



City of  
**WOOD  
RIVER**

# PIPELINE

December, 1990



## Preparing Your Water Lines For Winter

Winter is almost here! Everyone should check their water lines, inside and outside, for areas that might need protection from the cold weather. Heat tape and/or insulation may be necessary when water lines are exposed to freezing temperatures. Shut off and drain hose bibs and yard spigots. Replacement of broken or cracked glass and caulking around windows may also be wise, particularly when located near water lines.

If you have had problems with freezing pipes in the past, when the temperature drops below freezing let your water run in a small steady stream where it will easily drain, especially if you have plastic piping. Plastic pipe is very difficult to thaw out once frozen and you may be without water for a long time.

It would also be a good idea to take the time to locate the water shutoff valve in your home or business. If you should experience a water leak due to frozen and broken lines, you can shut off the water supply and prevent water loss and water damage.

If you have any questions, please call us at the Wood River Water Department at our new number 251-3133.

### Bright Lights on Christmas Nights 2nd Annual Event

Wood River residents - show us your bright lights this holiday season. The Mayor, Parks and Recreation Department, and Parks and Recreation Advisory Board are looking for your CHRISTMAS SPIRIT.

We will be looking for original, colorful, and creative Christmas expressions.

A special Christmas Spirit Award will be given to those "extra special" outdoor decorations. Get in the Christmas spirit, show us your "BRIGHT LIGHTS".



# DISASTER INFORMATION

## Before Disaster Strikes

Scientists have for years warned that the threat of an earthquake in the Central United States is eminent, only recent media attention has brought the reality home to many people. If one dismisses the urge to panic, any disaster preparedness, be it an earthquake, flood, tornado, or other catastrophe, is a step in the right direction to help your family survive.

## So What is the City Doing to Prepare?

The City staff is taking the opportunity to update Wood River's Disaster Plan. Studying a worst case disaster scenario, we have established a command structure, mapped out emergency routes, arranged for emergency fuel and water supplies, designated shelters, and listed all resources that may be needed. The location of some of the evacuation centers being considered are EAWR Community High School, Lewis & Clark School, Round House, VFW Post, St. Paul's Lutheran Church and St. Bernard's Gym. Others might be added as the facilities are made available. No city is totally prepared for every emergency, but we are working toward it. A well informed public will be our greatest resource.

## What Should I do to Prepare for a Disaster?

Home preparedness can go a long way in providing immediate relief. Over the past several weeks, news articles have presented the basic outline for home survival. These should be studied carefully and discussed among family members. Drills for various types of disasters should be a family affair. Pamphlets to assist in your planning are still available at City Hall, the Fire Department, the Library and the American Red Cross. Assume you will need essentials such as food, water,

sanitary, heat, medications, etc. to supply your family needs for up to one week. Plan to survey your home for damages and know how to disconnect all utilities if necessary. Place a sign on your front door stating ALL OKAY or NEED HELP. If you must evacuate to a shelter, plan to secure your home, leaving pets behind. Carry your driver's license or other type of identification at all times.

## What Might Citizens Expect After a Disaster?

We know a recognized pattern will follow. Initially, people are in shock. Everything we take for granted: telephones, gas, water, electricity, sewers, even homes may be lost. After loved ones are taken care of, people begin to volunteer to assist friends, relatives and emergency crews. Then this work and stress leads to fatigue and a sense of despair and loss. Finally, anger and frustration set in, usually misdirected at emergency agencies. People want to be

normal again, to them it seems relief efforts are going too slow and someone has to be blamed for their predicament. In truth, emergency services, though doing all they can, are probably overwhelmed and understaffed. The return to normalcy, depending on the disaster, may take days, weeks or even years. Other emergency measures may include: curfews to prevent looting, road blocks, rationing, emergency building permits, parks used for dumping debris. All this paints a very bleak picture of post disaster life in a community. Still the situation will be more bearable if you take some time to prepare now.

## What About Disaster Relief?

There are numerous agencies, federal, state and institutional, which supply disaster relief. However, not all aid can or should come from these organizations. Some personal expenses will not be covered.

