

# FOCUS

Summer 2007

ON WOODRIDGE

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

## Woodridge Jubilee



**The 24th Annual Woodridge Jubilee is organized by the Woodridge Park District and the Village of Woodridge.**

Join us from Thursday, June 14 - Sunday, June 17 for a fun family event. Carnival rides for all ages begin Thursday night and run throughout the event. On Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings, enjoy entertainment, delicious food, beverages and bingo. On Saturday, June 16, don't miss the Woodridge Idol

competition, and the children's activities starting at Noon along with carnival rides, food, beverages, entertainment and the Fireworks Spectacular. Watch for more details and the Jubilee schedule of events in upcoming promotional materials. Tune to Woodridge Community Television Channel 6 for a complete entertainment listing. **For more information on the Woodridge Jubilee, please contact the Woodridge Park District at (630) 353-3400.**

**The 3rd Annual Woodridge Idol contest, sponsored by Shanahan's of Woodridge, will take place at the Woodridge Jubilee.** We are looking for talented singers and performers who want to win the coveted title of "Woodridge Idol."

On Saturday, June 16th, from 3-5 p.m., singers in two age groups, 10-15 and 16 and older, will compete on the main stage for a new mountain bike awarded to the first place winner of each age category.

### Do You Have What it Takes?

Contestants are required to provide their own background music. CDs with background music (karaoke version, no lyrics please) are due to Melissa Bohse, 5 Plaza Drive, Woodridge, IL 60517 by June 8th. Please include your name, date of birth, address and telephone number with your CD. If you are unable to submit a CD, contact Melissa Bohse at (630) 719-4901 to discuss other methods of providing or obtaining your background music. Submittal of a CD will be construed as entry into the contest. This contest is open to anyone who fits the age group categories. Good luck on your quest to become the next "Woodridge Idol."

## June Home Improvement Month

**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 as Home Improvement Month and will be holding a Home Improvement Fair at The Home Depot in Woodridge.

The Home Depot plans on having vendor tables set up to answer questions and provide information to customers as they enter the store.

Additional details on the Home Improvement Fair will soon be available in the Woodridge Progress, the Village of Woodridge Cable Channel 6 (WCTV), and the Village Web Page [vil.woodridge.il.us](http://vil.woodridge.il.us).

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 in June at the Home Improvement Fair at the Home Depot in Woodridge.

# Woodridge Public Works Department . . .

## Keeping You Informed



### **Prevent Emerald Ash Borer – Don't Move Firewood**

**The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is a small (1/2 inch long, 1/8 inch wide) metallic green beetle** that has killed millions of ash trees across the Midwest. One of the best ways residents can assist in preventing Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is to not transport firewood. EAB can be hidden inside of ash logs and moving those logs provides an easy way to transport the borer to new locations. Make sure to purchase your firewood locally from a known source and be sure to use all of the firewood so that no hidden Emerald Ash Borer larvae or adults can survive on logs left through the spring. Continue to stay informed about EAB by visiting the **Morton Arboretum website [www.mortonarb.org](http://www.mortonarb.org) or [www.emeraldashborer.info](http://www.emeraldashborer.info).**

### **Watering Restrictions**

**Watering Restrictions are now in effect and continue through September 15th.** Residents are not allowed to sprinkle between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. every day. Residents with new landscaping may sprinkle during the restricted hours, but only with a handheld device.

### **Yard Waste Collection Begins**

**Yardwaste collection officially resumed on April 1, 2007.** Residents can dispose of yard waste at the curb on their normal refuse collection day. One sticker is required for every 33 gallon unlined container or Kraft paper bag. Stickers can be purchased at a variety of local vendors (including Jewel Food Stores at 75th/Janes, Dominicks Finer Foods at 63rd/I-355, and Grocers Pantry at 71st/Woodward) as well as the Village Hall (Five Plaza Drive) and Public Works (One Plaza Drive). Residents can also use environmentally friendly alternatives to dispose of yardwaste. These options include mulching grass clippings and leaves, as well as composting the materials.

### **Proper Tree Care**

**Placing mulch around trees is a good method to keep trees healthy while reducing landscape maintenance.**

Mulch has a variety of benefits which include; conserving moisture, reducing water runoff and soil erosion, helping to maintain a more uniform soil temperature (warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer), providing a physical barrier that reduces the potential for damage from mechanical equipment, and discouraging weed growth. Mulch rings also decrease competition from lawn grass which robs trees of valuable nutrients and moisture. Mulch can be applied at any time of the year. One of the best times to mulch is late spring after the soil has warmed up enough to allow for sufficient root growth. Applying the mulch too early in the spring will delay soil warming and the growth of the roots. Many organic materials can be used as mulch. Bark mulches and wood chips are the two most commonly used mulches in most of the country. Mulch should be applied at a uniform depth of approximately 2-4 inches over weed-free soils. Care should be taken so that none of the mulch is against the tree trunk. Putting mulch against the trunk can cause the bark to rot allowing diseases to be introduced into the tree. A mulch-free area, one to two inches wide at the base of the tree, is sufficient to avoid moist bark conditions and prevent infection. When done correctly, the mulch will look like a "donut" around the tree. Additional information on tree care is available through the **Morton Arboretum and International Society of Arboriculture websites which can be found at [www.mortonarb.org](http://www.mortonarb.org) or [www.isa-arbor.com/home.aspx](http://www.isa-arbor.com/home.aspx).**

