

Upcoming Events

Week of October 6-17

Hydrant Flushing

October 22

Downtown Trick or Treat

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

October 25

Halloween Parade

10:30 a.m.

October 25 & 26

Camp Dubois

Fall Rendezvous

October 26

Cruise & Cue Car Cruise &

BBQ Festival

Downtown

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

October 30 & 31

Trick or Treat

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

November 3 – December 18

Leaf Pick-up

(See Map on Page 3)

November 11

Veterans Memorial Ceremony

EAWRCHS Memorial

Gymnasium

4:00 p.m.

November 28

Holiday Traditions

Downtown

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

December 13

39th Annual Breakfast

with Santa

Roundhouse

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

March 28

Easter Egg Hunt

Central Park

10:00 a.m.

Week of May 11-22

Hydrant Flushing



The City of Wood River proudly celebrated the grand opening of its brand-new Downtown Dog Park in September 2025. The ribbon cutting ceremony brought together community members, City staff, and their furry friends to mark this exciting addition to the City of Wood River.

Public Services – Project Updates

Wood River Avenue Phase 1 & 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 \$1,500,000. Project design has been completed and has a hopeful bid date of January 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 & 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 2025-26 project and is anticipated to bid as early as Spring 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 \$1,600,000.

Edwardsville Road Phase 3 – This is a rotomill and resurfacing project on Edwardsville Road from approximately 6th Street to East Acton Avenue. Intersections will be upgraded to be handicap accessible. The project has been submitted for funding through the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program which construction costs are covered 75% by the State and 25% by the County.

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at facebook.com/thecityofwoodriver
and visit our website at www.woodriver.org

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to add your mobile number.

1% Public Services Project List

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 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 a pending 3.5 million grant 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.

9th Street Detention Expansion – 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 will allow homes in that area to be removed from the flood zone. The current project estimate is 8 million dollars 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 in late Fall 2025/Spring 2026 and will last approximately 18 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. Progress is ongoing, and the City continues making sidewalk improvements as funding allows.

Jackson Ln. & Vaughn Dr. Water Main Improvements – This project will replace an aging 4-inch water main with a new 8-inch main along Jackson Lane and new 6-inch main along Vaughn Drive. The project construction cost is approximately \$260,000. Construction is anticipated to begin Spring 2026.

Ferguson – 4th Street to 6th Street CIPP (Cured-in-Place-Pipe) Lining – The project consists of lining the existing 18-inch sewer main between 4th Street and 6th Street on Ferguson Avenue. The project construction cost is \$250,000. The project is anticipated to start and be completed in Fall 2025.

Water/Sewer/Trash Billing

Billing Schedule

Meter Reading:	On or about the 26 th of the month.
Bills Transmitted:	On or about the 5 th of the month
Due Date:	3 rd 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: \$25 fee added at 8am	The 15 th of the month (or the following business day) after the bill is transmitted.
Shut Off: \$60 fee added at 8am	The 25 th of the month (or the following business day) after the bill is transmitted.

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.

Sign Up for Free Auto Pay!

Avoid service fees and simplify your payments with Auto Pay through e-check. Sign up today at www.woodriver.authoritypay.com or call 618-251-3131.

With Auto Pay, your payments are processed without worry, and you never have to think about due dates again!

Bulk Pickups & Holiday Schedule

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.

Remaining 2025 Holidays observed by Republic Services are Thanksgiving Day & Christmas Day.



First Time Homebuyer Program

Our First-Time Homebuyer Program offers financial assistance of up to \$5,000 to make purchasing your first home more affordable and attainable. Assistance is based on income, and the application process is simple.

For more details visit woodriver.org or contact the Finance Director at 618-251-3134 or by email at kweber@cityofwoodriver.com



Exterior Home Renovation Program- Coming Soon!

The City of Wood River will soon be offering an Exterior Home Renovation Program to support owner-occupied homes with major exterior improvements and lasting upgrades. The program provides up to \$5,000 in assistance, based on income.

