

# FOCUS

Fall 2001

O N W O O D R I D G E

Our mission: "To achieve a high quality of life by providing superior services in a fiscally-responsible manner!"

## Fiscal Year 2001-2002 Budget Approved

At the April 26, 2001 Village Board Meeting, the Mayor & Trustees approved the Fiscal Year 2001-2002 Budget totaling \$31,667,270. The budget includes operating and capital expenditures for the necessary funds. The budget continues the delivery of high quality Village services through operating improvements and modest expenditure increases (approximately 3.8% for operating expenses). The following initiatives were identified at the September 26, 2000 Town Meeting where residents communicated their ideas to Village Trustees, and are included in the budget:

### Maintain a Safe Community

- Develop an accident reduction plan

- Continue to develop and mobilize the Police Department's Youth Service Group
- Reduce the Residential Tax Burden**
- The budget incorporates the fifteenth straight year the Village's tax rate decreased.
- The Village is digitizing records to make record retrieval more efficient.
- Staff will work with a consultant to evaluate the need for a Geographic Information System (GIS). The study will identify the needs of the departments and the current map making and information retrieval resources in order to lay out a long-term plan for merging maps and data.

### Enhance Community Appeal (Physical)

- Replicate the entry signs and landscaping located on 75th street and I-355 throughout the Village. Small replicates are planned to replace existing signs in multi-year phasing.



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## Multi-Million Dollar Housing Improvements Continue to Enhance Village Appeal

The Maple Lakes Apartments at 7499 South Woodward Avenue are getting a new name and exciting multi-million dollar improvements in the coming year, thanks to Altman Development Corporation.

"We are pleased to see Altman Development Corporation investing in Woodridge," Mayor William F. Murphy said. "This is another example of the commitment by Woodridge multi-family property owners to invest in existing facilities and raise the quality of life for



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## Amnesty Day

Amnesty Day is scheduled for the week of October 1st. There will be no special dates or times to remember. Pick-up will be on your regular collection day during the week of October 1st. This service includes bulk items such as furniture, carpeting, bulky toys, bicycles, and just plain junk. It will require that three (3) stickers be displayed in order for all of the items to be picked up. All three stickers may be displayed on your regular garbage can, or any of the items.

As in past years, building materials (plywood, drywall, decking and railroad ties), tires, and yardwaste are not included in this program. All yardwaste will require one (1) sticker per item for disposal. It is recommended to place the three (3) stickers on the morning of the pick-up. One person's garbage is another person's treasure. ♣



## The Village Greens named Golf Course of the Year

The Village Greens of Woodridge has been selected by the Illinois Golf Course Owners Association (IGOA) as the 2001 Golf Course of the Year.

IGOA Board of Directors praised the efforts of the management and staff at Village Greens and cited recent significant improvements in course maintenance, management practices, and creative player improvement programs as the reason for honoring the forty-one year old golf course. In addition, the IGCOA has called on other golf facilities to recognize the practices employed at Village Greens as examples to follow.

Village Greens' name has now been forwarded to the National Golf Course Owners Association for consideration as the 2001 National Golf Course of the Year. Village Greens is a municipally owned golf course managed by the Woodridge Park District. 🌳



### **Multi Million Dollar housing...** *Continued from page 1*

Woodridge residents. We welcome Altman to the community.”

Altman Development Corporation of Boca Raton, Florida recently purchased the 762 unit apartment complex with plans to enhance the overall appearance and amenities at the complex. Residents will enjoy a new clubhouse featuring a club room with a fireplace and billiards, a kid's fun/study room, a sports court and fitness center, and new pool and spa. Other enhancements include: facade improvements to the apartment buildings, landscaping enhancements including pond restoration, new garages, resurfacing of parking lots, and new entryways including fountains along both Woodward Avenue and 75th Street. Tenants will also enjoy new playground equipment and a picnic area.

