



# PIPELINE

SUMMER 2023

## See the Good in Wood River!

### A QUICK NOTE FROM MAYOR STALCUP

As we enter the summer months the City of Wood River is busy with a lot of activities. I would like to invite everyone to the Ice Cream Social at Central Park on July 9 from 3:00-6:00 pm. Come and enjoy ice cream and an afternoon of fun with your neighbors, friends, and family. July is also the beginning of the Wood River Farmers Market located in the parking lot between 143 and Ferguson Ave; join us every Thursday from 4:00pm-dusk. Enjoy fresh goods from local farmers, bakers, and artists.

Development on the east end of town, 143 at 255, will start to be seen. The detention pond is complete to handle the flooding issues and new businesses are starting to build. The Sports Barn will break ground in the next few weeks. This is a baseball/softball training facility that draws athletes from all around the area. Midwest Petroleum Company is building a new gas station/convenient store on Hwy 143, next to Schnucks. This will serve customers on our east side of town and Hwy 255 traffic.

Our Downtown district is continuing to grow with the addition of small businesses like Alley Cat Glass Co, C&B Boiled Bagel and Rachel & Co Coffee House. Construction is ongoing for new businesses like Atomic Pinball, Shameless Taco, Mean Street Tattoo Heaters Chicken and Mac's on Ferguson, all hoping to open in the coming months.

We are excited to welcome all these new businesses to Wood River and wish them nothing but success.

The new Pickleball Courts at 14<sup>th</sup> Street Park are complete and being enjoyed by all getting a good workout while having a good time playing pickleball.

Renovations to the Roundhouse and bandstand with new roof, tuck-pointing, new siding, painting, and floors sealed to guarantee our citizens a well-kept and comfortable recreation hall for all to use. Call our recreation department for reservations, 618-251-3130.

Ball season is in full swing with baseball, softball games being played across the city at our ball diamonds. It was great to see all our future big leaguers' parade through town prior to the beginning of the season in the annual parade.

After this ball season is complete, the baseball field at Emerick Park will get a face lift with new turf, dug-outs, backstops, and a complete overhaul. This investment with the help of grants won on the hard work of our Parks Director will build the new home for the East Alton Wood River Oilers for the 2024 baseball season.

All our City Employees are working hard to better our community with clean streets, water, and sewer services, safe with fire and health support and protection to keep our families safe from harm.

I hope you all enjoy the remainder of your summer. Please stay safe and I hope to see you around town.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**FARMERS MARKET  
EVERY THURSDAY  
4PM-DUSK**

**NATIONAL  
NIGHT OUT  
AUG 11**

**OILER NATION  
CELEBRATION  
AUG 12**

**FOOD TRUCK  
FESTIVAL  
OCTOBER 7TH**

**WOOD RIVER  
CHILI COOKOFF  
OCT. 21ST**

**WOOD RIVER  
HALLOWEEN  
PARADE  
OCT. 28TH**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON  
WHAT'S HAPPENING VISIT THE CALENDAR AT [WOODRIVER.ORG](http://WOODRIVER.ORG)**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS  
ARE HELD THE 1ST & 3RD MONDAY OF THE MONTH  
WATCH THEM LIVE ON FACEBOOK OR ON [WOODRIVER.ORG](http://WOODRIVER.ORG)**

### NEED TO KNOW NUMBERS

**CITY HALL  
618-251-3100**

**PUBLIC SERVICES  
618-251-3122**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT  
618-259-0984- NON EMERGENCY**

**POLICE DEPARTMENT  
618-251-3114-NON EMERGENCY**

**PARK AND REC  
618-251-3130**

**WOOD RIVER LIBRARY  
618-254-4832**

**REPUBLIC SERVICES  
618-656-6883**

## 2023- PUBLIC SERVICES PROJECTS

### Old Alton/Edwardsville Road

This project will be a total reconstruction. Existing pavement will be removed and replaced. New storm sewers, sanitary sewers, and waterlines will be installed. The current cost estimate for the project is 1.4 million dollars. Preliminary Engineering has begun. Construction could begin as soon as the summer of 2023. It will take approximately 4 months to construct. Project is currently 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 accessible. There will be new striping for this length of road. The current construction cost estimate is \$1,000,000. Project design has been completed and has a hopeful bid date sometime between July of 2023 and June of 2024. This timeline depends on the State St Sewer Separation Project. It cannot be constructed until the Wood River Ave part of that project is completed. Project construction costs are covered 75% by the State and 25% by the County. Project construction would then hopefully begin within a month of bidding. Again, timing with the State St sewer separation project will affect when this project is to be constructed.

