

Upcoming Events

Week of September 7-17

Hydrant Flushing

October 2 (TBD)

Annual Firefighters'

Fish Fry

11:00 am to 6:00 pm

October 30

Halloween Parade

10:30 am

October 23 & 24

Camp du Bois

Rendezvous

October 25

Halloween Party

7:00 pm at the Roundhouse

October 30 & 31

Trick or Treat 6-8 pm

Nov 1 – Dec 14

Leaf Pick-up

(See Map on Page 2)

November 11

Veterans Memorial

Ceremony

1:00 p.m. at Central Park

November 27

PD 5K &

Winterville Festival

Downtown: Time TBD

December 11

Breakfast with Santa

@ Roundhouse

8:00-10:00 a.m.

April 9th

Easter Egg Hunt

@ Central Park

Time TBD



Downtown "Welcome Sign" made possible with grant funds.

Happy 40th Anniversary to the Pipeline! The first edition was published in November 1981. The mission statement printed in that very first issue was:

"Published by the City of Wood River to inform its residents and to promote a better understanding between government and the people it serves".

We hope to carry on that mission for the next 40 years!!!

Public Services – Project Updates

Acton Ave. Rotomill and Resurfacing – COMPLETED

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. The project is under design and is tentatively set to bid June of 2022. The start of construction will be timed with the State St. sewer separation project.

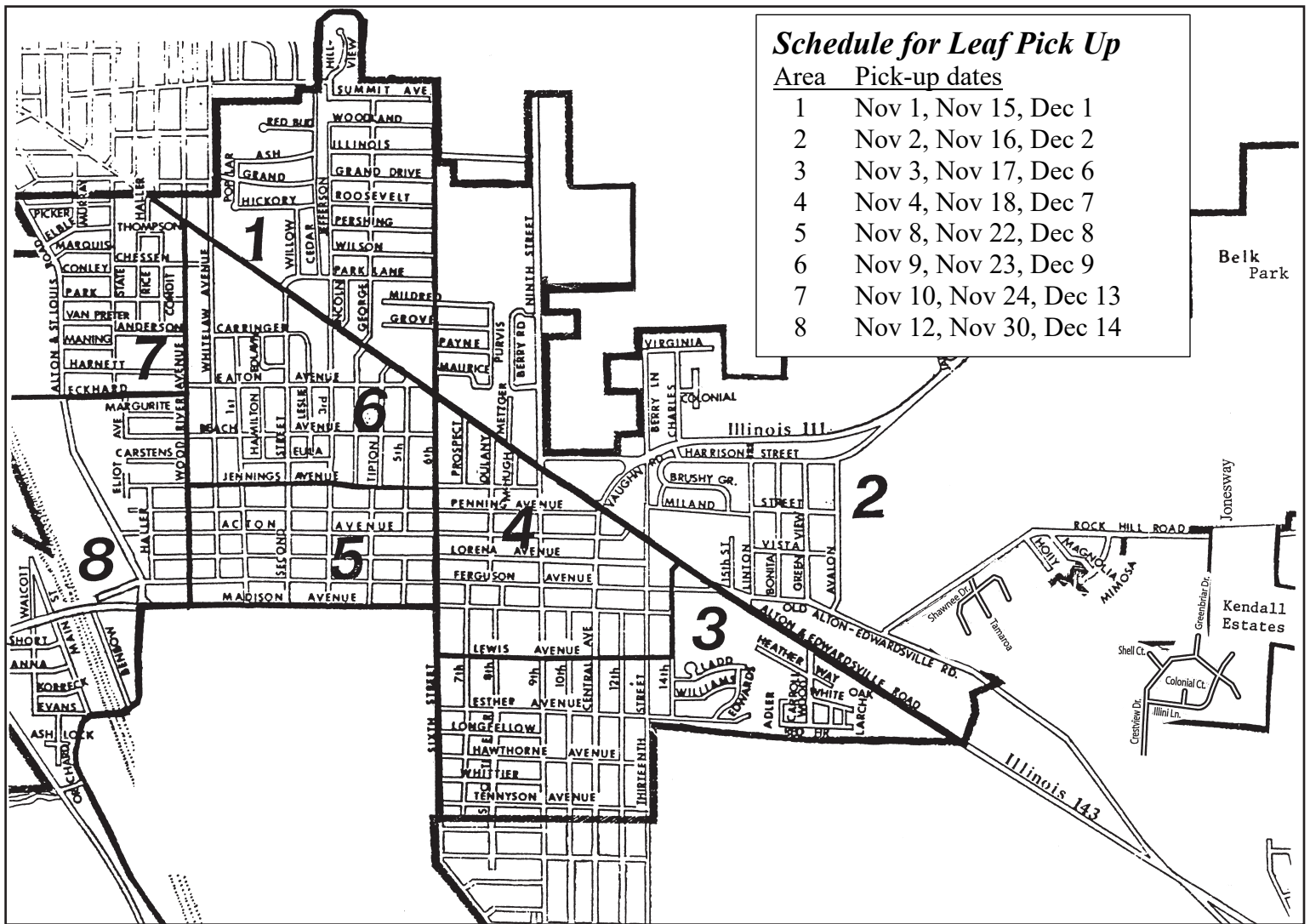
State St Waterline Phase 1 – installed a new 12" water main on State St between Harnett and Elbe **COMPLETED**

