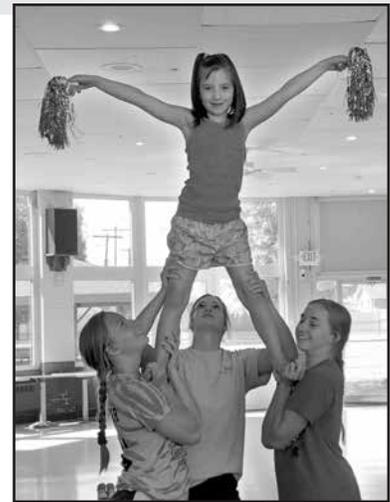
Camp attendees enjoyed a lot of fun and adventure at Camp Dubois

SUMMER DAY CAMP:

The Recreation Department will once again host a summer day camp for children kindergarten through 5th grade on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., June 3 thru July 12 at the Roundhouse. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED IN PERSON. A limit of 50 children will be accepted. Registration deadline is June 1 or 50 campers. Cost: residents-\$150 per child non-resident-\$170 per child. * \$10 will be taken off the price of each additional child registered by parent or guardian*

FISHING CLINIC:

A FREE fishing clinic will be offered this summer at Belk Park June 24-27 from 9-11 a.m. & an afternoon session from 1-3 p.m. This is a free clinic for all ages. Registration is required to participate and runs from May 1-31. Class size is limited to 30 participants.



CHEERLEADING CAMP:

Be a cheer ahead of the game. A cheerleading camp will be offered July 15-19, from 12-2 p.m. at the Roundhouse. This camp will involve sideline cheers, a floor cheer and assistance with mounts. Fourth through eighth grade students are invited. Registration runs May 1-31 and the fee is \$25.

JR. CHEERLEADING CAMP:

Come learn your favorite cheer. K-3rd grade students are invited to attend a cheerleading camp where they will be introduced to the fun of cheerleading. The camp will be held July 15-19 from 9-11 a.m. at the Roundhouse. Registration runs May 1-31 and the fee is \$25.

POM POM CAMP:

This camp will introduce and instruct students in poms and is offered July 22-26, from 9-11 a.m., at the Roundhouse. Registration runs May 1-31 and the fee is \$25.

SUMMER GYMNASTIC CAMP: This is a great way to improve your child's strength and coordination levels. The program is an eight-week session from August thru May. Gymnastics classes are offered on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings:

- Parent & Tot: 2-3 yrs, \$40
- Early Tumblers: 4-5 yrs, \$50
- Beginners: 6 yrs & older, \$60
- Intermediate: 6 yrs & older, \$60
- Advanced: 6 yrs and older, \$60
- Tumbling: 6 yrs and older, \$60

YOUTH LEAGUE PARADE

Come on out and enjoy the opening day for the youth league with the Annual Youth League Parade to be held on Saturday, June 1, 2019. Line up at 9 a.m., parade at 9:30 a.m. This parade consists of all youth league baseball/softball participants from the Tri-City and Wood River Instructional Leagues. The parade will begin on Ferguson and end at Central Park.

TRI-CITY SOCCER:

Soccer for children ages 5-13, this soccer program is offered in conjunction with East Alton, Roxana and Wood River. The fee is \$40 and includes a T-shirt. Games begin in September on Saturday mornings and some weeknights. Watch for registration in June & July.

LIL-KICKERS SOCCER:

The Wood River and Roxana Recreation Departments offer an instructional soccer program for children ages 3-4. This program takes place over four Saturday mornings and will include 35 minutes of drills followed by a 10 minute game. The fee is \$25 and includes a T-shirt. Watch for registration in August with the program to begin in September.

ADULT AND SENIOR CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

2019 FALL SOFTBALL:

Registration begins in June and the deadline is August 9. All leagues begin play during the first week of September.



Alcoholics Anonymous:

Regular meetings are held at the 14th Street Shelter on Sundays from 10 a.m. to noon. Meetings are an excellent place to gain support, obtain helpful information about drinking problems or seek help for drinking problems. Everyone is welcome.

