

FOCUS

Fall 2004

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

We Need Your Opinion- Streetscape Survey Online Now!

Through the annual Town Meeting Process, enhancing our community image and appeal has been established by community members as a priority goal. The Village has put considerable effort into achieving that goal through streetscape improvements. Some of these improvements

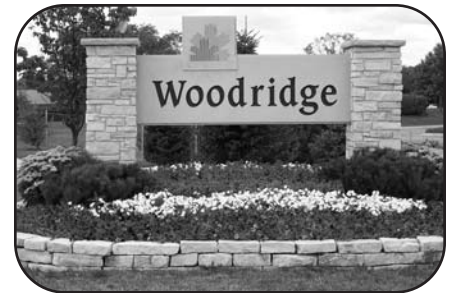
include the installation of new entryway signs, installation of landscaping beds in street medians, and banners. In order to gauge resident satisfaction with the existing improvements and to get input on possible additional improvements, an on-line survey has been created. Please tell us what you think about what's been done to enhance our community image and appeal by participating in this on-line survey. Go to www.vil.woodridge.il.us and complete the survey.



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Results will be shared at the September 30, 2004 Town Meeting and will help the Village to prioritize future improvements.



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WOODRIDGE AMNESTY DAY!

There will be no special dates or times to remember for Amnesty Day. Pick-up will be on your regular collection day during the week of October 4, 2004.

This service will pick up bulk items such as furniture, carpeting, bulky toys, bicycles and just plain junk. Amnesty Day will require that three 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 other items.

As in the past, building materials such as plywood, drywall, decking and railroad ties, tires and yard waste are not included in this program.

All yard waste must be prepared in accordance with normal preparation guidelines. will require one sticker per item for disposal.

If you have any question regarding Amnesty Day, please call Waster Management at 1-800-796-9696 or the Woodridge Public Works Department at 719-4753.



Woodridge Cultural Fest

5 Plaza Drive, Woodridge

Friday, September 10, 2004

6:00 PM- 6:30 PM- Classical Indian Dance
6:30 PM- 7:00 PM- Women of the Well Belly Dance
7:00 PM- 8:00 PM- Razzemetazz, American Swing Band
8:00 PM- 10:30 PM- Banda Rika, Salsa/Latin Band



Saturday, September 11, 2004

Noon- 2:00 PM- Dance from Around the World
2:00 PM- 2:30 PM- Middle Eastern Dance
2:30 PM- 3:00 PM- Silk and Thistle, Scottish Country Dance
3:00 PM- 4:00 PM- Jutta and the High Dukes, European Band
4:00 PM- 5:00 PM- Samahang Kapatid, Filipino Dance
5:00 PM- 6:00 PM- Cricketthill, Southern Style Powwow Drummers
6:00 PM- 8:00 PM- Dub Dis, Reggae Band
8:00 PM-10:15 PM- Donnybrook, Irish Band

Craft and Educational Booths-Sat. September 11th, Noon-6 PM

Indian Henna Tattooing
Native American Crafts
Handmade Dolls from Around the World
Photo Art Kits
Gourd Art
Russian Dolls
Jewelry from Around the World
Pashmina Shawls
Various other Displays and Crafts!



Children's Activities

Native American Art, Cultural Arts Contest: "My Great Grandmother Used to Live in a House Like This..."

Thanks to the Following
Restaurants for Providing
Food at this year's Cultural
Fest!

Melo's Caribbean Catering
Tai San Chef
Uni-Mart/Original Baker's Delight
Doggie Diner

Jerked Chicken
Pork Rib Tips
Meatballs
Corn
Jamaican Drinks
BBQ chicken or pork on a stick
Vegetable Dish
Fried Rice
Spring Rolls
Gyros
Polish Sausage
Hot Dogs
Tamales
Baklava
Orange Chicken
Sesame Chicken
Vegetable Egg Roll
Fruit Drinks

Visit the Cultural Fest
Website
at: www.culturalfest.org

Woodridge Police Focus on Crime Prevention

October is Crime Prevention Month. While crime will never be eliminated, there are steps that every member of the community can take to help ensure the safety of Woodridge. Keeping the community safe is a cooperative effort between the Police Department and the community. Following some of the safety tips below will help to decrease the opportunities for you to become a victim of a crime.

