



Summer 2004

Reinvesting In Your Home Helps to Reduce Property Taxes!

2003 marked the third consecutive year of double-digit increases in Equalized Assessed Value (EAV) for Woodridge, and the 17th consecutive year in decreasing taxes. The Village's successful efforts to increase reinvestment through a multitude of programs have had a corresponding increase in the EAV. Along with neighborhood beautification and market increases, reinvestment creates an opportunity to hold the line or further reduce property taxes.

The Village of Woodridge Quality Community Task Force began increased code enforcement in 1993 with the Annual Neighborhood Inspection Program, and the Multi-Family Licensing Programs. These two programs are designed to stress the importance of reinvestment in Woodridge and enforce property codes. The successes of these two programs lead to the desire to increase public awareness about the positive effects of reinvestment, thus creating "Home Improvement Month". Home Improvement Month encourages residents to remodel, upgrade and add additions onto their homes. This year, the Village of Woodridge is promoting July as Home Improvement Month and will be holding a Home Improvement Fair on Saturday, July 31, 2004 at The Home Depot

in Woodridge Smart reinvestment not only increases the EAV, but also



Woodridge Home Owner's Reinvest

provides a greater return on the homeowner's investment. A sampling of homes which were built prior to 1970 and which were improved with additions were compared to homes of similar models in the same neighborhood with no additions. It was found that the average EAV increase attributed to the improvement was \$23,042. This equates to an average value increase of \$69,126 or 108% of the average cost of the improvements. Reinvestment increases the property tax base while decreasing the tax rate.

Beyond the beautification of our community, the reinvestment programs have been catalysts to growth of property values, EAV and the tax base.

2004 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 to 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. If you have any questions regarding the survey, please call (630) 719-4709.



Wednesday, July 14

6-10 pm, Carnival Only-Unlimited Rides: \$15 per person

Thursday, July 15

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

7 pm, Tribute (Variety)

Tribute is a 7-piece "Show & Dance Band" with unparalleled fire and versatility.

9 pm, American English (Beatles Tribute)

Back by popular demand, American English has been playing to sold out shows for over 20 years. From the costumes to the sound, this tribute band will give you the complete Beatles experience!

Friday, July 16

Noon – 5 pm, Carnival Only- Unlimited Rides: \$10 if purchased by 4:30 pm on July 15 (at Woodridge Park District Community Center) \$15 if purchased after 4:30 pm on July 15 (at ticket booth on carnival midway)

5-6 pm, Carnival Closed

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

7 pm, Skip Towne & The Greyhounds (Blues)

Chicago's SkipTowne & The Greyhounds personify hard driving, heartfelt classic Blues, ballads, and downright good time rockin' Blues that you can't lose!

9 pm, Mike and Joe (Cover Band)

Performing a diverse mix of mainstream alternative-rock cover music, as well as similarly diverse range of originals, they regularly headline major clubs and theaters in the Midwest.

Saturday, July 17

7 am – 1 pm Fishing Derby

10 am – Anniversary Parade

noon – 1:30 pm Radio Disney's Party Patrol Food Vendors, Bolingbrook Chevrolet Pop Tent, Beer Tent, Super Sports Events, Chainsaw Carving Demonstration, Organization Fair, Bingo, Appearance by the 101.9 FM THE MIX Road Crew

5 pm, Live Band Karaoke

The name says it all. Karaoke with a Live Band. Combining the silly fun of karaoke with the energy of a live rock band. This group allows anyone to fulfill their rock & roll fantasy.

7 pm, Fonograf (Classic Rock)

Fonograf takes you back in time to relive the rock and roll of the 70's. Fonograf is a rock-n-roll cover band...a party...and a tribute to those times.

9 pm, Big John Howell and The Born To Boogie Band

Big John Howell is a deejay on US 99, Chicago's premier country music station. When John's not doing DJ duty, his band has opened for such big name country music acts as Martina McBride, Travis Tritt and Alabama.

