

PIPELINE

Upcoming Events

Week of September 9

Hydrant Flushing

October 5

Annual Firefighters' Fish Fry

11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

October 26

Halloween Parade 10:30 a.m.

October 26 & 27

Camp du Bois Rendezvous

October 28-December 10

Leaf Pick-up (See Page 2)

October 28

Halloween Party at the

Roundhouse 7 p.m.

October 30 & 31

Trick or Treat 6-8 p.m.

November 11

Veterans Memorial Service

1 p.m. at Central Park

December 6

Winterville Festival 4-7 p.m.

December 14

Breakfast with Santa at the

Roundhouse 8-10 a.m.

April 4

Easter Egg Hunt

at Central Park

Time: TBD

Did You Know?

2.5 Million - # of people counted in July 1776

327 Million - # of people estimated in July 2018

US CENSUS

Rededication of Emerick Sports Complex

On July 3, 2019, the City of Wood River held a re-dedication ceremony unveiling the recent renovations at Emerick Sports Complex. The complex was built in the early 80's as 6th Street



Park and re-named Emerick Sports Complex in 1987 as a tribute to former Parks and Recreation Director Leroy Emerick. Leroy spent 37 years as the Parks and Recreation Director, served as mayor and was instrumental in many civic projects around the City. Leroy passed away on February 7, 2018 at the age of 92.



Leroy Emerick's children
Dana, Dale, Donna and Dean

Two memorial plaques sit at the redesigned entrance of the park, one displays a dedication to Leroy and the other has a list of donors involved with the renovation. With generous donations from citizens and businesses in Wood River, the Park and Recreation department was able to complete this project for a total cost of \$178,000 with less than 6% of that cost coming from City funds.

We encourage you to bring your family to the park and enjoy all it has to offer.

Phase II-Downtown Streetscape and 6th St. Improvements

You may have noticed the beginning of these construction projects. The scope of work will include resurfacing, new signage and lighting, curbing and ADA compliant sidewalks and street crossings. Phase II Downtown construction will be on Ferguson Avenue from First Street east to Second Street and from Old St. Louis Road east to Wood River Avenue. Phase II 6th Street construction will be from Edwardsville Road to Route 143.