## Helpful Hints in a Disaster

- 1 During a disaster or even a warning, PLEASE do not call the Fire or Police Department unless you need help. Tying up these lines prevents others from getting through and getting our assistance.
- 2 Keep all emergency numbers by your phone.

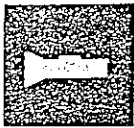
### New City Telephone Numbers

City Hall .....	251-3100	City Garage .....	251-3120
Water Billing/Payment .....	251-3131	Public Services .....	251-3122
Parks & Recreation .....	251-3130	Utility Office .....	251-3133
Belk Park Golf Course .....	251-3115	Police/Nonemergency .....	251-3113

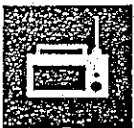
### Emergency Telephone Numbers

To report a Fire .....	254-4301	To call the Police .....	254-4303
Water/Sewer break (before 5:00 PM) ..	251-3133	Water/Sewer break (after 5:00 PM) ..	254-4303
Barricades for street flooding .....	254-4303		

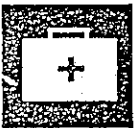
# For Any Emergency



**Flashlights** with spare batteries. Keep a flashlight beside your bed. Do not use matches or candles after an earthquake until you are certain no gas leaks exist.



**Portable radio** with spare batteries. Most telephones will be out of order or used for emergency purposes so radios will be your best source of information.



**First Aid Kit; first aid knowledge** have a first aid book such as the *Standard First Aid & Personal Safety* by the American National Red Cross. Have members of your household take basic Red Cross first aid and CPR courses.



**Fire Extinguishers.** Keep a fire extinguisher handy for small fires. Some extinguishers are only good for certain types of fires—electrical, grease, or gas. Class ABC extinguishers are designed to use safely on any type of fire.



**Water** — should be stored in air-tight containers and replaced about every six months. Store at least three gallons of water per person to be prepared for a 72-hour period. Also have purification tablets such as Halazone and Globaline but read the label on the bottle before using tablets.



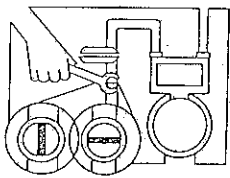
**Special Items.** Have at least a week's supply of medications and special foods needed for infants or those on limited diets.



**Tools.** Pipe Wrench and Crescent Wrench — for turning off gas and water mains.



**Food.** It's always a practical idea to keep a supply of non-perishable food on hand which can be rotated into your diet and replenished on a regular basis.

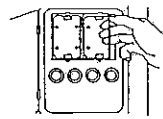


Gas Valve

ON OFF



Circuit Breaker



Pull-out Cartridge Fuse

Teach responsible members of your family how to turn off electricity, gas and water at main switch and valves. **Caution:** Do not shut off gas unless an emergency exists. If gas is ever turned off, remember that all pilot lights must be relit.

## CITY OF WOOD RIVER ESDA

### Emergency Volunteer Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please circle those capabilities that apply:*

- |             |                 |              |                    |
|-------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Electrical  | Heavy Equipment | Mechanic     | Nurse/First Aid    |
| Gas         | Law Enforcement | Glazier      | Telephone Operator |
| Carpentry   | Welding/Cutting | Rigger       | Typist             |
| Pipe Fitter | Plumber         | Firefighting | Child Care         |
|             |                 |              | Cook               |

Other hobbies and talents: \_\_\_\_\_

TO BE COMPLETED AT THE TIME OF EMERGENCY



251-3130  
 Roundhouse Recreation Center  
 Hours: Monday Thru Friday - 8 A.M.-12 P.M.  
 and 1 P.M.-5 P.M.

## Halloween Party

The Recreation Department held their Fourth Annual Halloween Party on Monday, October 29, 1990. Entertainment was provided by Magician, Gary Walker, of Streamline Productions. CONGRATULATIONS to the following winners of the Costume Judging Contest:

### Toddlers thru Kindergarten

- 1st Prize - Devin Terry (*Pumpkin*)
- 2nd Prize - Matthew Best (*Mickey Mouse*)

### First thru Third Grade

- 1st Prize - Destiny Crockett (*Gypsy*)
- 2nd Prize - Drew Talbot (*Spider*)

### Fourth thru Sixth Grade

- 1st Prize - Missy Howland (*Clown*)
- 2nd Prize - Neal Northway (*Pirate*)

Thanks to everyone for your participation in this year's Halloween Party!