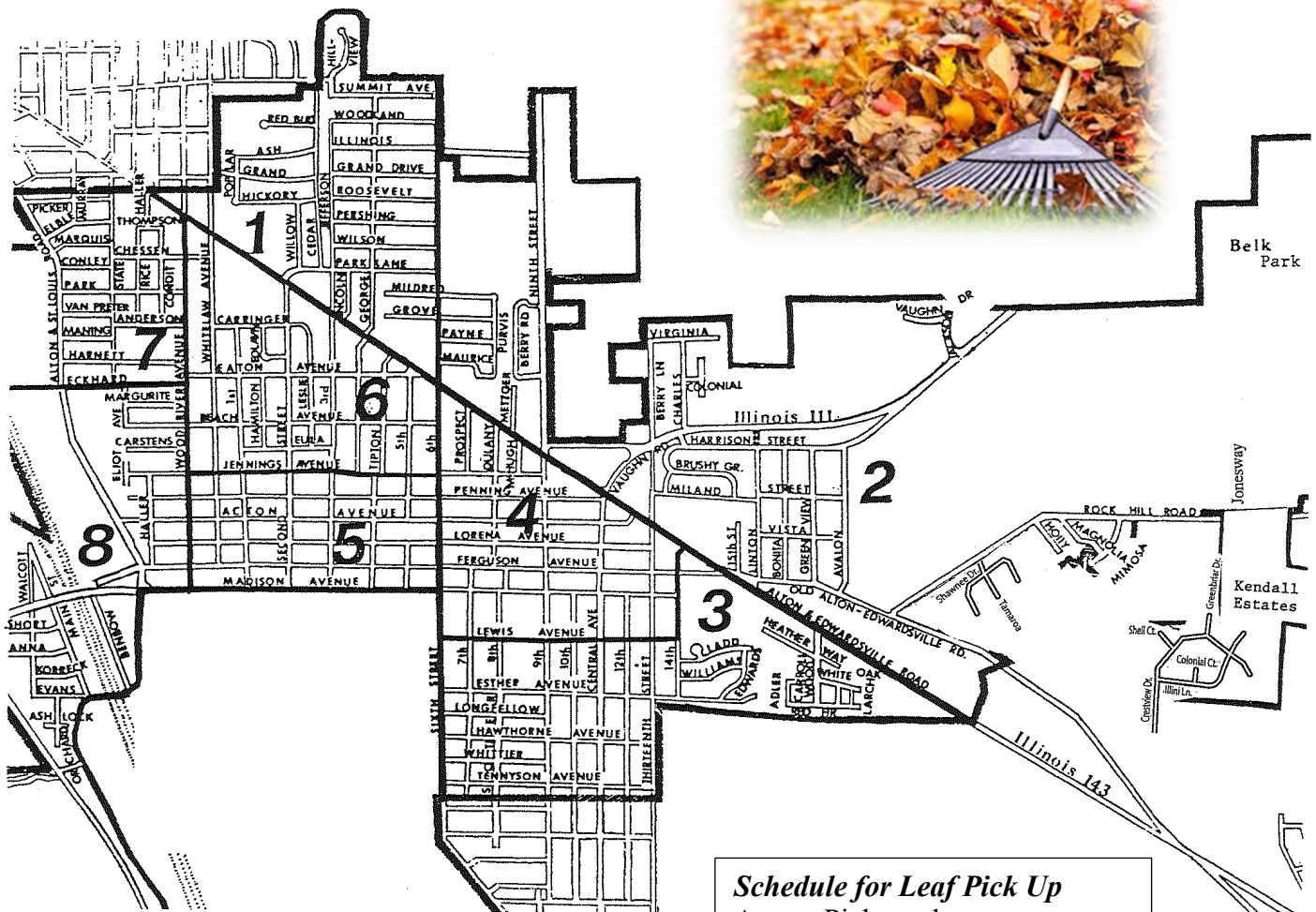
Leaf Burning Restrictions

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.

