

Upcoming Events

Week of October 16-20
Hydrant Flushing

October 7
Food Truck Festival
Central Park
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

October 21
2nd Annual Chili Cookoff
Downtown
2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

October 28
Halloween Parade
10:30 a.m.

October 28 & 29
Camp Dubois
Fall Rendezvous

October 30 & 31
Trick or Treat 6-8 pm

Oct 30 – Dec 12
Leaf Pick-up
(See Map on Page 3)

November 11
Veterans Memorial
Ceremony
EAWRCHS Memorial
Gymnasium
4:00 p.m.

December 9
Breakfast with Santa
Roundhouse
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

March 23
Easter Egg Hunt
Central Park
Time: TBD



New Playground & Challenge Course at Central Park made possible with grant funding from the Rebuild Illinois Capital Plan

Public Services – Project Updates

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 1.6 million dollars. Preliminary engineering has begun. Construction could begin as soon as the Summer of 2024. 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 Village limits to Ferguson Avenue. All intersections will be upgraded to handicap accessibility and 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 Street Sewer Separation Project. It cannot be constructed until the Wood River Avenue part of that project is completed. Project construction costs are covered 75% by the State and 25% by the County. Project construction should begin within a month of bidding. Timing with the State Street Sewer Separation Project will affect when this project is to be constructed.

Edwardsville Road Waterline/State Street Waterline Phase 2 – This project will continue the new 12" water main on State Street and will run from Elble to Cotter then continue to Wood River Avenue on Edwardsville Road. Engineering has been completed. The project has been bid and the total cost is \$275,000. Construction will tentatively begin October 2023.

Manhole Lining Phase 3&4 – This project will line manholes and pipes that are in desperate need of rehabilitation. The lining will re-establish structural stability within the manholes and pipes and stop the manholes and pipes from leaking. Most of the manholes are brick and the old pipes are clay tile. All are well into 80 years of age. The City has been making inventory of remaining manholes to be done and will soon move to pipe lining. The current project cost estimate is approximately \$150,000. The next phase of linings will begin July 2024.

Water/Sewer Billing: Check out Page 4 for billing schedule information. We encourage you to sign up for direct debit online by visiting the portal at www.woodriver.authoritypay.com.

Public Services – Project Updates Continued

Edwardsville Road Phase 1 – This is a rotomill and resurfacing project on Edwardsville Road from East Alton Village limits to approximately 2nd Street in Wood River. Intersections will be upgraded to be handicap accessible. Project is a 2024/2025 project and could bid 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.

Edwardsville Road Phase 2 – This is a rotomill and resurfacing project on Edwardsville Road from 2nd Street to 6th Street. Intersections will be upgraded to be handicap accessible. Project is a 2025/2026 project and could bid as early as June 2025. 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 \$744,000.

1% Sales Tax – Project Updates

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 17 million dollars. Project construction costs are covered 75% by the Army Corp of Engineers and 25% by the City. The City received notice of a 3.5 million dollar grant from the Army Corp of Engineers to complete Phase 1, as well as notice of pending 3.5 million dollars for Phase 2. Project design is complete and is currently estimated for construction in January 2024 for Phase 1 and will last approximately 1 year. Phase 2 should begin shortly thereafter and will also last approximately 1 year.

6th Street Detention Expansion – Project will expand the capacity of the 6th Street Detention Pond and allow all the homes in that area to be removed from the flood zone. The current project cost estimate is 5 million dollars. Construction is currently estimated to begin Winter 2023/Spring 2024 and will last approximately 9 months.

Sidewalk Project (Various) – This project will replace sidewalks in various locations throughout the City. The total project construction cost is approximately \$250,000. Project is set to take place Summer 2024.

