

# FOCUS

Spring 2004

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

## Special Census Conducted in Woodridge

Woodridge continues to grow by leaps and bounds! To take count of our new population, the Village will be conducting a Special Census. The high growth areas of the community will be counted for a 2-3 week period during April/May. Woodridge's increased census population will result in increased dollars provided by the State of Illinois to pay for roadway maintenance and Village operations and allows the Village to continue to decrease the tax rate.

**Looking for temporary work?** Applications are available for anyone interested in becoming a Special Census worker. You must be over 17 years old and be available to work days, evenings, and Saturdays if necessary. Call the HR hotline at 960-7070 for more information or stop by Village Hall today to complete an application.

## Save the Date... Anniversary Parade

The Village and the Park District are gearing up to celebrate the 45th anniversary of the Village and the 35th anniversary of the Park District. The Woodridge Chapter of Rotary International is planning a parade to mark these special anniversaries. The parade is scheduled for the morning of Saturday, July 17th and will culminate in the kick-off of the Saturday Jubilee festivities.

Parade planners and participants are encouraged and welcomed! If you'd like to be a part of this history-making event, send your information to the parade planning committee: [phalik@vil.woodridge.il.us](mailto:phalik@vil.woodridge.il.us).



## New Subdivision to Begin Construction in Summer of 2004

On January 8, 2004, the Village of Woodridge approved a 23-lot single-family residential subdivision to be developed at the northeast and northwest corners of Walnut Avenue and 63rd Street in Woodridge. The subdivision, called Walnut Court, will be developed by Airhart Construction Corp., based out of West Chicago. Airhart will offer several different models, including ranches and two-story homes. The minimum floor area for two-story homes will be 2,200 square feet and 1,900 square feet for ranch plans. Each house will have a minimum two-



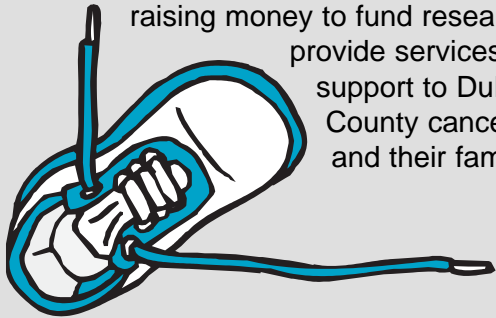
car garage and a full basement. The exteriors of the homes will consist of wood, brick, real stucco (no dry-vit), hardiplank or a combination thereof. Airhart will heavily landscape each home site with a mixture of ornamental trees, shrubs and perennials, designed to fit the individual style of each home. With an average lot size of 10,500 square feet in area, the starting price for the homes will be approximately \$375,000.

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## Make a Difference: Relay for Life 2004

The eighth annual Relay For Life will be held June 18-19, 2004 at Downers Grove North High School. Woodridge, Downers Grove, Westmont and Darien residents will pull an "all-nighter" in an effort to raise funds in the fight against cancer. Almost everyone has had a family member or friend whose life has been affected by cancer. This national event gives

people an opportunity to get involved in raising money to fund research and provide services and support to DuPage County cancer patients and their families.



Besides being an extremely important fundraiser, this event is also

great fun for families and friends. There will be overnight fun and excitement. Activities will include: music, late night pizza and smores, games, kids' activities, contests and more. Groups of 12 are needed to form teams. Each team will take turns walking the track throughout the night, with a team member on the track at all times.

The Village of Woodridge will have a team, and we encourage everyone to participate. You can form a team, make a donation, join in on the survivor's lap, sponsor a portion of the evening, or volunteer your time to help at the event. Please contact Mindy Phillips and the American Cancer Society at (630) 469-3011 or at [Mindy.Phillips@cancer.org](mailto:Mindy.Phillips@cancer.org).

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### ***Congratulations to this Year's Community Recognition Award Winners***

The Village is pleased to announce this year's recipients of our Community Recognition Program awards. The winners were presented with awards at the Village's Annual Holiday Dinner Dance on Friday, December 12, 2003, which was held at the Signature Room at Seven Bridges.

#### ***Outstanding Citizens of the Year:***

- Steve Johnson, Village Resident
- John Lerch  
Former Trustee, Woodridge Public Library
- Robert Murphy, Former Trustee,  
Village of Woodridge
- Hal Willison, Resident,  
Woodridge Special Events Committee

#### ***Outstanding Commissioner of the Year:***

- Thomas Sydelko, Plan Commissioner

#### ***Outstanding Employees of the Year:***

- Loretta Wermes,  
Secretary, Woodridge School District #68
- Carol Leveillee  
Business Manager, Woodridge Public Library
- Linda Dalton, Accountant, Village of Woodridge

#### ***Outstanding Business of the Year:***

- Max & Erma's Restaurant

In addition, **Ron Roehn, Crew Chief in the Public Works Department of the Village**, was chosen as the Outstanding Employee of the Year in the Village's Employee Recognition Program.

### ***New Subdivision... Continued From Page 1***

The perimeter of the development along Walnut Avenue and 63<sup>rd</sup> Street will be heavily landscaped with a mixture of trees and shrubs selected to provide year-round beauty and landscape interest. Prentiss Creek, which is located just off-site to the north, will remain untouched, along with a band of existing trees along the south edge of the creek and along the east and west edges of the development. Two detention outlots, located between the creek and the houses, will be planted with a mixture of native vegetation to enhance water quality and provide other environmental benefits.

