

# PIPELINE

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## NEW PROGRAM IN WOOD RIVER

Beautification and appearance of our City is the key goal in the establishment of a new program entitled "CLEAN SWEEP 88". Various projects have been designed to aid in the beautification of our town, such as painting curbs, fire hydrants, replacing street signs, weed control and maintenance of public parking lots, road sides, and drainage ditches.

The exciting thing about this program is that we will be putting 30-40 youth to work this summer through the Job Training Partnership Act. In addition, work sessions on job related skills will be provided to the youth by various agencies.

Representatives from the City Council, City staff, Madison County Job Service,



East Alton-Wood River High School, and Madison County Probation Department are all working together to make this a successful project.

The first year, beautification is pinpointed to given areas, but we are hopeful the program will grow each year and instill a sense of community pride in its participants.

## SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT

Recently the City purchased additional snow removal equipment. Three snow plows and one salt spreader were purchased and installed on three small dump trucks. Two additional trucks will be equipped with snow plows and salt spreaders prior to next winter.

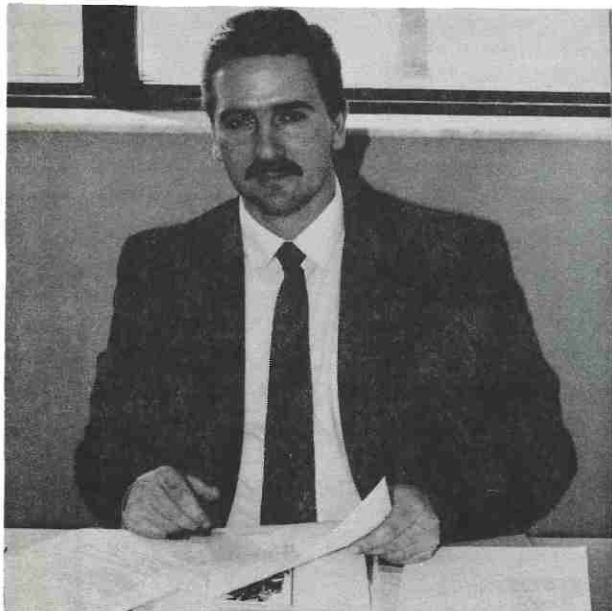


Temperature, moisture, equipment, traffic, amount, and length of snowfall affect the success of snow removal operations. Rain or sleet prior to a snowfall will cause the snow plows to leave patches of ice when the snow is removed. Temperature is very important because snow removal salt will only melt snow down to approximately 20 degrees fahrenheit. Below that temperature, the salt has no effect on snow or ice. The amount, type, and condition of the equipment will obviously affect the successfulness of the snow removal operation. Traffic will help break up the snow and ice, allowing the salt to work better. Heavy snowfall and snowfall over a long period of time will seriously reduce the effectiveness of snow removal operations.

With the additional equipment, snow removal will be greatly improved in Wood River.



## *Introducing...* *Tim Hacker*



In December of 1987, Tim Hacker was hired as Planning and Zoning Administrator for the City of Wood River. Tim comes to us from Ames, Iowa where he attended Iowa State University receiving a B.S. in Community and Regional Planning and a minor in Political Science.

Tim has had experience in the planning field through several hands-on projects while an undergraduate, and he also completed an internship with the Planning and Housing Department of Ames, Iowa.

"My experiences at Ames have taught me that enforcement cannot be easily gained without cooperation," adding, "if there is one message I'd like to get to the citizens of Wood River, is that we are willing to work with them as much as our laws and ordinances allow." Tim also likes to point out that Planning and Zoning isn't just an enforcement agency but also is here to provide technical service to anyone needing information on zoning and land use regulations.

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## **RIVERBEND ENTERPRISE ZONE**

THE ILLINOIS ENTERPRISE ZONE ACT was signed into law on July 9, 1982. This Act was designed to stimulate economic growth through relaxation of government controls and tax incentives.

