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Summer 2002

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 is

In front of a record-breaking crowd of over 200 guests, Mayor William F. Murphy presented the State of the Village address on April 22, 2002 at the Signature Room at Seven Bridges.

"As we look to the future of Woodridge, we see an active and successful business and residential community that continues to grow and reinvest. The budget reinforces the mission of Woodridge, which is to "achieve a high quality of life by providing superior services in a fiscally-responsible manner." The State of the Village is solid!" explained Mayor Murphy at the recent address. Village taxes, business and residential growth and housing were among the highlighted topics.



TAXES

The Village of Woodridge property tax rate decreased for the sixteenth consecutive year, and the Village municipal tax rate is \$.2682, making Woodridge the 5th lowest municipality out of 35 DuPage County municipalities. The Village of Woodridge taxpayers will also see a 12% decrease in the municipal property

tax rate in 2002. DuPage municipalities equalized assessed value increased 6% in the last year, while Woodridge's increased 12%. The 12% increase exemplifies the high quality development that Woodridge is experiencing.

RETAIL/RESTAURANT

Woodridge's retail sector continued to succeed. Sales taxes are up by 6% from last year. Sam's Club is the top sales tax generator, and Woodridge is planning to expand its store by more than 25%. A number of restaurants will be opening in Woodridge this year. The Village welcomes: Carrabba's, an Italian steakhouse; Silver Spur, a barbecue smokehouse; Delicious Corner, Chinese cuisine; Subway and Pizza Italiano.

Hollywood Boulevard will be making an entrance into Woodridge this year, moving into the former Woodgrove Festival Theatre space. Hollywood is the only theatre of its kind in the area where residents will be able to enjoy a movie, while eating dinner and having a cocktail.

BUSINESS GROWTH

The business community in Woodridge continues to thrive with high quality developments leading the way. The number of job opportunities stands at over 10,000 with increases on the way. The Village of Woodridge now has seven business parks, and four other areas containing industrial uses.

MidPoint Corporate Centre, located on Janes Avenue, has finished three out of the four proposed buildings. The center includes EN engineering, Westwood College of Technology, and Brach Confections.

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Keep Music to a Minimum

Summer is the time of year for driving with the windows rolled down. Did you know that it is a violation of the Illinois Vehicle Code to play loud music from a vehicle that disturbs the peace and quiet of any person residing in the vicinity? The Illinois Vehicle Code states that "no driver of any motor vehicle within this state shall operate or permit operation of any sound amplification system which can be heard outside the vehicle from 75 or more feet when the vehicle is being operated upon a highway." (PA 86-1240)

A violation is punishable by a maximum fine of \$50. Please be respectful of the community when listening to your car stereo while driving. If you hear a loud stereo that seems to be excessively loud, or is a repeated offense, please contact the police department immediately. The more information you can provide on the location of the offending vehicle, the make, model and color of the vehicle and specific identifiers of the vehicle, the better chance Police have of locating the vehicle and alerting the driver to the problem.



Join the Woodridge Park District and Village of Woodridge for the Woodridge Jubilee. June 12 - 16, on the corner of Woodridge and Center Drive.

Wednesday, June 12

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Carnival (\$15 unlimited ride bracelet)

Thursday, June 13

6:00 pm - 10:30 pm - Carnival, Food, Beer & Pop Tent, BINGO

7:00 pm Band - Video Stars

9:00 pm Band - American English

Friday, June 14

1:00 pm - 10:30 pm - Carnival (\$15 unlimited ride bracelet)

6:30 pm - 10:30 pm - Food, Beer & Pop Tent, BINGO

7:00 pm Band - Bert Cattoni

9:00 pm Band - Susie Dobbs and the Way Out West Band

Saturday, June 15

7:00 am - 1:00 pm - Fishing Derby at Lake Harriet

Noon -10:30 pm - Carnival (\$15 unlimited ride bracelet, valid on Saturday from Noon - 5:00 pm only) Food, Beer & Pop Tent, BINGO.