We appreciate your patience as we work to improve your City streets

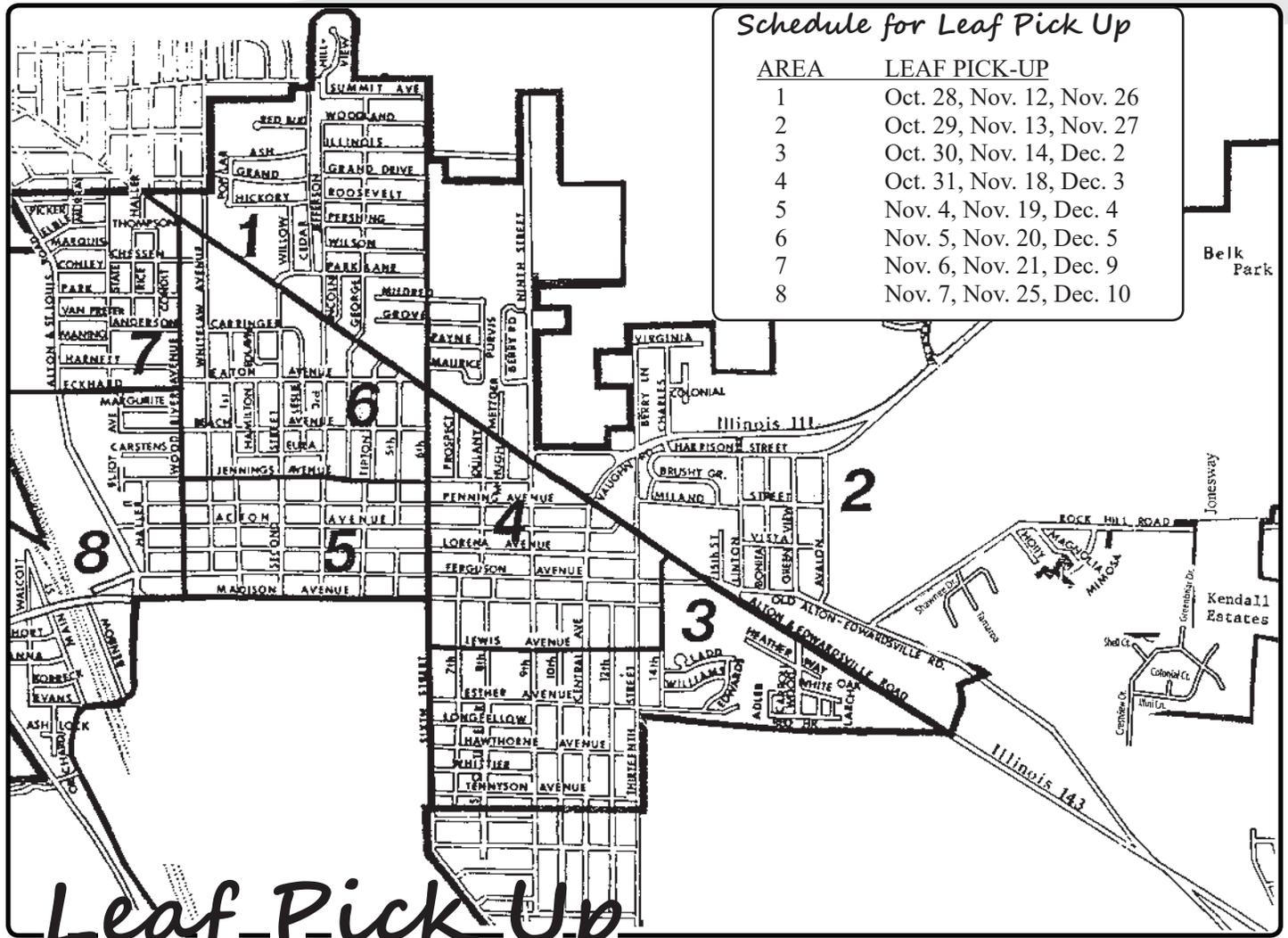
United States Census 2020

The City of Wood River encourages all citizens to participate in the 2020 Census. Questionnaires will be mailed in March 2020. If you have any questions or need any information you can visit the U.S. Census Bureau website at www.census.gov or call the Chicago Regional Office at 1-800-865-6384.

The 2020 Census and Confidentiality: Responding to the census helps communities get the funding they need and helps businesses make data-driven decisions that grow the economy. Census data impacts our daily lives, informing important decisions about funding for services and infrastructure in your community, including health care, senior centers, jobs, political representation, roads, schools and businesses.

More than \$675 billion in federal funding flows back to states and local communities each year based on census data.

Info from the website for the US Census Bureau



Schedule for Leaf Pick Up

AREA	LEAF PICK-UP
1	Oct. 28, Nov. 12, Nov. 26
2	Oct. 29, Nov. 13, Nov. 27
3	Oct. 30, Nov. 14, Dec. 2
4	Oct. 31, Nov. 18, Dec. 3
5	Nov. 4, Nov. 19, Dec. 4
6	Nov. 5, Nov. 20, Dec. 5
7	Nov. 6, Nov. 21, Dec. 9
8	Nov. 7, Nov. 25, Dec. 10

Leaf Pick Up

This map represents Leaf Pick up only.

Storage of Trash/ Recycle 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 completely enclosed within the confines of the waste/recycling containers with the lid closed. Nothing put around or alongside of the Republic containers will be collected. Nothing put 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 properly 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 co-operation in this matter, it is appreciated.

Personalized-On-Demand "BIG" Trash Pickups

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 pick ups per calendar year. You must pre-schedule by calling customer service at 618-656-6883.