A section of Wood River is included in the Madison County Enterprise Zone. The area is roughly bounded by Wood River/East Alton City limits to the north, Madison Avenue and Berm Highway south, and Old St. Louis Road to the east. This area is typically included in the Enterprise zone because it is an already developed area that has been through the cycle of decline.

A request to include both sides of Old St. Louis Road has been submitted to the State for approval. The new area will extend from Madison Avenue to the East Alton City limits.

The government's influence is most apparent in the final stage of the process - incentives. These incentives come in a variety of forms, but tax abatement seems to have the greatest initial impact. Property and utility taxes, as well as a sales tax abatement on materials purchased for construction are included.

Even with a cooperative effort between government and the private sector, it still takes a great deal of initiative on the part of an individual business to risk expansion or relocation within an enterprise zone. But with the coordinated effort of all levels of government and the private sector, the fabled "brass ring" is there for the taking - where only a downward cycle of decline existed before.

### *reminder from B & Z.....*

With spring around the corner, Building & Zoning would like to remind Wood River residents of ordinances restricting the following: inoperable or junk vehicles, major overhauls, discarded household items, weeds and grass, trash, brush, yard debris, building permits, vehicle parking and storage.

Your cooperation in these matters will help keep Wood River a safe and clean place to live. For a better understanding of these ordinances, please call City Hall at 254-0123 before starting your spring project.



## GOLF COURSE & CLUBHOUSE GET FACELIFT



As we move closer to spring, the excitement and preparation for another golf season is nearing. Belk Park golfers will see many improvements and several projects underway at the golf course.

Entering the golf course parking lot, one will see - the lot has been regraded, new rock, and railroad tie planter boxes. This project will be finished as soon as the weather breaks. Once in the clubhouse, golfers will enjoy the new atmosphere created by interior remodeling. This includes new carpeting, fixtures, painting, exterior doors, and security and fire alarm system.

Improvements being made to the course are: a tee-to-green car path system, new asphalt paths around the clubhouse and new paths leading to the first and tenth tees, new paths on the front nine around tees and greens. In addition, a 2400 square foot golf car storage facility has been erected. The new building will alleviate overcrowding and allow room for the expansion of the fleet.



Also new is the logo designed for the golf course. It depicts the bald cypress, a beautiful tree prevalent throughout the golf course. The logo will be used on shirts, caps, hats, and visors.

With these improvements, Belk Park customers - both first time golfers and those who play the course regularly - will see that the City of Wood River has pride and interest in their golf course.

## NEW BUSINESSES IN TOWN

We are extremely happy to welcome the following businesses that have opened their doors since our last Pipeline issue in November.

In the Wal-Mart Complex we now have Sally's Beauty Supply, Radio Shack, and the newest addition, Subway Sandwich Shop. These stores, along with Fashion Bug, Crown Shoes, Auto Works, Movies Plus, and Bonanza, make up the Wal-Mart complex and offer a wide variety of shops to our citizens.



We also have a new Super Wash located at 13th Street & Miland which features a new brushless, automated car, truck and van wash.



Side Pocket, a billiard room, has opened at 333 Edwardsville Road (formerly Payless Shoe Store). Here you'll find 9 foot and 7 foot pool tables, as well as an arcade of amusement machines.

In our downtown area, we have several new stores, including Peek & Seek Resale Shop at 59 E. Ferguson, Guaranteed Appliance at 25 E. Ferguson, and City Furniture at 12 E. Ferguson. In the 200 block of Ferguson, you'll find Lore's Everything Gift Shop and MBC Home Improvement.



# Did you know . . .

## NEW ANIMAL ORDINANCE INCLUDES "CATS" . . . . .

The City's revised animal ordinance now includes provisions for cat owners. Applications for licenses may be made prior to May 1 and until June 1 without penalty, but when application is made after June 1, the applicant shall be assessed an additional \$1.00 late fee. If the cat did not become subject to licensing until after May 1 of that year, then no penalty shall be assessed. The bi-annual license fee is \$2 for each cat over the age of six months. Owners may obtain applications from the Water Office.

