

PIPELINE

Due to the pandemic, all events listed in this newsletter are subject to change and/or cancellation.

Special Events

June 5 & 6
Camp DuBois Rendezvous

June 11
Bike Ramble

7:30 p.m.

July 11

Ice Cream Social

@ Central Park

3-6 p.m.

November 27

PD 5K and Downtown Christmas Festival All day

Farmers Market

The Market will be held every Thursday from 4 p.m. to dusk July 1st through September 30 in the parking lot at Madison Avenue. Visit often for locally grown fresh produce and a whole lot more. Support your local growers.

Water/Sewer Billing

Check out Page three for important information regarding billing schedules. There is also a new Kiosk available in City Hall to pay your bill without waiting in line. Call 251-3131 for more information.

Mayor and Council Sworn In

The City Council was sworn in at the May 3rd City Council meeting. Newly-elected Mayor Tom Stalcup and Councilmen Jeremy Plank & Scott Tweedy join currently seated Councilmembers Leroy Duncan & Sonya Hagaman. Councilwoman Hagaman was sworn in at the April 19th Council meeting replacing the seat vacated by Councilman Chris Stanley after his resignation on April 15th. The Mayor and City Council look forward to serving the citizens of Wood River. Visit woodriver.org for their contact information.









Mayor Stalcup

Sonya Hagaman

Jeremy Plank

Scott Tweedy

Police Memorial Flag Poles

The Fallen Officer Memorial located in front of the Police Department received a new addition in January. Three flag poles were installed with generous donations from local businesses. The concrete pad was donated by RCS Construction and the flag poles (with materials) were donated by GRP Wegman. The City is grateful for their time and material donations and thanks them for their community support.

The flag poles were designed by Mark Wadlow and represent the old refinery property that the Police Department is built upon. The American Flag pole is equipped with a blue light to be illuminated when a Police Officer is killed in the line of duty. The Police Department is still raising funds for the final steps of completion on the memorial.



Belk Park Clubhouse New Entry Doors



Check out the new entryway doors at Belk Park Clubhouse. This was a long overdue renovation as the original doors were from the early 90's. Book your tee time today by calling 251-3115.

Public Services Department: Information to Know

Like and follow the Public Services Department at www. facebook.com/woodriverpublicservices

Street Asphalt Program for 2021

Location	From	To
Lorena	Whitelaw	6th St.
3rd St.	Rt. 143	Eaton
George	Jennings	Eaton
Tipton	Jennings	Eaton

The public works department will also continue to oil and chip alleys in zone seven and zone eight this year. These two zones include "Little Italy" and streets west of Wood River Ave.

Project Updates

COMPLETED 6th Street Resurfacing Phase 2—resurfaced 6th Street from Edwardsville Road to State Route 143. All intersections were upgraded to handicap accessibility and the road was striped.

COMPLETED Streetscape Phase 2—still awaiting installation of the sign "Historic Downtown Wood River"

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 current construction cost estimate is \$1,000,000 and are covered 75% by the State and 25% by the County with construction to begin August 2022.

State St. Waterline Phase 1—project will install a new 12" water main on State St between Harnett and Elble. The City is applying for a \$100,000 grant from Madison County Community Development. Project construction cost is estimated at \$300,000 covered 33% by the County and 67% by the City with construction beginning this spring.

State St. Waterline Phase 2—project will continue the new 12" water main on State St and will run from Elble to Cotter and then continue to Haller. Project construction cost is approximately \$100,000 and expected to begin October 2022.

Manhole Lining Phase 3 & 4—projects will line approximately 150 manholes that are in desperate need of rehabilitation. The lining will re-establish structural stability within the manhole and stop them from leaking. Most of these manholes are brick and well over 80 years of age. Construction cost is approximately \$300,000 and begins this spring.

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



New Hire

The City welcomes **Dakota Barrett** to the Street Department as a Laborer. Prior to being hired full-time, Dakota could be seen around town as a part-time mower in the Building & Zoning Department since 2012.

Trash and Recycle

City Code states: Waste and Recycling containers are to be placed beside or behind the residence within 24 hours after the scheduled collection day.

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

Holiday Schedule for Trash/Recycling Pickup

Holidays observed: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving & Christmas Day

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 woodriver.org.

Lawn and Brush Clean Up

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.

Water/Sewer Billing & Finance Department

251-3131

New Finance Director

Chris Sobrino joined the City as Finance Director in December 2020. Formerly employed with public accounting firm Scheffel Boyle for seven years, he is a graduate of SIUE with both a Bachelors and Masters degree in Accountancy. He currently sits on the Board of Directors for Scott Credit Union and volunteers for the Meridian Award interview day at SIUE.

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 payment is not received in our office by the due date.

Shut Off Notice: The 15th of the month after the bill is transmitted (or \$25 fee added at 8 a.m. the following business day)

Shut Off: The 25th of the month after the bill is transmitted (or \$60 fee added at 8 a.m. the following business day)

Remember: check the message center and the reverse side of your water/ sewer bill for important information.