Holiday Trash Pick Up Schedule 2020:

Should a holiday occur on your regular pick-up day, service will be provided the following day for either trash or recyclables. Example: When a holiday falls on Monday, that route will be picked up on Tuesday, and the Tuesday route picked up on Wednesday. If there is a Thursday holiday that route will be picked up on Friday and Friday's route on Saturday. Holidays observed by the hauler are New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.

Water Billing/Finance Department:

Water bills can be paid online at woodriver.org or over the phone at 855-966-6582. Please see the website for more information. You can also sign up for direct debit by bringing a voided check to the Finance Department at City Hall.

Appearance Awards

The following Appearance Award winners were recognized at a Council meeting:

MAY

Billy & Peggy Delancey, 745 George
The Perica Law Firm, 229 E. Ferguson

JUNE

Doug & Kara Reef, 549 George
Fire N Smoke, 1800 Vaughn Rd

JULY

Nick & Missy Blair, 1012 Poplar
Refinery Bar & Grill
224 E. Edwardsville Rd

AUGUST

Traci Quigley, 324 Picker
Jason Lamkin, 402 Jennings

SEPTEMBER

Bernice & Val Smith - 681 E. Acton
Stock Auto Body - 263 S 6th St

Appearance Board Christmas Festivities

In December, the Appearance Board will host the 3rd annual Winterville Festival at Central Park, the Holiday Spirit Awards and the 5th annual Tree Decorating Contest.

The Christmas tree decorating contest is open to all Wood River businesses and schools. Trees for the event will be available for pick up sometime in November at the Roundhouse from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Call for the start date) Decorated trees are to be returned to the Roundhouse by Friday, November 29 between 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Contact the roundhouse for more information at 251-3130.

All decorated trees will be displayed beginning Friday, December 6 from 4 - 7 p.m. during the Winterville Festival. Trees will remain on display at the Roundhouse for voting through Friday, December 27. Awards will be given to one business and one school class during a January 2020 City Council meeting.

The Winterville Festival is a free family-friendly event including games and local vendors. To register as a vendor, please call the City Clerk's office no later than November 29.

Holiday Spirit Awards will be given to those residents and businesses that exemplify holiday spirit thru decorating. Anyone in the City of Wood River can participate! Notify the City Clerk's office no later than December 14 to nominate your favorite holiday decoration.

Public Works

Christmas Tree Recycling: You may dispose of your Christmas tree at the City Dump/Compost Site at 400 Smith Ct. in the Envirotech Business Park at no charge from December 27th thru January 13th during regular hours of operation. Please remove all ornaments and tinsel from the tree before bringing it to the facility. Hours of operation are Friday, Saturday and Monday from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sunday from Noon to 4 p.m. Call Public Works for more information at 251-3122.

Hydrant Flushing: The City will be flushing and testing Fire Hydrants the week of September 9. Residents may experience some discoloration of their water. However, the water will continue to be safe to drink. Residents may want to avoid doing laundry during this time to avoid discoloration of clothing. If you must do laundry, make sure you check the water before you put in the clothes. Despite the inconvenience of the discolored water, it is necessary to flush fire hydrants to remove any sediment that might have settled in the water mains and to ensure the fire hydrants remain in good work order. If you have any questions, please call the Water Division at 251-3133.

Snow Routes: Please remember when we have a snowstorm of two inches or more accumulation, it is unlawful to park on Snow Routes until the streets are cleared from curb to curb. If it is expected to snow overnight, please move your vehicles off the street before you go to bed for the night.

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 materials on any public street, alley or sidewalk in the City.



Dr. Buller will now be offering rabies vaccinations at his office without an office visit fee. Please call his office for more information at 377-2139. Address: 132 W. Bethalto Blvd., Bethalto. Other shots available upon request.

Madison County animal registration fee is also due at the time of vaccinations. No vaccinations will be given unless the County fee is paid. Call 692-1700 for up to date county fee amounts.

There will be no inoculations offered at the City Garage and the City of Wood River no longer requires dog and cat registrations.

Please be aware: City code allows only two dogs and three cats per household.



