

FOCUS

—Summer 2001

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: We Continue to Grow Stronger Together

Last year, 39 businesses chose Woodridge; Village property taxes decreased; new housing options increased; and community involvement soared;" stated Mayor Murphy at this year's State of the Village luncheon held at Seven Bridges Signature Room on April 25th.

Reducing property taxes is still Woodridge's primary goal. The Village's **tax rate** has decreased for 15 years straight, with a 12 percent decrease expected this June. Sales tax revenue has increased over 11 percent from last year.

Community involvement is high. The Oktoberfest Celebration evolved into a two-day festival. Last year's Town Meeting had a record attendance with our youth well represented. The first Back-to-School Bash was a success. Woodridge celebrated National Youth Service Day, and the Wolverine Pack after-school program started at Jefferson Junior High School.

As to the future, Woodridge is pursuing several exciting endeavors. The proposed 2001-2002 budget reflects the Village's mission statement. The village will hire a professional to enhance communication efforts and has recently launched Woodridge E-News. Highly visible capital improvements are also part of the budget. Here are some examples.

Roads and Parks

The Village plans in the near future to reconstruct the I-55 North Frontage Rd. with help of \$1.7 million from Illinois First Money. The I-55 South Frontage Road will also be improved this Spring. Several bikeway additions are planned.

The Village and Park District received a \$700,000 grant to redevelop the **Janes**

Avenue Park. Orchard Hill field development is in the works.

Church Growth in Woodridge

With Woodridge continuing to value its diversity, **St. Scholastica Parish** participated in a program called "Encuentro: Many Faces in God's House - A Catholic Vision of the Third Millennium". St. Scholastica is also expanding to provide more space. Construction of **Christ the Servant Catholic Church** marked the completion of its second phase. **Christ Presbyterian Church** plans to build a church northeast of Route 53 and High Trial.

Quality Workforce and Location Attract Businesses

Fifty-nine businesses now call Internationale Centre home. New businesses include: **Card Imaging; Central American Logistics; Midwest Warehouse and Distribution; Trade Associates Group; Gooding Rubber Company; Boerman Moving and Storage; Corporate Express; The Morey Corporation; Prairie Packaging; and MediChem Research Inc.**

Lemont Rd. is emerging as an office corridor because of convenient access to I-55. Reliant and proposed development include: **Lopata** north of 83rd, **Waterfall Glen Business Park** at the southeast interchange with I-55 and **Maple Point Business Park**, just north of **Internationale Parkway**.

Janes Avenue north of 75th St. is also evolving into a high quality office corridor. **V3, Connect Inc.** and **J.J. Collins** are now headquartered on Janes Ave. **The McShane Corp.** is close to completion of its second of four office buildings at the **MidPoint**
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WOODRIDGE OFFERS AN ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION TOOL

The Village of Woodridge now has an electronic communication tool for residents and community members. Woodridge E-News is an electronic news delivery system that provides timely information on events and issues related to the Village of Woodridge, Village Board, Plan Commission, Village departments, services and community events. Subscription to the list is open to everyone.

To begin receiving information from Woodridge E-News, please visit the official Village of Woodridge web-site main page at www.vil.woodridge.il.us Click on the Woodridge E-News icon to sign up for this new, free way to receive timely Village information. By following the instructions provided, you will be on your way to receiving weekly Village wide information.

This innovative communication tool directly responds to input received from concerned citizens at our annual Town Meeting regarding Village communication with residents. 🍁

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR SUMMER FUN!

Jubilee 2001, Woodridge's community festival, is Wednesday, June 13 through Sunday, June 17 and promises fun for all ages including several new features, such as the 101.9 fm Road Crew, a high school art exhibit, the Krispy Kreme Race Car, and high action BMX Bike shows!