### **Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection Site**

**Residents can take advantage of a permanent household hazardous waste drop-off site** located in Naperville at Fire Station #4 at 1971 Brookdale Road. The facility operates on

Saturdays and Sundays (excluding holidays) from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Items accepted for disposal include: household cleaners, drain openers, oil based paints, mineral spirits, strippers, solvents, insecticides, herbicides, flammables, automotive fluids, fluorescent fixtures, household batteries, and mercury. The site does not accept explosives, ammunition, radioactive materials, compressed gas, latex paint, and trash. For more information, please contact the DuPage County Household **Hazardous Waste Hotline at 630-407-6760 or 407-6700.**

### **Waste Management Program Guidelines**

**Please remember to follow the refuse and landscape waste disposal guidelines that are printed in the annual brochure mailed to all residential customers.** Some of these requirements include that refuse and landscape waste containers cannot exceed 33 gallons in size or weigh more than 60 pounds. Brush that is placed out for pick-up must be packaged in bundles no more than 4 feet in length and 2 feet diameter and cannot weigh more than 60 pounds. Other materials (such as carpet) must also follow the same bundling guidelines. Failure to follow these guidelines will result in your materials not being picked up. Additional questions can be directed to **Waste Management at 800-796-9696 or the Public Works Department at 719-4753.**

### **Mosquito Abatement**

**Woodridge contracts with Clarke Mosquito Control for mosquito abatement activities in the Village.**

Environmentally sensitive and effective mosquito control is accomplished through an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach that includes the following components: larval site monitoring, biological control, and the careful and strategic use of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency labeled and registered pesticide products. The primary targets of the program are the floodwater mosquito (*Aedes vexans*) – the dominant nuisance species, and the northern house mosquito (*Culex pipiens*) – the potential disease carrier.

In the IPM approach, potential and historical larval sites are frequently inspected and biological control agents (fish, insect growth regulators, and Bacillus bacteria byproducts) are utilized whenever possible. The adult mosquito population is scientifically monitored and pesticides are strategically applied only when necessary. The key is to concentrate on larval control, scientifically assess the adult population, and perform adulticiding only on an as needed basis.

Residents can help to control the mosquito population by eliminating standing water from around their homes to prevent the development of the northern house mosquito. Rain gutters, flower pots, swimming pools, birdbaths, etc. should be properly maintained. In addition, shrubbery and vegetation should be trimmed-back to reduce "harborage habitat" for adult mosquitoes.

**Questions regarding mosquitoes or the Village's abatement program can be directed to Clarke Mosquito Control on their Mosquito Hotline at (800) 942-2555.**

### **Bicycle Safety**

**With the warm weather more children and adults are out taking advantage of Woodridge's extensive bikepath system.** Parents should remind their children to exercise caution whenever they are crossing a roadway and drivers should stay alert at street crossings and driveways where there is a greater potential for accidents to occur.

# Summer Safety Reminders •••••

## Motorized Scooters

**With the increasing popularity of motorized scooters, it is important to be aware of laws** governing motorized scooter use and to know the best ways to keep yourselves and others safe while using a motorized scooter.

According to state statute, motorized scooters are considered motor vehicles requiring the operator of a motorized scooter to possess a valid driver's license and follow the Rules of the Road. In addition, like any motor vehicle, the scooter itself must be licensed. The Village of Woodridge will enforce the Rules of the Road upon operators of motorized scooters on public property. Because they are motorized, these scooters should not be used on bike paths or sidewalks.

Motorized scooters are meant for licensed drivers ages 16 and up to be used on private property.



## Dogs at Large

**According to the Village of Woodridge Code it is unlawful for any dog or cat to run at large.** This means that no dogs can be off the premises of their owners without a leash and under the control of a person physically able to control it. Any dog or cat found to be running at large will be impounded by the Police Department. The first offense could result in a \$30 fine for the owner of the animal found running at large. Subsequent offenses result in higher fines.

**If you see an animal running at large, contact the Police Department** immediately to report the location of the animal. For the safety of our community, especially during the upcoming spring and summer seasons, please make sure you use a leash and keep your pet from running at large.