Recreation Center – It's hard to believe it's been over a year since ground was broken on the Recreation Center! We are nearing construction completion, and we anticipate the building being completed this December. The plan is for the building to be fully operational to the public in early January 2024. The major components that are still left on the building include: elevator install, gymnastics equipment install, fiber internet construction, glass window panels in the archway of the roof, gymnasium/track floor install, building signage, and recreation software implementation. We look forward to having an open house for the public to see the building in November. We will post that information to our Facebook page when the date is decided.

Previously Completed 1% Sales Tax Projects

East End Detention Pond – \$2,000,000
Water Tower 1 Painting – \$200,000
Water Tower 3 Painting – \$175,000
Sidewalks (Various) – \$95,000
Roundhouse Repairs – \$90,000
14th Street Park Pickleball Courts – \$90,000

Parks & Rec Upcoming Project

Dwiggins Baseball Field Renovation:

This fall, work will begin on renovations to Dwiggins Baseball Field at the Emerick Sports Complex at 6th Street Park. The renovation will consist of new dugouts, fencing, backstop with netting, new scoreboard, infield/outfield resurfacing and new bleachers. This will be a great enhancement to Tri City Baseball and will also serve as the Home Field for the East Alton Wood River Oilers Varsity Baseball Team.

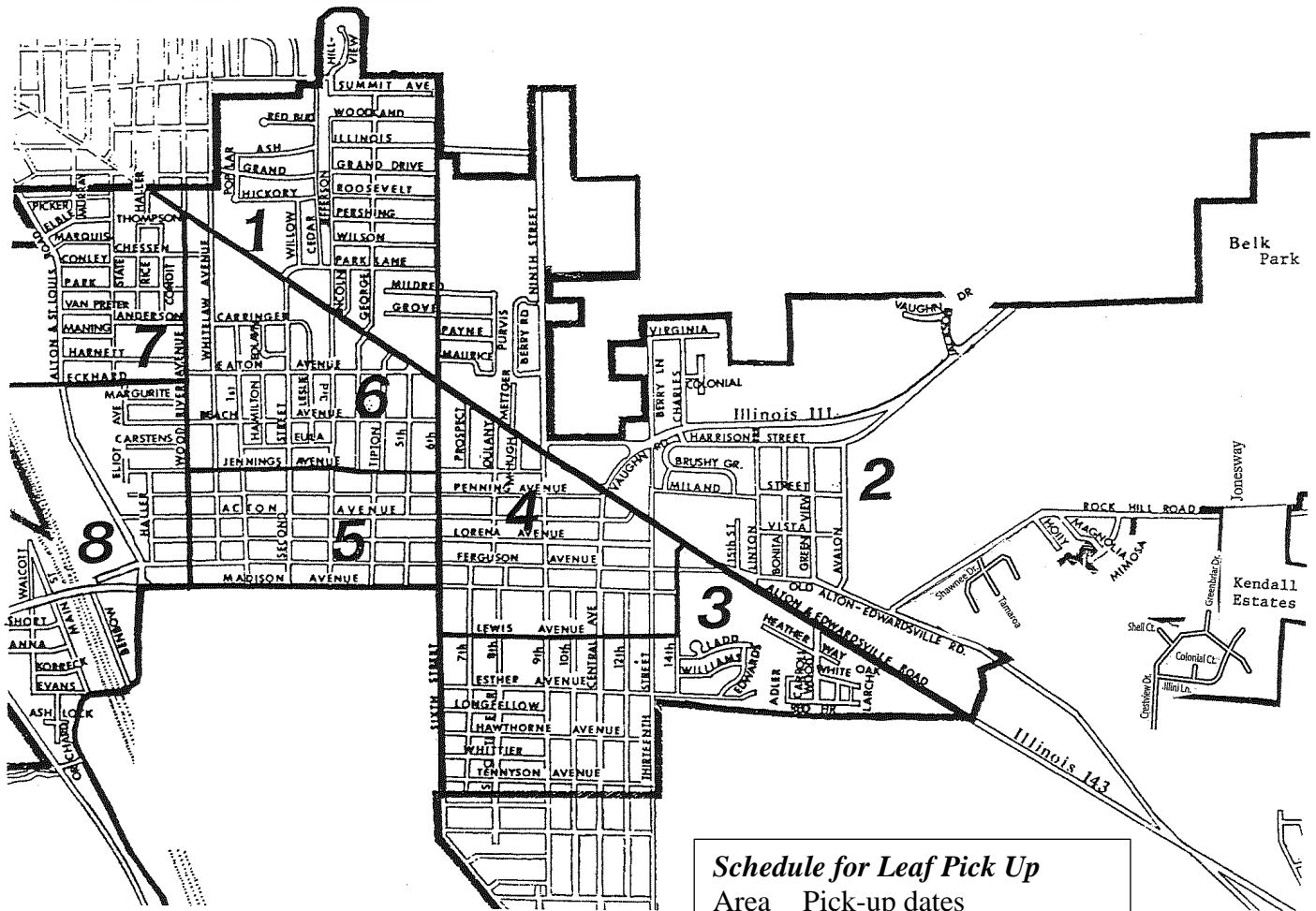
Deposits on Streets & Sidewalks

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.



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.



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

<i>Schedule for Leaf Pick Up</i>	<i>Area</i>	<i>Pick-up dates</i>
	Zone 1	Oct 30, Nov 13, Nov 29
	Zone 2	Oct 31, Nov 14, Nov 30
	Zone 3	Nov 1, Nov 15, Dec 4
	Zone 4	Nov 2, Nov 16, Dec 5
	Zone 5	Nov 6, Nov 20, Dec 6
	Zone 6	Nov 7, Nov 21, Dec 7
	Zone 7	Nov 8, Nov 27, Dec 11
	Zone 8	Nov 9, Nov 28, Dec 12

Holiday Trash Pick-Up Schedule 2023

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. **Remaining 2023 Holidays observed by the hauler are Thanksgiving Day & Christmas Day.**

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.

Water/Sewer/Trash Billing

Billing Schedule

Meter Reading: On or about the 26th of the month.