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.

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

Schedule for Leaf Pick Up

Area Pick-up dates

Zone 1 Nov 3, Nov 17, Dec 8
 Zone 2 Nov 4, Nov 18, Dec 9
 Zone 3 Nov 5, Nov 19, Dec 10
 Zone 4 Nov 6, Nov 20, Dec 11
 Zone 5 Nov 10, Dec 1, Dec 15
 Zone 6 Nov 12, Dec 2, Dec 16
 Zone 7 Nov 13, Dec 3, Dec 17
 Zone 8 Nov 14, Dec 4, Dec 18

Employee Anniversaries



20 Years

*Joe
Petrokovich*



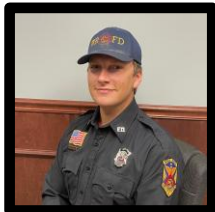
20 Years

*Wade
Stahlhut*



15 Years

*Scott
Crump*



5 Years

*Jacob
Palen*

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.



**Follow the Wood River
Fire Department
on Facebook**

Fire Department News

October is fire prevention month and 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:

- 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****



The Wood River Fire Department is near completion of the much-needed facelift to the 1986 'Central' Fire Station, as well as the completion of the storage area on the back of the Fire Station. This will allow the Fire Department to house and immediately respond with critical resources from the Fire Station, as these are currently housed in different areas of the City. The department has also accepted delivery of two new pumpers, one ordered in November 2022, and the other demo pumper that replaced the 2000 American LaFrance. Now that the ordered pumper has arrived, the demo pumper will be getting some additional work completed to bring it up to Wood River Fire Department Specifications. More to come in the Spring as both pumpers and the Fire Station will be highlighted in the Spring 2026 Pipeline as well as an Open House Event!

Fire Department News

Congratulations to **Engineer/EMT Jarrod Horyn** for successfully completing the Christian Hospital Paramedic Academy. Engineer/EMT Horyn is now completing his paramedic team lead field internship and will challenge the National Registry Paramedic written exam by the end of October 2025.

Probationary Firefighter Will Korinek has successfully completed his OSFM Basic Operations Firefighter by attending the Fire Academy at the University of Illinois Fire Service Institute, as well as completing his OSFM Fire Apparatus Engineer certification. Probationary Firefighter Korinek started the Christian Hospital Paramedic Academy in August 2025 and will complete the program in the Fall of 2026.

The WRFD would like to thank the **Madison County Board, 9-1-1, ETSB, and Radio Sub Committee** for their efforts in providing the new radio equipment for the StarComm radio system. The new equipment will greatly improve interoperability issues County wide.



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

Police Department News

- 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 Department News

Trick or Treat:
October 30th & 31st from
6-8pm for children under 12 years old

The Police Department encourages parents to be involved with children's trick or treat activities and to supervise them closely while following these safety tips:

- 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

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.

Congratulations to Sergeant Evan Ford for his promotion to Police Sergeant in September 2025!

Police Officer New Hires

Jared Nash was hired in June 2025. Officer Nash was previously employed with the Hartford Police Department and Mount Olive Police Department.

Jason Womack was hired in August 2025. Officer Womack previously was part of the Wood River Police Department's Intern Program through SIUE and is currently attending the Police Academy at SWIC. He is set to graduate in December 2025.

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

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



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 20 CHILDREN AND EACH ADDITIONAL CHILD COST \$5. PARTY TIMES ARE FRIDAYS 6:00PM-8:00PM, SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS FROM 12:00PM-2:00PM, 2:30PM-4:30PM, AFTER HOURS 6:00-8:00PM EXTRA \$50. ALL PARTIES HAVE A 30 MIN SETUP TIME BEFORE. FOR MORE INFO CALL 618-251-3130.



