

## Upcoming Events

### Week of May 9-13

Hydrant Flushing

### May 7 & 8

Camp DuBois  
Rendezvous

### June 10

Bike Ramble  
Line-up 7:00 p.m.  
Ride 7:30 p.m.

### July 10

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

## Farmers Market

The Market will be open this year every Thursday starting at 4 p.m. and ending at dusk from July 7<sup>th</sup> thru September 29<sup>th</sup>.

Located in the City parking lot adjacent to Madison Ave / Rt 143, the Market offers locally grown produce, baked goods, handicrafts and a whole lot more. Visit Often!!

## Water 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 Water/Finance Department to see if you qualify for a penalty waiver.

## WOOD RIVER PUBLIC LIBRARY 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

On July 3, 1922, the Wood River Public Library opened its doors thanks, in large part, to the Wood River Woman's Club. The library was first located at 27 W. Ferguson Ave and had a mere 112 books on the shelves. Under the supervision of Mrs. Mabel Wolf (1922-1948), the library circulated 5,477 items its first year. The library quickly outgrew this location and moved to 9 Whitelaw in 1924, where it survived a fire on February 11, 1929. The library then relocated to 114 Whitelaw, where it remained until 1958 until its current location at 326 East Ferguson Ave.

In the last 100 years the Wood River Public Library has undergone large growth and change. Popular materials have ebbed and flowed and even with the introduction of e-books, physical books remain the most popular items circulated. In 2021, during a pandemic, the library circulated 26,533 items and hosted over 11,000 people at events for all ages.

To commemorate the Centennial Anniversary, the Wood River Public Library Foundation will host a Gala on June 4. The library will also celebrate with a Birthday Bash on July 3. Library Director Lindsey Herron extends a warm invitation to the entire community for both events. Tickets for the Gala may be purchased at the circulation desk for \$50 each and the family friendly Birthday Bash in July is free.

On behalf of the library staff and the Board of Trustees, Director Herron wants to offer a big "Thank You" to the community for all of its support over the years. She and the rest of the staff look forward to serving you in the next 100 years.



**Old Alton/Edwardsville Road** – will be a total reconstruction. Existing pavement will be removed and replaced. New storm sewers, sanitary sewers and waterlines will be installed. Construction timeline TBD based on commercial development. Project is funded entirely with City funds.

**Wood River Avenue Phase 1 and 2** – This is a rotomill and resurfacing project on Wood River Avenue from East Alton City limits to Ferguson Avenue. All intersections will be upgraded to handicap accessibility and there will be new striping for this length of road. Project is under design and planning for a bid date between July 2022 and June 2023. The start of construction will be timed with the State St. Sewer Separation project.

**State St Waterline Phase 2** – will continue the new 12” water main on State St and will run from Elbe to Cotter then continue to Wood River Ave on Edwardsville Rd. Construction will tentatively begin May 2023.

**Manhole Lining Phase 3&4** – **COMPLETED**- lined approximately 150 manholes that were in desperate need of rehabilitation. The lining re-established structural stability within the manholes and stopped them from leaking. (Most of these manholes are brick and over 80 years of age). Next phase projected to begin in May 2023

**6<sup>th</sup> St Rotomill and Resurfacing** – This project is on 6<sup>th</sup> St from State Route 143 to the city limits with Roxana. Intersections will be upgraded to handicap accessibility. Project should bid and construction could start this spring. Project construction costs are covered 100% by additional Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) money the City will receive over the next 3 years.

**Edwardsville Rd Phase 1** – is a rotomill and resurfacing project from the East Alton Village limits to approximately 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Intersections will be upgraded to handicap accessibility. The project may bid as early as June 2024 with construction costs covered 75% State/25% County.

### ***1% SALES TAX PROJECTS – UPDATES***

**State Street Sewer Separation** consists of separating the combined sewers in the State Street Area. The area is bound by Wood River Avenue, Old St. Louis Road, Edwardsville Road, and State Route 143. Project design is about 98% complete and is currently estimated for construction in October 2022.