Bills Transmitted: On or about the 5th of the month

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

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

Take advantage of paying your bill online at www.woodriver.authoritypay.com or over the phone at 855-966-6582. If you are over the age of 62 or receiving social security, please bring your ID and/or social security award letter to the Finance Dept. to see if you qualify for a penalty waiver.

Bulk Pickups

Those houses with Republic Services trash service get **TWO FREE** bulk item pickups per calendar year. Residents must pre-schedule these pickups by calling Republic Services Customer Service at 618-656-6883.

Fire News

October is fire prevention month and October 8th to October 14th 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:

- Smoke detectors should be installed in bedrooms, on each floor, mechanical/utility area, and as of January 2023 be working toward 10-year sealed battery units.
- Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors should be tested monthly, and replaced at expiration of detector or when they go bad.
- If you still have non-sealed smoke detectors, change detector batteries twice per year – **change your clock, change your batteries.**
- Have a fire extinguisher in the house – Recommended on each floor and in the garage.

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)!** If there is smoke, make sure to stay low to the floor.

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

Remember: The Fire Department provides free home fire safety inspections and has a smoke detector installation program, just contact the Fire Station at 618-259-0984, Option 1.

Hydrant Flushing

The City will be flushing and testing Fire Hydrants from October 16th through the 20th. 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 618-251-3133.

Ever wonder what the grey cap is on the big discharge of a fire hydrant? The Fire Department in cooperation with the Water Department have been replacing 4" steamer discharge caps with Storz adapters. This allows the Fire Department to secure our water supply hose directly to the largest discharge of a fire hydrant. It helps to maximize the available water in that area. This project is nearing completion. If you don't see this grey capped appliance, either we haven't got to it yet or the hydrant doesn't allow for that option.

EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES

30 Years

Leonard Revelle



10 Years

Micah Redman



Not Pictured:

Sam Zangori – 10 years

CITY HALL NEW HIRES

The newest face at City Hall belongs to **Kayla Hosford**. Hired for Human Resources/Payroll Specialist, she started with the City in August 2023. She was previously employed at Alton Community School District as a Bookkeeper. Kayla resides in Wood River with her husband and two children. She is on her way to getting her Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration.

Another new face at City Hall belongs to **Courtney Corbitt**. Courtney was hired as the Deputy Clerk in August 2023. She previously worked in childcare. Courtney resides in Wood River with her husband and two children.

POLICE NEW HIRE



Nicole Morris was hired in May 2023. Officer Morris previously was with the Belleville Police Department. Nicole has an Associates Degree in Criminal Justice from LCCC.

Police 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, e-mail our Administrative Assistant Erica Chalcraft at echalcraft@woodriverpolice.com.

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.

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.

DOWNTOWN CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

The Police Association will bring Santa to Downtown Wood River! Watch the Police Department Facebook Page for event announcements & dates.

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 618-251-3122 for more information.

WOOD RIVER PARKS AND RECREATION

The Parks and Recreation Department sponsors the following programs.

Please call 618-251-3130 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 3-5 are invited to participate. This program takes place over five Saturday mornings. We partner with Elite FT Youth Sports Training for this program. There will be instructors that lead drills with parents & child. The registration fee is \$50.00 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 new Wood River Recreation Center & Roxana Community Gym. Registration will start November 1st. Call the Wood River Parks & Recreation Department for more information 618-251-3130.

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 618-251-3130.

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:

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 is an eight-week session and classes are held from August through May on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday evenings.

CLASSES OFFERED:

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

Registration for the Winter 2023 Session will start on October 17 for returners and October 23 for new registrants. New Year 2024 Session Registration will begin in early January 2024.

Adult Softball

2023 SUMMER LEAGUE: Registration begins in February and the deadline is March 29, 2024. All leagues begin play during the last week of April, weather permitting. We partner with Alton Parks & Recreation for these leagues. Games will be played at 6th Street Park in Wood River and Gordon Moore Park in Alton. Fees are TBD.

Men's League (2 Umpires)

Monday Men's Open - (Double Round Robin)

Tuesday Men's Open - (Double Round Robin)

Co-Ed League (1 Umpire)

Wednesday Co-Ed Open - (Double Round Robin)

SPECIAL EVENTS

RECREATION CENTER JOB FAIR: Wood River Parks & Recreation will be hosting a Job Fair at the new Recreation Center (655 N. Wood River Avenue) on Thursday, October 19, 2023, from 5:00-7:00PM. We are looking to hire part time workers for the following positions: Front Desk Attendants, Part Time Recreation Center Managers, Group Fitness Instructors, Part Time Custodians, Summer Camp 2024 Director and After School Program Supervisors. For more information call the Wood River Parks & Recreation Department at 618-251-3130.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: Get your name on Santa's list at the 37th Annual Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 9, 2023, from 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. Breakfast will be held at the Roundhouse, 633 N. Wood River Avenue. 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 for children and \$4.00 for adults. Be sure to bring your camera!

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 on Saturday, March 23, 2024, with the time to be determined. 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 will also receive a bag of candy from the Easter Bunny. Prizes are donated by Wood River Area Merchants. Be sure to bring your camera!

Heritage Council

The Annual **Camp Dubois Fall Rendezvous** is scheduled for **October 28 & 29**. The Rendezvous event celebrates the pre-1840's fur trade era with reenactors encamped at the replica of Lewis and Clark's 1803-1804 winter encampment. Come see tomahawk & knife throwing, black powder & archery contests, bread oven & other period demonstrations. Public hours for the Rendezvous are Saturday 9-5pm & Sunday 9-2pm.