Effective July 2019: Dog and Cat Licenses are no longer required

However, every owner is required to see that a metallic tag, stamped on the front side with the owner's name and telephone number, is securely fastened to each dog's collar or harness which must be worn by the dog at all times.

If your dog is impounded the release fees are as follows:

- \$25: 1st release fee
- \$50: 2nd release fee
- \$75: 3rd release fee
- \$100: 4th release fee
- \$250: All subsequent release fees

Please remember: Only two dogs allowed per household.

Special Recognition and Congratulations!

City Council presented Certificates of Recognition to the following:

Recognized for their outstanding achievements in **Track and Field at EAWR High School:**



Jayden Ulrich as a Sophomore she won the IHSA Class 2A state championship in the shot put and was second in the discus. She also earned High School All-America status with a fifth-place finish in the shot put at the New Balance National Outdoor meet June 16, 2019 at Aggie Stadium on the campus of North Carolina A & T. Watch for her achievement sign located at the City limits!

Hannah Sechrest as a Sophomore she was a first year State qualifier in the High Jump. Hannah was the County and Conference Champion as well as setting a school record at the State meet by jumping 5'4" and winning an 8th place All State medal.

EAWR Boys Track and Field were Prairie State Conference Champions for the 6th Consecutive season.

Jake Erslon was recognized in May for his outstanding achievements in Wrestling after earning all state honors placing 4th in his weight class at the IHSA State Championship. Jake graduated from EAWR High School tying a school record for most wins in a season with 44 and finishing top five all time in school history with 119 career victories. Jake will wrestle and continue his education at Belleville-Lindenwood University.



Boy Scout Troup 777 were recognized for all their hard work at the Springfest in April.

Dwight and Cheryl Werts donated funds to purchase individual tourniquet kits for all Police Officers to carry for emergency situations.



Fire Department NEWS

Halloween Parade: The Wood River Fire Department will coordinate the annual Halloween Parade Saturday, October 26 at 10:30 a.m. Parade route: begins at Emerick Sports Complex and proceeds south on Sixth Street to Ferguson Avenue then west on Ferguson to Wood River Avenue and then north on Wood River Avenue concluding at Central Park.

Awards and cash prizes will be presented to the winners of the best costume and best float categories. If you would like to participate, please visit their website at woodriverfire.org.

Annual Firefighters' Fish Fry: Saturday, October 5 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Alaskan white fish, buffalo, potato salad, slaw and bread will be served, along with an assortment of desserts. Tickets available from any firefighter or at the door. Located at the Fire Station 501 E. Edwardsville Rd.

Leaf Burning Restrictions: Leaf burning is **ONLY ALLOWED** on Wednesdays & Saturdays from October 1 through April 30 during daylight hours and a calm weather period with winds of less than ten miles per hour. The burning shall be supervised and a water hose shall be available to extinguish the fire, if necessary. In addition, outdoor leaf burning must be done at a minimum of 15 feet from any structure and shall include only leaves falling from trees, plants, and shrubs. No leaf burning shall be allowed on any public street or alley and shall occur on private property only.



Fire Captain Wade Stahlhut, Paid On Call Firefighters: Jacob Vassos, Bill Owens, Julian Blount, Jacob Hall pictured with Mayor Cheryl Maguire (not pictured **Todd Heigert** and Police Officer **Jess Thomas**) These individuals were recognized for their heroic efforts to save a citizen in cardiac arrest.

Heritage Council News

The Wood River Heritage Council will enter a float in the Bethalto Veterans Day Parade August 31 at 10 a.m.

The Wood River and Village of East Alton Museums will co-host a Disco Bingo fundraiser Friday, October 25, at 7 p.m. at Julia's Banquet Center. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door for \$25. There will be plenty of raffle baskets.

HELP WANTED

The museum is in need of volunteers/members to help man the store on Saturdays. Otherwise, they are considering closing the museum on Saturdays.

