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Summer 2006

ON WOODRIDGE

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



Woodridge Jubilee



The 23rd Annual Woodridge Jubilee is organized by the Woodridge Park District and the Village of Woodridge.

Join us from Wednesday, July 12 - Sunday, July 16 for fun for the whole family. Carnival rides for all ages begin Wednesday night and run throughout the event. On Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, enjoy entertainment, delicious food, beverages and bingo. On Saturday, July 15, don't miss the Woodridge Idol competition, and the children's activities starting at

12 noon along with carnival rides, food, beverages, entertainment and the Fireworks Spectacular. Watch for more details and the Jubilee schedule of events in upcoming promotional materials. Tune to Woodridge Community Television Channel 6 for a complete entertainment listing. **For more information on the Woodridge Jubilee, please contact the Woodridge Park District at 985-0300.**

Do You Have What it Takes?

The 2nd annual Woodridge Idol contest will take place at the Woodridge Jubilee.

We are looking for talented singers and performers who want to win the coveted title of "Woodridge Idol". On Saturday, July 15th from 1-3 p.m., singers in two age groups will compete on the main stage for a prized package worth \$200.

Audition tapes are required to participate in the contest. Audition tapes are due to Melissa Bohse, 5 Plaza Drive, Woodridge, IL 60517 by June 30th. The audition tape can be in video or audio form, CDs or DVDs and may include background music. Please include your name, date of birth, address and telephone number with your audition tape. If you are unable to submit an audition tape, you may schedule an in-person audition for the afternoon of June 29th by calling Melissa Bohse at 719-4901. Contest is open to anyone who fits the age group categories. (10-14 and 15 and older.) Tapes will not be returned and the Village and the Park District reserve the right to use audition tapes for marketing purposes.



June is Home Improvement Month



Woodridge residents are committed to reinvestment where it matters most – their own homes. For several years now we have seen an increasing trend towards additions that double or triple the size of the home, creating a new housing product in established neighborhoods. The result of these efforts is a dynamic and increasingly attractive community.

The Village of Woodridge Quality Community Task Force began increased code enforcement in 1993 with the Annual Neighborhood Inspection Program (Windshield Survey), and the Multi-Family Licensing Programs. These two programs are designed to stress the importance of reinvestment in Woodridge and enforce property codes. The successes of these two programs led to the desire to increase public awareness about the positive effects of reinvestment, thus creating "Home Improvement Month". Home Improvement Month encourages residents to remodel, upgrade and add additions onto their homes.

The Village's goal of growth through reinvestment is working. As multi-family, business and single family homeowners cooperate to maintain and reinvest in their properties, they are in turn encouraging others to do the same. Our successful efforts to increase reinvestment through the multitude of programs and initiatives have also had a corresponding increase in property values.

The reinvestment programs, initiated through the Strategic Management process, including the Quality Community Task Force and resident feedback, have done more than just reduce the amount of property maintenance issues and complaints. This reinvestment trend is beautifying and revitalizing older properties and neighborhoods.

Woodridge Public Works Department . . . Keeping You Informed

Watering Restrictions

Watering Restrictions are in effect through September 15. Residents are not allowed to sprinkle between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. every day. Residents with new landscaping may sprinkle during the restricted hours but only with a handheld device.

Clean Up Your Act with Low VOC Cleaning Products

When you clean house do you dirty the air? Cleaning the toilet, using dish and laundry detergent, mopping the floors and scrubbing countertops are necessary chores, but choosing the wrong products can unnecessarily pollute the air. Many cleaning products release volatile organic compounds (VOCs), a major component in the formation of ozone or smog. In fact, with the exception of getting vehicles off the road, using low or no VOC cleaning products can reduce more emissions than any other environmentally-sound act. There are a couple of key characteristics and ingredients to look for in a low-VOC cleaning product. Nontoxic, biodegradable, sodium citrate, bicarbonate, carbonate or silicate, and vegetable-based surfactants and solvents (pine and citrus oils contain VOCs, but at lower amounts than many products) are all descriptions used in safer cleaning products. **For more information visit www.cleanaircounts.org.**

Waste Management Program Guidelines

Please remember to follow the refuse and landscape waste disposal guidelines that are printed in the annual brochure mailed to all residential customers.