Noon -3:00 pm - Kids Kreations Easel Painting

Noon -5:00 pm - Organization Booth Fair

Noon -6:00 pm-

Super Sports events including Quarterback Challenge, Field Goal Kick, Baseball Fast Pitch, Golf Long Drive, Inflate-a-Hoops, Hockey Slapshot, and Soccer Penalty Kick.

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm- Clowns

1:00 pm -5:00 pm- Gladiator Joust and Puffer the Circus Train Inflatable

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm- Temporary Tattoos

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm- Krispy Kreme Race Car & Driver, Amy Wittkamper

3:00 pm - 10:00 pm- Bolingbrook Chevrolet Entertainment Stage

3:00 pm - 4:15 pm - Local Youth Bands

5:00 pm Band - Mr. Myers

7:00 pm Band - The Associates

9:00 pm Band - World Class Noise

10:30 pm - Fireworks Spectacular

Sunday, June 16

1:00 pm - 7:00 pm - Carnival - (Receive an extra hour on with the \$15 unlimited bracelet.)

Gypsy Moths in Woodridge?

The Woodridge area has no problem with Gypsy Moths so far, according to the Illinois Department of Agriculture. The Department of Agriculture will place and monitor traps in all of DuPage County to monitor infestation. To date the traps near Woodridge have shown negative results with the exception of 1 trap along the DuPage/Will County line east of Woodridge. The Village will continue to monitor the outcomes of these tests.

The caterpillar can be detected from as early as April and to as late

as July. This is the portion of the life cycle that inflicts damage on trees, and during an infestation can defoliate them completely. The Gypsy Moth caterpillar can be easily identified by the 5 pair of blue dots followed by 6 pair of red dots along its back. In addition, they are dark colored and covered with hair.

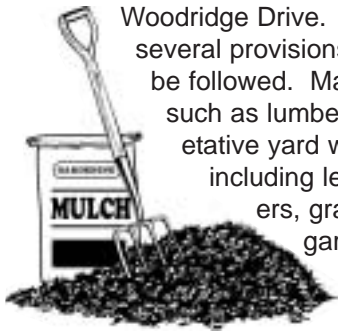
If a homeowner finds Gypsy Moth Caterpillars they should contact the Illinois Department of Agriculture at (800) 273-4763. For more information visit, www.aphis.usda.gov/oa/pubs/fsgmpro.html or call the Woodridge Public Works Department at 719-4753.

Public Works Reminds You...

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 Woodridge 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. Materials such as lumber and vegetative yard waste including leaves, flowers, grass, and garden waste are not accepted, nor is brush exceeding four inches in diameter. Vehicles no 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. site.

Questions should be directed to the Department of Public Works at 719- 4753.

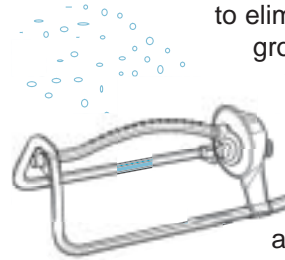
WATERING RESTRICTIONS

Residents of the Village of Woodridge are restricted from watering or sprinkling gardens, lawns, shrubs, and trees between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. These 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 of Woodridge,

when necessary, takes measures to eliminate potential breeding grounds. Residents are welcome to call a mosquito hotline 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.



WEST NILE VIRUS

Woodridge officials have been taking the appropriate steps to reduce the risk of mosquito-borne illness to area residents. Officials in Woodridge are asking residents to be on alert for dead birds, since this can sometimes provide information about mosquito borne disease. If you find any, please notify the DuPage County Health Department at (630) 620-3350, extension 5312.

Fireworks and the Law

As the 4th of July holiday approaches, it is important to remember the laws regarding the use of fireworks in Illinois and in Woodridge. Most consumer fireworks are illegal in Illinois. According to the Village of Woodridge Code and State Law, it is unlawful to sell, store, use, explode or possess any fireworks as defined by Illinois State Statute. The only fireworks permitted by state law are sparklers, snakes and glowworms.