Police Department NEWS

The Wood River Police Department hired Three Dispatchers in 2019:

Mindee Pence was hired on January 7. Dispatcher Pence comes to us from SIUE where she was employed as a Dispatcher. She and her husband currently reside in Roxana.

Kacey Hill was hired January 20. Dispatcher Hill comes to us from Answer Midwest where she was employed as a Dispatcher. She and her husband currently reside in Wood River.

Shiloh Shoppell was hired on April 15. Dispatcher Shoppell comes to us from Whitestone Security Group where he was employed as a Security Officer. He currently resides in Wood River.

The City of Wood River would like to welcome our newest Dispatchers and wish them much success in their careers.

Police Department 1st Annual 5K Foot Race at Belk Park

The Police Department held its first annual 5K race on August 10 at Belk Park. The race was held on the date previously occupied by the City's annual Triathlon. The PD is raising money to fund the Fallen Officer Memorial to be constructed in front of the recently dedicated new facility

at 6th and Madison. The day included a 5K race, bags tournament, a DJ and food/drinks. The winners of the 5K were:

Overall Male Winner

Cree Stumpf - 18.11 mins.

Overall Female Winner

Tanya Colbert - 21.07 mins.

There were numerous winners in each age division.

With almost 150 participants in the 5K the event was deemed a huge success! Look for information on next year's annual event in the May 2020 Pipeline.

Update on Fallen Officer Memorial and new PD Building Dedication:

The new Police Department was dedicated on May 15, 2019 also known as Police Officer Memorial Day. Numerous dignitaries, City employees and residents were on hand for the poignant ceremony. Also in attendance were the families of two former Wood River Police Officers killed in the line of duty. Chief Thompson and Officer Phipps were killed in 1912 and 1916 respectively. These officers will be honored by a Fallen Officer Memorial to be constructed in front of the new PD facility at 550 Madison Ave. The Police Association is halfway to the goal of funds needed to complete this project.

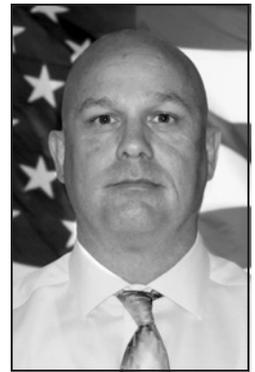
The department also hosted a community Open House on May 18, 2019 with over 300 attendees given personal tours of the new 20,000 square foot facility

and served refreshments. Guests were also treated to a visit by the emergency transport helicopter from Survival Flight based in Jerseyville which landed in the parking lot for up close inspection.

Police Officer and Telecommunicator of the Year 2018

The 1st annual awards were given to Detective Sergeant Chris Johnson for his diligence in pursuing a case which resulted in prosecution of the suspect and PSAP Manager Joe Petrokovich for his leadership and diligence during the construction process and relocation to the new PD facility.

Both employees are to be commended for their outstanding service and dedication to the citizens of Wood River.



Detective Sergeant
Chris Johnson



PSAP Manager
Joe Petrokovich

City Employees Celebrate Anniversaries

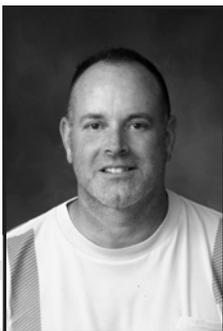
Congratulations to these employees for milestone service anniversaries.

25 YEARS



Darin Redden

20 YEARS



Jim Burriss

10 YEARS



Dan Bunt



Nate Kamp

Not Pictured is Bill Hall 25 years and Arron Weber 20 years.

Trick or Treat Safety Tips

The Police Department encourages parents to be involved with their children's trick or treat activities and to supervise them closely. Trick or Treating will take place October 30 & 31 from 6-8 p.m. for children under 12 years of age and only at houses with porch lights on.

Wear bright colored costumes, carry a flashlight, visit the homes of only people you know, do not eat unwrapped or homemade treats, walk together in groups, be alert, and watch for potential problems.