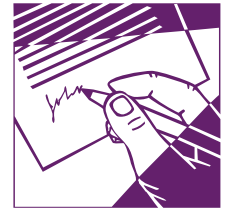
Altman Development has already begun the redevelopment process by changing the name of the complex to Windsor Lakes Apartments. Initial construction will begin in early fall. The clubhouse is scheduled to be completed in one year, and all other improvements should be completed within two years.



In the past eight years, the owners of the multi-family complexes in Woodridge have collectively invested over \$20 million into the properties in the form of capital improvements. Woodridge's steadily growing population, now 30,934, is evidence of our community's attractive housing stock. Our apartments, condos, townhomes, starter single-family homes and luxury style single-family homes offer an ideal living environment for all people interested in the location and amenities Woodridge has to offer. By investing in improvements, the multi-family owners are re-investing in themselves and their community. All of Woodridge benefits from the reinvestment efforts of multi-family complexes.

## You're Invited to the Annual Town Meeting

The Village's budget process starts with resident input. This input is received in a number of ways



including the Community Needs Survey, Neighborhood Dialogues, and The Annual Town Meeting. The Village is preparing for this year's Town Meeting and all residents are invited.

The meeting will be held on Thursday, October 4, 2001 from 6:30 p.m.- 9:30 p.m. at the Signature Room at Seven Bridges, 6440 Double Eagle Drive. Please RSVP to Elaine Kerr at (630) 719-4706. If you would prefer to send your suggestions in advance, please send them to: Rob Bahan, Assistant Village Administrator, 5 Plaza Drive, Woodridge, IL 60517, Fax: (630) 719-0021, Phone (630)719-4705, or Email: rbahan@vil.woodridge.il.us 🌳

Single family reinvestment has also become a common practice in the Village of Woodridge. This past summer homeowners invested more than \$3 million dollars in remodeling projects to their properties. This figure excludes reinvestments made that did not require a building permit.

The continued investments by multi-family and single family homeowners enhances property values and community pride. 🌳

## In Brief

### Remember Not to Leave Your Leaves in the Streets

It is very important that residents do not rake their leaves from their private property or parkway onto the street. Leaves that are raked into the street will not be collected and the homeowner will then be subject to a fine for violation of a Village Ordinance, which prohibits depositing debris onto the street surface. Please remove the leaves from the street as soon as possible as not to block drainage or present a hazardous condition for vehicles. Your cooperation is appreciated. The Public Works Department will sweep leaves that fall onto the street naturally.

### Yardwaste Program

The Village's solid waste program provides for the collection of yardwaste materials through December 15. Residents should put their yardwaste in either a 33-gallon Kraft paper bag or an unlined 33-gallon rigid container. Brush should be packaged in bundles no more than four ft. in length and two ft. in diameter. A sticker must be attached to each bag, can or bundle.

### Tree Trimming Program to Begin Again

In mid December the tree trimming program for the Village will begin. Trees are routinely trimmed on a five-year cycle in order to control out of shape trees, prevent the possibility of damage, remove overcrowded or dead branches, and to maintain clear passage on Village streets and sidewalks. If you would like more information about this program, please call 719-4753.



### Yardwaste Recycling

Yardwaste can be a valuable resource when applied to your lawn. There are many options homeowners can utilize in efforts to recycle their yardwaste. These include mulching grass clippings and leaving them directly on your lawn for backyard composting. The Village Hall and Public Works Department have information available regarding these options. 🌱



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- Continued investment in capital improvements. Streetscapes will be improved by focusing on the landscaping services along major arterial streets including 75th & 83rd streets. Streambank stabilization efforts will also be Undertaken.
- Continued commitment to the Village's road maintenance plan and the final year of a two-year street light pole replacement program.
- Construction of bikeway links in 2001 include: Woodridge Drive, 83rd Street, 71st Street, along with several smaller bikeway connections.

### Enhance Community Image

- Reallocation of funds used for an outside consulting firm to hiring a Public Relations Coordinator devoted to communicating with community members.
- Continue community events at Town Centre including family events, holiday celebrations, and the Back to School Bash.