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 Haller. Construction will tentatively begin May 2023.

Manhole Lining Phase 3&4 – will line approximately 150 manholes that are in desperate need of rehabilitation. The lining will re-establish structural stability within the manholes and stop them from leaking. (Most of these manholes are brick and well into 80 years of age). Construction began in August.

6th St Rotomill and Resurfacing – This project is on 6th St from State Route 143 to the city limits with Roxana. Intersections will be upgraded to handicap accessibility and tentatively will bid in September. Project construction costs are covered 100% by additional Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) money the City is receiving over the next 3 years. Construction could begin as early as October.

Water/Sewer Billing: Check out Page 3 for billing schedule information. We encourage you to sign up for direct debit by bringing a voided check to the Water Billing Department at City Hall. You may also pay online at woodriver.org or over the phone at 855-966-6582. Call 251-3131 for more information.



Schedule for Leaf Pick Up

Area	Pick-up dates
1	Nov 1, Nov 15, Dec 1
2	Nov 2, Nov 16, Dec 2
3	Nov 3, Nov 17, Dec 6
4	Nov 4, Nov 18, Dec 7
5	Nov 8, Nov 22, Dec 8
6	Nov 9, Nov 23, Dec 9
7	Nov 10, Nov 24, Dec 13
8	Nov 12, Nov 30, Dec 14

This map is for LEAF PICK UP ONLY. No planters or junk will be picked up during this schedule

Storage of Trash/Recycle Containers

Holiday Trash Pick-Up Schedule 2022

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. **2022 holidays observed by the hauler are Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day and Thanksgiving.**

"BIG TRASH" Pick-ups

Those houses with Republic Services trash service get 2 FREE bulk item pick-ups per calendar year. Residents must pre-schedule these pick-ups by calling Republic Services customer service at 656-6883.



City Code states that 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 cooperation in this matter, it is appreciated.

Deposits on Streets & 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.

Hydrant Flushing

The City will be flushing and testing Fire Hydrants from September 7th through the 17th. 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.

Snow Routes

Please remember during 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.

Christmas Tree Recycling

Christmas trees may be disposed of at the City Dump/Compost Site at 400 Smith Ct. in the Envirotech Business Park at no charge. Please remove all ornaments and tinsel from the tree before bringing it to the facility. Hours are Friday, Saturday & Monday 8am-4pm and Sunday Noon-4pm. Call 251-3122 for more information

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 70% complete and is currently estimated for construction in April 2022 and will last approximately 2 years.

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. Engineering is about 50% complete. This project is out for bids & could begin construction in October and will last approximately 6 months.

