

PIPELINE

Due to the pandemic, all events listed in this newsletter are subject to change and/or cancellation.

Special Events

October 3

Annual Firefighters' Fish Fry
 TBD

Week of October 5-16
 Hydrant Flushing

October 31

Halloween Parade 10:30 a.m.

October 24 & 25

Camp du Bois Rendezvous

November 2–December 14

Leaf Pick-up (See Page 3)

October 26

Halloween Party
 7 p.m. at the Roundhouse

October 30 & 31

Trick or Treat 6-8 p.m.

November 11

Veterans Memorial Ceremony
 1 p.m. at Central Park

December 11

Winterville Festival

December 12

Breakfast with Santa
 @ Roundhouse 8-10 a.m.

March 27th

Easter Egg Hunt
 @ Central Park
 Time TBD

Water Billing Improvements on the Horizon

Radio Read technology was installed on all water meters in the City this year and is currently in use. The upgraded technology provides the City's water department with enhanced leak detection capabilities to reduce water waste and save customers money.

Coming soon, the City will transition from bi-monthly utility billing cycles to monthly billing. With this adjustment comes several benefits to our customers:

- Bills will be mailed the same day each month
- Due dates will be consistent month-to-month
- The amount due each bill will be less
- Billing date to due date will extend from 17 days to 30 days
- Billing date to shut-off notice date will extend from 21 days to 42 days, with actual shutoffs beginning eight days after that.

Therefore, utility bills will arrive more frequently, but less will be due each bill and there will be more time to pay before penalties and shutoffs occur.

Be on the lookout for a mailed announcement in advance of the change to monthly billing. It will include additional information regarding what to expect and helpful tips to sign up for the NEW online customer portal, as well as how to sign up for emailed bills and information on our direct payment option.

To cover the costs of these enhancements, a \$4 technology fee will be added to each monthly bill. The administration fees will remain unchanged and have not increased since 2006.

Please see the city's website at woodriver.org for more detailed information on how this enhanced technology will improve our customer services to you.

Projects Funded Through Rebuild Illinois

Senator Rachelle Crowe has announced \$6.4 million for 10 local projects within her district. These projects invest in local infrastructure and create construction jobs which supports our local families and communities during this COVID-19 pandemic.

Wood River is receiving \$450,000 for an all inclusive playground at Central Park.

Farewell Councilwoman Ufert

The City was saddened by the untimely passing of Councilwoman Gale Ufert on July 23. Gale was elected to the City Council in April of 2017. She previously served as chairman of the Wood River Appearance Board, was a past member of the East Alton Wood River High School Board, was a former precinct committeewoman and was an active member of Holy Angels Church where she could be heard singing in the choir. Gale was married to Wood River Mayor Fred Ufert until he passed unexpectedly while in office in March of 2015.

The City has lost a dedicated public servant and she will be greatly missed.



Benefits of the 1% Sales Tax

After the referendum passed in April 2019 this list of projects, aimed at enhancing your community, are moving forward as promised:

State Street Sewer Separation 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 \$14,000,000. Project construction costs are covered 75% by the Corps of Engineers and 25% by the City.

Recreation Center Project will address many of the modern needs of a park and recreation department, as well as, provide many needed services to the citizens of Wood River. The architects and engineers have begun preliminary design work, along with estimates, in order to assist the City in making the best decision for the design/build of this facility. The current project cost estimate is \$7.5 million. The City has applied for a \$2.5 million grant from the IDNR in order to help pay for construction costs.

East End Detention Pond will create a detention pond east of the current Kia dealership building and upgrade Old Alton Edwardsville Road to a new asphalt road. This project will remove the entire area from the flood zone which will allow development of these properties for commercial purposes. Engineering is about 50% complete. The current cost estimate is \$2 million.

6th Street Detention Expansion will expand the capacity of the 6th St. detention pond and allow all the homes in that area to be removed from the flood zone. The current cost estimate is \$4.5 million. The City recently acquired 69 acres of land to move this project forward.