Wood River, Illinois
Parks and Recreation
For all Park and Recreation Information call 618-251-3130

Sports

Fall/Winter Gymnastic: 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 on Tuesday & Wednesday evenings. Registration began in August.

- Parent & Tot: 2-3 years
- Parent & Tot: 2 yrs-3 yrs
- Early Tumblers: 4-5 years
- Beginners: 6 years & Older
- Tumbling: 6 years & Older
- Intermediate: 6 years & Older
- Advanced: 6 years & Older

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. There will be instructor lead drills with parents & child. The registration fee is \$25 and includes a t-shirt. The Instructional Soccer program is scheduled to begin in September.

Tri-City Youth Basketball League: Wood River, East Alton, & Roxana have teamed up to offer a Tri-City Basketball League for 2nd - 6th grade Boys and Girls. League play begins in December with games being played at the Roxana Community Gym. Registration will start November 1st.

Instructional Basketball Camp: This basketball program has been set up for Kindergarten & 1st grade children. It is designed to teach the fundamentals and skills of basketball along with special drills to help with coordination. Each participant receives a completion certificate. Registration fee is \$25 and begins in September.

Baseball and Softball



Participants in the youth league parade

Tri-City Youth Baseball and Softball:

Registration runs for the entire month of March. Teams are formed in late April and league play begins in May. The following divisions are offered for a fee of \$35 (\$5 late fee after registration date).

Boys:

- Age 8-9, Rookie League, Machine Pitch
- Age 10-11, Minor League, Player Pitch
- Age 12-13, Major League, Player Pitch
- Age 14-16, Juvenile, Player Pitch

Girls: (modified pitch)

- Age 8-9, Ponytail League, Machine Pitch
- Age 10 - 12, Petite League - Player Pitch
- Age 13-16, Chic League - Player Pitch

Co-Ed:

- Ages 4-5, Tee Ball - Instructional League
- Ages 6-7, Coach Pitch - Instructional League

All of the youth teams will play in the Tri-City League which is made up of teams from Wood River, Roxana and East Alton. Majority of games are played in the evening.



Parade participant enjoys a sweet treat

Adult Softball

2020 SUMMER LEAGUE

Registration begins in February and the deadline is March 31, 2020. All leagues begin play during the last week of April weather permitting.

Summer Slow Pitch League:

Fees to be announced

Men's League (2 Umpires)

- Monday Men's Open
- Wednesday Men's Open
- Friday Men's Open

Co-Ed League (1 Umpire)

- Thursday Co-Ed Open
- All Leagues are Double Round Robin*

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.

Lessons

Hoedowners Square Dancing: The Wood River Square Dance Club starts lessons on Thursday, September 13 at 7 p.m. for two hours each Thursday. The first week's class is free. Bring a partner and join in the fun. Once you have completed lessons you may join the Hoedowners at 7 p.m. the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month for some square dancing fun. The Wood River Square Dance Club has always danced at the Roundhouse and is the oldest club in existence in Illinois since its creation by Mayor Lucien Ringering in 1949.

Karate Lessons: Instructor George Manns offers Karate instructions for all ages. Classes are Wednesday and Friday from 7-8 p.m. (Except for the 1st Wednesday when classes are from 8-9 p.m.) Lessons are taught at the Recreation Shelter on 14th Street in Wood River. For more information contact the instructor at 465-5904.



Day campers make friends with some of Wood River's finest during a visit to the new WRPD.

Pictured above, campers enjoy creative play with Legos.

Upcoming Special Holiday Events



Halloween Party: The Recreation Department will be hosting the 34th Annual Halloween Party on Monday, October 28 from 7-8 p.m. at the Roundhouse. Wood River children up to age 11 are invited to join in the fun! There will be entertainment, candy and a costume contest.

Breakfast With Santa: Get your name on Santa's list at the 34th Annual Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 14th

from 8-10 a.m. at the Roundhouse. Don't miss this opportunity for great family fun. Breakfast for children includes two pancakes, two sausage links and juice or milk. Adult breakfast includes three pancakes, three sausage links and choice of milk or coffee. Cost \$3 children and \$4 adults. Pictures with Santa will also be taken for a small fee.



