

From the desk of Mayor Tom:



Fall is approaching and I wanted to give our citizens an update on all of the projects going on around town and a few events coming up.

Our East End Detention project is coming to completion. What may slow the completion is the pump station where we are waiting on all the parts for the pump.

The Fall Paving Projects are on schedule and will start soon, see the E-Newsletter for more information. To sign up for the E-Newsletter text WRNEWS to 22828 to be added to the list.

The State Street Sewer Separation Project continues to move forward, working with the US Army Corp of Engineers. Over 90% of the engineering work is complete.

6th Street Detention Plan expansion continues and the 9th Street portion to expand the plan has been given the green light by the US Army Corp of Engineers. This project will begin after the completion of the East End Detention project. The intent of the 6th St. project is to bring approximately 200 homes out of the flood plain.

Bids will be taken for repairs o the Roundhouse on roof repair, tuck pointing and more. That work should start soon. Director Woody will bring bids to the Council so work can begin. Bids for the 14th St. Park pickle ball court and sidewalks will be awarded at the September 6 City Council Meeting. Extensive work by Director Woody and crew is growing this park for our citizens.

I am very pleased that the City of Wood River has passed an ordinance, at the City Council Meeting August 2, on the First Time Home Buyer program. The City is committed to develop affordable housing and expand opportunities for home ownership. We appreciate the hard work Interim City Manager Palen and Finance Director Sobrino in putting the program together. Visit the City website for more information or contact City Hall.

The Downtown area continues to grow with new businesses like 1929 Pizza & Wine and C&B Boiled Bagels opening soon.

Fall events coming up include:

October 1st 11a-2p - Food Truck Festival - Located on Ferguson Ave. between 1st and Wood River Avenue brought to you by the Wood River Enrichment Network & the Downtown Wood River Business District.

October 22nd 7:00pm - Movie Night "Hocus Pocus" - EAWR High School Football Field Hosted by Oiler Nation and sponsored by Wood River Enrichment Network, Mason Mansion & the City of Wood River.

October 26th 6pm-8pm - Downtown Trick or Treat - Location: Downtown Business District Brought to you by the Wood River Enrichment Network.

October 29th 10:30am - Halloween Parade - Lining up at 6th Street.

November 3rd 6:00pm - Coffee & Conversation- Wood River Public Library. This month meet Fire Chief Wade Stahlhut and find out how our Fire Department is such an intricate part of life for our citizens on top of saving lives and keeping us safe.

As always, if you have questions or suggestions please call me at 618-781-3126 or email at Tstalcup@cityofwoodriver.com