**East End Detention Pond** will create a detention pond east of the current Kia dealership building. This project will remove the entire area from the flood zone. This will allow development of these properties for commercial purposes. Project is under construction and will be completed as weather permits.

**6<sup>th</sup> Street Detention Expansion** will expand the capacity of the 6<sup>th</sup> St detention pond and allow all the homes in that area to be removed from the flood zone. Construction is currently estimated to begin fall/winter 2022 and will last approximately 6 months.

**Sidewalk Replacement (Various Locations)** – will replace sidewalks throughout the City in various locations.

**Recreation Center** - Bids were approved by City Council and the project is ready for construction.

### **PERSONALIZED ON DEMAND “BIG TRASH” PICKUPS**

City-wide Spring and Fall Trash Pickups were replaced by Personalized-On-Demand Twice-A-Year-Pickups. **YOU** call and schedule **YOUR** pickups on **YOUR** schedule when **YOU** are ready! Each household gets 2 FREE pick-ups per calendar year. You must pre-schedule by calling Republic Services customer service at 618-656-6883.



## ***Hydrant Flushing***

The City will be flushing and testing Fire Hydrants from May 9<sup>th</sup> through the 13<sup>th</sup>. 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, 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 may have settled in the water mains and to ensure the hydrants remain in good working order. If you have questions, call the Water Division at 251-3133.

## ***Water/Sewer Billing***

### **Billing Schedule**

<b>Meter Reading:</b>	On or about the <b>26<sup>th</sup></b> of the month.
<b>Bills Transmitted:</b>	On or about the <b>5<sup>th</sup> of the month</b>
<b>Due Date:</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> of the following month</b>
<b>Penalty:</b>	A <b>10%</b> penalty is applied if the payment is not received in our office by the due date.
<b>Shut Off Notice:</b>	The 15 <sup>th</sup> of the month (or the following business day) after the bill is transmitted
<b>\$25 fee added at 8am</b>	
<b>Shut Off:</b>	The 25 <sup>th</sup> of the month (or the following business day) after the bill is transmitted
<b>\$60 fee added at 8am</b>	

Take advantage of paying your bill online at [www.woodriver.org](http://www.woodriver.org) , over the phone at 855-966-6582 or at the Kiosk available in the lobby of City Hall. Call 251-3131 for more information.

**Sign up for autopay through the online portal at  
[woodriver.authoritypay.com](http://woodriver.authoritypay.com)  
or at the Water Billing office in City Hall**

## ***Public Notices***

### **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.

### **STORM CLEAN UP**

Following a storm, the Street Department will haul away branches that have fallen. Branches must be placed at the front curb and you must contact the Public Services Office at 251-3122 to report the address.

### **REGULAR BRUSH PICK UP**

Residents can schedule for brush/tree limbs to be picked-up curbside for a fee of \$50 per truckload by contacting the Finance Department at 618-251-3131. Pre-payment and scheduling arrangements must be done in advance.

### **GAMES INTERFERING WITH TRAFFIC - PROHIBITED**

It shall be unlawful to play any games upon any street, alley, sidewalk or other public place where such games cause unnecessary noise or interference with traffic or pedestrians. This is particularly true about basketball hoops and should be limited to driveways only.

### **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 show you their city license. If they have no license or if the solicitor is acting in an undesirable manner, contact the police immediately 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 FREE yard/garage sale permit at City Hall Monday – Friday from 8 am to 5 pm. 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!



## Building & Zoning

The Building & Zoning Department is working diligently to address blighted properties in the City. If you see a problem area that needs attention, please send an email to [zoning@cityofwoodriver.com](mailto:zoning@cityofwoodriver.com).

**Grass and weeds** must be kept under 8" to comply with City ordinance. If the City has to send you a letter and then cuts 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 may have the vehicle towed at the owner's expense and issue a citation.

**Parking in residential districts** shall not be in any required front yard, except in a driveway. Parking is allowed in the side or rear yard only.