### Village of Woodridge Tax Rates

The Village Board continues to focus on reducing the residential tax burden as one of its primary goals. Taxpayers have witnessed the municipal tax rate decreasing over the past fifteen years with their 2000 tax rates.

2000 Tax Rates for Typical Tax Payer		
Tax District	2000 Tax Rate	Percentage of Total
Lisle Twp/Lisle Twp Rd	\$1.176	1.6%
College of DuPage	\$1.1966	2.7%
Village	\$3.048	4.1%
Library	\$3.940	5.3%
Park District	\$4.214	5.7%
DuPage County	\$4.569	6.2%
Lisle-Woodridge Fire District	\$6.089	8.2%
School District 99	\$1.828	24.7%
School District 68	\$3.0784	41.67%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7.4066</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Community Recognition Nominations Requested

Do you know someone or some organization that has provided positive contributions to the community? If so, the Village of Woodridge wants to hear from you! You or your group may nominate an individual to be identified by the Village in the Annual Community Recognition Program. The program recognizes individuals in the following categories:

- 1) Citizen Recognition    2) Employee Recognition    3) Business or Association Recognition**

Nominations are reviewed by the Woodridge Intergovernmental Council who then recommends candidates to the Village Board for consideration. A plaque of recognition will be awarded to the winner of each category.

**Please fill out the form below and forward to Mayor William F. Murphy at 5 Plaza Drive, Woodridge, IL 60517. Nomination deadline is 4:30 p.m., Friday, October 12, 2001.**

### Nomination Form - Village of Woodridge Community Recognition Program

\_\_\_\_ Village Resident    \_\_\_\_ Employee    \_\_\_\_ Business or Association

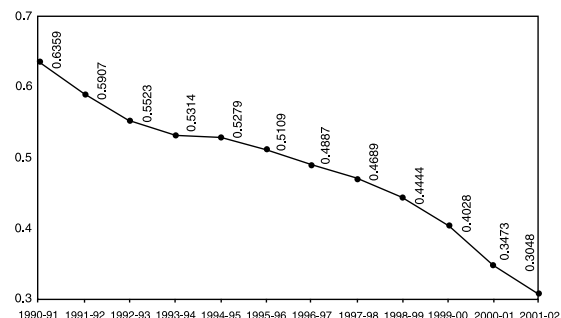
Nominee Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated By: \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe the nominee's community involvement, contributions, and accomplishments:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

### Municipal Tax Rate History



## Welcome to Woodridge

*Woodridge would like to welcome these new businesses:*

### **Black Star African Market**

7400 Janes Avenue

### **Metro Exhibit Corporation**

10441 Beaudin Boulevard, Suite 800

### **Oly's Cigars**

1001 West 75th Street

### **Pizza Italiano**

7526 Janes Avenue

### **Young Lee Cleaners**

7056 Woodward Avenue

*Shop Woodridge!*

## Annual Neighborhood Inspection Program

Every spring the Village of Woodridge Building & Zoning Department implements the Annual Neighborhood Inspection Program. The program is to encourage residents to reinvest in the maturing neighborhoods, thus preserving property values.

“Residents’ satisfaction with residential property maintenance has increased over the past three years according to our Annual Community Needs Survey. It is evident residents take pride in our community,” said Mayor Murphy.

The process of the Annual Neighborhood Inspection Program involves identifying specific single family residents in Woodridge that need property maintenance, then alerting the residents by sending them a letter stating what items should be included in their spring maintenance schedule. Each



letter includes a contact person in the Building and Zoning Department who will be happy to assist by answering any questions or concerns. On average, over 300 letters are mailed each year. The Building & Zoning Department is very pleased with residents’ positive responses to our maintenance suggestions.

The Annual Neighborhood Inspection Program and reinvestment in older Woodridge is proving to have a positive impact on our community, which is a benefit to all residents of Woodridge. 🍁



## Village of Woodridge

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