Newest Councilmember

Michael Anderson was sworn in at the August 17th Council meeting to fill the unexpired term of the late Councilwoman Gale Ufert. Mike served on the Stormwater Commission for 12 years and is currently the president of the Library Board. He is a graduate of SIUE and is a Licensed Professional Geologist. Mike and his wife, Charlotte, have two children and two grandchildren. He is humbled and honored to be able to serve the citizens in a greater capacity.



Water Billing/Finance Department

Water bills can be paid online at www.woodriver.org or over the phone at 855-966-6582. Please see the website for more information. You can also sign up for direct debit by bringing a voided check into the Finance Department at City Hall.

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 materials on any public street, alley or sidewalk in the City.

Hydrant Flushing

The City will be flushing and testing Fire Hydrants the week of October 5th through October 16th. Residents may experience some discoloration of their water. However, the water will continue to be safe to drink. Residents may want to avoid doing laundry during this time to avoid discoloration of clothing. If you must do laundry, make sure you check the water before you put in the clothes. Despite the inconvenience of the discolored water, it is necessary to flush fire hydrants to remove any sediment that might have settled in the water mains and to ensure the fire hydrants remain in good working order. If you have any questions, please call the Water Division at 251-3133.

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.

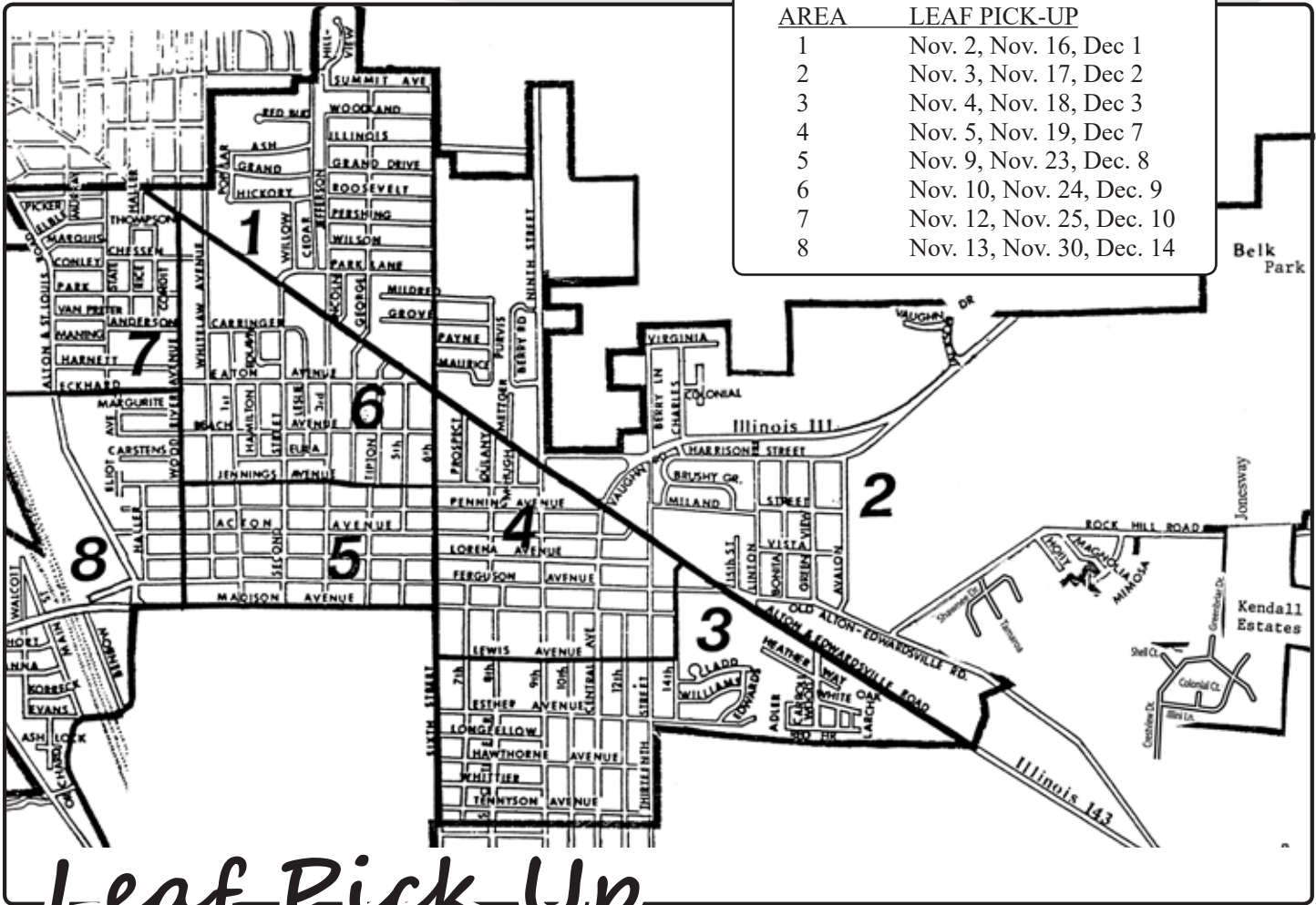
Christmas Tree Recycling

You may dispose of your Christmas tree at the City Dump/Compost Site at 400 Smith Ct. in the Envirotech Business Park at no charge. Please remove all ornaments and tinsel from the tree before bringing it to the facility. Hours of operation are Friday, Saturday and Monday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday from Noon to 4 p.m. Call Public Works for more information at 251-3122.



Schedule for Leaf Pick Up

AREA	LEAF PICK-UP
1	Nov. 2, Nov. 16, Dec 1
2	Nov. 3, Nov. 17, Dec 2
3	Nov. 4, Nov. 18, Dec 3
4	Nov. 5, Nov. 19, Dec 7
5	Nov. 9, Nov. 23, Dec. 8
6	Nov. 10, Nov. 24, Dec. 9
7	Nov. 12, Nov. 25, Dec. 10
8	Nov. 13, Nov. 30, Dec. 14