**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.**

## Fire Department Important Information

The Fire Department reminds all residents of the importance of having working smoke detectors. Illinois law requires that smoke alarms in dwelling units are listed by an approved third-party testing organization. The Smoke Detector Act ([425 ILCS 60](#)) outlines requirements for smoke alarms in dwelling units (one- and two-family homes).

According to the Act, every home or hotel must have at least one approved, operating smoke detector within fifteen feet of every room used for sleeping purposes and one on each floor and/or ceiling of stairwells. Further, smoke detectors must be installed on the ceiling at least six inches from any walls or may be installed on a wall located between four and six inches from the ceiling.

### **Fire Chief Recommendations:**

- Install the 10-year lithium ion sealed smoke detectors.
- Smoke detectors within 15 feet of rooms used for sleeping purposes.
- Smoke detectors in each room used for sleeping purposes.
- Smoke detector on each floor of occupancy and/or stairwells.
- Smoke detectors cleaned (compressed air) and checked for working operation monthly.
- Smoke detector batteries replaced every 6 months (if not 10-year lithium ion unit) or during daylight savings time clock adjustments.
- Smoke detectors replaced every 8-10 years based on manufacturer recommendation. They do expire!
- Carbon monoxide detector in each occupancy. (same testing, cleaning, battery replacement, and overall replacement guidelines).
- Have and **PRACTICE** a home fire escape plan with your family. Practice twice per year.

The Fire Department provides Life Safety Inspections for all residents and occupancies in the City. Partnered with the OSFM and Red Cross, we provide smoke detectors to property owners in need or otherwise determined appropriate.

Contact the fire station at (618) 259-0984 ext. 1 and talk with shift personnel to schedule your home Life Safety Inspection and smoke detector installations.

## **REMINDER: LEAF BURNING IS NOT ALLOWED MAY THROUGH SEPTEMBER**

## ***NEW LICENSED PARAMEDIC***



Congratulations to Engineer/Paramedic Nathan Childers. After 16 months and 615 clinical hours, he completed his Paramedic curriculum and training. The City is proud of your efforts!

# POLICE OFFICER & TELECOMMUNICATOR OF THE YEAR 2021



**Sergeant Jeremiah Buerke** commits himself to his shift while on and off duty. The Officers on his shift are very complimentary of his leadership and willingness to assist them on their daily duties. Sgt. Buerke is also the Range Master and helps to keep every member of the department trained and compliant on firearm qualifications while also donating his off-duty time to assist members of the department at the range. Sgt. Buerke's dedication and perseverance to his work makes him very deserving of this award.



**Telecommunicator Derek Mormino** does his work at an exceptional level. He takes it upon himself to provide support and service to new and existing staff. He quickly discerns their individual needs and moves efficiently to provide key information, recommendations, or direction. He welcomes tough assignments and does his job with dedication to keep every officer safe on the streets.



## *Police Department New Hires & Retirement*

### The City would like to welcome the newest PD employees:

**Brendan Wright** was hired in July 2021. Officer Wright previously worked as a Police Officer with the Fairview Heights Police Department. He has a Bachelor of Science degree from SIUE.

**Ethan Bazzell** was hired in September 2021. Cadet Bazzell is currently pursuing his EMT Certification.

**Major Chris Johnson** retired as Deputy Chief in January after 25 years of service. Thank you for your dedication to the citizens of Wood River!

## *Wood River Heritage Council*

Visit the new website ([woodriverillinoismuseum.org](http://woodriverillinoismuseum.org)) or the Facebook page for general information and announcements regarding current events at the Wood River Museum & Visitors Center, Camp DuBois, the Historic Wedding Chapel, and the Vaughn Hill Cemetery.

In order to sustain the mission: *"Preserving the history of the Wood River community for the enlightenment and enjoyment of present and future generations"* the Heritage Council relies on members and volunteers. If you are interested in becoming a member or volunteering for a special event, please visit the museum on the first or third Friday/Saturday of each month (1:00-4:00pm) or phone the museum at 618-254-1993 and leave a message.