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

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.

Public Notice

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 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.

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.

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.

Important Note about Water Meters—DO NOT mow over the top of the radio on your Water Meter. These meters are costly to replace.

Notes from 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.

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.

If you receive a letter for property maintenance violation(s) please **DO NOT** ignore it. Property owners are ultimately responsible for everything that happens on property they own, including the alleyway. Educate your tenants/occupants so a bill and/or court summons does not show up in your mail. If you are a tenant/occupant please mow and weed eat in a timely manner and do not neglect the alleyway, especially if you have a fence.

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 & Police Department News

Our Men and Women in Uniform-Wood River's Finest

Fire Department



Welcome back to Engineer/Paramedic Kris Ayers and Paid-On-Call Firefighter Julian Blount from their recent military deployment with US Army Unit EN DET 355 & 736. Thank you for your dedicated service!

Congratulations to newly promoted **Fire Captain Bill Hall**. Captain Hall has been with the fire department since 1989 when he was a Paid On Call Firefighter. He was hired as a Full-Time Firefighter in 1994. Captain Hall is a 2nd generation firefighter with the Wood River Fire Department after following in the footsteps of his father, Ralph Hall.

Smoke Detector Importance

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 six months (if not 10-year lithium ion unit) or during daylight savings time clock adjustments.
- Smoke detectors replaced every eight to 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.

Police Department

New Hires:

The City of Wood River would like to welcome the newest Patrolmen:



Evan Ford was hired on April 6, 2020. Officer Ford formerly worked as a Police Officer with the Okawville Police Department

and graduated from the Police Training Institute in 2008. Officer Ford attended Spoon River Community College and Western Illinois University with an emphasis in Law Enforcement.

Geoffrey Fester was hired on January 4, 2021. Officer Fester worked as a Police Officer with the East Alton Police Department and graduated from



the Southwestern Illinois College Police Academy in 2019. He has a Bachelors of Science in Architectural Technology from Ranken Technical.



The Police 5K is now being joined with a Downtown Christmas Festival on Saturday, November 27. This is an all day event. Follow the department's Facebook page "Wood River Police Department" to get up-to-date information.

Special Recognition & Congratulations

Police Officer and Telecommunicator of the Year 2020

The 3rd annual awards were given to:

Detective Aaron Burns has been instrumental in making the newly formed Street Crimes Unit successful. Detective Burns is also going through an extensive background process to be selected to the FBI Drug Crime Task Force. Detective Burns has played a large role in recent drug search warrants and narcotic arrests resulting in cleaning up properties and shutting down drug houses while holding occupants and homeowners responsible. Detective Burns' dedication and hard work make him an invaluable asset for the citizens of Wood River.



Telecommunicator Jacob Roberson has demonstrated skills in leadership, creativity and professionalism in the four years he has been with the police department. T/C Roberson has taken the lead on numerous office tasks that help make the department more efficient and has assumed a leadership role in training new dispatchers. T/C Roberson's skills, knowledge and willingness to help others makes him deserving of this award.



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



Police Officer Chris Alfaro was presented with the "Those Who Excel" Award from the Illinois State Board of Education and Wood River Hartford District #15. Officer Alfaro teaches the "Too Good For Drugs" program and is an invaluable asset to the Wood River community. Congratulations Officer Alfaro!



Library Director Lindsey Herron celebrated her five year anniversary in 2020. Congratulations Lindsey!



Congratulations to the Lewis & Clark Junior High Lady Patriots – 8th Grade Volleyball Team. The IESA Madison County Conference 2021 Regional and Sectional Champions!



The Parks and Recreation Department sponsors the following programs throughout the summer. Please call 251-3130 for information or to register. For information on all programs and any adjustments due to COVID-19 please call 251-3130

YOUTH PROGRAMS

JR. CHEERLEADING CAMP: Come and 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 one week in July from 9-11 a.m. at the Roundhouse. Fee: \$25 Registration: May 1-31.

CHEERLEADING CAMP: Be a cheer ahead of the game. A cheerleading camp will be offered one week in July from 12-2 p.m. at the Roundhouse. This camp will involve sideline cheers, a floor cheer and assistance with mounts. 4th through 8th grade students are invited. Fee: \$25 Registration: May 1-31.

POM POM CAMP: This camp will introduce and instruct students in poms and will be offered one week in July from 9-11 a.m. at the Roundhouse. Fee: \$25 Registration: May 1-31.

GYMNASTICS: This is a great way to improve your child's strength and coordination levels. The program is an eightweek session, August thru May on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

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

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 (includes a T-shirt). Registration: in August.

YOUTH LEAGUE PARADE: The Annual Youth League Parade date TBD. 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.

ADULT CLUBS & ACTIVITIES



2021 FALL SOFTBALL:: Registration begins in June and the deadline is August 6. All leagues begin play during the first week of September.