### State St Waterline Phase 2

This project will continue the new 12" water main on State St and will run from Elble to Haller then continue to Wood River Ave on Edwardsville Rd. Engineering has been completed. The total project cost is approximately \$150,000. Construction will tentatively begin July 2023.

### Edwardsville Rd Phase 1

This is a rotomill and resurfacing project on Edwardsville Rd, from East Alton Village limits to approximately 2nd Street in Wood River. Intersections will be upgraded to be handicap accessible. Project is a 24/25 project and could bid as early as June 2024. Project construction costs are covered 75% by the State and 25% by the County. Project has begun preliminary engineering. The total construction cost is estimated to be \$630,000.

### State Street Sewer Separation

This project 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. The current construction cost estimate is \$15,000,000. Project construction costs are covered 75% by the Corp and 25% by the City. The City received notice of 3.5 million dollar grant from the Corp of Engineers to complete phase 1, as well as notice of pending 3.5 million for Phase 2. Project design is complete and is currently estimated for construction in August 2023 for phase 1 and will last approximately 1 year. Phase 2 should begin shortly thereafter and will also last approximately 1 year.

### East End Detention Pond

Project 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 complete. The project bid is 1.87 million dollars. IEPA loan forgiveness will be approximately \$613,000. Project is completed.

### 6th Street Detention Expansion

Project 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. The current project cost estimate is 5.0 million dollars. Construction is currently estimated to begin Summer of 2024 and will last approximately 6 months.

### Sidewalk Project (Various)

This project will replace sidewalks in various locations in conjunction with the Cities overlay projects. The total project construction cost is approximately \$100,000. Project is completed.



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# WATER/SEWER BILLING INFORMATION

## Billing Schedule

<b>Meter Reading:</b>	On or about the 26 <sup>th</sup> of the month.
<b>Bills Transmitted:</b>	On or about the 5 <sup>th</sup> of the month
<b>Due Date:</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> of the following month
<b>Penalty:</b>	A 10% 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 618 -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

## STREET REPAVING LOCATIONS

Location	From	To
Leslie	Eaton	Eula
4th St	Rt 143	Jennings
Acton	9th St	Rt 111
Summit	Dead End	City Limits
Hillview	Summit	Dead End
George	Jennings	Eaton
Tipton	Jennings	Eaton
Dulaney	Edwardsville Rd	Halloran
7th St	Ferguson	Rt 143
8th St	Ferguson	Rt 143

## WOOD RIVER PUBLIC SERVICES 618-251-3122



## 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.

## 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.

## HOLIDAY TRASH PICKUP

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.



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**WOOD RIVER REFINERY**  
24-Hour Community Concern Line  
618-255-3375

# POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Did you know you have a Police Officer assigned to your address? The entire city has been divided into districts. Every address in the city has an officer assigned. The officer's duties for their districts are to provide another avenue for you to ask questions or work out a particular issue if you do not feel comfortable making a police report. This is another path for Wood River P.D. to be connected with our great community. If you want to find out who is assigned to your address email our Administrative Assistant Erica Chalcraft at [echalcraft@woodriverpolice.com](mailto:echalcraft@woodriverpolice.com)

## OFFICER AND TELECOMMUNICATOR OF THE YEAR



### Detective Christopher Alfaro-Officer of the Year 2022

Detective Christopher Alfaro has been with the Wood River Police Department for over 14 years. Det. Alfaro was assigned to the Detective Division in July 2021. He was an obvious choice for the position due to his attention to detail, work ethic, and sincere compassion for victims. Detective Alfaro makes a difference in our community every day and exemplifies the mission of the police department.



### Telecommunicator Kacey Hill-Telecommunicator of the Year 2022

In addition to performing her job at an exemplary level, T/C Hill was nominated by her peers for her actions in dispatch during several critical incidents in 2022. T/C Hill has recently been trained as a Communications Training Officer. She displays leadership, creativity, and professionalism while training new Telecommunicators. T/C Hill is described by her supervisor as a model employee.

