

Fall/Winter 2024/2025

PIPELINE

Upcoming Events

October 19

3rd Annual Chili Cookoff Downtown 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

October 23

Downtown Trick or Treat 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

October 26

Halloween Parade 10:30 am

October 26 & 27

Camp Dubois Fall Rendezvous

October 30 & 31

Trick or Treat 6-8 pm

Nov 4 - Dec 19

Leaf Pick-up (See Map on Page 3)

November 11

Veterans Memorial Ceremony EAWRCHS Memorial Gymnasium 4:00 pm

December 14

Breakfast with Santa Roundhouse 8:00 am – 10:00 am

April 12

Easter Egg Hunt Central Park Time: TBD

Week of May 5 - 16 Hydrant Flushing



On Saturday, August 10, 2024, the City of Wood River in coordination with the Village of East Alton honored the return of Olympic Track Star, Jayden Ulrich. The City of Wood River recognizes Jayden for her remarkable accomplishments and wishes her the best of luck in her future endeavors!

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 Village 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 \$1,350,000. Project design has been completed and is on IDOT's November 2024 Bid Letting. Project construction costs are covered 75% by the State and 25% by the County. Project construction will hopefully begin within a month of bidding. Edwardsville Road Water Main Improvements – Phase 3 – The project will continue the new 12" water main along Edwardsville Road, from Haller to

Whitelaw. The total cost of the project is approximately \$200,000, including engineering. Construction is anticipated to begin in late Spring 2025.

Water/Sewer Billing: Check out Page 4 for billing schedule information

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1% Sales Tax – Project Updates

<u>State Street Sewer Separation</u> – 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 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. Construction began May 2024 on Jennings Avenue for phase 1 and will last approximately 1 year. Phase 2 should begin shortly thereafter and will also last approximately 1 year.

9th Street Detention Expansion – 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 8.0 million dollars with \$850,000 recently allocated from the Federal Government in March 2024. Construction is currently estimated to begin Spring 2025 and will last approximately 9 months.

<u>Sidewalk Project (Various)</u> – This project will replace sidewalks in various locations. The total project construction cost is approximately \$500,000. Work started at the Roundhouse and moved south along Whitelaw and will continue through the end of October 2024.

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.

POLICE NEW HIRES

Joel Woodruff was hired in June 2024 as a 9-1-1 Telecommunicator. Joel is a 2019 graduate of Roxana High School and is currently finishing his Criminal Justice degree at SIUE. Joel has ambitions of eventually testing and transitioning to a patrol officer.

Joshua Holliday was hired in July 2024 as a 9-1-1 Telecommunicator. Joshua has a background in private security and Emergency Medical Services which allows him to bring unique experiences and perspective to the 9-1-1 Center.

EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES



25 Years

Jim
Burris



15 Years
Nate
Kamp



10 Years
Tim
Donohoo

Not Pictured:

Mickey Sabolo
10 years

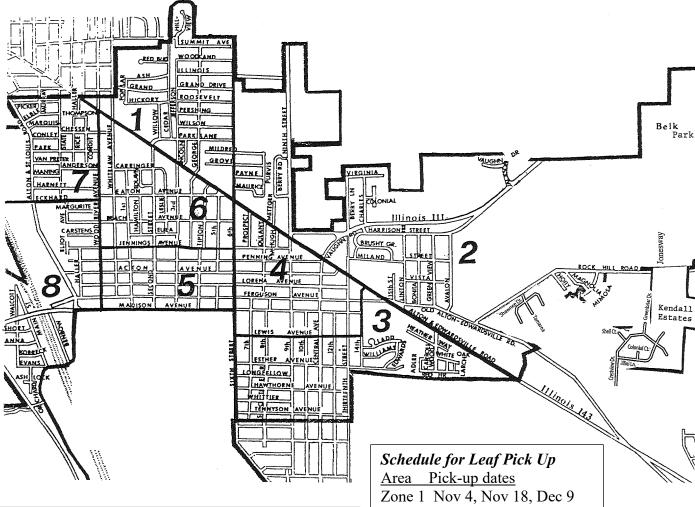
Deposits on Streets & Sidewalks

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.