10:30 pm, Fireworks Spectacular

Sunday, July 18

1-7 pm, Carnival Only, Unlimited Ride: \$15 per person

Don't Miss the Anniversary Parade on July 17, 2004. The parade will begin at 10 AM at Jefferson Junior High and continue north on Janes Avenue to Center Drive, east to Janeswood and back to Center. The Parade will end at Woodridge Town Center.

4th of July Picnic

The Woodridge Special Events Committee will be hosting a 4th of July Picnic at Castaldo Park on July 4, 2004 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.

Fireworks Celebration

The fourth of July Fireworks Show will be launched from Zigfield Troy Golf Course on July 4th, 2004 at 9:30 PM.



Public Works Reminds You...

Watering Restrictions

Watering Restrictions are in effect beginning May 15 and continue through September 15. Residents are not allowed to sprinkle between the hours of 11:00 am and 4:00 pm every day. Residents with new landscaping may sprinkle during the restricted hours but only with a handheld device.

collection. During Spring and summer it is not unusual for recyclables to end up scattered around a neighborhood on pick up day. Please be courteous by packing up recyclable materials so that they won't blow away. Stacking bins, putting a brick or other heavy item on top of your bin(s) will keep trash from blowing into your neighbors yard.

suffered a broken or damaged limb or if limbs are hanging too low

over the sidewalk or street, please do not undertake trimming on your own. Our crews are trained in proper trimming methods and are available to take care of these matters. Please contact the Public Works Department at 719-4753 if you have concerns about parkway trees.



Recyclable Materials

Residents are encouraged to be mindful of how recyclables are placed at the curb for



Parkway Tree Trimming

Trimming of parkway trees is the responsibility of the Public Works Department. If you have a parkway tree that has

Car Stereo Noise

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 of this section of the Illinois Vehicle Code 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.

Waste Management Raises Garbage Sticker Price

Waste Management has announced a sticker price increase effective June 1, 2004. Woodridge residents receiving service under the Village's contract with Waste Management will soon receive a brochure in the mail providing notice of the price increase and a summary of all refuse program services.

In the final year of a five-year contract with the Village, Waste Management has exercised its right to increase the sticker price from \$2.24 to \$2.43. During two of the five contract years, Waste Management had decided to forego any increase. The current price of \$2.24 per sticker has remained the same for two full years. Despite the price increase effective June 1, the appearance of the stickers will remain the same. Residents will be allowed to use up any inventory of stickers they may have purchased at the lower price, even beyond June 1.

Woodridge residents must place a sticker on each container of garbage that they set out for collection. "Recycling is the key to keeping garbage costs down", stated Public Works Director Phil Modaff. Because the contract with Waste Management includes an expansive list of materials that can be recycled, Woodridge's program "allows residents who recycle aggressively to control costs". Many households are able to reduce their garbage down to one container per week by recycling as much as possible.

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Police Department Annual Car Show, July 4th, 2004

The Woodridge Police Department's 11th Annual "Buckle up or Else" car show will be held on July 4, 2004 from noon to 4:00 p.m. at the northwest corner of I-355 and 75th Street in Woodridge. The annual car show promotes seatbelt safety. The show is free to enter. Awards will be presented to car owners, and goodies bags will be available while supplies last.

In support of the Woodridge Police Department's "Buckle Up" program, 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 \$30.00. To purchase your license plate today, call 719-4730.



Special Event License Plate

The 2004 Woodridge Cultural Fest is Seeking Crafters

Woodridge Cultural Fest is seeking quality crafts representative of cultures from around the world. Crafts must be consistent with the Cultural Fest's philosophy: *the celebration of ethnic diversity in the community*. We encourage you to apply early to ensure a space. The 2004 Cultural Fest is September 10th and 11th, with crafter displays on Saturday, September 11th only. The Cultural Fest is a family event where patrons can enjoy food, crafts, music and entertainment from around the world. To request an application, please call Pat Margherio at (630) 551-3565, or Amy Boisselle at (630) 719-2496.