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

COMPLETED Water Tower #1 Painting consisted of overcoating the existing tower paint and added approximately 10 years of life to the tower at which time it is estimated to reach its end of life and will need to be replaced.

Sidewalk Replacement (Various Locations) – will replace sidewalks throughout the City in various locations. Estimated start date is TBD.

Recreation Center is heading into the Design Development phase with bidding by end of the year.

Water/Sewer Billing

Billing Schedule

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

Take advantage of paying your bill online at 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.

EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES

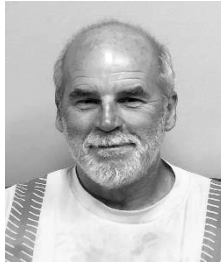
25 Years

Jason
Crutchley



20 Years

Mike
Meyers



15 Years

Brady
Greene



10 Years

Jason
Gerner



5 Years

Jacob
Roberson



Not Pictured:

Darrell Jose – 20 years
Stacy Ehrman – 15 years
Joshua Timmins – 15 years
Karen Weber – 10 years

Police News

PD ANNUAL 5K & CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

This year's 5K is scheduled for November 27th with a new route through Downtown. More information is available on the PD's Facebook page and 5K registration can be found at

<https://register.chronotrack.com/r/61289>

The Appearance Board will relocate the Winterville Fest and join with Downtown business owners along Ferguson to hold a Christmas Festival the same day. Watch for festival information on Facebook at Appearance Committee, City of Wood River.

TRICK OR TREAT SAFETY TIPS

The Police Department encourages parents to be involved with children's trick or treat activities and to supervise them closely.

- 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, watch for potential problems

Trick or Treat:
October 30th & 31st
from 6-8pm for
children under 12
years old.

Fire News

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 PREVENTION

October is fire prevention month and October 3rd to 9th is officially fire prevention week. This is an important time to educate our community about fire safety practices in your home. Simple measures can mean so much:

- * test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors monthly
- * change detector batteries twice per year
- * have a fire extinguisher in the house

Having and practicing a home fire escape plan is critical to ensure your family is best prepared in the event of a fire. This includes knowing two ways out, having an outside meeting place, and an understanding **when you're out...you stay out (never go back in)**.

Teach young ones to know when to call 9-1-1, and have a plan for multiple floor and basement emergencies in your home.

Remember: the fire department provides free home fire safety inspections, just contact the fire station at (618) 259-0984 ext. 2.

Important: Stay up to date on information regarding the Annual Firefighters Fish Fry and the Halloween Parade by visiting the Fire Department page at woodriver.org

POLICE DEPARTMENT – NEW FACES



The City of Wood River would like to welcome our newest Patrolmen, Telecommunicators and Cadet:

Patrolmen

Nathan Hawkins was hired on March 22. Officer Hawkins previously worked as a Police Officer with the East Alton Police Department. He earned a Bachelors degree from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville and graduated from the Southwestern Illinois Police Academy in February 2019.

Dustin Johnson was hired on May 26. Officer Johnson also previously worked as a Police Officer with the East Alton Police Department. He earned an Associates degree from Southwestern Illinois College and graduated from the Southwestern Illinois Police Academy in December 2017.

Brian Brown was also hired on May 26. Officer Brown previously worked as a Police Officer with the Troy Police Department. He earned a Bachelors degree from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and graduated from the Illinois State Police Academy in March 2017.

Tyler Gallaher was hired on June 14. Officer Gallaher previously worked as a Police Officer with the Hartford Police Department. He holds a Bachelors degree from SIUE and graduated from the Southwestern Illinois College Police Academy in June 2017.

Telecommunicators

Luke Simmons was hired on April 1. T/C Simmons worked briefly as a cadet before he transitioned into his new role.

Ryan Giacalone was also hired on April 1. T/C Giacalone previously worked as a Dispatcher with the Bethalto Police Department for 5 years.

Cadet

Andrew Ickler was hired on March 22. Cadet Ickler is currently attending SIUE majoring in Criminal Justice.