Zone 2 Nov 5, Nov 19, Dec 10 Zone 3 Nov 6, Nov 20, Dec 11 Zone 4 Nov 7, Nov 21, Dec 12 Zone 5 Nov 12, Nov 25, Dec 16

Zone 6 Nov 13, Dec 2, Dec 17 Zone 7 Nov 14, Dec 3, Dec 18

Zone 8 Nov 15, Dec 4, Dec 19

Holiday Trash Pick-Up Schedule 2024

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 2024 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 **26**th 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 **15**th of the month

\$25 fee added at 8am (or the following business day)

after the bill is transmitted.

Shut Off: The **25**th 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/Recycling

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. How do you know which cart is used for recycling only? The cart will have a powder blue lid or yellow lid. Always remember to have your cart out at the curb by 6am on your service day.

Republic services gives you one simple tool to manage your recycling, waste, and account needs. You can schdule a pick up, find a recycling schedule, and more! Visit RepublicServices.com/account to sign up or download the app.

Fire News

October is fire prevention month and October 6th to October 12th is officially fire prevention week. This is an important time to educate our community about fire safety practices in your home.

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.

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**



Congratulations to Captain Scott Crump on his promotion to Fire Captain.

Hydrant Flushing

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.

655 N. Wood River Avenue 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 15% OFF SELECT PROGRAMS

Access to Gymnasium during Open Gym Hours, Walking Track, Group Fitness Classes, & Discounted Rates on Select Programs/Rentals YEARLY SELECT PRO

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FEES LISTED AS RESIDENT/NON-RESIDENT IN DISTRICT/NON-RESIDENT OUT OF DISTRICT. SEE DESCRIPTIONS BELOW.

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

YOUTH (4-17)	\$5/\$7/\$9	\$15/\$20/\$25	\$165/\$220/\$275
ADULT (18-59)	\$6/\$8/\$10	\$20/\$25/\$30	\$220/\$275/\$330
SENIOR (60+)	\$5/\$7/\$9	\$15/\$20/\$25	\$165/\$220/\$275
FAMILY 2-5 MEMBERS	N/A	\$35/\$40/\$45 *EACH ADDITIONAL DEPENDENT IS \$5/MONTH	\$385/\$440/\$495 'EACH ADDITIONAL DEPENDENT IS \$55/YEAR

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



Renew Active



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 *15% OFF FOR MEMBER RENTALS	50	36' X 21'	
MULTIPURPOSE ROOM FULL	\$50/\$70 +15% OFF FOR MEMBER RENTALS	100	72' X 42'	
MULTIPURPOSE W/ KITCHENETTE	\$35/\$55 **15% OFF FOR MEMBER RENTALS	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 'RENTED IN 2 HOUR TIME BLOCKS	\$10 'FOR 2 HOURS	6	20' X 44'	
BATTING CAGES	\$50/\$70	30	80' X 15'	

GYM CALENDAR

OPEN PLAY

THERE WILL BE DESIGNATED TIMES FOR OPEN PLAY FOR VARIOUS ACTIVITIES (EX. BASKETBALL, PICKLES BALL, VOLLEYBALL, FTC...) PARTICIPATION DURING OPEN PLAY IS FREE TO MEMBERS. NON MEMBERS MUST PAY THE DAY PASS RATE.

RESERVATION PLAY

THERE WILL BE DESIGNATED TIMES THE GYM SPACE CAN BE RESERVED FOR VARIOUS ACTIVITES. IF THE TEAM/ORGANIZATION RESIDES WITHIN WOOD RIVER CITY LIMITS THE THEY WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE RESIDENT RATE CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE REQUIRED.

AFTER HOURS

COURTS/BATTING CAGES CAN BE RENTED AFTER REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS. AN AFTER HOURS FEE OF \$25/HOUR APPLIES TO ALL GYMNASIUM RENTALS. AFTER HOURS RENTALS REQUIRE AT LEAST 2 WEEKS NOTICE FOR STAFFING PURPOSES.

CALENDAR

TO SEE AVAILABILTY FOR OPEN PLAY, RESERVATION PLAY, (ANY OTHER RENTAL IN THE REC CENTER SCAN THE QR CODE.



