



Spring/Summer  
2024

# PIPELINE

## Upcoming Events

### June 6

Summer Reading Kickoff  
Library Parking Lot  
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

### June 6 – September 19

2024 Farmers Market  
Madison Avenue  
Downtown Parking Lot  
Thursday Evenings  
3:00 p.m. – Dusk

### June 14

Bike Ramble  
Movies in the Park  
Central Park  
7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

### July 14

Ice Cream Social  
Central Park  
3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

### July 26

National Night Out  
300 Block of Ferguson  
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 pm.

### August 24

Labor Day Parade  
Wood River Avenue  
10:00 a.m.

### September 30 – October 4

Hydrant Flushing



*The City of Wood River celebrated the opening of the Wood River Recreation Center in February 2024. This project was made possible by the 1% Sales Tax Fund.*

## Public Services – Project Updates

**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 August of 2024 and January of 2025. 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 would then hopefully begin within a month of bidding.

**Edwardsville Road Phase 1 and 2** – This is a rotomill and resurfacing project on Edwardsville Road, from East Alton Village limits to approximately 6th Street in Wood River. Intersections will be upgraded to be handicap accessible. Project is a 2024/25 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 \$1,300,000.

**Edwardsville Road Water Main Improvements – Phase 3** – This project will continue the 12” water main along Edwardsville Road, from Haller to Whitelaw. The total cost of the project is approximately \$200,000, including engineering. \$100,000 is covered by CDBG Grant Funds and \$100,000 will be matched by the City. Construction is anticipated to begin late Fall 2024.

## Water Billing

Check out Page 3 for billing schedule information. If you are over the age of 62, please bring your ID and/or social security award letter to the Finance Department to see if you qualify for a penalty waiver.

# 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 \$20,825,000. Project construction costs are covered 75% by the Corp and 25% by the City. The City received notice of a 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 May 2024 for Phase 1 and will last approximately one year. Phase 2 should begin shortly thereafter and will also last approximately one year.

**9<sup>th</sup> Street Detention Expansion** – This project will expand the capacity of the 6th Street detention pond and create a new detention pond located on City owned property just east of 9th Street and allow all the homes in that area to be removed from the flood zone. The current project cost estimate is eight million dollars with \$850,000 recently allocated from the Federal Government in March 2024. Construction is currently estimated to begin Fall 2024 and will last approximately 9 months.

**Sidewalk Project (Various)** – This project will replace sidewalks in various locations in conjunction with the City’s overlay projects. The total project construction cost is approximately \$500,000.

## *Anticipated City Paving Locations*

<u>Location</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Harrison Street	Route 111	9 <sup>th</sup> Street
Rock Hill Road	Interstate 255	Belk Park Entrance
Colonial Drive		
13 <sup>th</sup> Street	Edwardsville Road	Route 143
Wilson Avenue	Jefferson Alley	N. 6 <sup>th</sup> Street
Roosevelt Avenue	Jefferson Alley	N. 6 <sup>th</sup> Street
Grand Avenue	Jefferson Alley	N. 6 <sup>th</sup> Street
Illinois Avenue	Jefferson Alley	N. 6 <sup>th</sup> Street

## *Public Notices*

### **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.

### **SOLICITORS**

City ordinance regulates peddlers and solicitors in residential neighborhoods. Individuals going door-to-door are **REQUIRED** to have a Solicitor’s License issued by the City. Before a license is issued, the Police Department runs a background check on each individual for the safety and welfare of our residents. Ask solicitors to show you their City Solicitor’s License. If they do not have a license or if the solicitor is acting in an undesirable manner, please contact the Police Department immediately at 618-251-3114. **Please remember that a City Solicitor’s 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.



Michael Velloff joined the City of Wood River as the Director of Public Services in February 2024. Michael earned his Bachelor’s of Science in Civil Engineering from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and his Master’s of Civil Engineering from the University of Kansas. He was previously employed by Kaskaskia Engineering Group in Belleville, IL. Michael resides in Alton with his wife and two children.