## Santa Breakfast

Join us at the Roundhouse for Breakfast with Santa and get into the Christmas Spirit. Breakfast will include: Pancakes, sausage, milk, juice and coffee. Adult and child plates are available. Don't miss out on this opportunity to have your child's picture taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus. For more information call the Roundhouse at 251-3130.

DATE: Saturday, December 15, 1990

TIME: 8:00 A.M.-10:30 A.M.

Adult Breakfast: 3 Pancakes, 3 Link (\$2.00) Sausages, Juice, Milk, or Coffee

Child Breakfast: 2 Pancakes, 2 Link (\$1.00) Sausages, Juice or Milk

Pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus: (\$2.00)



## S.I.P.R.A.

*Otto Rice, Sports & Activities Coordinator at Wood River Recreation, has recently been elected as President of the Southern Illinois Parks and Recreation Association for the 1990-91 term. Otto presented a plaque to past president, Jeff Stassi, Parks & Recreation Director, expressing the association's appreciation for his services this past year.*

*Congratulations to Otto, and best of luck to him in his newly elected position.*

## Holiday Safety Reminder from your Police Department . . .

1. Park your vehicle at well-lit locations, lock, and pocket the keys.
2. Place all packages in the trunk of your vehicle.
3. Carry your purse under your arm.
4. Retain or destroy all credit card carbons.
5. Do not allow young children to be on their own. Instruct them to contact a store employee if they become lost from you.
6. When you leave, make sure your home appears occupied. Leave lighting, radio or T.V. on and be sure to lock all doors.

If you plan to be out of town for the holidays, contact the Police Department at 251-3113, and we will make arrangements to check your home while you're away. Please remember to drive carefully!

**DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE.**

## Tax Levy

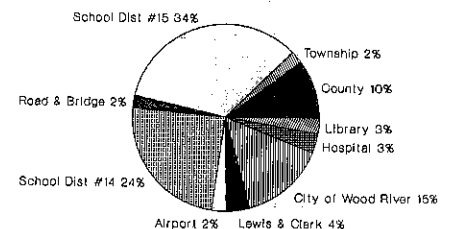
The proposed annual tax levy for the City of Wood River contains *NO* increase in the City's tax rate. For most of our residents, this means their respective real estate taxes paid to the City will remain at the same level as last year.

The following graphic is presented to demonstrate the breakdown of a typical property tax bill. (This piece of real estate is located within the Wood River-Hartford Elementary School District and the East Alton Wood River Community High School District).

As one can see, the City receives fifteen (15) percent of the typical property tax bill. The majority of property taxes goes to

the local school districts with the remaining balance spread out among the other various governmental entities within our area.

In respect to revenue, the City's General Fund receives only eleven (11) percent of its overall revenue from property tax. The General Fund of the City includes the Police, Fire, Recreation, Street, and Administrative Departments of the City.



# Water/Sewer Rate Increases—a Necessity

Inflation affects the cost of City operations just as it does the individual homeowner. For the past several years the costs of chemicals, maintenance and labor have been rising annually.

In addition to the treatment of water and sewage, there are many more expenses connected with the operation of the Water and Sewer Plants, such as maintenance/repairs, replacement of mains/lines, labor equipment, debts, depreciation, etc.

While these costs have been skyrocketing, the City had not raised water rates since 1982 and sewer rates had not been increased since 1985. Therefore, the City has been dispersing water and sewage treatment to users at rates below the actual cost. This has resulted in a deficit balance in the Sewer Fund.

Following the City's audit for fiscal year 1989/90, a strong recommendation was given from our auditor that rates must be increased. In addition, EPA mandates that financial stability must be maintained in the Sewer Fund in accordance with our construction grant agreement. It is essential that enterprises be self-sustaining in order to avoid subsidies from the General Fund.

## How You Can Help:

There are ways you can help reduce your bill, and also help to reduce costs for the City, which could ultimately affect your rate.