Easter Egg Hunt: A FREE Easter Egg Hunt is offered to the children of Wood River residents ages tot thru 4th grade. The hunt will be held at Central Park, next to the Roundhouse. There will be over 120 dozen eggs hidden, along with some special prizes awarded to those finding special eggs. The Wood River Public Library will offer crafts and each child will receive a bag of candy from the Easter Bunny. Prizes are donated by Wood River Area Merchants. Be sure to bring your camera!

Date: Saturday, April 4, 2020.

Time: TBD



Thank you to the **EAWR High School Art Club** for volunteering to paint the doors at the Roundhouse at Christmas time for the past five years!! Their work is exceptional and the City is grateful for their talents. Make sure to stop by this year and see for yourself!!



Library News

Check It Out!

Thank you for making "It's Showtime at your Library!" a success this summer!

We hope you found your inner movie star and met your reading goals! We look forward to next summer for "Reading is So Delicious!"

Thanks to our summer reading sponsors and supporters:

Scott Credit Union, Alton Little Theatre, The Bank of Edwardsville, Yi's Martial Arts Fitness Academy, Laborer's Local 338, Jack Schmitt Chevrolet, The Pump House Bar and Grill, Wood River Women's Club, 1st Mid Bank and Trust, Wood River Kiwanis, Prairie Farms, St. Louis Cardinals, River Bend Yoga, Gateway Grizzlies, Altitude Trampoline Park, Wood River Dairy Queen.

A big thank you to our partners:

Wood River Parks & Recreation, William M. BeDell Achievement and Resource Center



Pie in the Face Results:

Our Pie in the Face Fundraiser raised \$1366 to purchase an AED machine for the Library. Library Director Lindsey Herron had the most money donated (\$290) and

got an extra pie to the face. Councilman Tom Stalcup and Police Chief Brad Wells were close behind! Thank you to everyone who donated.

Online Resources- Find them on our website!

NEW **Creativebug**: Thousands of craft videos from Joann's Fabrics. Everything from knitting, to cake decorating, to leather work!

NEW **New York Times**: Database filled with every New York Times article

as well as videos, recipes, and even lesson plans!

TumbleBooks: eBooks and eAudio-books for kids! Download the app for easier use!

ABCmouse: Bring Learning Home- Thousands of educational games and activities for kids 2-8+

CloudLibrary: eBooks and eAudio-books

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

What is 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten? Exactly that! Read 1,000 books before your child 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 counts! Log your books using Beanstack and earn a t-shirt when you hit 1,000! As of June 2019, three kids have completed their goal!

Community Garden



this project, please contact the library! Don't forget about our Blessing Box- available for anyone to access fresh produce for free!

We Want You Back!

September is Amnesty Month at the Wood River Public Library! Return your overdue items during the month of September to have your overdue library fines forgiven, no matter how old! We want you back in the library! Applies to Wood River patrons and items only.

Mark your Calendars!- Free and open to anyone!

Harry Potter Party- October 12, 6-8 p.m.

Superhero Family Reading Night- November 14, 6-7:30 p.m.

Dulcimer Guy Christmas Show- December 3, 6-7 p.m.

Events and Programs for everyone!

Our monthly programs start back in September! Check out our website or Facebook for the most up to date information on events happening at the library. Everything from Book Clubs to Storytime. There is something for everyone at the Wood River Library!



We're here to help!

Technology Help: Wood River Public Library can help you with your smartphone or tablet. Need to create an e-mail? We can help with that too!

Services Provided:

Copies- \$.20 for b/w; \$.50 for color

Fax- \$1 first page, \$.25 each page after

Notary- free

Scan to email- free

Lamination- 8 1/2 x 11- \$1.00

Don't see it on our shelves? Don't worry!

Through our interlibrary loan service, we can request items from another library and have them shipped here to you, at no cost! Books, DVDs, CDs and more from over 500 LIBRARIES!

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