

Spring/Summer PIPELINE 2025

Upcoming Events

May 17

Summer Kickoff Downtown 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

June 2

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

June 13

16th Annual Bike Ramble Central Park 7:00 p.m.

June 19 - August 28

2025 Farmers Market Madison Avenue Downtown Parking Lot Thursday Evenings 4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

July 13

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

July 25

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

August 23

Labor Day Parade 10:00 a.m.

October 6 - October 10 **Hydrant Flushing**

Text Reminders for Water Bills Coming Soon!

Call 618-251-3131, Option 1 to update your mobile number





Upper Left: Cart path repaving project underway at Belk Park Golf Course, improving accessibility and course conditions for golfers. Bottom Left: Newly paved walking trail around the Police Department offers residents a fresh space for outdoor activity and exercise.





Upper Right: Dwiggins Baseball Field at Emerick Sports Complex receives a fresh renovation, just in time for the upcoming season.

Bottom Right: Construction in progress on the State Street Sewer Separation Project, a major infrastructure improvement for the City of Wood River.

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 be 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 has a hopeful bid date sometime between June of 2025 and January of 2026. 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 will 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. This project is a 2025-26 project and is anticipated to bid as early as January 2026. Project construction costs are covered 75% by the State and 25% by the County. Project has begun engineering. The total construction cost is estimated to be \$1,300,000.

Edwardsville Road Water Main Improvements – Phase 3 – This project will continue the new 12" water main along Edwardsville Road from Haller Street to Whitelaw Avenue. The total cost of the project is approximately \$200,000 including engineering. Construction is anticipated to begin late Spring 2025.

Public Services 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 of Engineers 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. Construction started in May 2024 for Phase 1 and will last approximately a year and a half. Due to field issues, construction progress has been slower and the project scope for Phase 1 has changed. Construction costs are anticipated to increase to \$9.2 million for Phase 1. The current anticipated completion date for Phase 1 is December 2025.

<u>9th Street Detention Expansion</u> – This project will expand the capacity of the 6th Street retention pond and create a new detention pond located on City owned property just east of 9th Street and allow the homes in that area to be removed from the flood zone. The current project estimate is \$8 million with \$850,000 recently allocated from the Federal Government in March 2024. Project requires environmental clearances before the City can complete engineering design and begin construction. Construction is currently estimated to begin Fall 2025 and will last approximately 18 months.

<u>Sidewalk Replacement (Various Locations)</u> – 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. Progress is ongoing, and the City continues making sidewalk improvements as funding allows.

<u>Jackson Ln. & Vaughn Dr. Water Main Improvements</u> – This project will replace an aging 4-inch water main with a new 8-inch water main along Jackson Lane and new 6-inch water main along Vaughn Drive. Construction is anticipated to begin early Summer 2025.

Anticipated City Paving Locations

Location From To N. Brushey Grove Miland Harrison Harrison N. Brushey Grove Wesley Rockhill Road Avalon Harrison 13th Street Edwardsville Road Miland 13th Street Miland Linton **Brushey Grove** N. Brushey Grove Miland Jackson Route 111 Vaughn Dr. Magnolia Mimosa Rock Hill Road Harrison Ave. Route 111 Harrison Street Dead End Mimosa Rock Hill Road 4th Street 6th Street Lorena Vista Linton Avalon

Additional Improvements from 1% Sales Tax

Fire Department Exterior Work
Manhole/Pipe Lining
Police Squad Vehicle Replacement (6)
Tools and Hose for New Fire Pumper
Recreation Center Signage
Landscaping at the Recreation Center
Fencing at Central Park
Eastwood Lift Station Chopper Pumps
Grand Stand Mower
LED Sign at the Police Department

Follow the Public Services Department on Facebook at facebook.com/woodriverpublicservices

Public Notices

DEPOSITS ON STREETS AND SIDEWALKS PROHIBITED:

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.

GRASS AND WEED OVERGROWTH PROHIBITED:

Grass and weeds must be kept under **eight** inches to comply with City Ordinance.

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.

WATER/SEWER/TRASH BILLING

EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES

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 **15**th 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.

Please remember to look at the important messages on your bill and the file directory on the portal for important 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.

Take advantage of paying your bill online at www.woodriver.authoritypay.com or over the phone at 855-966-6582.

Autopay through e-check is completely free of service fees. Ready to make the switch? Sign up today at woodriver.authoritypay.com or call us at 618-251-3131, Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. With just a few simple steps, you can ensure your bill always arrives on time, your payments are processed without worry, and you never have to think about due dates again. We're happy to help!

First-Time Home Buyer Program

Are you thinking about buying your first home? The City of Wood River may be able to assist with up to \$5,000 for first-time home buyers purchasing an owner-occupied home within City limits. For more details, visit woodriver.org or contact the Finance Director at 618-251-3134 or by email at kweber@cityofwoodriver.com.



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.

