

City of Wood River, Illinois

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Diamond Time

Diamonds are not only a "girl's best friend", they are being given away every month by Wood River merchants in honor of Wood River's Diamond Jubilee. This is one of the many activities coordinated by the Diamond Jubilee Committee in order to celebrate Wood River's 75th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee.

Look for the Diamond Jubilee barrel at your local merchants and fill out the registration form - as many times as you wish! Three diamond rings have already been given away!

The Diamond Jubilee Committee was commissioned by the City of Wood River in order to plan events to celebrate Wood River's 75th year of existence. Approximately 60 volunteers on the Committee have planned a variety of events for each month through December. In March, an essay contest was sponsored by the Committee giving children from the 4th grade on up to high school, the opportunity to express what they like best about Wood River and win cash prizes as well.

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**Looking
Backward,
Looking Forward**

Looking back, many important projects were accomplished in 1983, and a variety of problems were solved. Looking forward, 1984 promises to be just as productive for the City of Wood River and its citizens.

Key Events in 1983

1. Reduced the tax levy for the first time ever.
2. Reduced annual City expenses by \$105,000, and reduced one time only expenses by \$123,000.
3. Constructed sanitary sewers for the 150 homes in Glendale Gardens and Ivy Heights areas of Wood River.
4. Reached agreement with the State Department of Transportation for the Wood River Avenue/Edwardsville Road intersection improvement project.
5. Purchased a new fire pumper truck, a fire rescue tool, and a catch basin/sewer line cleaning machine to reduce sewer backups and flooding.

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6. Assumed daily management of the Township senior citizens mini-bus (SCOOT) in order to prevent its termination - and received a new mini-bus with a wheelchair lift.
7. Completed construction of the East Storm Water Channel east of 9th Street in order to reduce storm water flooding.
8. Begin construction of Phase 1 of the wastewater treatment plant at a cost of \$1,150,000.
9. The 43 member Blue Ribbon Citizens Swim Pool Advisory Committee recommended a replacement Aquatic Center at Central Park following months of study and tours of other swimming facilities in Illinois and Missouri.

Key Plans for 1984

1. Received \$200,000 grant from the Illinois Department of Conservation for the Central Park Aquatic Center.
2. Begin construction of the replacement Aquatic Center, and hope to open the water slide in June 1984.
3. Complete Phase 1 and begin construction of Phase 2 of regional wastewater treatment plant.
4. Work closely with the Wood River 75th Diamond Jubilee anniversary celebration committee.
5. Complete construction of a new intersection at Wood River Avenue and Edwardsville Road.
6. Adopt a new tax levy ordinance with a continued reduction in total property taxes to be collected.
7. Begin a comprehensive 2 year training and certification program for members of the Wood River Fire Department.
8. Begin construction of a replacement/central fire station.



"What I like best about growing up in Wood River...is swimming at the Wood River Pool. It (the new pool) will be fun because there is going to be a diving area, a wading pool, and a shower room."

1st Place Essay Contest Winner
Kristen Barry, 4th Grade



Here Comes the Jet !

Wood River is now the proud owner of a Vactor Jet Rodder, valued \$79,000, which will break-up and clean up sewer line blocks in our City. It will save our City money since it can clean a catch basin in 30 minutes. It used to take 2 workers 4-8 hours to do the same job.

There have been less problems with sewer backups into homes since the use of the Jet Rodder enables the sewer system to handle storm water faster.

You can look forward to fewer sewer line blocks -- thanks to the "Jet"!

SHOP
WOOD RIVER
FIRST

Better Police--Better Results--Better Service

Did you know that:

- *Reported crimes in Wood River have dropped 10%!
- *The number of crimes solved in Wood River has increased 116%!
- *The number of traffic accidents in Wood River has dropped 45%!

All of this has been accomplished while the Department has experienced a 68% decrease in overtime and a 10% reduction in the number of police officers. How did they do it? Read on.....

For four years, the Department has tried to improve the service provided to residents through directed efforts. One of the directed efforts is in the area of serious crimes and the success rate of solving these serious crimes.

Here are the results of a 5-year study comparing the results of Police Department efforts.

Serious Crime Summary

	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	5 year change
Reported	1,005	946	848	847	903	- 10%
Solved	171	239	272	296	370	+116%
% Solved	17%	25%	32%	35%	41%	

The Wood River Police Department has shown a steady increase in the number of crimes solved, while the number of crimes reported has gone down. Since 1979, Wood River's rate of solving serious crimes, 35% in 1982, is much higher than the average rate in Illinois for solving serious crimes, 19%. The 1983 rate of 41% for solving serious crimes in Wood River will again be much higher than the Illinois average rate.

