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Summer 2003

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



Woodridge's Newest Restaurants offer Spectacular Cuisine

Woodridge is home to many successful restaurants that offer a diverse range of dining choices. Recently the

Village has welcomed several new restaurants to our community, and we anticipate the trend will continue.

The Center on Seven Bridges Drive has seen a great deal of activity over the past several months with the opening of Starbucks Coffee in late December 2002 and the opening of Quiznos in March 2003. Quiznos is an upscale sandwich shop that offers hot or cold gourmet sandwiches made to order, as well as soups and a variety of salads.

The Center on Seven Bridges Drive is eagerly awaiting the opening of Cold Stone Creamery this summer. Cold Stone Creamery offers a unique ice cream experience by providing customers with freshly made ice cream, yogurt and Italian sorbet, blended to order on frozen granite stone with the customers choice of mix-ins. In addition, the Village is pleased to announce that the Signature Room at Seven

Bridges has purchased the location formerly occupied by Silver Spur and Frenzy's, and plans to open an upscale steak house called the Signature Room Grill. The restaurant will offer steak, chops and seafood with an extensive wine list and live entertainment. The owners plan to open the restaurant by September of this year.

Seven Bridges is not the only location to see big changes this year. The Woodgrove Festival Shopping Center has also seen its share of new activity. In March, Woodgrove welcomed Carrabba's Italian Grill. This is the first Carrabba's in Illinois. The new restaurant, located next to Bennigan's, has proven to be a popular destination. The Carrabba's chain is a subsidiary of Outback Steak House and has a distinctive and attractive appearance with rooftop landscaping. Carrabba's Italian menu includes many interesting entrees prepared over a wood fired grill as well as dishes such as antipasto, spaghetti and Veal Picatta.

The Village encourages you to try these new restaurants and enjoy all Woodridge has to offer.

COMMUNITY NEEDS SURVEY

You may be receiving a Community Needs Survey in the mail from the Village of Woodridge. We encourage all residents who receive the survey to please take the time and fill it out. The Village uses the survey

results to assist with planning programs and setting future services for the residents of Woodridge. Therefore, your opinions are very important to us! Please take a few minutes and participate in this important process. The survey is randomly

distributed to 1,200 single-family and 200 multi-family homes in Woodridge.

Thank you for your participation in helping to make Woodridge a great place to live, work, and play.



The Woodridge Jubilee runs from Wednesday,

June 18 through Sunday, June 22 at the corner of Woodridge Drive and Center Drive in Woodridge. The Woodridge Jubilee is organized by the Woodridge Park District and Village of Woodridge. 2003 marks the 20th Anniversary of this community event. Admission to the Woodridge Jubilee is FREE! The whole family can stop by for a fun and affordable time. For more information, contact the Woodridge Park District at (630) 985-0300 or check out their web site, www.woodridgeparks.org.

The new and exciting Carnival Mega Pass offers All Day/Every Day Unlimited Rides and costs \$35 if purchased by Noon on Wednesday, June 18 at the Woodridge Park District Community Center. Mega Pass Sales are only offered during regular business hours. Mega Passes are available after Noon on June 18 for \$40.

Wednesday, June 18

6-10 pm, Carnival Only

Wednesday 6-10 pm Unlimited Rides: \$15 per person

Thursday, June 19

6-10:30 pm, Carnival, Food Vendors, Bolingbrook Chevrolet Pop Tent, Beer Tent, Bingo

7 pm, R-Gang (Motown, R & B)

9 pm, The Cryan' Shames (60's/70's Chicago Rock)

Friday, June 20

Noon – 5 pm, Carnival Only

Friday Noon-5 pm Unlimited Rides:

5-6 pm, Carnival Closed

6-10:30 pm, Carnival, Food Vendors, Bolingbrook Chevrolet Pop Tent, Beer Tent, Bingo

7 pm, Hidden Agenda (Rock)

9 pm, Generations (Hits from the 70's, 80's & 90's)

Saturday, June 21

Noon-10:30 pm, Carnival (Saturday Noon-5 pm Unlimited Rides: \$15 per person) Food Vendors, Bolingbrook Chevrolet Pop Tent, Beer Tent

Noon-7 pm, Super Sports Events Baseball Fast Pitch, QB Challenge, Inflate-A-Hoops, Field Goal Kick, Golf long Drive, Soccer Kick, Mini-Obstacle Course

Noon-7 pm, Money Machine

Noon-6 pm, Chainsaw Carving Demonstration

Noon-5 pm, Gladiator Joust, Obstacle Course

Noon-5 pm, Organization Fair

Noon-5 pm, Dunk Tank (coordinated by Girls Softball)

Noon-3 pm, Kids Kreations (easel painting)

