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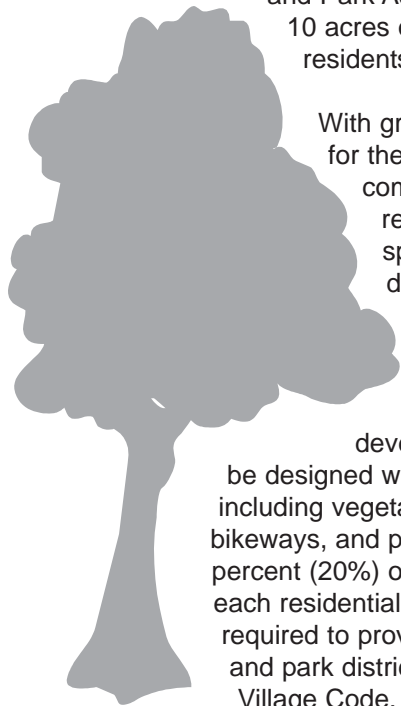
Spring 2005

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

OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION A PRIORITY IN WOODRIDGE

The Village Board and residents have reaffirmed their position that the preservation of open space should be a high priority for the Village of Woodridge. Specifically, residents identified two critical areas for open space preservation – the Downers Grove High School District #99 parcel adjoining the Town Centre and the Ide Tree Farm properties north of 83rd Street and east of Woodward Avenue.

Village preservation efforts focus on supplementing the existing network of open space provided by the Woodridge Park District and the DuPage County Forest Preserve. The award-winning Woodridge Park District manages over 562 acres of park and recreation space, consisting of over 40 community and neighborhood parks, woodlands, wetlands, bikeways, lakes and open space. With a population of 33,253 and an open space ratio of 16.9 acres of park space for every 1,000 residents, Woodridge exceeds the National Recreation and Park Association standard of 10 acres of park space per 1,000 residents.



With growth, the Village plans for the needs of the community with requirements for open space and required donations to school and park districts from residential developers. At the time of subdivision, each new development is required to be designed with landscaping, including vegetation, plazas, fountains, bikeways, and ponds, equaling twenty percent (20%) of its area. Furthermore, each residential development is required to provide land to both school and park districts as outlined in the Village Code. The required donation



Ide Farm Property

is five and five-tenths (5.5) acres of land per 1,000 additional residents generated by the development. At the request of the Village, the developer may provide a cash contribution in lieu of an actual land dedication.

In addition to the amenities provided by the Park District, Woodridge is surrounded by nine forest preserves encompassing 4,622 acres of recreational land. The preserves include: Greene Valley, Darien/Chestnut, Egermann Woods, Hickory Grove, Fox Hollow, Waterfall Glen, Wood Ridge, Keepataw Woods and Black Partridge. Additional information on the forest preserves serving Woodridge can be found on the web at www.dupageforest.com (DuPage County), www.fpdwc.org (Will County), and www.fpdcc.com (Cook County).

Woodridge also has one of the most aggressively developed and extensive bikeway systems in the Chicago region. Over 18.9 miles of bike paths provide residents with safe corridors for recreational cycling and an alternative mode of transportation to shopping and employment centers, including Internationale Centre. Maps of the bikeway system are available at the Village Hall or on the Village website at www.vil.woodridge.il.us.

Additional information on Woodridge parks and open space opportunities are available on the Village and Park District websites or by calling the Department of Planning and Development at 630-719-4711.



American Cancer Society Relay For Life



The American Cancer Society Relay For Life will be held June 17-18, 2005 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, 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 for everyone – including 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.

Anyone interested in participating in some way, either by forming a team, making a donation, joining in on the survivor's lap, sponsoring a portion of the evening or volunteering your time to help at the event, please contact the American Cancer Society at (630) 932-1141.

Time for Spring Cleaning

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.

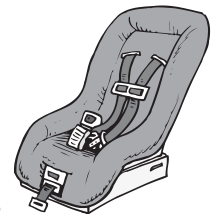
On average, over 300 letters are mailed each year.

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 in Woodridge.

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

Woodridge Police Department Offers Child Passenger Seat Installation

Motor vehicle crashes are the number one killer of children ages 2-14. The use of belt-positioning booster seats lowers the risk of injury to children in crashes by 59 percent compared to the use of vehicle seat belts. This finding comes from a study of children ages 4 through 7 by Partners for Child Passenger Safety (PCPS), a State Farm-funded research project at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.



Children need to be in the right restraint for their size and age. One study showed that children ages 2-5 who are moved to safety belts too early are four times more likely to sustain a serious head injury than those restrained in booster seats. In a traffic crash, the shoulder strap of a safety belt will hit a child shorter than 4' 9" across the neck or face rather than the chest, and there is also a greater risk of internal injury because an adult belt hits across the child's stomach rather than his/her lap. These children need a booster seat – which raises them up so that adult safety belts fit over their chests and hips properly – and protects them in the event of a crash.

