

# FOCUS

Fall 2002

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

## Amnesty Day

Amnesty Day is scheduled for the week of October 7 thru the 11th. There will be no special dates or times to remember; pick-up will be on your regular collection day during the week of October 7. This service includes bulk items such as furniture, carpeting, bulky toys, bicycles and just plain junk.

Amnesty Day requires 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 the past, building materials such as plywood, drywall, decking, railroad ties, tires, and yard waste are not included in this program. All yard waste will require one (1) sticker per item for disposal. If you have any questions, please contact public works at 719-4752.



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## 2002-2003 Budget Approved

At the April 25, 2002 Regular Board Meeting, the Mayor & Trustees approved the Fiscal Year 2002-2003 Budget totaling \$31,497,165. The budget includes operating and capital expenditures for the General Fund, Streets & Alleys Fund, Capital Improvement Funds, Water & Sewer Fund, and Debt Service Funds. The budget continues the delivery of high quality Village services through operating improvements and modest expenditure increases. The following initiatives were identified at the Annual Town Meeting where residents communicated their ideas to Village Trustees and have been included in the budget:

### Maintain a Safe Community

- Continue traffic crash analysis and enforcement response.
- Facilitate the development of the Youth Master Plan.
- Update the Emergency Response Plan.

### Reduce the Residential Tax Burden

- The budget incorporates the sixteenth straight year the Village's tax rate decreased and remains the fifth lowest taxing municipality in DuPage County.
- The Village will evaluate long-term capital support needs including the preservation/acquisition of open space, future municipal operations space needs, and the current water rate structure in support of long-term needs.

### Stimulate the Business Community

- Implement the Business Retention Plan, which will identify several action steps to begin a five-year plan.
- Update public relations material with new census and demographic information.
- Target existing shopping centers to strengthen existing retail and

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encouraging redevelopment. Shopping center expansions will help increase the tax base and make Woodridge centers more competitive.

- Develop a municipal guide for potential businesses.

### **Enhance Community Appeal (Physical)**

- Replicate the entry signs and landscaping located on 75<sup>th</sup> street and I-355 throughout the Village. Small replicas are planned to replace existing signs in multi-year phasing.
- Continued investment in capital improvements. Streetscape will be improved by focusing on landscaping services along major arterial streets. Streambank stabilization efforts will continue.
- Continued commitment to the Village's road maintenance plan.
- Construction of bikeway paths in summer 2002 include: Woodridge Drive, 83<sup>rd</sup> Street, and Hobson Road.

### **Enhance Community Image**

- Continue community events at Town Centre including family events, holiday celebrations, and the Back to School Bash.
- Publish the annual Community Directory with the Chamber of Commerce.
- Implement strategies to improve resident communications.

- Coordinate the Woodridge Home Improvement Month.

### **Village of Woodridge Tax Rates**

- The Village Board continues to focus on reducing the residential tax burden as one of their primary goals.
- Taxpayers have witnessed the municipal tax rate decrease over the past sixteen years.

### **2001 Tax Rates for Typical Tax Payer**

<b>Tax Year 2001</b>	<b>Tax Rate</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
Lisle Twp/Lisle Twp Rd.	\$0.1148	1.6%
College of DuPage	\$0.1930	2.7%
<b>Village</b>	<b>\$0.2682</b>	<b>3.8%</b>
Library	\$0.3729	5.2%
Park District	\$0.4085	5.7%
DuPage County	\$0.4278	6.0%
Lisle-Woodridge Fire District	\$0.5920	8.3%
School District 99	\$1.7972	25.2%
School District 68	\$2.9563	41.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7.1307</b>	<b>100%</b>



*The Center on Seven Bridges Drive*

### **The Center on Seven Bridges Drive**

Two new office/retail buildings are under construction in the Seven Bridges Development (off of IL Route 53), adjacent to the Cinemark Theatre. This development, known as the Center on Seven Bridges Drive, was approved by the Village Board in February 2002.

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## **Election and Voter Information from the Office of the Village Clerk**

### **General Election**

Voter Registration is available in the Clerk's Office at the Village Hall during regular business hours. Registration closes Monday, October 7, 2002 according to Election Laws. Registration will also be available at the Village Hall Saturday, September 28th, and Saturday, October 5, 2002 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. In order to register to vote the applicant must present two forms of identification. One form of I.D. must have picture and current address. Naturalized citizens must present Naturalization papers and identification with picture and current address. Driver's licenses, library cards, utility bills, credit cards are acceptable forms of identification.