The **2024** Rendezvous Schedule has been set, so mark your calendars for next year:

January 27 & 28	Winter Rendezvous
March 2 & 3	Spring Rendezvous
April 27 & 28	Time Line Event
October 26 & 27	Fall Rendezvous

The Heritage Council Calendar will go on sale in late October or early November. The theme for next year's calendar is businesses in Wood River that have been open for 50+ years. You can purchase calendars at City Hall, the Library, Farm Fresh, Rustic Roots, First Mid Bank and Trust, and the Museum to name just a few locations. The price will once again be \$5.00. The Heritage Council is also willing to mail calendars for an extra fee.

Also remember the Historic Wood River Chapel is available for small weddings or other small events (40-50 people). If you are interested in reserving the chapel, please call 618-258-7237.

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. The museum will be closed during January and February. Keep up to date with events & programs on our website at www.woodriverillinoismuseum.org as well as the Wood River Heritage Council and Camp Dubois Facebook pages. The Council meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm and the public is welcome to attend.

Appearance Board

Appearance Awards for 2023

May

Emilee & Jason Forsythe – 602 N. 1st
1929 Pizza & Wine – 7 N. Wood River Ave.

June

Donald Riley – 256 Park Lane
Full Deck Print & Design – 648 N. Wood River Ave.

July

Kaye Disbrow – 575 S. 10th Street
Federico Kia – 1911 E. Edwardsville Road

August

The Cunningham's – 199 Ash
Rachel & Co. Coffee House – 84 E. Ferguson

September

Kevin & Mary Bailey – 866 E. Lorena
Bill & Joe's Automotive – 15 N. 6th Street

October will be the kick-off for the Appearance Board SPOOKtacular House Awards. If you have a SPOOKtacular Halloween display, let City Hall or a Board Member know by Oct. 20th.

Christmas in Central Park will be a new event in December. This free family event will be one that you won't want to miss! Watch for further announcements later in the fall.

Beginning in September, the Appearance Board will be sending monthly postcards to various homeowners for continuing "The Good in Wood River" by keeping up on appearance and landscaping.

Wood River Public Library News



Thank you for making Read on the Wild Side a success this summer!

More than 900 people attended events and activities and more than 1,900 books were read. We hope you enjoyed challenging yourselves this summer. We look forward to next year when we go on Mission Read: To the Library and B E Y O N D!

Thank you to our sponsors:

- Riverbend East Rotary
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- Fire Safety
- Midwest Members Credit Union
- Stock Autobody
- Robin Karpan Edward Jones Financial Advisor
- Jack Schmitt Chevy
- Laborers' Local 338
- Wood River Kiwanis

Pie in the Face

We were able to raise \$1700.00 and did a small revamp on the teen area in the library.

DIGITAL MAGAZINES!

Read 18 different titles through FLIPSTER. Magazines available the day they are released on your computer or device. Titles included: TIME, People, Sports Illustrated, and more!

Find all our resources on our website!

Calling all Wizards

Join us on October 7 when the library is transformed into the wizarding world of Harry Potter. All ages welcome!

This Episode is called: LIBRARY



Family Reading Night will feature a fan favorite canine: Bluey! This event is scheduled for Thursday, November 30 from 5:30-7:00. Best for kiddos 3yr old but all are welcome!

Workaversary!

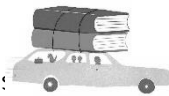


Sheikera is celebrating 5 years with the Wood River Public Library. Sheikera is a circulation clerk and a staple in the building on evenings and weekends. We appreciate her hard work and dedication to our patrons!

Deck the House 3rd Annual House Decorating Contest

Starting November 15, submit your decorated home. Voting runs December 4-20 Awards for community favorite, staff favorite, and Mayor's pick. Check out our website for details!

The Library offers a home delivery service to individuals who are Wood River residents and are unable to physically come to the library. This is a free service available to those with valid Wood River library cards. Call us for more information or to get signed up!



Look for our regular events and programs. Everything from book clubs, to storytimes, to craft hours!



Check out our website or Facebook for the most up to date information on events happening at the library!

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!

Services Provided

Copying, faxing, notary public, scanning, laminating and more!

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!

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