1. Pay for what you use, not what you

lose. Check for faucets and toilets leaking. 90% of water leaks come from toilets and this can be costly to you. One drop of water per second from a leaky faucet can add up to as much as 4 gallons per day. Toilets constantly running can use 100,000 gallons of water in 12 months.

2. Conserve on water by reducing shower time, reduce water level in toilet, etc.
3. Any article flushed down the stool; (such as emptied ashtrays, kleenex and other solids) enters the treatment plant and is treated as a solid. Treatment of solids is costly to the city and increases the total costs of operation.

3. Maintain a strict shut-off policy. Prompt paying customers should not subsidize late payments.
4. Tap-on fees have been increased so that the new customer is paying the actual cost for tapping to the City's line.
5. A thorough check has been conducted for unaccounted water to insure that water is billed for water pumped. This was reduced from 13% to 4%.

The City officials will make every effort to continue to explore additional ways to cut expenses. However, we must meet the standards set by the IEPA in the treatment of water and sewage to comply with State Law.

## Other Alternatives:

The City Council has had a total of five long work sessions looking at every type of alternative possible to reduce costs in the Water and Sewer Fund to keep the rate increase as minimal and fair as possible. The following adjustments have been made:

1. Water Plant has reduced their operation to two shifts which allowed the elimination of one water plant operator. This was done to lower operating costs.
2. All city facilities have been metered so that the City is paying for their usage the same as anyone else.

## New Rates:

**Water Rates** have been increased from \$1.30 per 1,000 gallons to \$1.60 per 1,000 gallons. A family of 3 using 6,000 gallons per month, would pay an additional \$1.80 per month.

**Sewer Rates** have been increased from \$1.10 per 1,000 gallons to \$1.50 per 1,000 gallons. A family of 3 using 6,000 gallons per month would pay an additional \$1.90 per month. However the bi-monthly billing charge has been reduced from \$3.25 to \$2.85. Also, for those using over 13,000 gallons of water during the summer months, the sewer fees will be waived.

## How Do We Compare with Other Cities:

Even with these recent increases, Wood River rates are below most all the surrounding communities.

### COMPARISON RATES OF NEARBY COMMUNITIES

	Water	Sewer
Alton	\$1.40/75 gal.	\$24 quarterly
Bethalto	2.00/1,000 gal.	1.02/1,000 gal.
East Alton	2.55/1,000 gal. for 4-16,000 gal. 2.15/1,000 over 16,000	8.25 flat fee
Edwardsville	1.90/1,000 gal.	1.60/1,000 gal.
Hartford	1.25/1,000 gal.	7.80/5,000 1.56 over 5,000
Roxana	1.60/1,000	—0—
South Roxana	1.70/1,000 gal.	4.70/2,000 2.35/1,000 over 2,000
*Wood River (new rate)	1.60/1,000 gal.	1.50/1,000 gal.

\*As you can see, Wood River still has one of the lowest rates in the area, even with the recent increases.

## Hidden Valley Ski Trip

The Recreation Department is getting ready for their Annual Ski Trip to Hidden Valley Ski Resort. You can be sure this will be an exciting Adult event! One fee includes: Lift Ticket, Ski Rental, and Transportation.

Doughnuts, milk and coffee will be served at the Roundhouse before leaving. Call the Roundhouse at 251-3130 for more information.

DATE: Saturday, January 26, 1991

TIME: 6:45 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

FEE: \$35.00 for Skiers

\$ 5.00 for Observers

# Wood River Halloween Parade



Wood River's 9th Annual Halloween Parade was well attended. The streets were lined with parents and children enjoying

many local floats, the East Alton-Wood River High School Marching Band, the Shriners Keystone Cops, St. Louis Storm cheerleaders, the Ainad Rolling Nobles and many other parade participants.

The Wood River Fire Department spearheaded the parade this year, with Firefighter Dana Emerick serving as Chairman. His committee consisted of Tom Whalen, Mike Bell, Pat Cleary and Tim Prickett.

Twin Rivers Search & Rescue Squad captured the Grand Marshal Award, with Wood River Moose winning first place, Al Sirko's Bat Mobile was awarded 2nd place and Wood River Hospital placing third.