The museum would like to enhance its collection of **East Alton-Wood River Community High School yearbooks** and is in need of yearbooks from 1990 through 2021. If you would like to donate yours, please drop it off at the museum at 40 W. Ferguson Ave or mail it to: Wood River Heritage Council, P.O. Box 222, Wood River, IL 62095. Make sure to let the postal clerk know that it is a book and get the discounted postage rate.

The Heritage Council's **2022 calendar** titled **"Wood River Celebrates"** is still available for purchase at the museum, city hall, and the public library.

**Camp DuBois** will be hosting a rendezvous on **May 7 & 8**. This will be a timeline event and reenactors from different time periods are invited to set up encampments and visit with the public as you enjoy the day. There will also be a **Fall Rendezvous on October 22 & 23**. Camp DuBois is generally open to the public during daylight hours, unless it has been rented by a private group (scouts, reenactors, family, etc.)

Remember that the **Historic Chapel** is available for rental for small events. **The chapel seats 40-50 guests**. If you would like to reserve the chapel, please call 618-258-7237.

# WOOD RIVER PARKS AND RECREATION

The Parks and Recreation Department sponsors the following programs.

Please call 251-3130 for information or to register.

\*All programs subject to change\*

## YOUTH PROGRAMS

**JR. CHEERLEADING CAMP:** Come and learn your favorite cheer. K-3<sup>rd</sup> 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 18-22 from 9:00 am-11:00 am at the Roundhouse.

**Fee:** \$25.00 **Registration:** Month of June

**CHEERLEADING CAMP:** Be a cheer ahead of the game.

A cheerleading camp will be offered July 18-22 from Noon -2:00 pm at the Roundhouse. This camp will involve sideline cheers, a floor cheer and assistance with mounts. 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited.

**Fee:** \$25.00 **Registration:** Month of June

**POM POM CAMP:**

This camp will introduce and instruct students in poms and will be offered July 25-29 from 9:00 am-11:00 am at the Roundhouse.

**Fee:** \$25.00 **Registration:** Month of June

**TRI-CITY SOCCER:**

For children ages 5 – 13 this league is offered in conjunction with East Alton, Roxana and Wood River. Games begin in September on Saturday mornings and some weeknights.

**Fee:** \$40 (includes a T-shirt) **Registration:** May through July.

**LIL-KICKERS SOCCER:**

The Wood River and Roxana Recreation Departments offer an Instructional Soccer program for children ages 3-4. This instructional program takes place over four Saturday mornings and requires parent involvement. Program begins in September.

**Fee:** \$25.00 (includes a T-shirt) **Registration:** in August

**YOUTH LEAGUE PARADE**

Come on out and enjoy the opening day with the Annual Youth League Parade to be held on Saturday, June 4 at 10:30 a.m. This parade consists of all Tri-City youth league baseball/softball participants and the Wood River Instructional Leagues. The parade begins on Ferguson and ends at Central Park.

**Wood River Parks & Recreation  
Discrimination Complaint Procedure  
Notice:** 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

**FALL/WINTER GYMNASTICS:** This is a great way to improve your child's strength and coordination levels. The program runs August thru May on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday evenings. Registration begins in August. Classes held at the Roundhouse.



Classes offered:

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

# SPECIAL EVENTS

## Ice Cream Social:

Beat the heat this summer at Central Park and the Roundhouse on Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm for a home town Ice Cream Social. The Wood River Womens' Club is a co-sponsor with the City. There will be ice cream, games, food and a Pie Eating Contest. Bring your appetite and join us for all the fun!



## Bike Ramble:

Bring your kids for a safe and exciting family night bike ride at the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Bike Ramble on Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. The lineup is at 7:00 pm and the ride will start at 7:30 pm. 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.



## Adult Softball

**2022 FALL LEAGUE:** Registration begins in June and the deadline is August 5, 2022. All leagues begin play during the first week of September, weather permitting. Fees are TBD.