The number of cats an owner may have is limited to three per residence. Owners are allowed three months to find homes for kittens. Inoculation against rabies is required at least once each year for cats over four months of age.

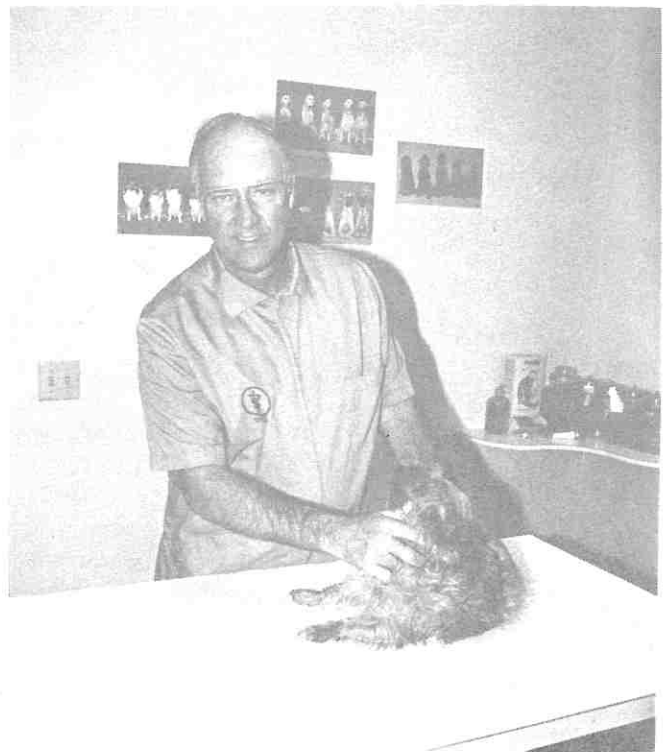
Keep in mind the licenses will aid in identifying lost or injured pets. When your cat or dog is missing, remember to contact the Police Department leaving a description of the animal, your name, address and telephone number and the area your pet was last seen. Any animal not claimed shall be transported to Madison County Animal Shelter. The person redeeming a dog or cat must show proof of current City license and pay a \$15 release fee.

## SERVICES . . .

Citizens can purchase Bi-State bus passes from the Water Office during regular business hours. Also, smoke detectors sell for \$10 and the installation is free, a cooperative service arranged through the Wood River Fire Department. The senior citizen penalty waiver program waives late payment penalties on bi-monthly water bills for eligible senior citizen residents of Wood River.

A night depository is also available for residents to pay water bills after regular business hours. A community calendar is printed on the reverse side of your water bill with information on events and activities taking place in Wood River.

## ANIMAL INNOCULATION DAY



The City's Annual Inoculation Day will be held on Wednesday, April 20, 1988 at 6:30 pm at the City Garage (14th & Madison). Please observe directions posted for "cat" or "dog" entrance.

Dr. Brakeville will be on hand to administer rabies vaccine. Other inoculations will be available upon request.

City dog and cat licenses can also be purchased at this time. Fees for dog license are \$3.75 for a male and spayed female, \$5.75 for an unspayed female. Cat licenses are \$2. All dogs and cats must be licensed between May 1 and June 1. After that date, a 50% penalty is added to the license fee.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Annual Easter Egg Hunt - March 26
- Night at the Races - April 8
- Dog/Cat Inoculations - April 20
- Police Auction - May 21
- Fishing Derby - May 21
- Aquatic Center Opening - May 28



# RECREATION



## A NIGHT AT THE RACES

Join the Recreation Department and residents of Wood River at the horse races Fri., April 8, 1988.

FEE- \$5.00 for ticket and transportation.