The following are important child occupant safety laws to follow:

- 1. Use rear-facing infant seats in the back seat from birth to at least one year of age and at least 20 pounds;**
 - 2. Use forward-facing toddler seats in the back seat from age one and 20 pounds to about age four and 40 pounds;**
 - 3. Use booster seats in the back seat from about age four to at least age eight – unless the child is 4 ft. 9 inches or taller;**
 - 4. Use safety belts in the back seat at age eight or older or taller than 4 ft. 9 inches.**
- All children age 12 or younger should ride in the back seat.**

Woodridge Police conduct Child Passenger Seat Installation checks for residents on the first and third Saturday of every month between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Please contact the Crime Prevention Unit at (630) 719-4745 to schedule an appointment.

Woodridge Public Works Reminds You...

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.

Sewer Televising and Cleaning

The Village recently completed a sanitary sewer televising and cleaning project in Woodridge. This type of proactive work is completed by the Village in an effort to identify any trouble spots in the sewer system and to clean away any obstructions that might restrict flow.

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. Branches up to 5" in diameter are accepted. The cost is \$2 per carload or \$4 per truck, van or trailer. Proof of residency is required. Residents are also welcome to take the chips generated by this program for use

around their properties.

Yard Waste Collection Begins

Yardwaste collection officially resumes on April 1, 2005. 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 (including Jewel Food Stores at 75th/Janes, Dominicks Finer Foods at 63rd/I-355, and Grocers Pantry at 71st/Woodward) as well as the Village Hall (Five Plaza Drive) and Public Works (One Plaza Drive). Residents can also use environmentally friendly alternatives to dispose of yardwaste. These options include mulching grass clippings and leaves, as well as composting the materials.

Blowing Recyclables

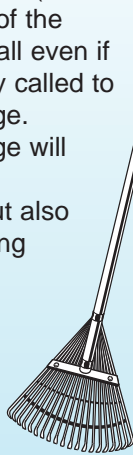
Residents can take several steps to prevent recyclables from blowing around during windy spring weather. This includes putting the lighter items such as paper and plastic items on the bottom of the bin with the heavier items on top. These light

items can also be placed in paper bags in order to contain them. If you have multiple recycling bins, the bins can be stacked on top of one another, with the paper and lighter items in the bottom bin.

Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection Site

Residents can take advantage of a permanent household hazardous waste drop-off site located in Naperville at Fire Station #4 at 1971 Brookdale Road. The facility operates on Saturdays and Sundays (excluding holidays) from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Items accepted for disposal include: household cleaners, drain openers, oil based paints, mineral spirits, strippers, solvents, insecticides, herbicides, flammables, automotive fluids, fluorescent fixtures, household batteries, and mercury. The site does not accept explosives, ammunition, radioactive materials, compressed gas, latex paint, and trash. For more information, please contact the DuPage County Household Hazardous Waste Hotline at 630-407-6760 or 407-6700.

Additional information on hazardous wastes and recycling, including the disposal of electronics is available at http://www.dupageco.org/building/generic.cfm?doc_id=514



Don't Delay - Sign up Today!

The Village of Woodridge would like to encourage residents to take advantage of the Woodridge Water Direct Pay Plan. Using the plan will help residents save on postage, checks, and envelopes. The payment of your water bill will always be on time, even if you forget or are out of town. Best of all, there is no charge for this convenience.

The Water Direct Pay Plan will allow your water utility bill to be automatically deducted from your checking account on the due date each month. To get started on the plan, simply fill out and sign the Agreement Form and attach a voided check. Then return the form to the Village of Woodridge Finance Department. Please allow 30 days for set-up of this new billing service. You will need to pay your water utility bill until the front of the bill states "Bank account drafted for".

End the worry over paying your water utility bill on time. Sign up for the Woodridge Water Direct Pay Plan today and mail the form in with your payment to Village of Woodridge, 5 Plaza Drive, Woodridge, IL 60517 or fax the form to (630) 719-2900. **(The agreement form can be found on page four)**

If you should have any questions regarding this service, please contact the Village of Woodridge Finance Department at (630) 852-7000.

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Agreement Form

Customer Name _____
Account Number _____
Service Address _____
Mailing Address _____
Daytime Phone _____
Financial Institution Name _____
Bank Transit Number _____
Financial Institution Address _____
Financial Institution Phone Number _____
Account Number _____ Checking / Savings

I authorize the Village of Woodridge to deduct automatically the amount of my bi-monthly water bill from the bank account listed on my check. I understand my automatic payments will be deducted from my account on the due date of each bill. This authorization is to remain in effect until the Village of Woodridge receives notice of termination from me. The Village reserves the right to cancel this agreement with due notification to the water customer.

Authorized Signature: _____

Date _____



Write, "VOID"
across one of your
checks. Return
both this form and
the voided check
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