Leaf Pick Up

This map represents Leaf Pick up only.

Please remember this is LEAF PICK UP ONLY. No planters or junk will be picked up during this schedule.

Storage of Trash/Recycle Containers

City Code states that waste and recycling containers are to be placed beside or behind the residence within 24 hours after the scheduled collection day.

All refuse and recycling materials must be completely enclosed within the confines of the waste/recycling containers with the lid closed. Nothing put around or alongside of the Republic Services containers will be collected. Nothing put in a non-Republic container will be picked up. Only trash or recycling that is put completely inside the proper Republic container will be picked up. If your old garbage containers are not needed, they need to be properly disposed of.

Please note if you do not plan to recycle. YOU will need to call Republic Services at 656-6883 to come to your house and pick up the Recycling Container that they provided. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter, it is appreciated.

Personalized-On-Demand "BIG" Trash Pickups

City-wide Spring and Fall Trash Pickups have been replaced by Personalized-On-Demand Twice-A-Year-Pickups. That's right! YOU call and schedule YOUR pickups on YOUR schedule, when YOU are ready! No missing the date. Each household gets TWO FREE pick ups per calendar year. You must pre-schedule by calling customer service at 618-656-6883.

Holiday Trash Pick Up Schedule 2021

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. Holidays observed by the hauler are New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.

Fire & Police News

Our Men and Women in Uniform

Fire Department

Tentative Events

Annual Firefighters' Fish Fry: Saturday, October 3rd

Halloween Parade: Saturday, October 31st

Fire Prevention Month

October is fire prevention month, and October 4-10 is officially fire prevention week. This is an important time to educate our community about fire safety practices in your home. Simple measures can mean so much: testing your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors monthly, changing the detector batteries twice per year (change your clock/change your batteries) and possibly having a fire extinguisher in the house. 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).