Some of these requirements include that refuse and landscape waste containers cannot exceed 33 gallons in size or weigh more than 60 pounds. Brush that is placed out for pick-up must be packaged in bundles no more than 4 feet in length and 2 feet diameter and cannot weigh more than 60 pounds. Other materials (such as carpet) must also follow the same bundling guidelines. Failure to follow these guidelines will result in your materials not being picked up.

Additional questions can be directed to Waste Management at 800-796-9696 or the Public Works Department at 719-4753.

Mendingwall Drive Reconstruction

The Village is reconstructing the last of the concrete streets located in the Mendingwall Subdivision.

These streets include Mendingwall Drive, North Creek Drive and Frost Court. The project is scheduled to be completed in August. The work includes sidewalk repairs, curb repairs and the complete removal of the existing concrete pavement, followed by the construction of a new asphalt pavement. Watch for road closures and detours associated with this work.

Mosquito Abatement

Woodridge contracts with Clarke Mosquito Control for mosquito abatement activities in the Village.

Environmentally sensitive and effective mosquito control is accomplished through an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach that includes the following components: larval site monitoring, biological control, and the careful and strategic use of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency labeled and registered pesticide products. The primary targets of the program are the floodwater mosquito (*Aedes vexans*) – the dominant nuisance species, and the northern house mosquito (*Culex pipiens*) – the potential disease carrier.

In the IPM approach, potential and historical larval sites are frequently inspected and biological control agents (fish, insect growth regulators, and *Bacillus* bacteria byproducts) are utilized whenever possible. The adult mosquito population is scientifically monitored and pesticides are strategically applied only when necessary. The key is to concentrate on larval control, scientifically assess the adult population, and perform adulticiding only on an as needed basis.

Residents can help to control the mosquito population by eliminating standing water from around their homes to prevent the development of the northern house mosquito. Rain gutters, flower pots, swimming pools, birdbaths, etc. should be properly maintained. In addition, shrubbery and vegetation should be trimmed-back to reduce “harborage habitat” for adult mosquitoes.

Questions regarding mosquitoes or the Village’s abatement program can be directed to **Clarke Mosquito Control on their Mosquito Hotline at (800) 942-2555.**

Commonwealth Edison Outages

Whenever you experience a power outage in your home, please call ComEd at 1-800-EDISON-1 (1-800-334-7661) to notify them of the occurrence. You should call even if your neighbor has already called to notify ComEd of the outage. Calling in the power outage will not only notify ComEd to dispatch a repair truck, but also helps them to track ongoing problems in your area.

Bicycle Safety

With the warm weather more children and adults are out taking advantage of Woodridge’s extensive bikepath system. Parents should remind their children to exercise caution whenever they are crossing a roadway and drivers should stay alert at street crossings and driveways where there is a greater potential for accidents to occur.



Planning For the Future.....

Summer 2006 brings with it the opportunity for Woodridge residents to participate in two community planning efforts which will have long-range impacts on Woodridge. Both efforts are highlighted below:

Comprehensive Plan Update: Be a part of the Village's efforts to update the Comprehensive Plan. While work has already begun, there are still more opportunities ahead for your input. You are invited to comment on this Plan that addresses the needs of the community in regards to land uses, transportation, community services and facilities, parks and recreation, utilities and infrastructure. The Plan is anticipated to be adopted at the end of 2006.

Neighborhood Strategy Area Plan Update: The Village is also updating the Neighborhood Strategy Area Plan. The Plan must be updated in order for the Village to receive federal grant money through Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) for the area located between 75th Street and 83rd Street, east of Woodridge Drive and west of Woodward Avenue. The Village relies on CDBG funds to support projects that directly benefit the Janes Avenue neighborhood. Past CDBG-funded projects include Echo Point Park, Windy Point Park, improvements to Janes Park, and neighborhood sidewalks. For more information visit the Village website at www.vil.woodridge.il.us.

Summer Safety Reminders

Dogs at Large

According to the Village of Woodridge Code it is unlawful for any dog or cat to run at large. This means that no dogs can be off the premises of their owners without a leash and under the control of a person physically able to control it. Any dog or cat found to be running at large will be impounded by the Police Department. The first offense could result in a \$30 fine for the owner of the animal found running at large. Subsequent offenses result in higher fines.