Follow the Public Services Department on Facebook at [facebook.com/woodriverpublicservices](https://facebook.com/woodriverpublicservices)

## Water/Sewer/Trash Billing

### Billing Schedule

**Meter Reading:** On or about the 26<sup>th</sup> of the month.

**Bills Transmitted:** On or about the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month

**Due Date:** 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month  
**\$25 fee added at 8am** (or the following business day) after the bill is transmitted.

**Shut Off:** The 25<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.woodriver.authoritypay.com) or over the phone at 855-966-6582.

## Bulk Pickups/Trash 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. Should a holiday occur

on your regular trash pick-up day, service will be provided the following day for either trash or recyclables.

**Remaining 2024 holidays observed by the hauler are 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day & Christmas Day.**

### CITY HALL NEW HIRE



Anna Kraushaar is the newest addition to the Finance Department at City Hall. Hired as the Accountant, she started in October 2023. Anna earned her Bachelor's of Science in Accounting from Indiana State University and previously worked in the public accounting industry. Anna lives in Godfrey with her fiancé and three kitties.

The City flushes and tests fire hydrants twice a year. These times include the beginning of May and the beginning of October. Residents may experience 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. 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 any questions, please call Public Services at 618-251-3133.

## EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES

### 30 Years

*Brian Crawford*



### 20 Years

*Steve Palen*



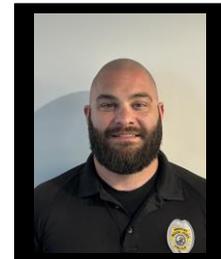
### 20 Years

*Dave Webb*



### 10 Years

*Brent Rombach*



### Not Pictured:

Carrie Whipple – 10 years  
Kacey Hill – 5 years  
Mindee Pence – 5 years

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# POLICE OFFICER & TELECOMMUNICATOR OF THE YEAR 2023



**Officer Dustin Johnson** has been with the Wood River Police Department for over two years. Officer Johnson led the Department in arrests during 2023 and was in the top tier in documented activity for the Department. He is also a member of the Cross River Crimes Task Force. Officer Johnson makes a difference in our community every day.



**Telecommunicator Mindee Pence** has been a Dispatcher for the Wood River Police Department for five years. Telecommunicator Pence performs her job at an exemplary level, has a great work ethic, and a positive attitude toward her profession and the Department. Telecommunicator Pence has positively impacted our staff with her skills, knowledge, and willingness to help others.



## POLICE NEW HIRES



**Morgan Davis** was hired in January 2024. Morgan graduated from the Police Academy at SWIC in April 2024.



**Katherine Castelli** was hired in July 2023 as a Cadet. Katherine is currently attending the Police Academy at SWIC and will graduate in August 2024.

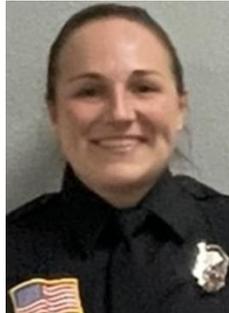
## FIRE NEWS



Congratulations to **Captain Kris Ayers** on his promotion to Fire Captain.



Congratulations to **Jarrod Horyn** who joined WRFD in February 2024.



Congratulations to **Sydney Bloch**, WRFD's first full-time female Firefighter. Sydney joined the FD in March 2024.



Congratulations to **Ethan Michael** who joined WRFD in April 2024.



Congratulations to **Captain Brian Crawford** on his Retirement after 30 years of service.

Congratulations to **Captain Leonard Revelle** on his Retirement after 30 years of service.

### Fire Chief Recommendations:

- Smoke detectors within 15 feet of sleeping areas.
- Smoke detectors in each sleeping area and each floor of occupancy and/or stairwells.
- Replace batteries every 6 months.
- Replace smoke detectors every 8-10 years.
- Carbon Monoxide detector in each occupancy.
- Have and practice a home fire escape plan.
- Contact the Fire Station at 618-259-0984 to schedule your home Life Safety Inspection.