### Reminders from the Police Department :

- Many people must park on the roadway. If you do park on the streets, please make sure you are parked facing the right direction, with the flow of traffic.
- Do not block driveways.
- Do not park across the sidewalk.
- Do not park in front yards.
- Any vehicle parked on the street must have a valid registration.
- Unattached trailers/R.V.'s cannot be parked on the streets at any time.
- Any vehicle parked on your property must have a valid registration and not be considered a derelict vehicle.



### New Hires

Kenneth Lutz was hired in June 2022. Officer Lutz previously worked as a Police Officer with the Staunton Police Department and the Terminal Railroad. He has an Associates Degree from SWIC.



### Wood River Police Association Trivia

The Wood River Police Association will be holding their Trivia Night this fall. Keep a watch for the date to be posted on the WRPD Facebook once the date has been finalized.



**POLICE NON EMERGENCY NUMBER 618-251-3114**

**FOLLOW ON FACEBOOK  
WOOD RIVER POLICE DEPARTMENT**



# FIRE DEPARTMENT



Jacob Palen successfully completed the national accredited paramedic program at Christian Hospital Northeast, passed the national registry written exam, and state of Illinois/EMS system psychomotor assessment. Obtaining his state of Illinois paramedic license in January 2023.



Engineer/Paramedic Kris Ayers was recognized by the mayor and city council for being awarded the 2022 Firefighter of the Year. This award was presented December 21st at the Wood River Firefighters Association holiday party, and is based on nominations from within the fire department organization by his peers and association board making the final decision. Congratulations to Engineer/Paramedic Ayers for the well deserved award! We are grateful for your efforts and dedication!



Because of the hard work of the WRFD the City of Wood River is now classified as a ISO class 3 rating.... check you insurance providers for potential benefits!

## Pool Safety

### DO

**Have rules** for your pool, ensure everyone knows them—and restate them often

**Install fencing** to keep people out of the pool area without your knowledge

Most communities require fencing at least four feet high around all sides of the pool. Determine specific regulations for your area.

**Keep children away** from the filter inlet, which can draw young children underwater

**If you have children in your pool**, make sure they know how to swim or have them wear protective flotation devices, but don't rely on these devices to exclusively protect the child

**Evacuate the pool** during a thunderstorm or in the rain

### DON'T

**DON'T:** allow glass or sharp, breakable items in the pool area

**DON'T:** swim alone

**DON'T:** allow adults who have been drinking alcohol into the pool area. Alcohol and swimming don't mix

**DON'T:** allow running, diving, pushing or dunking in your pool

**DON'T:** leave children unattended in or near the pool area for any reason

### Pool safety checklist

Have a cell phone in the pool area and post emergency numbers nearby 9-1-1

Remove anything near a pool's fence that children could climb on to get into the pool, like tables, chairs, vegetation or toys

Collect all toys from the pool at end of each day so that children don't wander after them

Make sure at least one adult supervisor in the pool area knows CPR

When leaving the pool area, make sure all gates, locks, safety covers and alarms are working properly

Talk to your independent insurance agent about adding an umbrella policy, in case the unexpected happens.

Sources: poolsafely.gov, backyardlifeguards.com

The FD currently has 2 paramedics assigned to each of the three shifts, for EMS/medical incidents in the city. We are an Illinois Department of Public Health Non-Transport Advanced Life Support (Paramedic) provider.



## SMOKE DETECTOR SAFETY TIPS

- 1) Change your batteries 2x a year — an easy way to remember is change them at Daylight Savings Time.
- 2) Smoke detectors that are 10+ years old should be replaced.

## APPEARANCE COMMITTEE

This year, as an Earth Day project, the committee participated in the Wood River Clean Up Day which was held on April 22. The event was sponsored by Senator Erica Harriss' office. As part of the project, the committee cleaned and prepared city planters for flowers in late May.

Appearance awards will be presented during the months of May- September - one will be for business and the other for a residence. Please contact City Hall or a committee member to nominate a property.