## Loud Car Stereos

**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.

## Keep your Property Safe

**While out enjoying the nice summer weather, remember to lock up you bicycle** if you park it somewhere unattended, lock your car doors and roll up your car windows and keep your garage door closed when you are not able to visibly see your garage. The Police Department typically sees an increase in property crimes over the summer months. By securing your property, you can help stop this trend.

## Village Hall Blood Drive – Give a Pint, Get a Quart



**The Village of Woodridge and Heartland Blood Center will be hosting a blood drive on Wednesday, July 18, from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Village Hall.** All blood donors will receive a "Moola Card" for a free quart of Oberweis Ice Cream! For an appointment please call Debbie Parpet at (630) 719-4718. Heartland Blood Center is the only blood supplier to our local hospitals: Advocate Good Samaritan, Hinsdale, Edward and Central DuPage. A photo ID is required for donation. Please remember to eat before donating. **Walk in donors are welcome!**

For the children there will be pony rides and trackless train rides to take them on a tour of the park. There is a sand volleyball court available for open play.

Due to the great number of people who will be in attendance, and to avoid problems incurred in recent years, ball playing will be restricted to a marked area. Guests who bring their dogs or other domestic pets will be asked to keep them on the west side of the bike path.

## Get Ready for the 2007 Woodridge Cultural Fest at Town Centre!

**September 7th and 8th will host the 6th Annual Cultural Fest,** a celebration of the ethnic diversity in our community. Come down to Town Centre where festival patrons enjoy the food, crafts, music and entertainment from around the world. **For information about sponsorship or volunteer opportunities, please call Melissa Bohse at (630) 719-4901.**

## Youth Volunteers Needed

Youth volunteers are needed to help organize and guide the activities of the Children's Tent. The Cultural Fest Planning Committee is looking for volunteers ages 16 and older to help select and provide craft activities. **If you are interested in volunteering, contact Julia Cedillo at (630) 719-4709.**

## Woodridge Celebrates Independence Day

**The 38th Annual Fourth of July Picnic will be held at Castaldo Park (on 71st St., 2 blocks east of Route 53) from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on July 4th.** This event is sponsored by the Woodridge Special Events Committee. It begins with the VFW flag-raising ceremony. Throughout the event, there will be food (brats, hot dogs, chips, ice cream) and beverages (pop, water and beer) available as in past years. Bring picnic blankets, lawn chairs and enjoy this annual celebration. There will be live entertainment presented by the Music Company.

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## Woodridge Park District Summer Activities

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Date	Event	Location
June 14-17	Woodridge Jubilee	Woodridge Dr. & Center Dr.
June 17	Dad is FREE with Paid Admission	Cypress Cove Aquatic Park
June 20	"Over the Hedge" Free Movie 8:45 p.m.	Woodridge Drive & Center Drive
June 27	"Steve Arvey & Saxtelles" Concert - 7 p.m.	Lake Harriet
July 11	"The Billy Childers Band" Concert - 7 p.m.	Lake Harriet
July 18	"The Neverly Brothers" Concert - 7 p.m.	Westminster Park
July 25	"The Only Sons" Concert - 7 p.m.	Mending Wall Park
July 27-30	Fall Activity Guide Delivery	Resident Homes & Leasing Offices Hobson Pool
July 28	Pirates of Hobson Pool - 1 p.m.	Towne Centre Village Hall
August 1	"Downers Grove High School Jazz Ensemble Concert - 7 p.m.	Echo Point Park
August 4	All Village Garage Sale - 8:30 a.m.	Cypress Cove Aquatic Park
August 4	Egyptian Family Fun Day - 12 p.m.	Woodridge Dr. & Center Dr.
August 8	"Wizard of Oz" FREE Movie - 8:15 p.m.	Community Center
August 11	Resident Lottery Deadline for Fall Programs	

Call 353-3300 or visit  
[www.woodridgeparks.org](http://www.woodridgeparks.org) for more information.

## Gorilla Days Car Show



The 14th annual Gorilla Days "Buckle up or Else" Car show will be held Wednesday, July 4th, 2007, from Noon until 4:00 p.m. The car show is held at the Wilton Industries parking lot, 2240 W. 75th Street (the N/W corner of 75th Street and I-355). It is free for participants to enter the show and all show car owners will receive a goodie bag and will become eligible for gift drawings. All types of vehicles are welcome. Car clubs are welcome to pre-register for group parking. There are limited vending spaces available.

There will be great entertainment this year at the car show. DJ Midnight Mike will be back playing tunes all day. Also, the Good Humor man will be selling great Good Humor Ice Cream from his vintage truck. This event is sponsored by the Woodridge Police Department and the Chicagoland Chapter of the Buick Gran Sports Club. Contact (630) 719-4730 for more information.

Special Event license plates are available for \$30. Please call 719-4730 to order a set of special event plates.