New Hires: Building & Zoning and Public Services



Charlie Keshner was hired on May 3 as the General Inspector. He retired from the East Alton Police Department after 22 years of service and 26 years total as a police officer.



Randy Hopkins was hired in Water Distribution on March 22. He was formerly employed with Wood River Refinery as a Firefighter and has been a Paid-On-Call Firefighter for the City since 2009.

Camp DuBois Rendezvous

The **Rendezvous** is scheduled for **October 23 & 24**. Times are: 9 am – 5 pm Saturday and 9 am – 2 pm Sunday. Come enjoy Black Powder shoots, Bow shoots, Flag Raising at 10:00 am both days, Vendors & Traders, Food and the Bread oven will be hot & running. **For more information, contact:** Luke Reinhold at 314- 223-2621

Please Note: The camp's grounds are a wide-open space and it is usually not a crowded event. It should be easy to maintain social distancing at this site.

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

LIL-KICKERS SOCCER

The Wood River and Roxana Recreation Departments offer an Instructional Soccer program in the fall and spring. Children ages 3-4 are invited to participate. This program takes place over four Saturday mornings. There will be instructor lead drills with parents & child. The registration fee is \$25.00 and includes a t-shirt. Watch for registration in August/September for fall and March/April for spring. The Instructional Soccer fall program is scheduled to begin in September.

TRI-CITY YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE: Wood River, East Alton, & Roxana have teamed up together to offer a Tri-City Basketball League. The leagues that are being offered this year will be 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. Call the Round House for more information 251-3130.

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. The registration fee is \$25.00. Each participant receives a completion certificate. Registration begins in September. For more information, call 251-3130.

TRI-CITY YOUTH BASEBALL & 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 early bird fee of \$35.00, regular fee \$40, (\$5.00 late fee after registration date).

Boys:	Age 8 – 9	Rookie League – Pitching Machine
	Age 10 – 11	Minor League – Player Pitch
	Age 12 – 13	Major League – Player Pitch
	Age 14 – 16	Juvenile – Player Pitch
Girls:	Age 8 – 9	Ponytail League – Pitching Machine
(Modified	Age 10 – 12	Petite League – Player Pitch
Pitch)	Age 13 – 16	Chic League – Player Pitch
Co-Ed:	Ages 4-5	Tee Ball League - Instructional League
	Ages 6-7	Coach Pitch League - Instructional League



All of the above 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.

FALL/WINTER GYMNASTICS: This is a great way to improve your child's strength and coordination levels. The program runs August thru May on Tuesday & Wednesday evenings. Registration began in August.

Classes offered:

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

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 then call 251-3130

SPECIAL EVENTS

HALLOWEEN PARTY: The Recreation Department will be hosting the 36th Annual Halloween Party on Monday, October 25, 2021, from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. 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 36th Annual Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 11th, 2021 from 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. Breakfast will be held at the Roundhouse Recreation Center, 633 N. Wood River Ave. Don't miss this opportunity for great family fun. Breakfast for children includes 2 pancakes, 2 sausage links, and juice or milk. Adult breakfast includes 3 pancakes, 3 sausage links, and choice of milk or coffee. Cost \$3.00 children and \$4.00 adults. Pictures with Santa will also be taken for a 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 to be awarded to those finding special eggs. The Wood River Public Library will be there as well with crafts for each child. Each child receives a bag of candy from the Easter Bunny. Prizes are donated by Wood River area merchants. Be sure to bring your camera! Please contact the Roundhouse to hear about current adjustments made due to COVID-19. **Date:** Saturday, April 9, 2022 **Time:** TBD

Adult Softball

2022 SUMMER LEAGUE: Registration begins in February and the deadline is March 31, 2022. All leagues begin play during the last week of April, 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)

Square Dancing

The Wood River Square Dance Club lessons are 2 hours on Thursdays and begin September 9 at 7pm. The first week's class is free. Bring a partner and join in the fun. After completing lessons, you may be interested in joining the Hoedowners at 7pm on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month for some square-dancing fun. The Wood River Square Dance Club has danced at the Roundhouse since 1949 and is the oldest club in existence in Illinois since its creation by Mayor Lucien Ringering.