30 Years

Bill Hall



10 Years

Susan Jones



5 Years

Brendan Lenhardt



5 Years

Erica Chalcraft



5 Years

Danielle Sneed



5 Years

Nathan Childers



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POLICE OFFICER & TELECOMMUNICATOR OF THE YEAR 2024



Officer Geoffrey Fester has been with the Wood River Police Department for over four years. Officer Fester consistently ranks among the top in documented activity within the department, and is a member of the St. Louis Area Metropolitan Major Case Squad. Officer Fester's commendable qualities include his attention to detail, exceptional work ethic, and sincere compassion for victims. Officer Fester makes a difference in our community every day.





Telecommunicator Brendan Lenhardt has been a Dispatcher for the Wood River Police Department for five years. He successfully completed the state-approved Communications Training Officer Program and continues to go above and beyond offering to assist in various areas in Dispatch. Telecommunicator Lenhardt demonstrates exceptional leadership, skill, dedication, and commitment to excellence.



POLICE NEW HIRE



Christopher Barnes was hired in October 2024. Officer Barnes was previously employed with the South Roxana Police Department and has over 20 years of experience.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEW HIRES



Probationary Firefighter Will Korinek was hired in October 2024. He is currently attending the Firefighter Academy at the University of Illinois Fire Service Institute and is scheduled to graduate in May 2025.

The City of Wood River and the Wood River Fire Department are happy to welcome seven new Probationary Paid-On-Call Firefighters: Nick Brousseau, Angelina Conn, Anika Galbraith, Dillon Gerner, Dalton Pryor, John Russell, and Shawn Vannatta



The City of Wood River has an ISO Class 3 Rating because of the hard work of the WRFD!

POLICE NEWS

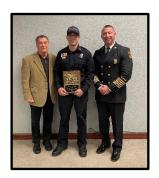
Did you know you have a Police Officer assigned to your address? The entire City has been divided into districts. Every address in the City has an officer assigned. The officer's duties for their districts are to provide another avenue for you to ask questions or work out a particular issue if you do 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.

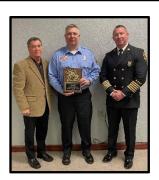
Follow the Police Department on Facebook at facebook.com/woodriverpd

FIREFIGHTER & POC FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR 2024



Congratulations to the 2024 Firefighter of the Year Engineer/Paramedic Tyler Staicoff and Paid-On-Call Firefighter of the Year Jamie Wells!

The City of Wood River is grateful for their commitment and dedication to the community!



FIRE DEPARTMENT REMINDERS

POOL SAFETY

DO'S & DON'TS

- Have rules for your pool and ensure everyone knows them-restate them often
- Keep children away from the filter inlet, which can draw young children underwater
- Install Fencing to keep people out of the pool area without your knowledge
- Evacuate the pool during a thuderstorm or in
- 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
- Don't Allow glass or sharp, breakable items in the pool area
- Don't swim alone
- Don't Leave children unattended in or near the pool area for any reason
- 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

Fire Chief Recommendations:

- Install 10-year lithium-ion sealed smoke detectors.
- 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.

The Fire Department provides Life Safety inspections for all residents and occupancies in the City. Partnered with the OSFM and Red Cross, smoke detectors are available for property owners in need or otherwise determined appropriate. Contact the Fire Station at 618-259-0984 to schedule your home Life Safety Inspection.

**For more information read the Smoke Detector
Act 425 ILCS 60**



REMINDER: LEAF BURNING IS NOT ALLOWED MAY THROUGH SEPTEMBER

Follow the Wood River Fire Department on Facebook 655 N. Wood River Avenue Wood River, IL 62095 Phone: 618-251-3130 www.wrparks.org



Hours of Operation Mon-Fri: 6:30am-8pm Saturday: 7am-5pm Sunday: 10am-4pm

MEMBERSHIPS

CATEGORY +AGES	DAY PASS Access to Gymnasium during Open Gym Hours, Group Fitness Classes & Walking Track	**S5% OFF SELECT PROGRAMS Access to Gymnasium during Open Gym Hours, Walking Track, Group Fitness Classes , & Discounted Rates	YEARLY *15% OFF SELECT MOGRAMS Access to Gymnasium during Open Gym Hours, Walking Track, Group Fitness Classes, & Discounted Rates on Select
FEES LISTED AS F	RESIDENT/NON-RESIDENT IN DISTRICT/	on Select Programs/Rentals NON-RESIDENT OUT OF DISTRICT. SEE DES ST 14, WR-HARTFORD DIST 15, EA DIST 13, RO	
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 SS/MONTH	\$385/\$440/\$495 TEACH ADDITIONAL DEPENDENT IS \$35/YEAR
SILVER SNEAKERS, RENEW ACITVE, SILVER& MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR SENIORS! (65		MILITARY/FIRST RESPONDERS REC 10% DISCOUNT OFF ADULT & FAM MEMBERSHIPS WITH A VALID ID	LY (356)