UPCOMING SUMMER EVENTS

Independence Day

Fireworks Show
Wednesday, July 4th 9:30 PM
Located along 75th St. near the Zigfield Troy Golf Courses

Summer Concert

The Chicago Rovers
Wednesday, July 11th 7-8:30 PM
Village Hall Town Centre

Come out to Village Hall Town Centre Wednesday, July 11 from 7-8:30 PM to hear this trio's blend of traditional Irish music with a bit of modern sensibility. People of all ages are drawn to the Celtic rhythms and can't help but to get up and dance.

VFW 2nd Annual Pig Roast

Sunday, July 29th
Woodridge Community Center

All-Village Garage Sale

Saturday, August 4th
Echo Point Park

Village Hall Closings

Wednesday, July 4—
Independence Day Observance
Monday, September 3—
Labor Day

Back to School Bash

Back to School BASH 2 is scheduled for first Day of School for Woodridge School District #68 on Friday, August 24th. BASH is for all Woodridge youth entering 7th and 8th grades. We plan on having many of the same activities that proved to be popular last year: the climbing wall, sports activities, scavenger hunt and the enthusiastic DJ. New activities will also be added to have even more things to do during BASH 2. The Planning Committee will meet throughout the summer. Please call Jill Samonte at (630) 719-6105 if you have any questions. See you all then! 🌸

Woodridge Jubilee 2001

Wednesday, June 13

6 - 10 pm **Carnival** (\$15 unlimited ride bracelet, valid on Wednesday only)

Thursday, June 14

6 - 10:30 pm **Carnival**
Food Vendors, Beer and Wine Coolers
Pop Tent (Sponsored by Bolingbrook Chevrolet)
BINGO (Coordinated by the Woodridge Jaycees)
Woodridge Community TV (WCTV)
- Channel 6 Booth

6 - 8 pm **101.9 fm THE MIX Road Crew**

7 pm **Backstreet (Variety Pop)** Enjoy a trip back in time as Backstreet plays a wide selection of music from the 60's, 70's & 80's.

9 pm **Susie Dobbs and the Way Out West Band (Country)** (Sponsored by Bridgeview Bank / DuPage) This Jubilee favorite puts on a show appealing to all ages.

Friday, June 15

6 - 10:30 pm **Carnival**
Food Vendors, Beer and Wine Coolers
Pop Tent (Sponsored by Bolingbrook Chevrolet)
BINGO (Coordinated by the Woodridge Jaycees)
Woodridge Community TV (WCTV)
- Channel 6 Booth

7 pm **Howard & the White Boys (Blues)**
Your whole family can sit back and relax on the lawn as Howard and the White Boys sing the Blues.

9 pm **Infinity (Rock & Roll)**
Get ready to Rock & Roll to the sound of the early 80's hear the music from Journey, REO Speedwagon & more.

Saturday, June 16

7 am - 1 pm **Fishing Derby** (\$3 per person) at Lake Harriet (Sponsored by Christopher B. Burke Engineering, LTD)

11 am - 7 pm **High School Art Exhibit** (Sponsored by Woodridge Rotary Club)

12 - 10:30 pm **Carnival** (\$15 unlimited ride bracelet, valid on Sat., 12 - 5 pm only)
Food Vendors, Beer and Wine Coolers
Pop Tent (Sponsored by Bolingbrook Chevrolet)
BINGO (Coordinated by the Woodridge Jaycees)
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12 - 2 pm **Pockets the Clown & TJ the Clown**

12 - 3 pm **Kids Kreation / Make & Take Crafts**

12 - 5 pm **Dunk Tank** (Coordinated by Girls' Softball)

12 - 6 pm **Climbing Wall** (\$3 per person) (Sponsored by Home Run Inn Pizza)

1 pm - 1:30 pm **High Action BMX Bike Show**

2:30 pm - 3 pm (Sponsored by Kiwanis of Woodridge)

4 - 4:30 pm **Petting Zoo and Pony Rides** (Sponsored by Bridge Development Partners, LLC and Harris Bank Woodridge)

1 - 6 pm **Remote Control Racing Cars** (\$2 per person)

2 pm **Helicopter Drop at Jefferson Jr. High School**
For children 12 years and under only! (Sponsored by the Chicago Tribune)

3 - 3:30 pm **Helicopter Drop Coupons Prize Redemption at Jubilee Site**

3 - 4:15 pm **Local Youth Bands** (Sponsored by AT&T Broadband)

3 - 6 pm **Come see the Krispy Kreme Race Car & the driver, Woodridge's own Amy Wittkamper.** She races the BMWs through Sports Car Club of America (SCCA).

