

# FOCUS

Summer 2000

O N W O O D R I D G E

Our mission: To achieve a high quality of life by providing superior services in a fiscally responsible manner.

## State of the Village: Businesses and Residents Win Big!

Woodridge continues to provide a high quality of life for its residents through the expansion of its tax base, steady growth and an awareness of community. That was the theme that Mayor Murphy presented at this year's State of the Village "Spotlight on Woodridge...and the winner is..." held at the Cinemark/Imax Theatre on April 18th.

The following awards are great news.

### Woodridge Commands a Major Business Presence

Allstate Insurance Company announced the opening of its financial services call center in Waterfall Glen. Hendrickson International, a truck suspension manufacturer, also plans to expand its offices.

Internationale Centre continues to lead the way by receiving this year's "Suburban Industrial Development of the Year" award. Last year more than one million square feet of warehouse and light industrial space was added to the Centre. Morey Corporation and Medichem will open soon.

There were two new developments at Seven Bridges: Cinemark/Imax Theatre and The Signature Room at Seven Bridges. Frenzy (formerly Chevy's), a microbrewery, opens in June.

Other future business developments include: V3 Office Realty; three office buildings at MidPoint Corporate Center; a Home Depot; and Christ the Servant Church.



### Superior Access Makes Woodridge Desirable

Much of the business community success can be attributed to the fact that Woodridge has three full access interchanges to I-355 within the Village. The north/south corridors also continue to improve with the recent widening of Woodward Avenue.

Recreational travel is a priority with the bikeway development plan. Once completed, bikeways will provide over 26 miles of off-road asphalt paved paths that link with more than 100 miles of bikeways to surrounding communities.

The streetscape program includes planting beds, concrete street lights, and a large monument entrance sign on westbound 75th Street at the I-355 exit. Overall, nearly 300 trees will be planted on 75th Street.

### The Police Department Strives For Safety

Community policing partnerships are a key ingredient to Woodridge's success.  
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### New Refuse Contract Now in Place

The Village of Woodridge has a new refuse contract and would like to inform citizens of the upcoming changes:

- The Village has entered into an agreement with **Waste Management** for a five-year contract effective June 1, 2000.
- Current stickers may be used through June 30.
- Old stickers left over after June 30 may be sent to Waste Management for a full refund until August 1. After August 1, no refunds will be given.
- New stickers are available for sale at the new price of \$2.05 per sticker. These stickers will be good for both garbage and landscape waste, just like the current program.
- Amnesty Day will be held during the week of October 1, 2000.
- Every resident will receive a direct-mailed brochure from Waste Management detailing the new program.

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact the Public Works Department at (630) 719-4753. 🍁

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR SUMMER FUN!

## Woodridge Jubilee — June 14 - 18

The Woodridge Park District is gearing up for the Annual Summertime Jubilee. The Jubilee will be at the corner of Woodridge and Center Drives.

### Wednesday, June 14

6-10pm Carnival (Pay one price-\$15)

### Thursday, June 15

6-10:30pm Carnival, Food, Beverage Tent, BINGO (Woodridge Jaycees)

7pm **Lynne Jordan & The Shivers**—Jordan and her multi-talented band, the Shivers, have been knocking 'em dead in area clubs and in international concert stages since 1994. They are currently the house band at the House of Blues in Chicago.

9pm **Duke Tumatote & The Power Trio**—After 27 years, nine albums, and over 5,000 shows, his legendary performances have more gut level honesty and genuine enthusiasm than ever before.

### Friday, June 16

6-10:30pm Carnival, Food, Beverage Tent, BINGO (Woodridge Jaycees)

7pm **Hello Dave**—Hello Dave's music includes bluegrass and blues influences, and can be described as rock & roll with a southern/countrysque edge.

9pm **Generations**—Back by popular demand, this group will help you relive those wonderful memories of the 70s.

### Saturday, June 17

7am-1pm Fishing Derby—(\$3 per person) Lake Harriet

11am-7pm Climbing Wall—(\$3 per person)

12-10:30pm Carnival (Pay one price - \$15), Food, Beverage Tent, BINGO (Woodridge Jaycees)

12-2pm Pockets the Clown & TJ the Clown

12-3pm Kids Kreations (Paper, paints and brushes are provided for easel painting.)

12-5pm Dunk Tank ( Girls Softball)

12-6pm Organization Booth Fair

1-1:30pm Ronald McDonald's Magic Show

1-3pm Oldies 104.3 WJMK

1-4pm Inflatable Obstacle Course

1-5pm Friendly Farms Petting Zoo

1-5pm Friendly Farms Pony Rides

2pm Helicopter Drop at Jefferson Jr. H.S.