SPORTS PACKAGE

\$175 RES/ \$225 NR

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



GYMNASTICS PACKAGE

\$200 RES/ \$250 NR

INCLUDES:
PARTY HOST
2 HOURS OF ACCESS TO GYMNASTICS ROOM/PARTY ROOM




HYBRID PACKAGE

\$225 RES/ \$275 NR

INCLUDES:
PARTY HOST
2 HOURS OF ACCESS TO GYMNASTICS ROOM/HALF GYM/PARTY ROOM

15% Discount for Rec Center Members



BASKETBALL PRESEASON CLINIC

15% OFF
REC CENTER MEMBERS

AGE GROUPS
K-2nd Grade - 6pm 3rd-6th Grade - 7pm
TUESDAY & THURSDAY



Clinic

- Nov. 4, 6, 13, & 18
- No Practice Veteran's Day Nov. 11

cost: \$40

Games on Nov. 20


DEVELOP CORE SKILLS LIKE PASSING, DRIBBLING, SHOOTING AND MORE

LOCATION:
655 Wood River Ave. Wood River, IL 62095

FOR MORE INFO EMAIL
TLAFFERTY@WRPARKS.ORG

REGISTER IN PERSON AT REC CENTER OR SCAN QR CODE BELOW



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. Classes are offered on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings, in addition to Saturday mornings.

- Parent & Tot: 2yrs-3yrs
- Tiny Tumblers: 4yrs-5yrs
- Gymnastics I: 6yrs & Older
- Gymnastics II, III, & IV: 6yrs & Older (with instructor approval)
- Tumbling I: 6yrs & Older
- Tumbling II, III, & IV: 6yrs & Older (with instructor approval)
- Handstand Heroes: 4yrs-5yrs (with instructor approval)
- Cheer Tumbling: 11yrs & Older
- Boys Ninja Warrior Tumbling: 5yrs & Older



2ND ANNUAL AUTUMN PICKLEBALL CLASSIC

15% OFF
REC CENTER MEMBERS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1 - MEN & WOMEN DOUBLES
*Play starts Saturday morning
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2 - MIXED DOUBLES
*Play starts Sunday at noon

SKILL LEVELS: 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 & 4.5
*DUPRE SANCTIONED TOURNAMENT - ALL MATCHES COUNT **DUPRE**

\$50

Per Person

Can play on both days

*4 games Guaranteed

*Top 3 per division receive medals

*\$300 1st Place; \$150 2nd Place; 4-5: Division Only!

*All participants receive dri fit t-shirt

IN PERSON REGISTRATION



WOOD RIVER RECREATION CENTER
655 N. WOOD RIVER AVENUE
WOOD RIVER, IL 62095
618-251-3130

ONLINE REGISTRATION



Registration Deadline: Sunday, October 26

Proceeds will help to fund our Summer Campers Field Trips in 2026!

For more information email tlafferty@wrparks.org



Adult Leagues

2026 SUMMER LEAGUE: Registration begins in February, and the deadline to register is Friday, March 27, 2026. All leagues begin play during the last week of April weather permitting. Wood River Parks and Recreation partners with Alton Parks & Recreation and games will be played at Emerick Sports Complex in Wood River and Gordon Moore Park in Alton.

Men's League (2 Umpires)

Monday Men's Open – (Double Round Robin) - \$650

Tuesday Men's Open – (Double Round Robin) - \$650

Co-Ed League (1 Umpire)

Wednesday Co-Ed Open – (Double Round Robin) - \$650

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

Heritage Council

Heritage Council Calendar – The Heritage Council 2026 Calendar is now available at the Wood River Public Library, City Hall, Midwest Members, Farm Fresh, and other location around town. The theme for 2026 is “Wood River Streets and the People Behind Them.” Calendar sales are the primary fund raiser for the Heritage Council and support the operation of the Museum, Camp DuBois, and the Historic Chapel.

Small Art – The Museum will once again host the Small Works Art Competition from October 11 through November 1, 2025. The public can view the art on Saturdays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., or by special arrangement.