### Men's League (2 Umpires)

Monday Men's Open - (Double Round Robin)

Wednesday Men's Open - (Double Round Robin)

Friday Men's Open - (Double Round Robin)

### Co-Ed League (1 Umpire)

Thursday Co-Ed Open - (Double Round Robin)

## Senior Program 55+

Adults age 55+ are invited to join in activities for an annual fee of \$12.00. Meetings are held at 11:00 am on the second Thursday of every month at the Roundhouse. After a brief meeting, a full meal is served and the cost is only \$5.00 per person. After paying the annual fee each member is entitled to four free meals to celebrate the following occasions:

**Mother's Day** (May)

**Father's Day** (June)

**Thanksgiving** (Nov.)

**Christmas** (Dec.)

After the meal is served, bingo is played with each winner awarded a small cash prize. The cost of the bingo is funded by a 50-50 drawing and the meal and bingo usually end about 1:30 pm.

## Appearance Board

The Appearance Board looks for residences and businesses that have made overall property enhancements.

Appearance Awards are given on a monthly basis at City Council meetings May through September.

If you know of someone who is deserving of this award, please contact City Hall at 251-3100.



**Mayor Stalcup presents a donation check to members of the Senior Program.**



# Wood River Public Library News

## Celebrating 100 Years Serving the City of Wood River!

Join us on Sunday, July 3 for a BIRTHDAY BASH for the library.

Stop by today and get your limited-edition centennial library card.

## Read Beyond the Beaten Path



We are partnering with the East Alton Public Library District for Summer Reading. We kick off

Thursday, June 2 at 5:00 with games, crafts, and food in the Wood River Library parking lot. Registration opens May 20. Everyone is being challenged to *log 30 days of reading*. Participate and enter to win prizes and attend the Finale Pool Party.

Programs run June 1-July 9

**Preschool (3-5yr)** Tuesdays at 10:00 @ WRPL

**Kindergarten-5<sup>th</sup> Grade-** Tuesdays at 2:00 @EAPLD

**Young Adults (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)** Thursdays at 2:00 @WRPL

**Adults (18+)** Mondays at 6:00 @EAPLD

**Family Nights** Thursdays at 6:00 @EAPLD

### 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 3 years you're at 1,095. Read the same book over and



over? Each time you read it counts! Log your books using Beanstack and at the end earn a t-shirt and a scoop of ice cream from Blue Ice Creamery!

### 12 in 12 Reading Challenge

Read 12 books in a variety of categories. This reading challenge is designed for teens and adults looking to step outside their comfort zones. Sign up any time during 2022. Quarterly prizes and a grand prize!

Register for our reading challenges here:



Scan with your smartphone to get registered!

### Community Garden

Our Community Garden is up and running! If you are interested in being a part of this project, please contact the Library. We need your help to make this a true community resource.

**Mark your calendar:** June 4 the Wood River Public Library Foundation will be hosting an event to celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.



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

- Book Club
- WeeJam
- Zillah the Comfort Dog
- Family Lego Build Day

Call the Library or follow us on Facebook for more information on these events!

*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 **500 libraries!** **Your library card gives you access to our online resources:**

- New York Times
- CreativeBug (by Joann Fabrics)
- TumbleBooks (ebooks for children)
- ABCMouse (educational games for kids 2-8+)
- CloudLibrary (eBooks and eAudiobooks)

### Download the free SHARE Mobile Library App!

Request & renew your items and check your account all from the palm of your hand!

### 2021 in Review

Items Checked out: 26,533  
Patrons in our building: 20,047  
Money Saved: \$982,380.81  
Programs/Events: 202  
Attendance to Programs: 11,861  
Items added: 3,763

*Additional Services We Provide:*

- Copies (black & white and color)
- Fax
- Lamination
- Bus Passes (MCT system and local)
- Notary Services (call ahead)
- Scan to Email
- Wifi
- Register to Vote
- Meetings rooms available

**VISIT US:** 326 E. Ferguson Ave

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