Absentee voting will be available during regular business hours beginning Tuesday, October 15, 2002 and will close Monday November 4, 2002 at Noon. Absentee voting will also be available at the Village Hall Saturday, October 26 and Saturday, November 2, 2002 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

**The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2002.**

**Voter Registration reopens on Thursday, November 7, 2002.**

## Public Works Reminds You...

### 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 foot in length and 2 foot in diameter. A sticker must be attached to each bag, can or bundle of brush.

### 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. One option includes 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.

### REMEMBER NOT TO LEAVE YOUR LEAVES IN THE STREET

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.

### TREE TRIMMING PROGRAM TO BEGIN AGAIN

In early 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.

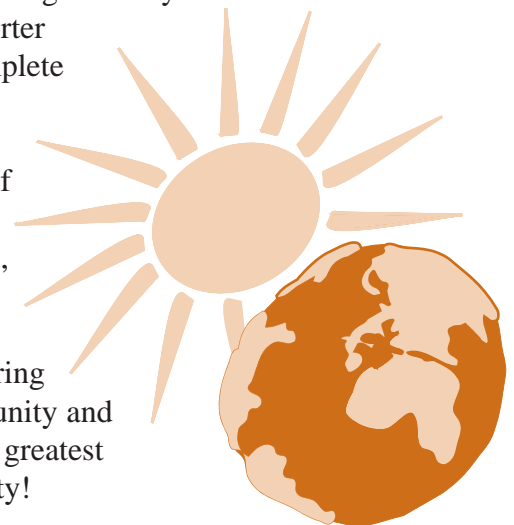
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The project consists of a two-story and a three-story building with office space on the upper floors and ground floor retail spaces. The developer, Hagge Construction Company, has received letters of intent from Starbuck's Coffee, Quizno's Sandwich Shop, and a full-service restaurant for some of the ground floor spaces. Other interested tenants include: a bank, a dry cleaner, an ice cream shop, a pizzeria, an internist, and a chiropractor. A series of beauty salon suites will be located on the upper floor of the three-story structure. The buildings are expected to be ready for occupancy in December 2002.

## Woodridge Cultural Fest

Woodridge Cultural Fest will be held on September 7 & 8, 2002. The event will celebrate the ethnic and cultural diversity of Woodridge. The event's purpose is to educate, and create a better understanding and appreciation between the members of various ethnic, cultural, and religious groups represented in the Village of Woodridge.

The event will include food from 10 different countries, arts and crafts from around the world, singing and dancing from various ethnic groups, Reggae and Latin Bands, story tellers, Martial Arts, and many other exciting events. Please check out the Woodridge Cultural Fest website at [www.woodridgeculturalfest.org](http://www.woodridgeculturalfest.org), tune in to channel 6, or check out the Woodridge Weekly section of the Reporter Progress, for a complete schedule of event information. The event will be free of charge except for food and beverages, which will have a small fee. It is our hope that we can bring together the community and celebrate one of its greatest assets...our diversity!



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### MAKE A DIFFERENCE ATTEND THE TOWN MEETING

The Village of Woodridge is holding the Annual Town Meeting on Thursday, October 3, at the Signature Room, 6440 Double Eagle Drive in Woodridge from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.

Help the Village of Woodridge determine what important issues are addressed during the upcoming year by attending the Town Meeting.

The annual Strategic Management Process begins with community involvement. The Process involves community input through regular neighborhood dialogues, an annual community needs survey, and the town meeting. The Village Board will then use this input during their annual Goal Setting Session, and the subsequent budget process.

If you would like to attend the Town Meeting, please contact the Village of Woodridge at (630) 719-4706 or email [ekerr@vil.woodridge.il.us](mailto:ekerr@vil.woodridge.il.us)

### PROTECT YOURSELF

While burglary and thefts to motor vehicles are often random and opportunistic crimes, there are steps that you can take to help us help you, steps that may reduce the possibility of being victimized:

Try to park in a well-lighted area and, if possible, avoid parking next to vans or other large vehicles which can hide your vehicle, making it more difficult to observe a crime. Keep all items out of sight, either take property with you or lock the items in a trunk. Leaving goods on display gives thieves the opportunity to commit a burglary. If purchasing a new car stereo, consider the removable faceplate version.

Always lock your car and roll up car windows, even when you are away from the vehicle for a short time.

If you are a victim of a burglary or theft to your vehicle, please report it immediately to police by calling 911 and provide police with detailed information on the timeframe of the burglary and what was taken from your vehicle.

The Woodridge Police Department is pursuing further strategies to ensure that burglary to motor vehicle crimes do not increase. Working together, we can keep your vehicles and possessions safe.