5 pm **Bert Cattoni (Country mixed with Pop, Blues & Rock)** This Woodridge resident sings contemporary Country Music, which crosses musical boundaries, covering everyone from the BoDeans to Garth Brooks to Van Morrison.

7 pm **Rewired (Pop Rock)**
Come enjoy the unique sound of Rewired as they play a range of tunes from The Allman Brothers and Santana to edgy versions of BB King and newer material like the Goo Goo Dolls.

9 pm **Blooze Brothers (Blues, Motown & Swing)**
This Chicago area favorite, performs an exciting combination of blues, motown & swing. This lively music is sure to get you swaying and dancing.

10:30 pm **Fireworks Spectacular**

Sunday, June 17

1 - 7 pm **Carnival - Father's Day Special** (Receive an extra hour of fun on Sunday only with the \$15 unlimited ride bracelet.)

Food Vendors are open all hours of the festival on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Bojo's - Brats, Elephant Ears, Corn, Pork Tenderloin

Corner Clubhouse - Italian Beef, Broasted Chicken, Hot Dogs

Doggie Diner - Gyros Sandwiches, Chicken Tenders

Geo's Pizza - Pizza, Italian Beef, Hot Wings

Great China - Egg Rolls, Crab Rangoon, Chicken Fried Rice

Grill Sargent - Pork on a Stick, Chicken Sandwiches, Rib Sandwiches

His & Hers Hot Dogs - Hot Dogs, Cheesecake on a Stick, Pickles, Chips

Jethro's - Hamburgers, Steak Sandwiches, Corn Dogs

JNJ Eatery - Burgers, Italian Sausage

Jungle Chicken and Ribs - Turkey Drumsticks, Rib Tips, Pulled Pork

Tom and Mike's Concessions - Tacos, Fajitas

Tropical Ice - Shaved Ice

Tropical Sno - Shaved Ice, Nachos, Pretzels

Ending times for Saturday afternoon activities vary. All events occur at the corner of Woodridge and Center Drives, unless otherwise noted. Parking is available at the Town Centre and at the grassy lot between the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and the Fire Station along Woodridge Drive.

This event is brought to you by the Woodridge Park District and Village of Woodridge. For more information, contact the Woodridge Park District at (630) 985-0300. 🌸

**Chip Your Brush...
Help the Environment**

The Village and the 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 St. west of Woodridge Dr. There are several provisions that must be followed in order to ensure that your brush is accepted. 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 per carload and \$4 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 (630) 719-4753.

**Plant a Tree...
Improve Your Parkway!**

The Village has received the Tree City USA award ten years in a row, and

you have the opportunity to 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 in your parkway at substantial cost savings.

Through this innovative program you may order trees which are a minimum of 2 1/2" in diameter for parkway planting. Your cost per tree would depend on the species offered for spring or fall planting. The Village will purchase the trees at wholesale prices, and plant and trim the tree. Trees are guaranteed for one full year. If you are interested, please call the Public Works Department at (630) 719-4753.

Watering Restrictions

Residents are restricted from watering or sprinkling gardens, lawns, shrubs, and trees between the hours of 11:00 AM and 4:00 PM. Restrictions are in effect seven days a week from May 15th 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 are not only bothersome, but they can present a potential health hazard as transmitters of various diseases. The Village, when necessary, takes measures to eliminate potential breeding grounds. However, the best defense for eliminating



mosquitoes is for residents to eliminate standing water on their property. 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 they may have about mosquito control.

Home Improvement Month

The Building & Zoning Department is promoting June as "Home Improvement Month." Beginning on Memorial Day and ending on July 4th, the Village will encourage all homeowners to make exterior improvements to their homes. Reinvesting in older Woodridge increases property values of the housing stock throughout the community and is a benefit to all residents.