# PARK & RECREATION PROJECT UPDATES

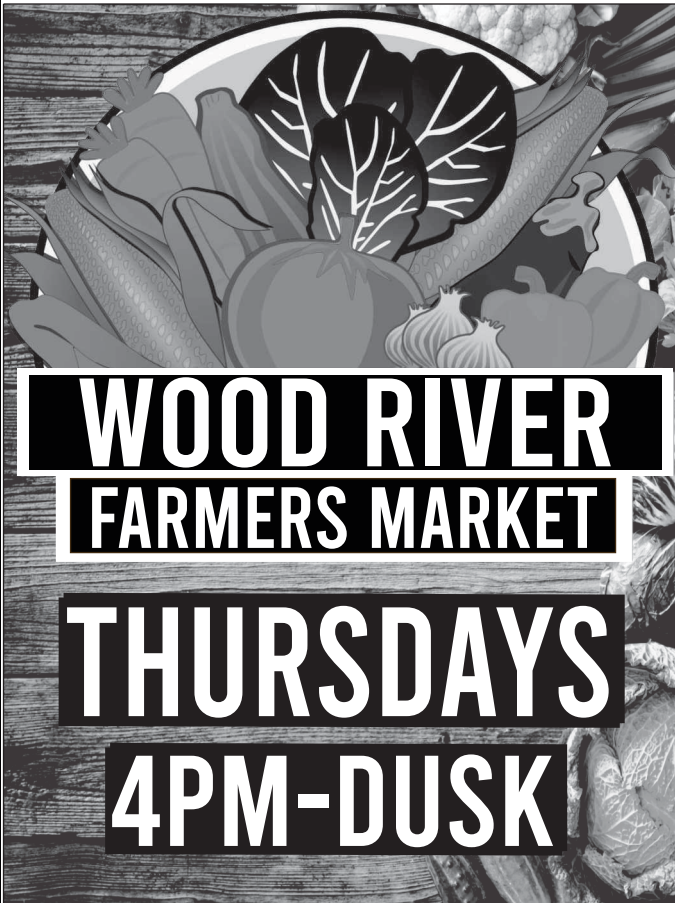
**RECREATION CENTER UPDATE:** Construction continues to take place on the new Recreation Center being built next to the Roundhouse. The building is really starting to take shape and structural steel insertion should be completed by early May. The metal roof sheeting will also be installed in the Spring, which will enable more interior work to start. For more updates, follow our Facebook Page @ Wood River Parks & Recreation.

**ROUND HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS:** Throughout the Spring, numerous improvements have been taking shape. The interior floors were waxed, walls were painted, and new light fixtures were installed. Work continues to take place on the exterior with tuckpointing of the brick façade along with roofing and siding improvements. Floor repairs and new awning installation are on deck for the summer months.

**14<sup>th</sup> STREET PARK PICKLEBALL COURTS:** 4 brand new pickleball courts have been completed at 14<sup>th</sup> Street Park. These courts are open to the public and we look forward to the citizens of Wood River partaking in the growing leisure sport.



**WOOD RIVER PARKS & RECREATION**



**WOOD RIVER  
FARMERS MARKET  
THURSDAYS  
4PM-DUSK**

## ADULT LEAGUE

**2023 ADULT FALL SOFTBALL:** Registration begins in June and the deadline is Friday, August 11, 2023. All leagues are USA Softball sanctioned. Games begin the first week of September, weather permitting. Fees are TBD.

### MENS LEAGUE (2 Umpires)

Monday Men's Open – (Double Headers)  
Friday Men's Open – (Double Headers)

### CO-ED LEAGUE (1 Umpire)

Thursday Co-Ed Open – (Double Headers)

For more information on pricing and scheduling please contact  
Wood River Parks & Recreation  
618-251-3130



## CENTRAL PARK PLAYGROUND:

Central Park playground has been removed and the new playground will be finished this summer. A \$450k grant has paid for this all inclusive playground that will be a destination playground for all of our citizens.



# YOUTH PROGRAMS

**FALL/WINTER GYMNASTICS:** This is a great way to improve your child's strength and coordination levels. The program is an eight-week session. Classes are held from August thru May. Gymnastics Classes are offered on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings.

Parent & Tot: 2yrs-3yrs	\$45
Early Gymnastics: 4yrs-5yrs	\$55
Beginner Gymnastics: 6yrs & Older	\$65
Intermediate Gymnastics: 6yrs & Older	\$65
Advanced Gymnastics: 6yrs & Older	\$65
Tumbling: 6yrs & Older	\$65



**TRI-CITY SOCCER:** Wood River, Roxana & East Alton have joined together once again to form a soccer league. Children ages 5 - 13 are invited to participate. The registration fee includes a T-shirt. Games begin in September on Saturday mornings and some weeknights. Watch for registration in May, June & July.