**\*\*For more info read the Smoke Detector Act 425 ILCS 60\*\***

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**SAVE LIVES**



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 Wood River, IL 62095  
 Phone: 618-251-3130  
 www.wrparks.org



Hours of Operation  
 Mon-Fri: 6am-8pm  
 Saturday: 6am-5pm  
 Sunday: 10am-4pm

# MEMBERSHIPS

CATEGORY +AGES	DAY PASS Access to Gymnasium during Open Gym Hours, Group Fitness Classes & Walking Track	MONTHLY Access to Gymnasium during Open Gym Hours, Walking Track, Group Fitness Classes, & Discounted Rates on Select Programs/Rentals <small>+ 15% OFF SELECT PROGRAMS</small>	YEARLY Access to Gymnasium during Open Gym Hours, Walking Track, Group Fitness Classes, & Discounted Rates on Select Programs/Rentals <small>+ 15% OFF SELECT PROGRAMS</small>
<b>FEE LISTING AS RESIDENT/NON-RESIDENT IN DISTRICT/NON-RESIDENT OUT OF DISTRICT. SEE DESCRIPTIONS BELOW.</b>			
<small>RESIDENT (WOOD RIVER CITY LIMITS)/NON-RESIDENT IN DISTRICT (EAWR HS DIST 14, WR-HARTFORD DIST 15, EA DIST 13, RCUSD #1)/NON-RESIDENT OUT OF DISTRICT</small>			
<b>YOUTH (4-17)</b>	\$5/\$7/\$9	\$15/\$20/\$25	\$165/\$220/\$275
<b>ADULT (18-59)</b>	\$6/\$8/\$10	\$20/\$25/\$30	\$220/\$275/\$330
<b>SENIOR (60+)</b>	\$5/\$7/\$9	\$15/\$20/\$25	\$165/\$220/\$275
<b>FAMILY 2-5 MEMBERS</b>	N/A	\$35/\$40/\$45 <small>*EACH ADDITIONAL DEPENDENT IS \$5/MONTH</small>	\$385/\$440/\$495 <small>*EACH ADDITIONAL DEPENDENT IS \$55/YEAR</small>

SILVER SNEAKERS, RENEW ACTIVE, SILVER&FIT MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR SENIORS! (65+)



Renew Active  
UnitedHealthcare



MILITARY/FIRST RESPONDERS RECEIVE 10% DISCOUNT OFF ADULT & FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS WITH A VALID ID



# RENTALS

\*FEES LISTED AS WOOD RIVER RESIDENT (IN CITY LIMITS)/NON-RESIDENT

SPACE	FEE/HOUR	CAPACITY	SIZE
MULTIPURPOSE ROOM HALF	\$25/\$45 <small>+ 15% OFF FOR MEMBER RENTALS</small>	50	36' X 21'
MULTIPURPOSE ROOM FULL	\$50/\$70 <small>+ 15% OFF FOR MEMBER RENTALS</small>	100	72' X 42'
MULTIPURPOSE W/ KITCHENETTE	\$35/\$55 <small>+ 15% OFF FOR MEMBER RENTALS</small>	60	36' X 25'
GYMNASTICS ROOM	\$75/\$95	30	55' X 50'
GYMNASIUM 1 COURT; 2 COURTS	\$50/\$70 ; \$90/\$120	90;180	59' X 96' ; 118' X 192'
PICKLEBALL COURT <small>*RENTED IN 2 HOUR TIME BLOCKS</small>	\$10 <small>*FOR 2 HOURS</small>	6	20' X 44'
BATTING CAGES	\$50/\$70	30	80' X 15'

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

- Parent & Tot: 2yrs-3yrs
- Early Gymnastics: 4yrs-5yrs
- Beginner Gymnastics: 6yrs & Older
- Intermediate Gymnastics: 6yrs & Older (with instructor approval)
- Advanced Gymnastics: 6yrs & Older (with instructor approval)
- Tumbling: 6yrs & Older
- Tumbling II: 6yrs & Older (with instructor approval)
- Cheerleading: 10yrs & Older