FACILITY

GENERAL RULES

IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN OPEN GYM, ALL PARTICPANTS MUST HAVE A MEMBERSHIP OR DAY PASS AND PRESENT A VALID PHOTO ID AND PROOF OF ADDRESS. CITY STAFF HAS THE ABILITY TO EXPEL UNRULY/DISRUPTIVE PARTICIPANTS FROM THE FACILITY AT ANY TIME.

YOUTH POLICIES

- CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 9
 MUST HAVE DIRECT SUPERVISON
 RY SOMEONE 16 OF OLDER
- BY SOMEONE 16 OR OLDER

 CHILDREN 9-13 MUST HAVE
 SOMEONE 16 OR OLDER IN
 FACILITY W/THEM BUT DOES NOT
 REQUIRE DIRECT SUPERVISION
- GUESTS 14+ CAN BE IN FACILITY
 W/O SUPERVISION





Programs, Special Events & Clinics



Adult Programs

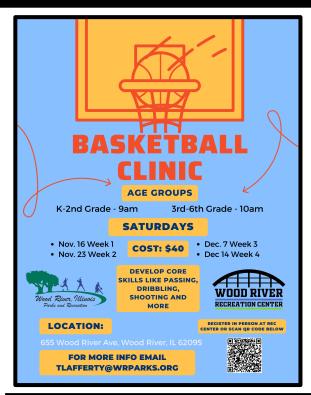
SUMMER SOFTBALL LEAGUES:

Registration begins in February and the deadline to register is March 31, 2025. Leagues begin in April, weather permitting. Games will be played at Emerick Sports Complex and Gordon Moore Park in Alton.

Special Events

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: Get your name on Santa's list at the 38th Annual Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 14, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Cost is \$3.00 for children and \$4.00 for adults.

EASTER EGG HUNT: A FREE Easter Egg Hunt is offered to the children of Wood River residents ages tot – 4th grade. The hunt will be held at Central Park with over 120 dozen eggs hidden, along with special prizes. The Wood River Public Library will be there with crafts for the children and the Easter Bunny will be handing out bags of candy. Thank you to Wood River Area Merchants for the prizes! Don't forget your camera!



Youth Programs

TRI-CITY BASKETBALL: Wood River, East Alton & Roxana have teamed up together for this league. The league will include 2nd – 6th grade boys and girls. Registration has started and games begin in December.

LIL-KICKERS SOCCER: This

instructional program is offered in the Fall and Spring. The registration fee is \$55.00 and includes a t-shirt. Watch for registration in March/April.

<u>GYMNASTICS</u>: 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

Heritage Council

Note of Appreciation – The Wood River Heritage Council would like to acknowledge Lily Plank, Ellie Beachum, Jesse Eates, Bella Grant and Zoie Gray for all their help at the Heritage Council table at the 2024 July Ice Cream Social.

Rendezvous at Camp DuBois – The last rendezvous of 2024 will be October 26th and 27th. This will be standard rendezvous with black powder era folk setting encampments and visiting with the public. The 2025 rendezvous dates are January 25 & 26, March 22 & 23, and October 25 & 26. Public hours are from 9-5 pm on Sunday.

Heritage Council Calendar – "Honoring Wood River Veteran's Killed in Action" the 2025 Heritage Council Calendar will feature photos, information and stories about the veterans from the area. The calendars will be available at the usual locations throughout Wood River in late fall. The calendar is our primary fund raiser, and the proceeds support all Heritage Council facilities and activities.

Annual Small Works Art Competition – The show opens October 11th and runs through November 7th. The show is open to the public on Oct 11-12 with a reception on Sunday Oct 13 when the prize winners will be announced.

Downtown Trick or Treat – The Council will once again be participating in the downtown Trick or Treat night, so come by get some candy and check out how Lewis and Clark, our resident skeletons, are celebrating Halloween this year.

Museum Hours – The museum is open to the public the Second Friday and Saturday and fourth Friday and Saturday of the month. If you would like to visit the museum outside the normal hours, simply call the museum, 618-254-1993, and leave a message about scheduling a visit.