**LIL-KICKERS SOCCER:** Wood River, Roxana & East Alton have partnered with Elite FT Soccer & Fitness Training to provide an instructional soccer clinic. Children ages 3 - 5 are invited to participate. This program takes place over four Saturday mornings. This is an instructional program with parent involvement. The registration fee is \$40.00 and includes a t-shirt. Watch for registration in August. The Instructional Soccer program is scheduled to begin in September.



## WOOD RIVER HERITAGE COUNCIL

The Wood River Heritage Council has had a busy 15 months. The historic Chapel has been refreshed both inside and out, and we now have dressing area for the bridal party. The Chapel provides an intimate setting for small (40-50 guests) weddings, vow renewal ceremonies or other small events. If you are interested in reserving the chapel, please call 618-258-7237.

The Fall Rendezvous will be October 28 & 29. Camp DuBois is generally open to the public during daylight hours, unless it has been rented by a private group (scouts, reenactors, family, etc.)

The 2024 Heritage Council Calendar will feature businesses that have been based in Wood River for 50 or more years. You will be surprised at how many there are.

Don't miss the 400-pound 22 ft long/18-inch-wide dugout canoe currently on display at the Museum. This behemoth of a canoe was carved from a cottonwood tree by Churchill Clark, the 4<sup>th</sup> great grandson of William Clark. You may want to check out our reference library to explore Wood River's past, including pictures of every baby (well, at least 99%) born at Wood River Township Hospital.

The Council is still looking for East Alton-Wood River Community High School yearbooks from 1990 through 2022 to enhance our collection. If you would like to donate yours, please drop it off at the Museum (#40 W. Ferguson Ave.) or mail it to: Wood River Heritage Council, P.O. Box 222; Wood River, IL 62095 (ask for book rate postage).

We are also looking for old pictures of the buildings and businesses in the downtown area. If you have some that you are willing to donate or loan so that we can make copies, please let us know.

Visit the museum on the first and third Fridays and Saturdays of each month (1:00-4:00pm). If you would like to show visitors from out of town our museum on some other day, leave a message at (618) 254-1993 to schedule a visit.

Keep up to date with events and programs by checking out our website: [woodriverillinoismuseum.org](http://woodriverillinoismuseum.org) and the Wood River Heritage Council Facebook page.



# WOOD RIVER PUBLIC LIBRARY

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☎ **CALL US:** 254-4832

🔗 **FIND US:** woodriverlibrary.org

## READ on the Wild Side

Summer Reading kicks off Thursday, June 1 at 5:00 with games, crafts, and food in the library parking lot. Registration opens May 1. This year participants are working to win a virtual BINGO using the Beanstack app by reading and completing activities. Cover your sheet to get entered to win a \$50 Amazon gift card.

Events run June 1-July 15.

- **Preschool (3-5yr)** Tuesdays at 10:00am
- **Kindergarten-5th Grade** Tuesdays at 2:00pm
- **Teens (6th-12th grade)** Thursdays at 2:00pm
- **Adults (18+)** Mondays at 6:00pm
- **Movie Matinee (family movies)** Fridays at 12:00pm
- **Weekly Performers:** Wednesdays at 10:00am \*at Wood River Round House
  - June 7- Celia's Sing Along Dance Party
  - June 14- Bloque Berry Puppets
  - June 21- Magician Rusty Pliers
  - June 28- Musician Babaloo
  - July 5- Animal Tales

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

- Book Club
- WeeJam
- Zillah the Comfort Dog
- Family Lego Build Day
- Dungeons & Dragons
- Chair Exercise
- Yoga

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



Scan for our website!

## 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!

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## BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE!

- New York Times
- TumbleBooks (ebooks for kids)
- ABCMouse.com (educational games)
- CloudLibrary (ebooks and audiobooks)
- Trainings & Tutorials
- Digital Magazines

- Copies (b/w and color)
- Fax
- Lamination
- Bus Passes (MCT local and system)
- Scan to email
- Free Wifi
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- Meeting rooms available

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