2-4pm Tattoos



2-4pm Mind Bending Magic - Michael Kett

2-7pm Remote Control Racing Cars (\$2 each)

3pm Prize Redemption for Helicopter Drop Coupons at Jubilee Site

3-4:15pm Local Youth Bands

3-5pm Face Painting

TBA Cypress Cove Frog

5pm **Bert Cattoni** - Bert Cattoni has his focus on contemporary country music. This singer/songwriter also crosses musical boundaries, managing to mix Pop, Blues, and Rock into his live shows.

7pm **Susie Dobbs & The Way Out West Band** - Catch country's fastest rising star! Susie Dobbs puts on a show appealing to music lovers. Nominated for Best Country Album and Best Country Entertainer by 1998 Chicago Music Awards.

9pm **The Dancing Noodles** - The Noodles return for a night of sing-a-long and boogie! These guys will play the hits you want to hear from the 60s to the 90s to Motown.

10:30pm Fireworks Spectacular

### Sunday, June 18

1-7pm Carnival (Pay one price - \$15)

#### Food Vendors

**Usinger's** (Brats, Smoked Polish, Portuguese Sausage)

**His & Hers Hot Dogs** (Hot Dogs, Cheesecake on Stick, Pickles, Chips)

**Tropical Sno** (Snow Cones, Lemon Shakeups)

**Uncle Bub's** (Pulled Pork Sandwich, Rib Tips, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw)

**Jethro's** (Burgers, Philly Steak, Funnel Cakes)

**Grill Sergeant** (Barbecue Chicken & Ribs, Nachos & Cheese)

**Shell's Seafood Restaurant** (Shrimp Skewers, Clam Chowder, Key Lime Pie)

**Great China** (Sweet & Sour Chicken, Fried Rice, Egg Rolls, Crab Rangoon)

**Geo's Pizza** (Pizza, Italian Beef, Hot Wings or Pasta)

**Bojo's** (Elephant Ears, Brats, Onion Blossom)

**Tropical Ice** (Shaved Ice, Donuts)

**Bojo's** (Texas Tenderloin, Corn)

**Gyros King** (Gyros, Italian Beef, Hot Dogs)

**JNJ's Eatery** (Italian Sausage, Burgers, Cheesecake) 🍷

## UPCOMING SUMMER EVENTS

**Fourth of July** – Come celebrate the Fourth with the Villages of Woodridge, Downers Grove, Darien, and Westmont. The fireworks display will be at Zigfield Troy Golf Range 1515 W. 75th Street (630)719-2416

**Golf "Fore" Fun** (Chamber of Commerce) – June 19, 2000 6:30 AM, Village Greens Golf Course (630)663-0939

**Ladies Captive Classic** (Woodridge Rotary Club) – June 26, 2000 11:30 A.M., Village Greens Golf Course (630)719-4728

**Summer Concert** (Woodridge Park District) – June 28, 2000, 6 PM  
Dance Instruction – 7-8:30 PM  
Big Band Music —Woodridge Town Centre Plaza (630)985-0300

**All-Village Garage Sale**  
August 5, 2000, 8:00 AM - Noon,  
Echo Point Park - Woodridge Dr. and Briarwood (630)964-2100

**Woodridge Rotary Mini-Triathlon** – August 13, 2000, 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM (630)769-0707 🍷

## Chip Your Brush and Help the Environment

The Village of Woodridge and the Woodridge Park District have begun their annual Brush Chipping Program. The program gives residents an opportunity to have their brush chipped for use as mulch. The program is open the second Saturday of every month from May through October and operates between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Brush should be taken to the drop-off site located at 71st Street west of Woodridge Drive. There are several provisions that must be followed in order to ensure that your brush is accepted at the drop-off site. Materials such as lumber and vegetative yard waste including leaves, flowers, grass, and garden waste are not accepted. Brush exceeding four inches in diameter will not be accepted. No vehicle larger than a pick-up truck will be allowed on site.

A charge of \$2.00 per carload and \$4.00 per pick-up truck, van, or trailer will be assessed on each delivery of materials to the drop-off site.

This service is available to Woodridge residents only. Contractors and landscaping companies are ineligible. Users must bring proof of residency.

Questions about the brush chipping service or other landscaping options should be directed to Public Works at 719-4753.

## Plant a Tree and Improve Your Parkway Today!

The Village has received the Tree City USA award nine years in a row. By your actions you can help ensure that Woodridge receives recognition again this year. You can assist in the Village's efforts to improve the urban forest by planting a parkway tree in front of your home. The Village's Share-the-Cost Tree Planting Program allows you to have a tree planted at half the cost.

Through this innovative program you may order trees which are a minimum of three inches in diameter for parkway planting. Your cost per tree would depend on the species chosen. The Village will purchase the trees at wholesale prices, for a substantial cost savings to the resident. The Village will plant and trim the tree. Trees are guaranteed for a year. The next planting is scheduled for the fall. If you are interested, please call Public Works at 719-4753.