The Village will be sending letters to local businesses such as Home Depot, Sherwin Williams, Target, Kmart, Sam's Club, Franks Nursery and Crafts, etc. encouraging them to participate in this event. Possibly these businesses will participate by independently having special promotions in June in support of "Home Improvement Month." Watch for more details in local newspapers and Woodridge Community Television (WCTV - Channel 6)

If you have any questions regarding this event, be sure to contact the Building & Zoning Department at (630) 719-4750. 🍀

WELCOME TO WOODRIDGE

Woodridge welcomes these new businesses:

- Big Lots**
7340 Woodward Ave.
- Chi Town Provisions, INC.**
6817 Hobson Valley Drive #114
- Gateway Retail, LLC**
7250 Woodward Ave.
- G.T.H.T.**
3550 Hobson Road Suite 103

- Leslie Heating and Cooling**
6804 Hobson Valley Drive #112
- Powers Construction Group, INC.**
6804 Hobson Valley Dr.
- Woodridge Maintenance, INC.**
6817 Hobson Valley Dr. Unit 1
- Argo Turboserve Corp**
2401 Internationale Parkway Unit BLDG B

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Corp. Center. In 2000, the Village approved plans for a two-story 30,000 office sq. ft. building called **Woodgrove Professional Center** just north of 75th St.

Eating in Woodridge

Now employees and residents will have more choices for dining in Woodridge. **Frenzy's, Krispy Kreme Doughnut Store, El Burrito Loco, Wendy's, Los Arcos Taqueria, and Steven's Restaurant.** **Nonnies** and **McDonald's** will soon re-open with new facilities.

Diverse, High Quality Housing

Residential development continues to thrive. Recent Single Family development approved by the Village Board include: **Estates of Thornberry Woods - Gladstone Builders; Nadelhoffer Woods - Crestview Builders; Farmingdale Village - Gallagher and Henry.** The Village also annexed the existing **Oldwoods** off of Route 53.

On the Horizon....

Medine, Inc. is proposing a 12 lot single-family subdivision on Lemont Rd. Also, **DePaulo Builders** plans on creating a single-family subdivision just south of Oldwoods.

Several multi-family projects are planned for construction this year. They include the apartments of **Thornberry Woods** on 75th St., the **AMLI** project at **Seven Bridges** and **Altman Development.** There are plans to redevelop **The Maple Lakes Apartments** at the northeast corner of Woodward Ave. and 75th St.

Gallagher and Henry is proposing a 12 building, 192-unit condominium development near Boughton Rd. and Woodward Ave., with a shopping center at the northeast corner.

New Businesses

New businesses soon to locate in Woodridge include: **Mark Shale, Universal Rack Repair, Hinsdale Hospital Management Office, and Alside Inc. Distribution Facility.** **Storm Products Company** plans a facility in Internationale Centre. **Shred-It Inc.** also plans to relocate there. **Kolcraft Enterprises,** is close to securing bonds for a site in Will County.

Mayor Murphy told the audience that they could be proud of the dynamic state of Woodridge and could anticipate much more to come. 🍁

GORILLA DAY'S CAR SHOW

Do you have one of those classic cars? A custom or modified car or truck? Even if you just like to look at classic and customized cars, the place to be is at the western suburbs only 4th of July Car Show.

The Woodridge Police Department's 8th Annual "Buckle up or Else" Car Show will be held on July 4, noon to 4:00 PM, at the northwest corner of I-355 and 75th St. The annual show promotes seatbelt safety and is Free to the public. There are "goodie bags" (while they last) for show car owners along with awards.

Entertainment will be provided by Mr. D's House of Magic and live music by "Tuneage - The Music You Grew up With". There will also be prizes available plus kid's favors.

Special event license plates have been issued by the Secretary of State's office. The plates are valid for display on your vehicle for 60 days (through July and August) and can be purchased for \$25.00. For Car Show information or to order plates, please call (630) 719-4730. 🍁



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