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

Remember the fire department provides free home fire safety inspections, just contact the fire station at 259-0984 ext. 2.

Leaf Burning Instructions

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.

Police Department

Trick or Treat Safety Tips

The Police Department encourages parents to be involved with their children's trick or treat activities and to supervise them closely.

Trick or Treating will take place October 30 & 31 from 6-8 p.m. for children under 12 years of age and only at houses with porch lights on.

For the safety of all Trick or Treaters, please follow the list of safety recommendations.

- 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

New Hires



Jacob Palen started with the Fire Department as a Paid-On-Call Firefighter December 2018 and was hired full-time in April 2020.

Firefighter Palen completed his Basic Firefighter program through Lewis and Clark Community College and recently completed his Fire Apparatus Engineer course with Max Fire Training.

Prior to being hired full-time by the City he worked for Kurtz Industrial Fire Service Inc.



The police department's new Administrative Assistant, **Erica Chalcraft**, was hired in March 2020. Erica earned a Bachelor's Degree in Applied Management from Hickey College in St. Louis. She was previously employed with Wood River Printing and lives with her son in Wood River.



The newest face at City Hall belongs to **Danielle Sneed**. Hired as an Administrative Assistant primarily for Building and Zoning, she started in March 2020. Danielle earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Hickey College in St. Louis. She was previously employed with Premier Manufacturing in Chesterfield, MO. Danielle resides in Godfrey with her husband and daughter.

Employee Anniversaries

15 Years



Joe Petrokovich



Wade Stahlhut



Jess Thomas

10 Years



Scott Crump



Alyssa Daniels

5 Years



Susan Jones



Travis Mouser



Michael Young

Appearance Awards

The following individuals and businesses were recognized at a Council meeting:

MAY

Fred & Ornetta Gilliam
804 George
Dream Home Realty
543 Ferguson

JUNE

Shannon Phelps & Steve Walls
500 E. Edwardsville Rd.

JULY

Christie & Tom Kamp
686 Lorena
Old 143 LLC
901 Edwardsville Rd.

AUGUST

Patrick & Jordan Brannon
519 George
Suds Coin Laundry
511 Madison

SEPTEMBER

Pat, James & Brian Gleason
908 Penning
Top Shelf Motors
1404 E. Edwardsville Rd.

Appearance Board

Christmas Festivities

Annual Holiday Spirit Awards given in December 2019:

101 Shawnee	445 2nd St
209 8th St.	565 Metzger
618 9th St.	629 Whitelaw

Holiday Spirit Awards are given to those residents and businesses that exemplify holiday spirit thru decorating. Anyone in the City of Wood River can participate! Notify the City Clerk's office no later than December 11 to nominate your favorite holiday decoration for the 2020 awards.

Winterville Fest

All plans for the 4th Annual Winterville Fest are contingent on COVID-19 restrictions. Save the date for this family friendly event, just in case! The festivities will be held Friday, December 11 at the Roundhouse from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Attendees will be treated to hot cocoa, cookies and coffee. Entertainment is provided by the Grinch as well as games and prizes for the kids. Watch the Facebook page for more information as it becomes available.

Christmas Tree

Decorating Contest

The annual Christmas Tree Decorating Contest will feature trees decorated by K-5th grade students and the trees will be displayed at the Roundhouse until December 28th or you can view them on Facebook at Facebook.com/AppearanceCommitteeCityofWoodRiver.

The winning class will receive a \$50 gift certificate. Congratulations to Ms. Skinner's 5th Grade class for winning last year's 2019 contest.



Please contact 251-3130 for questions, additional information and adjustments made due to COVID-19.

Special Events



HALLOWEEN PARTY: The Recreation Department will host the 35th annual Halloween Party on Monday, October 26th from 7-8 p.m. at the Roundhouse Recreation Center. Wood River children up to age 11 are invited to join in the fun! There will be entertainment, candy and a costume contest.