Site preparations are scheduled to commence this spring. Home construction is expected to begin in late summer or early fall, 2004.

## Public Works Reminds You.....

### 83rd Street Rehab to Begin

Starting in early June, the Village will begin rehabilitation of 83rd Street from Janes Avenue to Route 53. Improvements will include asphalt resurfacing, patchwork, storm sewer repairs and curb and sidewalk replacement. The project is expected to be completed by the end of July 2004. While the road will not be closed to traffic, drivers are encouraged to find alternative routes if possible. Expect short delays throughout construction.



Residents can dispose of yard waste at the curb on their normal refuse collection day. One sticker is required for every 33 gallon unlined container or Kraft paper bag. Stickers can be purchased at a variety of local vendors and at Village offices.

Residents can also use environmentally friendly alternatives such as "grass cycling" and backyard composting methods.

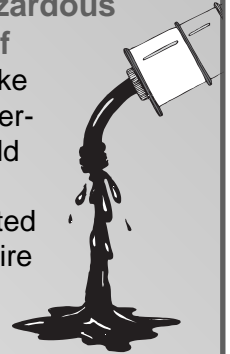
### Brush Chipping Services

During the months of May through October, on the second Saturday of the month between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., residents can drop off brush at the chipping site on 71st Street, just west of

Woodridge Drive. The cost is \$2 per carload or \$4 per truck, van or trailer. Proof of residency is required.

### Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off

Residents can take advantage of a permanent household hazardous waste drop-off site located in Naperville at Fire Station Four at 1971 Brookdale Road. The facility operates on Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Please call the DuPage County Solid Waste Department at (630) 682-7373 for more information.



### Yard Waste Collection Begins

Yardwaste collection officially resumes on April 1, 2004.



### MOTORIZED SCOOTER LAWS AND SAFETY TIPS

With the increasing popularity of motorized scooters, it is important to be aware of laws governing motorized scooter use and to know the best ways to keep yourselves and others safe while using a motorized scooter.

According to state statute, motorized scooters are considered motor vehicles requiring the operator of a motorized scooter to possess a valid driver's license and follow the Rules of the Road. In addition, like any motor vehicle, the scooter itself must be licensed. The Village of Woodridge will enforce the Rules of the Road upon operators of motorized scooters on public property. Because they are motorized, these scooters should not be used on bike paths or sidewalks.

Motorized scooters are meant to be used on private property by licensed drivers ages 16 and up. If you choose to own and use a motorized scooter, please keep the following safety tips in mind:

- Always wear a helmet. In addition, knee and elbow pads protect you during a fall.
- Do not operate the motorized scooter at night. Motorized scooters are not equipped to be operated in the dark or in low light conditions.
- Ride only on smooth, hard surfaces.
- Do not put any additional load (extra person, items, tow) on the scooter.
- Do not use the scooter in the rain or ride through puddles.
- Be alert – watch the road and be aware of cars, pedestrians and potholes.

### Village Contract Prices Extend to Residents

The Village has worked with its various contractors to ensure that residents who wish to tag onto Village contract prices for private work may do so. Residents in neighborhoods in which the Village has contracted out tree trimming for parkway trees this year can work directly with the contractor to have their private trees trimmed at the Village's contract prices.

Similarly, areas in which the Village has contracted out sidewalk and curb replacement are eligible to use Village contract prices for private improvements like driveway and sidewalk replacements.

These programs are intended to give residents the advantage of competitively priced work from contractors whose work has been evaluated by the Village.

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**Village Hall Hours**

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

**The Village of Woodridge is Awarded  
the Municipal Innovation Award**

The Village of Woodridge Public Works Department was recently selected as the recipient of the 2004 DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference Municipal Innovation Award for their use of a hydro-excavator. While the technology of a hydro-excavator is not new, the application of the technology by Public Works is saving time and money and improving overall safety.

Woodridge Public Works has also been recognized by the Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency (IRMA) as a "Best Risk Management Award" and has been published in the nationally distributed *Public Works Magazine*. The hydro-excavator vendor now



John Perry, Tony Fowler, Ron Rohen, Mayor William Murphy

advertises the innovative uses of the equipment discovered by Woodridge in its marketing campaign.

**Postal Customer Local  
Woodridge, IL 60517**

**Neighborhood Inspection Program  
Begins in Spring**

Every spring, the Building & Zoning Department of the Village of Woodridge implements the Annual Neighborhood Inspection Program. Specific areas needing property maintenance improvements are identified in the single family, multi-family and commercial districts in Woodridge. Letters are sent to property owners listing repair or maintenance items that should be included in their spring maintenance schedules. Each letter includes the name of a contact person in the Building & Zoning Department who would be happy to answer any questions or concerns.

On average, over 300 letters are mailed each year.

The goal of the Annual Neighborhood Inspection Program is to encourage property owners to reinvest in the maturing neighborhoods and take pride in our community. Working towards this goal will ultimately preserve property values, which is a benefit to all property owners of Woodridge.

If you have any questions about this program, please contact the Building & Zoning Department at (630) 719-4750.