# Fitness Classes & Birthday Party Rentals



**GROUP FITNESS CLASSES**

**SCHEDULE MAY-JUNE**

SCAN QR CODE FOR SCHEDULE






**SILVER SNEAKERS FITNESS**

**SCHEDULE**

SCAN QR CODE FOR SCHEDULE







## BIRTHDAY PARTIES

COME CELEBRATE YOUR CHILD'S BIRTHDAY AT THE WOOD RIVER REC CENTER! WE WILL PROVIDE ACCESS TO AN ACTIVITY AND A PARTY ROOM. YOU WILL PROVIDE CAKE & REFRESHMENTS FOR THE PARTY. PARTIES ARE FOR 15 CHILDREN AND EACH ADDITIONAL CHILD COST \$5. PARTY TIMES ARE FRIDAYS 6:00PM-8:00PM (5:30PM SET UP TIME), SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS FROM 11:30AM-1:30PM (11:00AM SET UP TIME) AND 2:00PM-4:00PM (1:30PM SET UP TIME). FOR MORE INFO CALL 618-251-3130.



**SPORTS PACKAGE**

**\$150 RES/ \$200 NR**

20% Discount for the Game Members

**INCLUDES:**

2 HOURS OF ACCESS TO HALF GYM/PARTY ROOM  
ASSORTMENT OF SPORTS EQUIPMENT (BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL, PICKLEBALL, DODGEBALL AND MORE!)



**GYMNASICS PACKAGE**

**\$175 RES/ \$225 NR**

20% Discount for the Game Members

**INCLUDES:**

PARTY HOST  
2 HOURS OF ACCESS TO GYMNASICS ROOM/PARTY ROOM



**HYBRID PACKAGE**

**\$200 RES/ \$250 NR**

20% Discount for the Game Members

**INCLUDES:**

PARTY HOST  
2 HOURS OF ACCESS TO GYMNASICS ROOM/HALF GYM/PARTY ROOM

## Youth Programs

**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 will be held on Saturday mornings and weeknights beginning in September. Watch for registration in 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 five Saturday mornings. This is an instructional program with parent involvement. The registration fee is \$50.00 and includes a t-shirt. Watch for registration in August. The program is scheduled to begin September.

## Parks & Recreation Department New Hires

**Chase McPeak**



*Park Maintenance Superintendent*

**Dickson Wong**



*Recreation Supervisor*

**Tyler Lafferty**



*Assistant Parks & Rec Director*

# SPECIAL EVENTS

**SENIOR ADULT CLUB 55+:** Adults 55 and over are invited to join in activities for an annual fee of \$20.00. Meetings are held at 11:00 a.m. on the second Thursday of every month followed by lunch catered by Chef Bob. The cost per meal is \$7.00. After paying the annual membership fee of \$20.00, you will receive four free lunches. Lunch is followed by Bingo.

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL:** Beat the heat this summer by partaking in our Annual Ice Cream Social on Sunday, July 14, 2024, from 3:00 to 6:00pm. Wood River Parks & Recreation is co-sponsoring with the Women's Club for this event at Central Park.



**ANNUAL BIKE RAMBLE:** Bring the kids for a safe and exciting family night bike ride. The Wood River Parks & Recreation Department is co-sponsoring the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Bike Ramble. The route begins and ends at Central Park on Friday, June 14, 2024. Lineup at 7:00 p.m., ride at 7:30 p.m. Please join us afterwards for refreshments at the Roundhouse. Register now at the Recreation Center or online at [www.wrparks.org](http://www.wrparks.org). The fee is \$3 per person / \$6 per family and includes a t-shirt, bike light, and refreshments.



## Heritage Council

The Heritage Council meets on the first Tuesday of every month at the Wood River Museum, located at 40 W. Ferguson, at 6:00 p.m. The public is welcome to attend the meetings.

Beginning in May 2024, the museum's normal public operating days will be the second and fourth Friday and Saturday of each month from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you would like to visit the museum outside normal operating hours, please call the museum at 618-254-1993, and leave a message. Come check out the expanded Veteran's and Wood River Township Hospital Exhibits.

The **2024 Fall Rendezvous** at Camp DuBois is scheduled for October 26 & 27 and will be a standard rendezvous with black powder era folk setting encampments and visiting with the public. Public hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday.

Camp DuBois is open to the public during daylight hours, unless it has been rented at which time there will be a sign posted. The Heritage Council relies on volunteer labor to maintain the camp. If you are interested in volunteering, please call the Museum, and leave a message.