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: Get your name on Santa's list at the 35th Annual Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 12th from 8-10 a.m. at the Roundhouse Recreation Center. Don't miss this opportunity for great family fun. Breakfast for children includes two pancakes, two sausage links and juice or milk. Adult breakfast includes three pancakes, three sausage links and choice of milk or coffee. Cost \$3 children and \$4 adults. Pictures with Santa will also be taken for a small fee.



EASTER EGG HUNT: A FREE Easter Egg Hunt is offered to the children of Wood River residents ages toddler thru 4th grade on Sunday, March 27th with time TBD. The hunt will be held at Central Park, next to the Roundhouse Recreation Center. There will be over 120 dozen eggs hidden, along with special prizes awarded to those finding special eggs. The Wood River Public Library will offer crafts and each child will receive a bag of candy from the Easter Bunny. Prizes are donated by Wood River Area Merchants. Be sure to bring your camera!

Wood River Parks & Recreation Discrimination Complaint Procedure Notice: Wood River Parks & Recreation programs & facilities are available to all citizens regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. Reasonable accommodation may be requested to provide participation in desired programs and activities. If you have a disability condition and would like more information and support for accessibility of programs and facilities, call 251-3130.

Sports

FALL/WINTER GYMNASTICS

This is a great way to improve your child's strength and coordination. The program runs from August thru May on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings:

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

LIL-KICKERS SOCCER

The Wood River and Roxana Rec. Departments offer an Instructional Soccer program for children ages 3-4. This program takes place over four Saturday mornings and requires parent involvement. Fee is \$25 and includes a t-shirt. Registration is August/September for the Fall program and in March/April for the Spring program.



TRI-CITY YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Wood River, East Alton, & Roxana have teamed up to offer a Tri-City Basketball League for 2nd-6th grade Boys and Girls. League play begins in December with games being played at the Roxana Community Gym. Registration will start November 1st.

INSTRUCTIONAL BASKETBALL CAMP

This basketball program has been set up for Kindergarten & 1st grade children. It is designed to teach the fundamentals and skills of basketball along with special drills to help with coordination. Each participant receives a completion certificate. Registration fee is \$25 and begins in September.



TRI-CITY YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

Registration runs the entire month of March 2021. Teams are formed in late April and league play begins in May. The following divisions are offered for an early bird fee of \$35, regular fee \$40. (\$5 late fee after registration deadline).

Boys:

Age 8–9, Rookie League–Machine Pitch

Age 10–11, Minor League–Player Pitch

Age 12–13, Major League–Player Pitch

Age 14–16, Juvenile–Player Pitch

Girls: (Modified Pitch)

Age 8–9, Ponytail League–Machine Pitch

Age 10–12, Petite League–Player Pitch

Age 13–16, Chic League–Player Pitch

Co-Ed:

Ages 4–5, Tee Ball–Instructional League

Ages 6–7, Coach Pitch–Instructional League

All of the above will play in the Tri-City League which is made up of teams from Wood River, Roxana and East Alton.



Lessons & Activities

HOEDOWNERS SQUARE DANCERS

The Wood River Square Dance Club starts lessons on Thursday, September 9 at 7 p.m. for two hours each Thursday. The first week's class is free. Bring a partner and join in the fun. Once you have completed lessons you may be interested in joining the Hoedowners at 7 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month for some square dancing fun. The Wood River Square Dance Club has danced at the Roundhouse since 1949 and is the oldest club in existence in Illinois since its creation by Mayor Lucien Ringering.

Heritage Council News

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the desire to protect its volunteers, the Wood River Museum & Visitors Center, as well as the Historic Wood River Wedding Chapel, will accommodate visitors or interested wedding parties by appointment only. To schedule an appointment or showing, please phone the museum at (618) 254-1993. When prompted, please press "1" and leave your name, phone number, and a brief message. Someone will respond to your message as soon as possible.

The 1st annual High School Student Art Show is on hold as schools develop their plans for attendance; however, the annual Small Works Art Show will be held in the Fall as usual.