- * Stick to well-traveled streets. Avoid shortcuts through wooded areas, parking lots, or alleys.
- * Don't flash large amounts of cash or other tempting targets like expensive jewelry or clothing.
- * Carry a purse close to your body, not dangling by

the straps. Put a wallet in an inside coat or front pants pocket, not a back pocket.

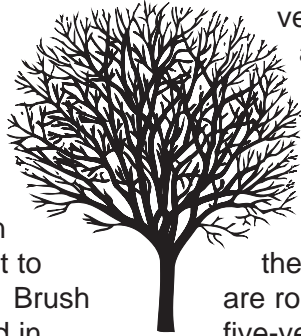
- * Try to use automated teller machines in the daytime. Have your card in hand and don't approach the machine if you're uneasy about people nearby.
- * Always lock your car, even if it's in front of your home. Don't leave valuable items in plain view inside the vehicle.

The Woodridge Police Department is committed to Crime Prevention and has assigned one patrol officer as a full-time Crime Prevention Officer. Officer Kevin Lindblom is available to talk with businesses and residents about what they can do to prevent crime. If you are interested in neighborhood watch programs, business crime prevention, group

The Public Works Department 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- not to exceed 60 pounds. Brush should be packaged in bundles no more than four foot in length and 2 ft. in diameter-not to exceed 60 pounds. A sticker must be attached to each bag, can or bundle.



as soon as possible as not to block drainage or present a hazardous condition for vehicles. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Tree Trimming Program to Begin

In early-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.

Brush Drop Off Days

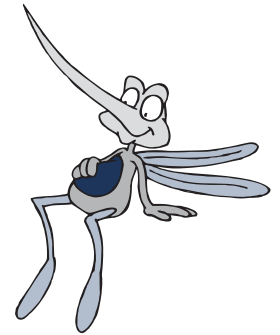
The Public Works Department and the Park District operate a site at 71st and Woodridge Drive where residents may drop off their brush. The site is open from May thru October on the second Saturday of each month, from 9 AM- 3 PM. September 11, 2004 and October 9, 2004 will mark the

last drop off days for 2004.

Prevent Mosquito Infestation

Woodridge homeowners can help control mosquitoes by eliminating mosquito breeding grounds by discarding old tires, tin cans, buckets, or any other containers where water can lay stagnate. Residents can also fill in or drain low lying places in their yard, keep ditches and culverts clean of weeds and trash so water will drain properly, cover trash containers, repair leaky pipes , and make sure backyard pools are properly cared for while on vacation.

All of these tips will help to reduce the nuisance posed by mosquitoes.



Don't 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

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TOWN MEETING 2004

The Village of Woodridge will be hosting the Annual Town Meeting on Thursday, September 30, 2004 at the Signature Room, 6440 Double Eagle Drive in Woodridge from 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Help the Village of Woodridge determine what important issues are addressed in 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 plan on attending the town meeting, please RSVP by September 9, 2004 to Leslie Davies at (630) 719-4706.



Mayor: William F. Murphy

Village Clerk: Eileene Nystrom

Board of Trustees:

Pamela Beavers Joseph Kagann
Robert Brandt Chet Szerlag
Mary Ann Frank Richard Wood

**Postal Customer Local
Woodridge, IL 60517**

Village Administrator: John Perry
Village Hall (630) 852-7000
E-mail- jperry@vil.woodridge.il.us

Village Hall Hours
Monday-Friday- 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Community Recognition Program Nominations

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 PM, Friday, October 8, 2004.

Nomination Form- Village of Woodridge Community Recognition Program

_____ Village Citizen _____ Employee _____ Business or Association

Nominee Name: _____

Nominated By: _____

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

