

# The Woodstock Wire



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## The Woodstock Enhancement Committee Hosts a Beautiful Light Up Woodstock Event!

Fun was had by all at the Light Up Woodstock event held on Court Square, on November 30th! Thanks to the staff and many volunteers of the WEC and the Chamber of Commerce, the festivities and Chamber of Commerce Parade were a success!! The hot chocolate was delicious, the choral groups sang beautifully, and tree was lit up in all its glory by Mayor McCleary and the Town's special guest!



*Santa & Visitor, Choral Group on the Courthouse Steps, Antique Truck (owned by Bill Grabill), Woodstock Rotary Members & Family, & Santa*

*(Photos Courtesy of Gus Glikas & Steve Sober)*



## The Woodstock Police Department Replaces Costly, Aging Vehicles



*Photo Courtesy of the Woodstock Police Department*

The Woodstock Police Department was recently delivered two 2013 Ford Police Interceptors. The vehicles are built on the Ford Taurus platform and are specially designed for the rigors of modern-day police work. Special design features are incorporated into these vehicles that set them apart, including a V6 engine that can run on regular gasoline and E85 fuel, heavy-duty suspension, and upgraded cooling systems for the oil, transmission, power-steering and engine. The Interceptor is also an all-wheel drive vehicle, which will allow it to be driven during inclement weather conditions. In addition to the performance features, the new vehicles have been crash-tested in a rear-end collision at 75 MPH with little injury to the officer. The vehicles have been outfitted with a high intensity LED light bar to help increase both daylight and nighttime visibility for officer and driver safety. These new vehicles replaced aging patrol vehicles with mounting mechanical costs that were associated with their age, mileage, and usage.

### Safe Sidewalks

During the snowy season, please remember that if your property is adjacent to a sidewalk, it is your responsibility to clear the snow **two hours after the snow has ceased**. If the snowfall ceases during the night, it shall be removed by **12:00 (noon)** the following day. Many of Woodstock's citizens travel by foot, so it is important that we make the journey to their workplaces, residences, or to *your* business as safe as possible!

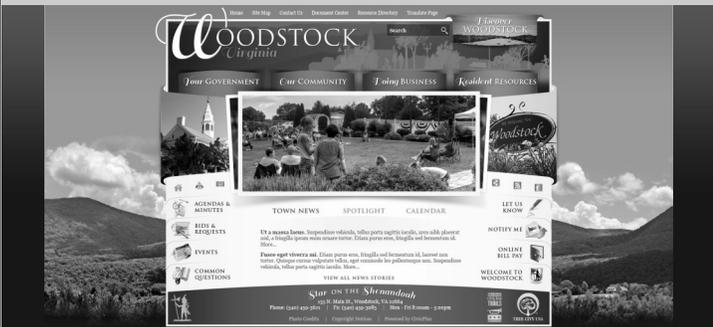
*(Per Section 66-3 of the Code of the Town of Woodstock, Virginia)*

## Town Launches Website Redesign— GO LIVE on January 24th!

The Town of Woodstock staff has been working hard with the design and content teams of Civic Plus to give Woodstock’s website a fresh, new look. Civic Plus is a website company that specializes in working with local governments to provide website design that is easily searchable, transparent, and citizen-centric.

In addition to getting a much-needed redesign, staff has been working on adding new content, updating old content, and making it easier for the citizens of Woodstock to find important information with the click of a button. In the center of the homepage, urgent or important Town news will be featured, a “Spotlight” on featured events or news is available, and the calendar of important dates can be easily accessed.

The website will GO LIVE on January 24th at 5:00 pm. Check it out at [www.townofwoodstockva.gov](http://www.townofwoodstockva.gov)!



Screenshot of the Homepage Design, Civic Plus, 2012  
(Photo Credits: Town of Woodstock, Cindy Rinker, Steve Sober)

## Neighborhood Watch Meeting January 23rd

The Woodstock Police Department will be hosting its quarterly Neighborhood Watch meeting on January 23rd at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Office. The topic will be “*Recognizing the Signs of Adult Abuse*” and staff will be reviewing the 2012 statistical information for the department. There will be a door prize raffle and light refreshments provided. Come out and meet your neighbors!

## Planting Trees on Your Property is Important

Sometimes it is difficult to look past the maintenance of owning trees, but when you plant the appropriate tree in the appropriate place in your yard, maintenance concerns can be diminished to only careful pruning, mulching, and watering. If you don’t know already, here is a list of why trees are important:

- Increased aesthetic appeal
- Increased property value
- Reduced rain (stormwater) runoff and soil erosion
- Less noise and air pollution
- Greater privacy
- Reduced air conditioning and heating costs
- Enhanced sense of community

Please assist the Town of Woodstock in obtaining an **8.3% increase in its tree canopy** over the next ten years, and in turn, boost your property value!

In an upcoming newsletter issue— “*Experts Agree: Don’t Top Your Tree!*”

### TOWN COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

First Tuesday of each Month  
Regular Meeting Starting Time 7:30 p.m.  
Woodstock Council Chambers

Wednesday, January 2, 2013  
Tuesday, February 5, 2013  
Tuesday, March 5, 2013  
Tuesday, April 2, 2013

### PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

Fourth Tuesday of each Month  
Regular Meeting Starting Time 7:30 p.m.  
Woodstock Planning Commission Room

Tuesday, January 22, 2013  
Tuesday, February 26, 2013  
Tuesday, March 26, 2013  
Tuesday, April 23, 2013

### TOWN COUNCIL

Mayor Jeremy McCleary  
Councilwoman Alicia Gutshall  
Councilwoman Jacqueline Lambert  
Councilman Michael Funkhouser  
Councilman Stephen Heishman  
Councilman Frank Haun  
Councilwoman A. Paje Cross

### PLANNING COMMISSION

Mr. Keith Lantz, Chairman

### TREE BOARD

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