Noon-3 pm, Make & Take Craft

1-3 pm, Pockets The Clown & TJ The Clown (balloon artists)

2-10:30 pm, Bingo (coordinated by the Woodridge Jaycees)

2-4 pm, Temporary Tattoos

5 pm, Big Guitars From Memphis (Musical Rockabilly)

7 pm, Tribute (Variety)

9 pm, Infinity (70's, 80's 90's Rock)

10:30 pm, Expanded Fireworks Spectacular

Sunday, June 22, 1-7 pm

1-7 pm, Carnival Only Sunday 1-7 pm Unlimited Ride Special (1 extra hour): \$15 per person



4th of July Picnic
The Woodridge Special Events Committee will be hosting a 4th of July Picnic at Castaldo Park on July 4, 2003 from 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM. There will be live entertainment, games for kids, food and beverages, and door prizes. Everyone is invited to attend.



The Fourth of July Fireworks Show will be launched from Zigfield Troy Golf Course on the 4th at 9:30 PM.

10th Annual Gorilla days Car Show
The show will be held at the Wilton Industries property, 2240 W. 75th St. Woodridge, July 4, 2003 from noon until 4:00 PM. Entrance to the show is free. If you have questions call, (630) 719-4730.

Woodridge Public Works- Keeping you Informed!

83rd Street Reconstruction Project

Starting in mid-June the Village will begin reconstruction of 83rd Street from Janes Avenue to the I-355 bridge.

Improvements will include:

New traffic signal at 83rd and Janes.

Addition of a third lane for westbound 83rd Street traffic, accommodating right-turn, left-turn and through traffic.

Addition of a right-turn lane at northbound Janes Avenue.

Resurfacing of the entire project area.

The project is expected to be completed by mid November.

During construction, one lane in each direction will be left open for travel. Drivers are asked to find alternate routes if possible or to expect short delays throughout construction.

Look for New Bike Paths In Woodridge

Construction of three important links in the Woodridge system are to begin in mid-June. The new paths will be located in the following areas:

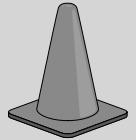
83rd Street between Route 53 and Woodridge Drive.

Hobson Road between Double Eagle Drive and west of Woodridge Drive.

71st Street between Castaldo Park and Woodridge Drive.

The bike paths will vary from 8 – 10 feet in width, and all paths will be off street. We anticipate the completion of the project within 9 weeks – just in time for summertime bike riding.

Woodward Avenue Improvements



Starting in early August, look for improvements on Woodward Avenue between 75th Street north to the Village limits. The project will include pavement patching, selected curb and gutter replacement and resurfacing.

The project is expected to take approximately 6 weeks to complete. During construction, one lane in each direction will be left open for travel. Drivers are asked to find alternate routes if possible or to expect short delays throughout construction.

Reduce Car Stereo Noise

Summer is the time of year for driving with the windows rolled down. Please be respectful of the community when listening to your car stereo. 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, "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) This violation is punishable by a maximum fine of \$50.00.

Woodridge Home Improvement Fair

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. In an effort to encourage "Reinvestment in Older Woodridge", the Village of Woodridge is promoting June and July as Home Improvement Month and will be holding a Home Improvement Fair in July, 2003 at The Home Depot in Woodridge.

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 stay tuned to WCTV Channel 6 and the Woodridge Reporter Progress for more information.

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Bike Path Grand Opening Event

On June 28, 2003 Woodridge will kick off the new Woodridge bike paths. The event will start at Echo Point Park at 9:00 am and include a ribbon cutting, safety town, bike rodeo, helmet distribution, tikes program, and of course a bike ride. For more information on this great event, please contact 719-4753.

"Buckle Up - It's the Law"

In an effort to improve passenger safety, an amendment was recently passed in Woodridge about seatbelt safety usage. The National Safety Council (NSC) research shows that the most effective way to get people to wear seatbelts is to pass primary enforcement seat belt laws. Failure to buckle up contributes to more fatalities than any other traffic safety-related behavior. The NSC also reports that for each state that adopts a primary seat belt law, we would save 1,900 lives and prevent 49,000 injuries.

The most visible change to the ordinance is in terms of officer rights. The addition to the ordinance states, "any Village Police Officer may stop any motor vehicle or driver or passenger of such vehicle in violation of this section while such motor vehicle is being operated on any street or highway in this Village." This change is often referred to as having a "primary enforcement seat belt law", which allows Police to stop and ticket a driver or front seat passenger for not wearing a seatbelt.

Another change in the ordinance related to primary enforcement of seat belt laws is for drivers under 18 years of age. Each driver and passenger under the age of 18 must wear a seatbelt while on a street or highway in Woodridge.

Please remember to buckle up every time you are in a vehicle. Stay safe and enjoy the summer!