The 2025 Heritage Council Calendar titled "Honoring Wood River Veterans Killed in Action" is in the works. Anyone with names and/or photos is encouraged to contact Jan Sneed at 618-917-3631. The calendar will be available in late Fall 2024.

Also remember that the Historic Wood River Chapel is available for small weddings, vow renewals, or other small events. If you are interested in reserving the Chapel, please call 618-258-7237.

Keep up to date with events and programs by visiting [www.woodriverillinoismuseum.org](http://www.woodriverillinoismuseum.org) as well as the Wood River Heritage Council Facebook page.

## Appearance Board

The Wood River Community Appearance Board partnered with Senator Erica Harriss' Office on Earth Day 2024 for the City-Wide Cleanup and prepped the City planters for flowers. The flowers have now been planted and the Appearance Board restored the planters and area in the City owned parking lot on Madison Avenue.

The 2024 Appearance Awards have kicked off for residences and businesses. Appearance Awards are given once a month to one residence and one business from May to September. To nominate a residence and/or business, please contact City Hall or a committee member with the address of the property.

The Appearance Board will continue to recognize new businesses in the City as well as renovations done to buildings around town. They will also recognize residences throughout the year for their upkeep and appearance.

The Committee will also bring back the Appearance Board SPOOKtacular House Awards this fall. If you have a SPOOKtacular Halloween display nomination, please contact City Hall.

### *Expanded Exhibits at the Wood River Museum*



# Wood River Public Library News

Everything you're into!

## Mission Read: To the Library and BEYOND



Summer Reading will kick off on June 6 with a party in the parking lot! Bring the entire family from 5:30-7:00 for games, activities,

and food. Registration begins on May 1.

Events run June 10-July 18.

**Preschool (3-5yr)** Tuesdays at 10:00  
**Kindergarten-5<sup>th</sup> Grade-** Tuesdays at 2:00

**Young Adults (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)** Thursdays at 2:00

**Adults (18+)** Mondays at 6:00

**Performances** Wednesdays at 10:00 at the Round House (all ages)

- June 12- Twist & Bounce
- June 19- No Program (Juneteenth)
- June 26-St. Louis Aquarium
- July 3- Mad Science STL
- July 10- Drumline Sheltered Reality
- July 17- Magician Abra-Kid-Abra

### 1000 Books Before Kindergarten

What is 1000 Books Before Kindergarten?

Exactly that! Read 1000 books to your child before he/she

enters Kindergarten. Is it hard? Not really! Read a book every night and that's 365! After 3 years you're at 1,095. Read the same book over and over? Each time you read it counts! Stop by to get your reading log to get started.



### 12 in 12 Reading Challenge

Read 12 books in a variety of categories. This reading challenge is designed for teens and adults looking

to step outside their comfort zones. Sign up any time during 2024. Quarterly prizes and a grand prize!

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

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

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

## Mark your calendars!

**2024 National Night Out is scheduled for July 26!**

Join us for a night of building relationships with our local police department. Food, activities, crafts, and more! You won't want to miss this!

### **Library Closed:**

*May 27- Memorial Day*

*June 19- Juneteenth*

*July 4- Independence Day*

*September 2- Labor Day*

### **WE WENT SOLAR!**

In the summer of 2023, through a partnership with StraightUp Solar, the library had solar panels installed on the roof of the building. This was a no cost installation that is beneficial in many ways. Scan the QR code to check out how much our building has produced.



**Download the free SHARE Mobile Library App!**

Request & renew your items and check your account all from the palm of your hand!

***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:**

- TumbleBooks (ebooks for children)
- ABCMouse (educational games for kids 2-8+)
- CloudLibrary (eBooks and eAudiobooks)

## We Deliver!!

We offer a Homebound Delivery Service for **free** to individuals who are Wood River residents and unable to physically come to the library due to permanent or temporary mobility, health, or disability barriers.

Our staff will

deliver on a biweekly basis

books, DVDs, CDs, audiobooks, or magazines. Call us to get signed up!



*Additional Services We Provide:*

- Copies (black & white and color)
- Fax
- Lamination
- Bus Passes (MCT system and local)
- Notary Services (call ahead)
- Scan to Email
- Wifi
- Register to Vote
- Meetings rooms available

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