Camp DuBois Hours – The camp is generally open to the public to walk through during daylight hours, unless it has been rented by a private group (scouts, reenactors, family, etc.). If the Camp has been rented there will be a sign posted. The Heritage Council relies on volunteer labor to maintain the camp, so if you are interested in volunteering to help maintain the Camp, call and leave a message at 618-254-1993.

Historic Wood River Chapel – The chapel is available for small events, wedding, or wedding vow renewals. Contact Becky Gray at 618-304-7434 if you are interested in reserving the Chapel.

Heritage Council Meetings - The Council meetings are open to the public and are held at 6 pm on the first Tuesday of the Month at 40 West Ferguson. Saty up to date with Wood River Museum and Visitor Center, Chapel and Camp DuBois events and programs by checking out our website: woodriverillinoismuseum.org and the Wood River Heritage Council Facebook page.

Appearance Board

Plant containers were filled with soil and flowers in May along the Ferguson Avenue business district. The Committee also cleaned and planted flowers in the permanent containers in the Madison Avenue parking lot. New flags and ropes were ordered to update the poles.

May also marked the first of the Appearance Awards for businesses and residences. The committee had more community participation this year than in the past – a total of 20 residences and businesses were submitted for the ten awards. New and established businesses were recognized by the Committee.

Businesses and residences submitted but not receiving this year's awards were sent certificates with letters of accommodations. It should be noted that this list is kept by the committee for the beginning of the following year to kick-off the awards.

Spooktacular Awards will be presented to businesses and residences again this year. This will be the third annual event recognizing Halloween decorations by the Community. Submissions should be submitted to City Hall between October 11 & October 18, 2024.

Appearance Awards for 2024

May

Susie Van Winkle – 864 E. Lorena Atomic Pinball – 102 Whitelaw

June

Mark & Cheryl Belangee – 467 N. 6th Street Downtown Delights – 10 W. Ferguson

July

Bobetta Strader – 639 E. Acton Rosewood Pet Clinic – 1179 N. 9th Street

August

Sonny & Sue Hinson – 122 Ash Mi Pueblito Cantina – 48 W. Edwardsville rd.

September

Phillip & Heather Generally – 699 Leslie The Cheesecake Lady – 333 N. Wood River Ave





Wood River Public Library News Check it but!



Thank you for making "Mission Read: To the Library and Beyond!" a success this summer!

More than 1,300 people attended events and activities and 193 people registered for summer reading. We hope you enjoyed challenging yourselves this summer. We look forward to next year when we

LEVEL UP AT YOUR LIBRARY!!

Thank you to our sponsors:

Trickey's Towing Wood River Kiwanis Stock Autobody Laborers' Local 338 Marks Mortuary Republic Services Midwest Members Credit Union Tyler Timmins Memorial Foundation Mark Smith, Shelter Insurance Robin Karpan, Edward Jones Scott Credit Union

Meet Libby!

Libby is a free app where you can enjoy ebooks and digital audiobooks from your public library. You can stream titles with Wi-Fi or mobile data, or download them for offline use and read anytime, anywhere. All you need to get started is a library card. Find all our resources on our website!

Calling all Wizards!

Join us on October 12 when the library is transformed into the wizarding world of Harry Potter! All ages welcome!



Family Reading Night: Minecraft Edition

Family Reading Night will be held on Thursday, December 5 from 5:30-7:00. This is a family friendly event themed Minecraft. All ages are welcome.

Deck the House: 4th Annual House **Decorating Contest**

Starting November 15, submit your decorated home. Voting runs December 16-22. Awards for community favorite, staff favorite, and Mayor's pick. Check out our website for details!

Can't make it to the library?

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!



Looking to go down memory lane? Check out EAWR Yearbooks on our website!

Most yearbooks from 1923-2021 are available for viewing on our website.

Woodriverlibrary.org/yearbooks

Closures:

November 11- Veterans Day November 28 & 29- Thanksgiving December 24 & 25- Christmas December 31 & January 1- New Years January 20- Martin Luther King Jr Day February 17- Presidents Day

Look for our regular events and programs. **Everything from** storytimes, craft hours, and more!



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

We're here to help!

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

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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