## WOOD RIVER RECREATION EASTER EGG HUNT

Wood River residents only

Date - Saturday March 26th at 11:00am sharp  
 Location - Leroy Emerick Park in Wood River (6th St.)  
 Ages - Tots thru kindergarten  
 1st grade thru 3rd grade  
 4th grade thru 6th grade  
 Rainout sight - Wood river Roundhouse 633 Wood River Ave.  
 Prizes - There will be prizes given out to kids with a specially marked egg.

## CATCH THE RICH FISH!



Wood River Fishing derby  
 When: Sat. May 21, 1988  
 Where: Belk park lake  
 Time: 12:00 noon-4:00pm  
 Cost: \$2.00 per pole  
 Limit of two poles  
 TOP PRIZE \$100.

### \* SENIOR CITIZENS MEETING

2nd Thurs. ea. Month

### \* DANCE LESSONS

- Ballroom dance  
Mon. 7-10pm
- Square dance  
Tues. 7-9pm
- Hoedowners  
2nd & 4th Sat.  
each month

### \* EXERCISE GROUP

- Ladies exercise  
Mon. Wed. Fri.  
9-10:30am
- Aerobics  
Mon. Tues. Thur.  
6-7pm

### \* SOFTBALL & BASEBALL LGS.

- Adult leagues  
men, women, co-ed, &  
church. Registration  
accepted to April 8th
- Youth leagues  
Registration begins  
mid-April

### \* MISCELLANEOUS

- Bees  
Behavioral eating  
encouragement  
Wed. 10:30a.m.
- Karate classes  
Thurs. & Fri. 7-9pm
- Gymnastics  
summer registration  
begins in May
- Summer Playground  
Day Camp registrations  
begins in May

## CATCH THE LEISURE WAVE

The Wood River Recreation Dept. is trying to open activities to adults. On January 30, 1988 the Recreation Dept. took a Ski Trip to Hidden Valley. There were 47 participants on the trip. The department also had breakfast for the group while waiting for the bus. Everyone seemed to have a good time. The Recreation Dept. is also planning a trip to Fairmount Race Track on April 8, 1988. The cost will be \$5.00 per person, must be 18 years of age or older. The race will be named after the city. There will also be a trip planned to Busch Stadium to watch the St. Louis Cardinals play. If you would like more info. on these trips or others we have planned, CALL 254-5521.

## SENIOR CITIZEN MEETING

The Recreation Dept. would like to remind all Senior Citizens that they can sign up at Wood River Recreation at each meeting. The seniors meet every 2nd Thursday of each month 10am-3pm. WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS.

All of these classes are held at the Roundhouse with the exception of the karate classes. For more info call 254-5521. Aquatic Center info & season pass costs for the upcoming summer may be obtained by calling 254-5521.





# SMOKE DETECTORS SAVE LIVES

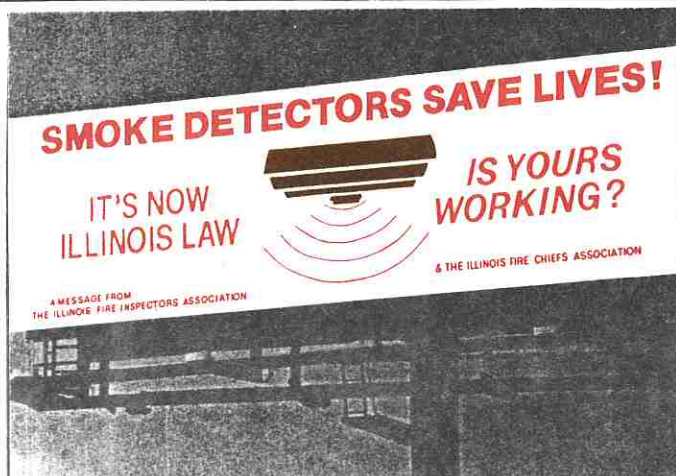
## IT'S NOW ILLINOIS LAW

## IS YOURS WORKING?

In 1986, Wood River enacted an ordinance which required smoke alarms in all rental property. Now, the State of Illinois has superceded this ordinance with an expanded law covering all property. The Illinois State Smoke Detector Act carries the ideals of home fire safety into every residence and business throughout the state.