AICOHOLICS 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, The Hoedowners, was started in 1949 by Mayor Lucien Ringering. It 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 is an added bonus and it is pure enjoyment set to music. A new class will begin in September, on Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. Once you have completed lessons, you may join 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.

Wood River Parks & Recreation Discrimination Complaint Procedure Notice: Wood

River Parks & Recreation programs & 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.

SENIOR ADULT PROGRAM 55+

Adults age 55 and over are invited to join in activities for an annual fee of \$10. Meetings are held at 11 a.m. on the second Thursday of every month. After a brief meeting, a full meal is served with catering by Chef Bob. The cost per meal is only \$5 per person. After paying the annual fee of \$10 each member is entitled to four free meals to celebrate the following occasions:

Mother's Day Father's Day Thanksgiving Christmas

After the meal, bingo is played with each winner awarded \$2. The cost of the bingo is funded by a 50-50 drawing and the meal and bingo usually ends about 1:30 p.m.



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.

Christmas Spirit Awards

The Appearance Board recognized the following homes for their seasonal displays with the 3rd Annual Christmas Spirit Awards.

431 5th	403 Penning
433 5th	969 Poplar
201 Greenbriar	302 Whitelaw
121 Illini	

S P E C I A L E V E N T S

Bike Ramble:

Bring your kids for a safe and exciting family night bike ride at the 12th Annual Bike Ramble on Friday, June 11th. 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.





Ice Cream Social:

Beat the heat this summer at Central Park and the Roundhouse on Sunday, July 11th from 3-6 p.m. 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 in the fun!

Heritage Council News

Due to the continuation of the COVID-19 pandemic and the desire to protect its volunteers, the Wood River Museum & Visitors Center, as well as the Historic Wood River Wedding Chapel, will accommodate visitors or interested wedding parties by appointment only. To schedule an appointment or showing, please phone the museum at (618) 254-1993. When prompted, please press "1" and leave your name, phone number, and a brief message. Someone will respond to your message as soon as possible.

The theme of the 2022 Heritage Council Calendar is Wood River Celebrates. The calendar will feature different types of celebrations and events that have occurred in the past and present. Please contact the Heritage Council via the Museum at 254-1993 and share your favorite community celebrations and memories. This annual calendar is the primary fundraiser for the Heritage Council and will be available for sale in early November.

Camp DuBois will host a Mountain Man Rendezvous June 5th and 6th. Times are: 10 am - 5 pm on Saturday and Sunday. This re-creation features fife and drum corps, old time band performances, food court, sutlers, demonstrators, costumed interpreters and a black powder shoot on Saturday. For more information contact Djuana Tucker at 618-975-8897.

For information about other events at Camp Dubois 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 Public Library News

Everything you're into!

Reading "Colors Your World"

Summer Reading kicks off Saturday, June 5 at 11 a.m. with games, crafts, and food. Registration opens May 1. Each age group has its own reading goal and activities each week. Participate and enter to win prizes and attend the Finale Pool Party.

Programs run June 1-July 10

- Preschool (3-5 yrs.) Tuesdays at 10 p.m.
- Kindergarten-5th 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.

Search the City

Sign up for the city-wide scavenger hunt using the Beanstack app! Read the clues and head to that location in Wood River. Enter the text code there to mark it off your list. Those who finish will be entered to win a goody basket representing the locations in our scavenger hunt!

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

What is 1000 Books Before Kindergarten? Exactly that! Read 1000 books to your child before he/she enters Kinder-

garten. 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 Beanstack and at the end earn a t-shirt and a scoop of ice cream from Blue Ice Creamery!

Read the Rainbow Reading Challenge

Read 10 books with the colors listed in the challenge in the title or as the predominate color on the cover. This reading challenge is designed for teens and adults looking to step outside their comfort zones. Sign up any time during 2021. Quarterly prizes and a grand prize!

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.

Wood River Public Library Foundation Memorial Garden

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

Look for our regular programs to run through the summer months (pending COVID restrictions):

- · Book Club
- Bar Top Book Club
- Creative Circle
- WeeJam
- Tales2Tails with 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)
- Freegal (music streaming service)

2020 in Review

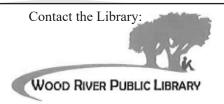
- Items Checked out: 21,934
- Computer Uses: 1,259
- Patrons in our building: 15,838
- Money Saved: \$444,971.24
- Programs/Events: 202
- Attendance to Programs: 10,541
- Items added: 2,328

Additional Services We Provide:

Copies (black/white and color), Fax, Lamination, Bus Passes (MCT system and local), Notary Services (call ahead), Scan to E-mail, Wifi, Register to Vote and Meeting Rooms available.

THANK YOU TO OUR PATRONS!

We are extremely thankful to our patrons who were patient and understanding with us while we navigated the COVID-19 pandemic. We loved seeing everyone either virtually or in person.



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