Downtown Trick or Treat – The Heritage Council will once again participate in the Downtown Trick or Treat on October 22, 2025. Come by and check out how Lewis and Clark, our resident skeletons, are celebrating Halloween this year at the old jail cell.

Rendezvous at Camp DuBois – The 2025 Fall Rendezvous will be held October 25 & October 26. The 2026 Rendezvous dates are January 24 & January 25, March 21 & March 22, and October 24 & October 25. The Rendezvous are open to the public and are free of charge. Contact Alice Buzzard at 618-462-7765 if interested in volunteering or renting the Camp for an event.

Did you know?

Early hog farmers used a Hog Oiler to rid their hogs of lice. The farmer would place used oil in the oiler where the hogs would then rub against the rollers on the device, thus applying the oil to their skin. Learn more about early farming tools and techniques by visiting the Wood River Museum & Visitors Center located at 40 W. Ferguson Avenue, Wood River, IL 62095 on Saturdays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. or by making special arrangements by calling 618-254-1993 and leaving a message.

Historic Wood River Chapel – The Historic Wood River Chapel can be rented for small events, weddings, vow renewals, or small meetings. Please contact Kristen Burns at 618-917-4326 or Cathi Stalcup at 618-910-8481 for more information about renting the chapel.

Youth Programs

ALL STARS SOCCER CLINIC: The Wood River Parks and Recreation Department will offer an instructional soccer clinic this upcoming Spring. Children Pre-K – 6th grade are invited to participate. This clinic takes place on Saturday mornings. The registration fee is \$40.00 and includes a T-shirt. Core soccer skills are developed through mini games. The registration deadline is March 12, 2026.

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 has started. Call the Wood River Parks & Recreation Department for more information 618-251-3130.

TRI-CITY YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL:

Registration opens in January and ends in March. Teams are formed in late April and league play begins in May. For more information, please visit www.wrparcs.org.

Appearance Board

Appearance Awards for 2025

May

856 E. Ferguson Avenue

Tomerlin Bookkeeping – 1 E. Ferguson Avenue

June

1260 Cedar Avenue

The SportsBarn – 2101 E. Edwardsville Road

July

300 Grand Avenue

Bel Air Motel – 542 W. Ferguson Avenue

August

307 Bonita

Shelter Insurance – 162 E. Ferguson Avenue

September

842 Lewis

Downtown's West End – 10 W. Ferguson Avenue

A big **THANK YOU** goes out to the community for all the submissions that were received this year for Appearance Awards! If you would like to help the Appearance Board with various projects or become a member of the Committee, please contact
City Hall at 618-251-3100, Option 3.

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

Wood River Public Library News *Check it out!*



**Thank you for making
"Level Up at Your Library"
a success this summer!**

More than **1,000** people attended events and activities and 150 people registered for summer reading. We hope you enjoyed challenging yourselves this summer. We look forward to next year when we **Unearth a story!!**

Thank you to our sponsors:

Robin Karpan, Edward Jones Financial Advisor
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Mark Smith, Shelter Insurance
Midwest Members Credit Union
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Wood River Kiwanis Club
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A special thanks to **Scott Credit Union** for sponsoring our performers this summer!

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 11 when the library is transformed into the wizarding world of Harry Potter! All ages welcome!



Family Reading Night: Down on the Farm

Family Reading Night will be held on Thursday, December 4 from 5:30-7:00. This is a family friendly event themed farm animals. All ages are welcome.

Stream it with Kanopy

Using your library card, stream movies, shows, and Great Courses through Kanopy. Stream on your smart phone, computer, smart tv, or tablet. If you need help, give us a call!

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

NEW TO THE WEBSITE: Wood River Pipelines

Find all copies of the Pipeline magazine from 1981 to current.

Woodriverlibrary.org/pipeline

Closures:

November 11- Veterans Day
November 27 & 28- Thanksgiving
December 24 & 25- Christmas
December 31 & January 1- New Years
January 19- Martin Luther King Jr Day
February 16- 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 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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Website: www.woodriverlibrary.org

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