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

SPACE	FEE/HOUR	CAPACITY	SIZE
MULTIPURPOSE ROOM HALF	\$25/\$45 FOR MEMBER RENTALS	50	36' X 21'
MULTIPURPOSE ROOM FULL	\$50/\$70 +555.00FF FOR MEMBER REINTALS	100	72' X 42'
MULTIPURPOSE W/ KITCHENETTE	\$35/\$55 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'
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

SPECIAL EVENTS

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 16th Annual Bike Ramble. The route begins and ends at Central Park on Friday, June 13, 2025. 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. The fee is \$3 per person / \$6 per family and includes a T-shirt, bike light, and refreshments.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL: Beat the heat this summer by partaking in our Annual Ice Cream Social on Sunday, July 13, 2025, from 3:00 to 6:00pm. Wood River Parks & Recreation is co-sponsoring with the Women's Club for this event at Central Park.

Birthday Party Rentals



Heritage Council

<u>Museum Hours</u> – Starting in March 2025, the Museum and Visitor Center's regular public hours will be Saturdays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., but special arrangements can be made to visit the Museum during other times. Please contact the Museum at 618-254-1993 and leave a message regarding when you would like to arrange a visit.

Did vou know?

Between 1928 and 1958, Wood River was the home of the Wood River Bottling Works, located at 430 N. First Street. The owner, Alfred W. Bohlen, bottled "Howdy" soda for The Howdy Company, founded by Mr. Charles Leiper Grigg, Circa: 1920, and was located in St. Louis. The Howdy Company later became known as the 7-Up Company. Howdy soda flavors included, but were not limited to, lemon-lime, cream, root beer, and imitation black cherry.

The Museum has several photographs associated with the bottling company and Howdy Soda on display. Do you remember the Bottling works and "Howdy" Soda? If so, let the Wood River Heritage Council know by posting your memories on the Wood River Heritage Council Facebook page or let us know by contacting the museum and leaving a message at 618-254-1993.

<u>Rendezvous at Camp DuBois</u> – The next Rendezvous at Camp DuBois will be October 25 & 26, 2025. The Rendezvous is open to the public free of charge.

<u>Historic Wood River Chapel</u> – The Historic Wood River Chapel can be rented for small events, weddings, vow renewals, or small meetings. Please contact Becky Gray, 618-304-7434, for more information about renting the chapel.

We invite you to visit the Wood River Museum & Visitors Center located at 40 W. Ferguson, Wood River, IL to learn more about the city you live in. If you are interested in learning and preserving the history of Wood River and the region, contact us about volunteer and research opportunities at the Museum and Camp DuBois.

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.



Follow the Parks & Recreation Department on Facebook at facebook.com/woodriverparks

Appearance Board

As a part of **Earth Day 2025**, the Appearance Board will clean the downtown flowerpots and the flower garden area where the Farmers' Market is held. Flowers will be planted in all City planters in May.

The 2025 Appearance Awards will kick off in May for residences and businesses. Appearance Awards are given once a month to one residence and one business from May to September. The Appearance Awards are open to all residents and businesses in Wood River, and anyone can nominate a residence or business by contacting City Hall or a committee member with the address of the property.

The Committee will bring back the Appearance Board **SPOOKtacular House Awards** this fall. If you have a SPOOKtacular Halloween display nomination, please contact City Hall or a committee member with the address of the property.

Watch the Museum website: woodriverillinoismuseusm.org for details on the rendezvous information and new exhibits at the Museum.

Level Up at your Library!



Summer Reading will kick off on June 2 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 and July and finish with a pool party for those that qualify!

Preschool (3-5yr) Tuesdays at 10:00 Kindergarten-5th Grade- Tuesdays at 2:00

Young Adults (6th-12th grade) Thursdays at 2:00

Adults (18+) Mondays at 6:00 Performances Wednesdays at 10:00 at the Round House (all ages)

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.

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

- WeeJam
- Chair Exercise
- Zillah the Comfort Dog
- Family Lego Build Day
- Spice Club

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

Cheers to 10 years!



Director
Lindsey Herron
marks 10 years
with the library
on June 1.
Lindsey started
with the library

as the youth programmer and became director in March 2017. She can still be found weekly with our youngest patrons during dance parties and more!

Mark your calendars!

2025 National Night Out is scheduled for July 25!

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:

April 20- Easter May 26- Memorial Day June 19- Juneteenth July 4- Independence Day September 1- Labor Day

Download the free SHARE Mobile Library App!

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



Don't See it on our shelves? Don't worry!

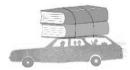
Through our interlibrary loan service, we can request items from other libraries and have them shipped here to you, at no cost! Books, DVDs, CDs, and more from over **500 libraries!**

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)
- Libby (eBooks and eAudiobooks)

Check out our website:

Past issues of the Wood River Pipeline and EAWR Yearbooks can be found on our website.



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. Call us to get signed up!

Additional Services We Provide:

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

VISIT US: 326 E. Ferguson Ave

CALL US: 254-4832

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