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Fall 2005

ON WOODRIDGE

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

Free Leaf Pick-Up in November

The Village and Waste Management will be offering four weeks of free bagged leaf collection during the month of November. This program will be available to all single family residences within the Village's incorporated limits. An unlimited number of leaves placed in Kraft paper bags or biodegradable paper bags, may be placed at the curb for collection without stickers. The bags may be a maximum of thirty (30) gallons in capacity and weigh up to sixty (60) pounds. The bags may only contain leaves. Sod, brush, grass clippings, and other landscape waste cannot be commingled under this leaf program and will not be picked up. The free leaf pick-up program will begin Monday, October 31, 2005 and run through Friday, November 25, 2005. The pick-up will take place on your normal collection days during this time period.



It is very important that residents do not rake 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.

Woodridge Cultural Fest September 9 & 10

Experience Woodridge Cultural Fest and celebrate the ethnic and cultural diversity of Woodridge. Bring your family and friends for a day of fun and excitement. You will have the chance to learn and experience other cultures while enjoying great food, music, crafts and much more. New to this year's event is an exciting Bocce Ball Tournament. To sign up for the tournament, visit the Cultural Fest website. Woodridge Cultural Fest will be held September 9 & 10 at Town Centre, 5 Plaza Drive. The hours of operation will be Friday, September 9, from 6:00 PM until 10:00 PM and Saturday, September 10, from noon until 10:30 PM. There will be food, beverages, a variety of children's activities and crafts from around the world. For more information visit the Woodridge Cultural Fest website at www.woodridgeculturalfest.org.



Samahang Kapatid, Filipino Dance Troop

Amnesty Day

There will be no special dates or times to remember for Amnesty Day as pick-up will be on your regular collection day during the week of October 3, 2005. 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 will require one sticker per item for disposal. If you have any question regarding Amnesty Day, please call 719-4753.

Woodridge Cultural Fest

Friday, September 9, 2005

6:00 PM- 6:45 PM- Samahang Kapatid, Filipino Dance Troop

6:45 PM- 7:45 PM- TBD

8:00 PM- 10:30 PM- Roots Rock Society, Reggae Band

Saturday, September 10, 2005

Noon- 3:00 PM- Music from Around the World

3:00 PM- 4:00 PM- Women of the Well, Belly Dancers

4:00 PM- 5:00 PM- Trinity Irish Dancers

5:00 PM- 7:00 PM- Mr. Myers, Calypso Band

7:00 PM- 8:00 PM- Roxifit, Latin Dance Lessons

8:00 PM-10:30 PM- Banda Rika, Salsa/Latin Band



National City Bank Children's Tent

Games from Around the World

Pinatas

Make a Rain-Stick

Face Painting

Bocce Ball Tournament Friday and Saturday

Food from Around the World!

Provided by:

Tai San Chef

2813 83rd Street

Doggie Diner

7536 Janes Avenue

Shikara Restaurant

1620 W. 75th Street

Los Arcos

7451 S. Woodward Avenue #105

Visit the Cultural Fest Website

at: www.culturalfest.org

Thank You to all the 2005 Woodridge Cultural Fest Sponsors!

Crime Prevention Unit Educates Woodridge Residents and Businesses

The Woodridge Police Department Crime Prevention Unit provides a number of services to the residents and businesses of Woodridge. The purpose of the unit is to educate residents and businesses in methods and techniques related to personal and property protection. If interested in any of the below topics, please contact Officer Kevin Lindblom at **630-719-4745**.

Residential Security Inspection - An officer from the police department will come to your residence, inspect the residence and offer crime prevention suggestions.

Child Passenger Safety Seat Training - Sessions are held every other Saturday, from 11:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. The session is held at the police station. Call 630-719-4745 for details and confirmation of dates.

Crime Prevention Techniques Presentation - The unit will present to businesses, neighborhood groups, and civic groups, information on specific crime prevention topics, or general information related to services provided by the police department. The crime prevention unit will also make arrangements to have a police officer with squad car stop by block parties in Woodridge.

Neighborhood Watch Program - The unit will assist a neighborhood group in the formation and operation of a neighborhood watch program.

Citizen Police Academy - Two times a year the police department sponsors a Citizen's Police Academy. Residents and business people attend and learn about issues in law

enforcement, and services provided by the Woodridge Police Department. The academy is approximately ten weeks long, with students being instructed by employees of the Woodridge Police Department.