Appearance Awards

The following were recognized at Council meetings:

May

Mark & Sandy Hurtt – 157 Grand
Ironworks Auto Sales – 535 6th St

June

Brady & Jennifer Trask – 650 9th St
Russell's Corner Café – 84 E. Ferguson

July

Mary Hobbs – 1280 Cedar
Hornsey Moving & Storage – 360 Ferguson

August

Benjamin & Laura Michael – 502 Whitelaw
Imo's Pizza – 2561 Vaughn Rd

September

Monique Tumbleson – 448 5th

Winterville Fest

The annual Winterville Fest is joining with the new Downtown Christmas Festival on November 27th. Attendees will be treated to refreshments and a visit from the Grinch. There will also be games and prizes for kids. Follow the Appearance Board on Facebook for more information at: Appearance Committee, City of Wood River.

The annual Christmas Tree Decorating Contest has been replaced with a Gingerbread Decorating Contest! This event will be open to all resident students in the Wood River area. Students may enter a gingerbread house of their own design (pretzels, popsicle sticks, graham crackers, lego blocks, etc.) Three winners will be chosen: 3rd place-\$25; 2nd place-\$50; 1st place-\$75. Houses will be displayed in various city locations and on the Appearance Board Facebook page. Further information will be available the first of November. Contact the Roundhouse at 251-3130.

Wood River Public Library News

Thank you for making "Reading Colors Your World" a success this summer!

More than 3,000 books were read by the community and hundreds of activities were completed. We hope you enjoyed challenging yourselves. We look forward to next year for *Read Beyond the Beaten Path*.

A **Special Thanks** to our Summer Reading Program Sponsors: First Mid Bank & Trust, Waggoner Equipment, Trickey's Towing, Jack Schmitt Chevy, Marks Mortuary, Busey Bank, Wood River Laborers' Local 338 & Wood River Kiwanis

Pie in the Face: Battle of the Badges

We took our annual fundraiser to the next level this year and pitted Wood River Fire against Wood River Police in a Battle of the Badges. This year's winner is Wood River Fire Department who received the most money with \$3,193.20. Total raised was over \$6,000.00 for new computers. Thank you to our first responders for supporting this fun event!

Team Fire Department: Chief Wade Stalhut, Captain Bill Hall, Captain Nate Kamp, Engineer/EMT Jacob Palen, Paramedic Jason Gerner.

Firefighter/Paramedic Kris Ayers also joined in on the fun!!

Team Police Department: Chief Brad Wells, Deputy Chief Chris Johnson, Sergeant Josh Timmins, Sergeant Brady Greene & Patrolman Chris Alfaro



Online Resources – FREE with your Library Card! Find them on our website!

- TumbleBooks- eBooks and eAudiobooks 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 eAudiobooks
- Freegal- Like spotify for libraries! With over 15 million songs to choose from, there's something for everyone. Stream up to 3 hours daily and download music each week.
- Creativebug- Thousands of craft videos from Joann's Fabrics. Everything from knitting, to cake decorating, to leather work!
- New York Times- Database filled with every New York Times article as well as videos, recipes, and even lesson plans!

We're Here to Help!

Technology Help

Wood River Public Library can help you with your smartphone or tablet. Need to create an email? We can help with that too!

Misc. Services Provided

Copies-
\$0.20 for b/w; \$0.50 for color

Fax-
\$1.00 first page, \$0.25 each page after

Notary- free

Scan to email- free

Lamination- 8 ½ 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!**

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 anyone to access fresh produce for free!

Events & Programs for Everyone!!

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

Mark your calendars!

Harry Potter Party-
Saturday, 10/9
Family Reading Night-
Thursday, 12/2
Party with the Police-
March 2022



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Visit our website: www.woodriverlibrary.org

Email us: info@woodriverlibrary.org

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