After December 31, 1987, all newly constructed, reconstructed, or substantially remodeled homes or businesses (not existing homes) must be equipped with AC wired smoke detectors on all floors, including basements. This wiring will be interconnected so all detectors will sound if one detector is activated by smoke.

As of July 1, 1988, under this act, all existing homes will be required to have smoke detectors on all floors, including basements. These alarms, however, can be the inexpensive battery-operated type, which can be purchased at most retail stores. Watch newspaper ads, since these detectors can be purchased for as little as \$6 on sale. There have been reports of door-to-door sales persons selling very expensive detectors to unsuspecting customers, especially senior citizens. If you have any questions about purchasing a smoke alarm, please call your Fire Department at 259-0984. We will be happy to answer your questions.



Billboard Emphasizing the New Smoke Detector Law.

Fire Service is grateful for the lives this new legislation will no doubt save. There are few purchases that cost so little and do so much to keep our families safe. Still, we often find smoke detectors are inoperable when they are needed most - in a fire. We suggest you install your smoke detector according to the manufacturer's directions, test them twice a year, and replace the battery at least once a year. We also recommend you plan and practice exit drills in your home, and keep the Fire Department emergency home number handy- 254-4301. But most of all, we want you to think "Fire Safety" all year long and prevent fires before they happen.



WATCH FOR DETOUR SIGNS



Spring is the time for heavy rains-beneficial to us, but creates some problems. One big problem is the flooding of streets. When this occurs, some residents are faced with water in their homes, caused by vehicles driving through these areas producing waves that force water in through basement windows. To help eliminate this problem, the newly formed Storm Water Commission and the Traffic Commission worked together to develop an ordinance which will detour traffic around these high water areas with the use of barricades.

Essentially, the ordinance authorizes the Chief of Police to place barricades and signs to indicate the route to be traveled by vehicles on such streets. The ordinance also prohibits any driver from going around, passing through or disobeying the direction of such indicators. The penalty for violation of this ordinance carries a fine of not less than \$50, nor more than \$500.

When you must drive in the aftermath of spring rains, please observe any signs, markers or tape that indicate the street is closed. Do not attempt to go around or through the markings, as you will be subject to arrest, but most importantly, you may cause damage to someones' home.



# LIBRARY SURVEY



The Wood River Public Library is conducting a citizen survey to find out more about the community and its relationship to the Library and services of the Library. The Library urges those contacted, by random sample, to please take the few minutes necessary to respond. The survey is very important in shaping the library's future. Completion of a survey by public libraries is required to meet the provisions of state per capita grant applications. Since such grants are generally funded at a rate of nearly \$1 per capita, the Library could be awarded over \$12,000 next year through this grant program.

The survey will be conducted locally by telephone on Saturdays and during day and evening hours on weekdays. The responses will be forwarded to the Library Research

Center at the University of Illinois for tabulation and analysis. Your time and cooperation in participating in the survey is greatly appreciated by the Library Board of Trustees and staff.

#### STILL LOOKING FOR INCOME TAX FORMS?

The Library has most IRS and Illinois Tax forms available at no charge. Those forms not available may be photocopied from reproducible masters provided by the IRS at a charge of 10 cents per page.

#### NEED FREE TAX HELP?

TCE (Tax Counseling for Elderly) provides free tax assistance to persons age 60 and older, living in the community. Trained volunteers will help in preparing their income tax returns at no charge. (Every Monday, 1-4 pm through April 11)

### UPCOMING LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Monday	March 14 - 6:30 pm
Thursday	March 17 - 3:30 pm
Saturday	March 19 - 10:30 am
Monday	March 21 - 6:30 pm

Seminar: Small Investor -- Part I
St. Patricks Day Program -- Grades 1-6
Pre-School Program
Seminar: The Small Investor -- Part II

All programs are free of charge and open to the public.