Police Building Tours - Tours of the police facility and squad cars are provided for civic groups within Woodridge. The police department also sponsors an open house once a year.

Crime Prevention Information - Adult and child crime prevention and safety brochures are available at the police station as well as **No Solicitor Signs** and **Emergency Medical Refrigerator** cards. Please call first to confirm availability.

911 Cell Telephones - The police department offers free 911 only cellular telephones to senior citizens residing in the Village of Woodridge. These telephones have been generously donated by other residents of the Village of Woodridge.

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in the basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations.

Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help.

The Volunteer in Police Service (VIPS) is a program in which a citizen can volunteer hours of service to the police department without promise, expectation or receipt of compensation for services rendered. This may include chaplains, persons providing administrative support, and interns.

Woodridge Public Works Department- Keeping You Informed

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, two feet in diameter, or more than sixty pounds. A sticker must be attached to each bag, can or bundle.

Brush Drop Off

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 on the second Saturday of each month from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm during the months of May thru October. The price is \$2 per carload and \$4 per pickup truck, van or trailer. Branches up to 5" in diameter are accepted. Proof of residency is required. Residents are also welcome to take the chips generated by this program for use around their properties. September 10, 2005 and October 8, 2005 will mark the last drop off days for 2005.

Rollerblading / Skateboard Safety

The Village has an aggressive pavement maintenance program which helps to extend the life of the roads in the Village. One of those activities includes crack sealing of the pavement which helps to keep moisture out of the roadway. The crack fill material is not a perfectly smooth material which could create a situation where rollerblades and skateboard wheels get caught in the crack fill. Roadways are not designed or maintained for these type of recreational uses, and the Village's extensive bike path system provides a more suitable outlet for these activities.

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 keep reduce the nuisance posed by mosquitoes.

West Nile Virus

Dead crows and blue jays are important indicators for West Nile Virus. Residents who find a dead crow or blue jay should contact the DuPage County Health Department, Westmont Public Health Center at 630- 969-7030. If an individual finds a deceased bird that is not a crow or blue jay, it should be disposed of by double bagging the bird and placing it in their normal trash. The Woodridge Public Works Department does not collect or receive any species of dead birds for analysis or disposal.

More information on mosquitoes and West Nile Virus is available at the following websites:

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/west-nile/q&a.htm> (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention); <http://www.idph.state.il.us/envhealth/wnv.htm> (Illinois Department of Public Health); and www.dupagehealth.org (DuPage County Health Department).

Important Safety Reminders from Woodridge Building and Zoning Department

Furnace Safety

During the winter your furnace will turn on and off nearly 9,000 times. To keep your heating system running safely and efficiently, call a qualified contractor and schedule a "check up" for your furnace. You should also take these precautionary steps:

- ◆ Check your flame. Flames should be mostly blue and steady. A pale yellow or wavy flame could be a sign your furnace is not working properly.
- ◆ Check your venting system. Soft, rusted or broken vent piping can lead to carbon monoxide poisoning.
- ◆ Be sure your furnace or boiler is free of dust, rust and any other signs of corrosion.
- ◆ Check air filters regularly and clean or replace as needed.
- ◆ Make sure that furnace panels and grills are in place and that the fan compartment door is closed when the furnace is on. Leaving the doors open could cause carbon monoxide to build up in living areas.

Fireplace Safety

- ◆ Clean your chimney once a year and clear away debris at the top of the chimney- check flue for blockages.
- ◆ It is recommended that spark arresters be installed on wood burning fireplaces. If you already have spark arresters, be sure they have been installed correctly.
- ◆ Make sure all dampers open and close properly.
- ◆ Keep the screen closed at all times when fireplace is in use and keep the area in front of the fireplace clear of all flammable materials, including paper, wood, or furniture.
- ◆ Never use charcoal lighter fluid or similar liquids to start a fire in the fireplace. These are extremely flammable and dangerous.
- ◆ Fireplace should be Underwriters Laboratory approved.

Be sure to contact the Building & Zoning Department at (630) 719-4750 for building permit and inspection requirements for the installation of a new fireplace.

Village of Woodridge
5 Plaza Drive
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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 4.) Youth 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 7, 2005.

Nomination Form- Village of Woodridge Community Recognition Program

Village Citizen Employee Business or Association Youth

Nominee Name: _____

Nominated By: _____

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