The parade would not be possible without the volunteers and donations from the Wood River merchants.

A special thanks to those who contributed to the Halloween Parade:

Albrecht-Hamlin Chevrolet  
Amoco Oil Company  
Authorized Auto

Merle Bassett  
Creative Printing  
Donzo's Lounge  
Economy Boat  
Elk Heating  
Gene's Chrysler & R.V.  
Hartmann's Jewelry  
K-Mart  
Kane Mechanical  
Magna Bank  
The Medicine Shoppe  
Metro Savings Bank  
Par Four Golf  
Phoebe Goldberg  
Piasa Pantry  
7-ELEVEN  
Shell Credit Union  
Shell Oil Company  
Slayden Glass  
Wells-Schmidt  
Werts Welding  
Dave Winnett State Farm Insurance  
Wood River Ford  
Wood River Printing

## Introducing...



Our newest patrolman, Bradley D. Wells, received his badge from Mayor Emerick and was officially sworn into office on November 5, 1990. Brad just recently graduated from the Police Academy Basic Training at Belleville Area College.

A resident of Wood River, and former loan officer at Magna Bank, Brad is excited about his career as a police officer and is happy to be working for the City of Wood River.

During his leisure time, Brad enjoys his favorite sport - softball.

We welcome Brad to our Police Department and wish him the best.

## A TRIBUTE TO SERVICE

A special thank you to the following City employees who are recognized for their service anniversary during 1990.

### 10 Year Anniversary



Mark Carnes  
Police Patrolman



Wanda Ringering  
Library  
Assistant Director



Rocky Goodman  
Police Patrolman



Jan Sneed  
Deputy Clerk



Bill Wheeler  
Police Patrolman

### 20 Year Anniversary



Tom Amburg  
Firefighter



Ralph Hall  
Firefighter



Frank Myers  
Sergeant





## Please Save Those Labels!

Wood River Public Library needs your help with the Campbell's Labels for Education program again this year. Junior Girl Scout Troop 630, under the leadership of Jan Shelton, has volunteered to help with the program by clipping and counting labels. **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO SAVE LABELS.** Please help us earn more videos and books by saving the labels and other proofs of purchases from the following products.

### LABELS FROM:

*Campbell's Condensed Soups (red & white label)*

*Campbell's Chunky Soups*

*Campbell's "Soup for One" Soups*

*Campbell's Low Sodium Soups*

*Campbell's Gold Label Soups*

*Campbell's Home Cookin' Soups*

*Campbell's Special Request Soups*

*Campbell's Beans Products*

*Campbell's Tomato Juice*

*"V-8" Vegetable Juices*

*Franco-American Products*

*Swanson Canned Food Products*

*Prego Spaghetti Sauce*

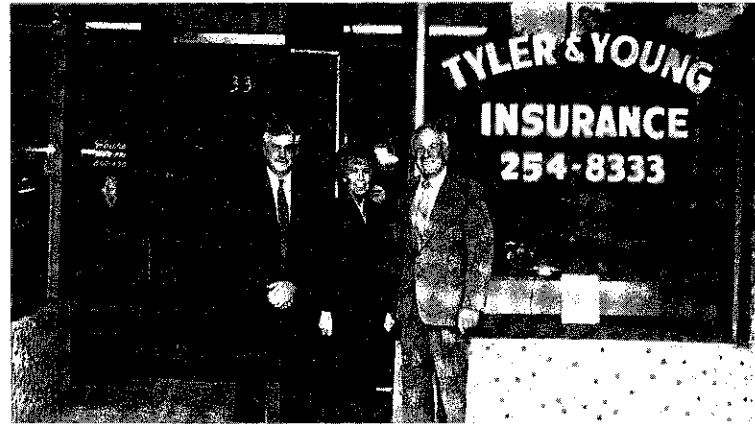
Please save the lids from Vlasic Pickle Products, safety seals from Marie's Salad Dressings, and the proof of purchase seals from Swanson Frozen Food packages and Prego Frozen Entrees. Save the UPC panels from all Pepperidge Farm Products, and the bottom flap UPC panels from Campbell's Quality Soup and Recipe Mix. Save the "Quality Pledge" panels found on all Mrs. Paul's Frozen Food packages.