## Watering Restrictions

Residents are restricted from watering or sprinkling gardens, lawns, shrubs, and trees between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Restrictions are in effect through September 15th. New plantings may be watered with a hand-held device.

## Mosquito Hotline

It is that time of year again for the arrival of mosquitoes. Mosquitoes may not only be bothersome for many, but



they can present a potential health hazard as transmitters of various diseases. The Village, when necessary, takes measures to eliminate potential breeding grounds. Residents are welcome to call a mosquito hotline at 1-800-323-5727 or 1-800-942-2555, and talk with a mosquito abatement representative about current conditions in the area and ask any questions you may have about mosquito control measures.

## Building & Zoning Department

Now that Old Man Winter has called it quits for the year, residents are planning summer projects such as building a new deck, replacing their roof or driveway... taking steps to reinvest in their homes. Please be sure to contact Building & Zoning at (630) 719-4750 for permit and contractor requirements. Building permits are required for most improvements such as room additions, garages, driveways, decks and patios, re-roofing, sewer repairs, swimming pools, fences, etc.

While working around the house can be very enjoyable during the summer months, many injuries occur each year because of mishaps related to ladders, electric tools, and lawn mowers. Be sure to read the owner's manual and operating instructions thoroughly for all equipment being used. Following basic safety guidelines will help keep you and your family safe while completing your summer projects. 🌲

## WELCOME TO WOODRIDGE

### Woodridge welcomes the se new businesses:

**Allstate Insurance**, 840 S. Frontage Rd.

**Cinemark/Imax Theatre**, 6500 Route 53

**Corner Club House Bar & Grille**,

1999 Woodward Dr.

**Majid Medical**, 7425 Janes Avenue

**MidPoint Corporate Center**

**Prairie Packaging**, 1640 Internationale Pkwy.

**REM**, 940 S. Frontage Rd.

**Samuel Strapping Systems**, 1401 Davey Rd.

**The Signature Room at Seven Bridges**,

6440 Double Eagle Dr.

**V3 Realty**, 7325 Janes Ave.

### Volunteer Opportunities are Here For You!

Have you ever wanted to volunteer but don't know where to begin? The Village of Woodridge has created a Volunteer Opportunities Directory to link citizens and organizations together. If you are interested in learning more about the Volunteer Opportunities Directory or would like a copy, please call (630) 719 - 2496. 🌲

Be sure to check out the Official Village of Woodridge Website at [www.vil.woodridge.il.us](http://www.vil.woodridge.il.us) for up to date community information.

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The expanded adopt a neighborhood program has moved into the business community.

The 12-week citizens police academy has also proven popular with adults and youth.

The Village's emergency plan was updated in 1999 and the plan serves as the script for the crisis management team.

Seven siren locations now provide early warning signals.

### Well Maintained and Diverse Housing Appeals To All

A wide range of home prices meet the varied housing needs of the current housing market.

Nationally recognized school systems, large lots, mature trees, safe neighborhoods, availability of recreational facilities, great parks, thriving economic development, and diverse housing options are highly rated Woodridge assets.

Last year, Woodridge gained over 70 new single family homes and 24 luxury townhouses. Sixty-four new single family

homes and fourteen 20-unit apartment buildings are being proposed for Thornberry Woods located on the southwest corner of 75th Street and Greene Road.

While single-family homes received a record reinvestment of \$2.4 million during 1999, the final commitment of the \$15 million multi-family improvements was also received.

### Since 1986, Property Tax Rates Have Decreased

Balanced growth assists in reducing the property tax burden by increasing the tax base. For over ten years the Village's assessed valuation has more than doubled from \$234 million in 1989 to \$540 million in 1999.

In 1988, the average homeowner paid \$288 to the Village in property tax. Ten years later that amount was \$207 even though the average single family home value increased from \$110,000 to \$181,000 during that same time. The most recent tax bill reflected a \$10.50 reduction

in property taxes. Property tax savings for businesses are even greater.

Woodridge has the eighth lowest municipal tax rate out of 34 DuPage county municipalities.

### Community Spirit is Evident and Contagious

More than 80 volunteers recognized the success and progress of Woodridge through "Celebrate Woodridge" last year.

Over 30 WCTV Channel 6 volunteers captured these moments and broadcast them into 70 percent of Woodridge homes.

### Woodridge is on the Cutting Edge of Technology

Residents also gather valuable community information from [www.vil.woodge.il.us](http://www.vil.woodge.il.us) This Web site represents the best technology and the first phase of e-government for Woodridge.

The spotlight continues to shine on Woodridge as we enter the new millennium. And the winners are the residents and the businesses. 🍁



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