## BANDSTAND HAS NEW NAME

The Wood River City Council has named Central Park Band Shelter in honor of retired Band Manager Erv Mouish, who served as the Manager of the Municipal Bank for 35 years. Weekly band concerts have been a tradition at Central Park for over 50 years and Erv has certainly been instrumental in providing this entertainment to our citizens.

This tribute to Mr. Mouish resulted from a comment we received from a Pipeline reader who responded to "Question/Comment" section by suggesting that Mr. Mouish be recognized. The City Council felt it was an appropriate idea and proceeded to honor Mr. Mouish.



And the beat goes on!



# City of Wood River, Illinois

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Dear Reader:

In talking with citizens in our community, we run into lots of questions and opinions.

If you have any questions or comments, please fill in the space below and send to City Hall.

Questions/Comments \_\_\_\_\_

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## Answers/Responses (from last issue)

Q) With the new 143 highway and new parking lot, would it be possible to have trees planted along the Amoco fence?

A) Plans are underway to do exactly this. Soils are being tested to see what the soil will permit and the best tree to plant to survive the conditions. We're hoping to get this beautification project started this Spring.

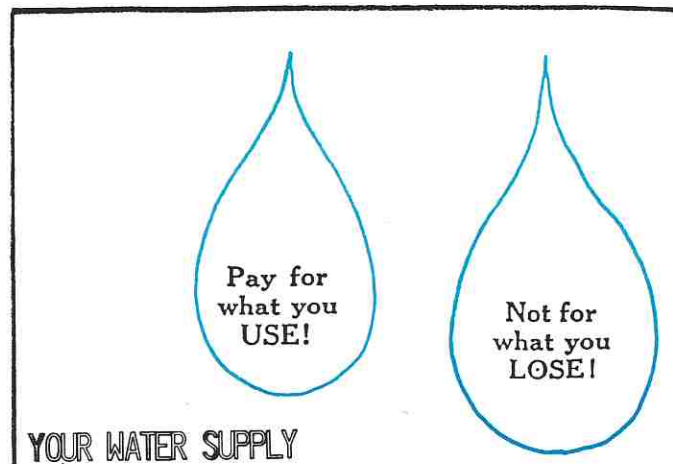
Q) When approaching Old St. Louis Road from Park Avenue, the view is generally okay on the right but left turn is obstructed by vehicles parked and a green dumpster near the street.

A) Your concern was forwarded to the Police Department. They did not find a violation of City ordinance but did talk to the owner of the dumpster, who agreed to move the dumpster back to eliminate any possible traffic hazard. Thank you for bringing this to our attention.

It will not be possible to print answers to all questions received, but each issue will respond to several questions of general interest. However, we will respond by mail to all questions or comments, so be sure to provide your name and address. Your identity will not be printed in the Pipeline.



Donald E. Greer  
City Manager



Do you have a silent leak in your home that could be wasting several thousand gallons of water a year? This leak could also place unnecessary demands on the sewer system and your pocket book. The silent leak could be coming from your toilet. Usually you can not hear the leak because it runs slowly out of the tank. 90% of the leaks found in homes are from leaky toilets. How can you discover if your toilet leaks? Follow these easy steps and you'll know.

1. Lift off the lid from your toilet tank.

2. Place three or four drops of ordinary food coloring into clear water in the toilet tank. (Note - do not use dye - it could stain)

3. Do not flush or otherwise disturb the toilet for one or two hours or longer.

4. At the end of the waiting period, observe the toilet bowl. If the color you placed into the tank shows up in the bowl, you have a leak.

Most frequently, leaks in toilets are caused by a defective flush valve. A flush valve is a flap or ball plunger device that is supposed to act as a stopper in the bottom of the toilet tank. After several years and many flushings, the stopper can be knocked out of shape, or simply worn out. As inexpensive and easy to install replacement valve or complete replacement kit can solve your problems and save you money. So why not take some time and find that silent leak?

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