If you see an animal running at large, contact the Police Department immediately to report the location of the animal. For the safety of our community, especially during the upcoming spring and summer seasons, please make sure you use a leash and keep your pet from running at large.

Loud Car Stereos

Summer is the time of year for driving with the windows rolled down. Did you know that it is a violation of the Illinois Vehicle Code to play loud music from a vehicle that disturbs the peace and quiet of any person residing in the vicinity? The Illinois Vehicle Code states that "no driver of any motor vehicle within this state shall operate or permit operation of any sound amplification system which can be heard outside the vehicle from 75 or more feet when the vehicle is being operated upon a highway." (PA 86-1240) A violation of this section of the Illinois Vehicle Code is punishable by a maximum fine of \$50.

Keep your Property Safe

While out enjoying the nice summer weather, remember to lock up you bicycle if you park it somewhere unattended, lock your car doors and roll up your car windows and keep your garage door closed when you are not able to visibly see your garage. The Police Department typically sees an increase in property crimes over the summer months. By securing your property, you can help stop this trend.

White Sox Trophy Visits Woodridge



The Chicago White Sox World Series trophy will be on display at the Woodridge Village Hall Tuesday, August 15 from

3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. The visit is part of a 45 city tour across Illinois and Northwest Indiana. A suggested \$10 cash donation, which will benefit Chicago White Sox Charities and the United Way, is requested for all visitors.

Save The Date

2006 Cultural Fest September 8 & 9

Get Ready for the 2006 Woodridge Cultural Fest at Town Centre!

September 8th and 9th will host the 5th Annual Cultural Fest, a celebration of the ethnic diversity in our community. Come to Town Centre where festival patrons enjoy the food, crafts, music and entertainment from around the world.

For information about sponsorship or volunteer opportunities, please call Julia Cedillo at 719-4709.

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Monday-Friday- 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Woodridge Park District Summer Activities



Date	Event	Location
June 21	"Wallace & Gromit" Under the Moon 8:45 p.m.	Woodridge Dr. & Center Dr.
June 28	"Country Sky Band" Concert - 7 p.m.	Lake Harriet
July 12-16	Woodridge Jubilee	Woodridge Drive & Center Drive
July 19	"Leadfoot" Concert - 7 p.m.	Westminster Park
July 26	"R-Gang" Concert - 7 p.m.	Mending Wall Park
July 28-31	Fall Activity Guide Delivery	Resident Homes & Leasing Offices
July 29	Hawaii @ Hobson - 1:30 p.m.	Hobson Pool
August 2	"Derrick Stout Orchestra" Concert - 7 p.m.	Town Centre Village Hall
August 5	All Village Garage Sale - 8:30 a.m.	Echo Point Park
August 5	Family Fun Day - Pirates of the Cove 12 p.m.	Cypress Cove Aquatic Park
August 9	"Madagascar" Under the Moon - 8:15 p.m.	Woodridge Drive & Center Drive
August 12	Resident Lottery Deadline for Fall Programs	Community Center

Call 353-3300 or visit
www.woodridgeparks.org for more information.

Gorilla Days Car Show

The 13th Gorilla Days "Buckle up or Else" Car show will be held Tuesday July 4th, 2006 from 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. The car show is held at the Wilton Industries parking lot, 2240 W. 75th Street (the N/W corner of 75th Street and I-355). The show is free to enter and show car owners will receive a goodie bag and will be eligible for gift drawings. All types of vehicles are welcome. Car clubs are welcome to pre-register for group parking. There are limited vending spaces available.

There will be great entertainment this year at the car show. DJ Midnight Mike will be back playing tunes all day. Yo-Yo Bob will also be performing and giving yo-yo lessons. Also, the Good Humor man will be selling great Good Humor Ice Cream from his vintage truck. This event is sponsored by the Woodridge Police Department and the Chicagoland Chapter of the Buick Gran Sports Club. **Contact 630-719-4730 for more information.**

Special Event license plates are available for \$30. Please call 719-4730 to order a set of special event plates.

Smoke Free Restaurants

For a listing of smoke-free restaurants in Woodridge and DuPage County, visit the Illinois Department of Public Health's website at
["http://www.idph.state.il.us/tobacco/sfrlists/dupage.htm"](http://www.idph.state.il.us/tobacco/sfrlists/dupage.htm)