Hoedowners Square Dancers:

The Wood River Square Dance Club was started by Mayor Lucien Ringering in 1949. The Hoedowners is the oldest square dance club in existence in Illinois and has always danced in the Roundhouse. Square dancing provides good physical exercise as well as enjoyment for the mind, body, and soul, for all ages. Social interaction with other people is an added bonus, and it is pure enjoyment set to music. A new class will begin in September at 7 p.m. and is held for two hours each Thursday. Once you have completed lessons, you may be interested in joining the Hoedowners on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays of each month at 7 p.m. in the Roundhouse. Occasionally they invite other clubs and guest callers. The first week's class is free.

Senior Adult Program 55+

invites any adult, age 55 and over, to join in activities for an annual fee of \$10. Meetings are held at 11 a.m. on the second Thursday of every month at the Roundhouse. After a brief meeting a full meal is served and catered by Chef Bob. The cost per meal is \$5. After paying the annual fee of \$10, each member is entitled to four meals without paying (Mother's Day (May), Father's Day (June), Thanksgiving (Nov.), and Christmas (Dec)). After the meal is served bingo is played with each winner awarded \$2. The cost of the bingo is funded by a 50-50 drawing. The meal and the bingo usually ends about 1:30 p.m.



Wood River Parks & Recreation Discrimination Complaint Procedure Notice: Wood River Parks & Recreation programs and facilities are available to all citizens regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. Reasonable accommodation may be requested to provide participation in desired programs and activities. If you have a disability condition and would like more information and support for accessibility of programs and facilities, call 251-3130.

Library News



At Your Library!

Summer reading will kick off June 4 at the Library with games, crafts, and food. Each age group has its own reading goal and activities each week. Participate and enter to win prizes and attend the Finale Pool Party.

Registration opens May 1 for the following programs which run from June 10 thru July 11.

Preschool (3-5 years) Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

Kindergarten-fifth grade Tuesdays at 2 p.m.

Young Adults (6th-12th grade) Thursdays at 1:30 p.m.

Adults (18+) Mondays at 6 p.m.

Family Nights Thursdays at 6 p.m.

Fun for All Ages: Wednesdays at the Roundhouse will host a different performer in conjunction with day camp. These events are open to the public. All performances are at 10 a.m. and last 45-60 minutes.

June 12: Magician Chris Egelston

June 19: Drumline "Sheltered Reality"

June 26: Juggling Jeff

July 10: Mad Science "Sounds Like Science"

Look for our regular programs to run through the summer months:

- Book Club
- Bar Top Book Club
- Knitting & Crochet Club
- Bullet Journaling Club
- Tales to Tails with Patience the Comfort Dog
- Family Lego Build Day

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

What is 1000 Books Before Kindergarten? Exactly that! Read 1000 books to your child before he/she enters Kindergarten. Is it hard? Not really! Read a book every night, and that's 365! After three years you're at 1,095. Read the same book over and over? Each time you read, it counts! Log your books using Beanstalk and at the end earn a t-shirt!



ABCmouse: Bring Learning Home

You can now check out ABCMouse at home! ABCMouse is the #1 learning resource for children ages 2-8+, with more than 8,500 Learning Activities that teach reading, math, science and more! Check out our website for a link to the checkout site!

Technology

Wood River Public Library offers one-on-one assistance with our Technology Manager. Call 254-4832 for more information.

We're Here to Help!!

Don't see it on our shelves? Don't worry! Through our interlibrary loan service, we can request items from other libraries and have them shipped here to you, at no cost! Books, DVDs, CDs, and more from over **400 libraries!**

Community Garden

Our Community Garden is up and running! If you are interested in being a part of this project, please contact the Library. Don't forget about our Blessing Box—available for the community to access fresh produce for free!

Wood River Public Library Foundation Memorial Garden

Recognize and honor a particular person in your life by purchasing a brick or block in our Memorial Garden. Forms available at the library or on our website.

DID YOU KNOW IN 2018...

- 53,481 items were circulated
- 51,535 people came to the library
- 4,000 people attended programs
- Patrons saved a total of **\$882,366.54** by using the library!

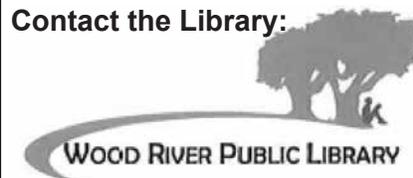
Your library card gives you access to our online resources:

- Heritage Quest (collection of genealogical and historical sources)
- TumbleBooks (ebooks for children)
- A to Z World Foods (recipes from 174 countries)
- CloudLibrary (eBooks and eAudiobooks)



Family Star Wars Night

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