The theme of the 2021 Heritage Council Calendar is the East Alton-Wood River High School in honor of its 100th Anniversary (1919-2019). The calendar will feature school activities, organizations and facilities throughout the years. The calendar will also include an EAWR High School trivia for those Alumni who wish to test their memory. The calendar is the main fundraiser for the Heritage Council and will be available for sale in early November.

Camp DuBois Fall Rendezvous is scheduled for October 24 & 25, 2020. Times are: 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m.–2 p.m. Sunday. Come enjoy Black Powder shoots on Saturday, Bow shoots on Sunday, Flag Raising at 10 a.m. both days, Vendors & Traders, Food and the Bread oven will be hot & running. For more information contact: Luke Reinhold at 314- 223-2621.

Please Note: The camp's grounds are a wide-open space and it is usually not a crowded event. It should be easy to maintain social distancing at this site.

Thanks to our Summer Reading Program Sponsors and Supporters

“Reading is Sooo Delicious”

Busey Bank, Wood River Rotary, First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust, Elizabeth RoseMarie Soaps, Mother’s Catering, Wood River Hartford School District, Wood River Refinery, Alton Cracker Factory, Trickey’s Towing, Robin Karpan-Edward Jones Financial Advisor, Dream Home Realty Center, Elena Wooff-Usborne Books and More, Pump House Bar & Grill, Wood River Park & Recreation and Helping Hearts Grow.

More than 3,000 books were read by the community and hundreds of activities completed. We hope you enjoyed challenging yourselves. We look forward to next year with “Reading Colors Your World”.

Pie in the Face

We would not let a global pandemic stop us from throwing a pie in someone’s face. This year’s winner is Tyler Pitchford who received the most money with \$1,000.80. This year we raised \$1,757.53 for new computers. Thank you to our local businesses for supporting the library.

Kristen Meyer, Kristen’s Hair Studio; Steve Scroggins, The Pump House Bar & Grill; Kyle Shirley, Blue Ice Creamery; Corey Murphy, Riverbend Outdoor Services; and Tyler Pitchford, Pitchford Funeral Home.

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

What is 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten? Exactly that! Read 1,000 books before your child enters Kindergarten. Is it hard? Not really—read a book every night and that’s 365. After three years, you’re at 1,095. Read the same book over and over? Each time counts. Log your

books using Beanstack and earn a t-shirt when you hit 1,000. As of July 2020, seven kids have completed their goal.

Online Resources

FREE with your Library Card
Find them on our website

TumbleBooks: eBooks and eAudio-books for kids. Download the app for easier use.

ABCmouse: Bring learning home. Thousands of educational games and activities for kids 2-8+.

CloudLibrary: eBooks and eAudio-books.

Creativebug: Thousands of craft videos from Joann’s Fabrics. Everything from knitting, to cake decorating, to leather work.

New York Times: Database filled with every New York Times article as well as videos, recipes, and even lesson plans.



Volunteers helping with the Community Garden

Community Garden

Our community garden is up and running. If you are interested in being a part of this project, please contact the library. Don’t forget about our Blessing Box, available for anyone to access fresh produce for free.

Events and Programs for Everyone

Our monthly programs resume in September. Check out our website or Facebook page for up-to-date information on events including Book Clubs to Storytime. There is something for everyone at the Wood River Library.



Thank you First Responders

The library staff would like to extend a HUGE thank you to the police officers and fire fighters, in the City of Wood River, who read stories on camera for our community during the corona virus shut down. They were very popular, and we are thankful for your support.

Technology—We’re Here to Help

Wood River Public Library can help with smart phones and tablets. Need to create an email? We can do that, too.

Services Provided

Copies: \$0.20 for b/w; \$.50 for color
Fax: \$1 first page, \$.25 each page after
Notary: free
Scan to email: free
Lamination- 8 ½ x 11- \$1

Don’t see it on our shelves?

Don’t worry

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