Labels may be dropped off inside the Library or dropped into the outdoor book return when the library is closed.



## New Business Downtown

We are always happy to welcome new businesses to our community. This issue also recognizes two businesses that have expanded to new facilities in Wood River.



*New kids on the block are George Tyler, Larry Young and Bonnie Stupperich, who together bring 74 years of insurance experience to the TYLER & YOUNG Insurance agency located at 33 East Ferguson in downtown Wood River.*

*They invite you to stop by and let them help you with any or all of your insurance needs*

## Businesses with New Homes



*Creative Printing has recently relocated to 234 E. Ferguson (formerly Adams Bridal). Owner Ray Maendele began his printing business in 1978 at 33 E. Ferguson and has now expanded his operation to this new facility. Creative Printing can help you with all types of commercial printing.*



*Located at 49 E. Edwardsville Road is Foster Medical's new home. In their large showroom, you'll find all types of medical equipment displayed, which they rent or sell. Stop by and take a look. Medicare and Medicaid billings are their specialty.*

# CITY "Hall of Fame"



In this issue, we recognize Sgt. Frank Myers, who is retiring from the Wood River Police Department on November 30, 1990. Sgt. Myers has worked for the City for 20 years, 16 of those years, he has served as a Sergeant.

"Working with juveniles is one of the most rewarding jobs in police work when your efforts change the juvenile from a life of crime to a good productive life" says Myers. The major part of his career was contributed to working with juveniles.

Myers stated that he was proud to be a member of the Wood River Police Department and thanks the citizens for their support and assistance in the past.

Frank is married to the former Carol J. Wallace and has two daughters, Natalie and Kim, and five granddaughters.

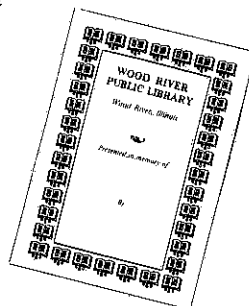
Following retirement, Sgt. Myers will continue to work with juveniles in the public sector. We wish him the very best with his new position.

## The Gift That Keeps on Giving

### Library Memorial/Honor Books Program

The Wood River Public Library offers a gift book program. Specially inscribed bookplates are placed in the front of gift books purchased specifically for donation to the library, and given in honor or in memory of individuals. People seem to be more and more interested in finding a way to remember special people, something that won't "wilt and be gone" in a few days. Special cards are provided for notifying the immediate family of the donation. Books dedicated "in honor of" are an excellent way to recognize past presidents of organizations or as gifts for "the person who has everything."

Such gifts can be handled in several ways. The donor may simply make a donation to the library and the Librarian will select a book desirable for addition to



the library collection. Sometimes, in the case of memorials, the donor wishes to specify a subject that the individual to be remembered was most interested. A special collection of books suggested for a memorial or gift are kept on hand at the library.

For more information on this program, you may call or stop by the Library.

# Council Corner

It will finally become a reality! New water lines in Lincoln Addition!

A Community Development Block Grant has been signed, sealed and delivered to the Community Development Office in Edwardsville. This grant will provide the funds for the replacement of water lines in Lincoln Addition area. The inferior 2" water lines will be replaced with 4" lines which branch off from an existing 6" main. Also a storm water system will be constructed to replace an existing open ditch along the length of George Street to the 6th Street Basin. Upon completion of the water lines and storm water improvements, George Street will be curbed, guttered and a new asphalt surface will be applied.

**When:** Bids will be received as soon as the City has the "notice to proceed" from Community Development.

This is a long-awaited project and we are anxiously awaiting final approval so construction can start next Spring.

**More Good News:** Sanitary sewers are under construction in the Vaughn Hills Subdivision. This project too has been on the City's priority list for many years and has finally become a reality.

An 8" water main will be constructed on the West side of Old St. Louis Road from Harnett to Conley. This improvement will provide extra fire protection and also serve for new industrial and commercial development in the City's Enterprise Zone.

Additional community projects are being planned for the future.

Leroy Emerick  
Mayor

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