Fireworks violations are considered a Class B Misdemeanor and a violation of Village ordinance. The maximum penalty for selling, storing or using fireworks under State Statute is \$500 fine/6 months in jail. Aside from the criminal consequences of using fireworks, there are also physical consequences. The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) estimates that 7,000 people are treated for fireworks-related injuries each year.

A safe alternative to using fireworks is to attend a display fireworks show sponsored by the Village of Woodridge. Every year, Woodridge celebrates the 4th of July and Jubilee with a fireworks show. The fireworks show is located along 75th street near the Zigfield Troy Golf Courses. While residents are not permitted to watch the fireworks show from the Village Greens or Zigfield Troy Golf Courses, designated

watch areas are set up in the parking lots along 75th Street and Lemont Road.

Please be safe this 4th of July. If you have any questions about fireworks laws or fireworks safety, please contact the Police Department at 719-4740.



Garbage Sticker

Garbage sticker prices have increased to \$2.24 effective June 1, 2002.

Home Improvement Fair Scheduled

Each spring, the Building & Zoning Department of the Village of Woodridge implements the Annual Neighborhood Inspection Program. The goal of the Inspection Program is to encourage residents to reinvest in the maturing neighborhoods.

The Village of Woodridge is promoting June as Home Improvement Month and will be holding a Home Improvement Fair on Saturday, June 1, 2002 at The Home Depot in Woodridge. Details on the Home Improvement Fair will soon be available in the Woodridge Progress, the Village of Woodridge Cable Channel 6 (WCTV), and e-news.

Owning a home means making a commitment to maintain and improve your property to safeguard your investment and protect your property values, which is a benefit to all Woodridge residents. Hope to see you at the Home Improvement Fair on Saturday, June 1, 2002.

Village of Woodridge

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Maple Point Business Park, a 19-acre light industrial business park, is currently under construction. The business park is situated just outside of Internationale Centre, south of I-55 on Lemont Road. The development consists of three to four buildings approximately 81,000-85,000 square feet each.

The North Waterfall Glen Business Park attracted Allstate's Claims and Encompass Divisions in the first phase of development, and there is the potential for three more buildings, for a total of



200,000 square feet in the business park.

Award winning Internationale Centre is Woodridge's largest business

park. Only approximately six lots and two restaurant pads are available at Internationale Centre.

Wood Hill Crossings Business Park is another exciting addition. It will be located southeast of Davey and Joliet Roads. This 80-acre development will hold up to 1.3 million square feet of office/warehouse space and be developed by Bridge Development.

HOUSING

Woodridge is not only a great place to work, but also a wonderful place to live. Home ownership can be achieved at a wide range of prices, from \$70,000 for a condominium to \$600,000 for a luxury single family home.

housing variety is increasing with the addition of Internationale Estates II, a 5 acre development that includes 12 single family homes ranging in price from \$350,000 - \$500,000, located on Lemont Road south of I-



55. Thornberry Woods, a luxury apartment development consisting of 14 buildings, totaling 280 units located on Greene Road and 75th Street; Normadale Woods subdivision, which includes 27 luxury homes located of Route 53, south of 83rd Street; and Amlı, a luxury apartment development. Amlı will host their grand opening in the summer of 2002. Amlı will have 4 - 130 unit buildings, heated parking, a clubhouse, putting green, and outdoor pool, for this development that overlooks Seven Bridges Golf Club.

Gallagher & Henry condominiums will begin construction this year. The 2 bedroom/ 2 bath condominium-ownership units are expected to be priced starting at \$200,000. Set in over 10 ½ acres of landscaped open space with heavily landscaped perimeter berms for privacy, this high quality project starts the development of the northeast corner of the Woodward and Boughton intersection.

All of these exciting announcement, which were made possible by Woodridge residents and businesses, made for a successful event. For a complete copy of the State of the Village Address, please visit the official Village of Woodridge website at www.vil.woodridge.il.us