Crimes can also be described as "crimes against persons" and "crimes against property". Below is the breakdown of Wood River's reported crimes:

Crimes Against Persons (24%)

1983	219
Solved	202
% Solved	92%

Crimes Against Property (76%)

1983	683
Solved	168
% Solved	25%

Crimes against property are the most frequent, including burglary. The Wood River Police solve burglaries 33% of the time which is again much higher than the State average of 12%.

Another directed effort has been in the area of traffic accident reductions. A selective traffic enforcement program was funded by the Illinois Department of Transportation until mid-1982 to reduce traffic accidents in Wood River. Below are the results of this program:

Traffic Summary

	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	5 year change
Citations Issued	720	1,735	1,630	2,228	1,861	+158%
Traffic Accidents	667	494	385	364	366	- 45%

The Wood River Police Department constantly strives to improve and refine the quality of service offered to you!



Reduced Rates



For Residents

Did you know that the Belk Park Golf Course has operated without taxpayer subsidies since 1971?! In addition, this is the **SECOND** year that rates have been reduced for citizens of Wood River with a resident card.

Improvements to be made to the golf course this year include expanded instruction for beginning golfers and 13 new golf cars will be purchased to replace 13 old ones.

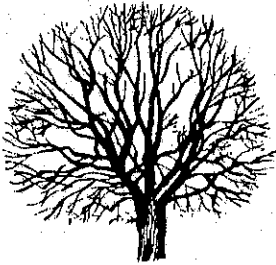
So - get YOUR resident card and come on out and enjoy YOUR championship golf course! For more information, call Belk Park Golf Course at 254-9065.

Always Improving to Serve You Better!

Keep Your Dog Safe and Identifiable

Vaccination Clinic Offered

Before dog licenses are issued, dogs must have been inoculated against rabies within the past year. Bring your dog to the inoculation clinic at the City Garage on April 28, from 2:00 - 3:00 PM. Dr. Robert Brakeville, from Alton, will be inoculating dogs against rabies for a fee of \$7.00.



Out On A Limb?

There are 4 ways you can dispose of your brush and limbs:

- 1) Haul your own brush and limbs (ONLY) to a site north of the City's water treatment plant, for burning by the City. Look for the sign posted which marks the dump site.
- 2) Cut brush and limbs into 2½ - 3 feet lengths, tie in bundles, not larger than 10-12 inches in diameter. These bundles can be placed out with regular refuse for pick-up.
- 3) Hire a tree-trimming firm to trim and dispose of brush and limbs.
- 4) Place brush and limbs out in front of your property and call the City's street crew for pick-up. This will cost the requesting resident \$20 per truckload (with a one truckload minimum charge). The resident must sign a commitment sheet and will be billed by the City upon completion of the job. Call 254-5822 to request City pick-up.



Show Your Dog You Care

May 1st is the deadline for licensing and inoculation of dogs over six months old, as required by law.

Apply for your dog license prior to May 1st at the Finance Office in City Hall. Dog owners have a grace period of 30 days, for which there will be no penalty. However, after May 31st, you will be required to pay an additional 50% fee for each license.

License fees are as follows:

May 1st - May 31st:

- A. \$3.50 for each male or spayed female dog
- B. \$5.50 for each unspayed female dog.

After May 31st:

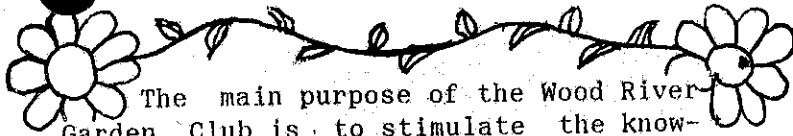
- A. \$5.25 for each male or spayed female dog.
- B. \$8.25 for each unspayed female dog.

After you pay the fees and complete a license application, you will receive a metal personalized dog tag for your dog. This tag should be attached to your dog's collar and worn at all times.

If the metal tag is lost, a duplicate tag can be issued upon the payment of \$3.00. Also, if there is a change in ownership of a dog, the new owner can have the license transferred to his/her name upon the payment of \$3.00.

Volunteers in Our Community

WOOD RIVER GARDEN CLUB MAKES A BEAUTIFUL DIFFERENCE



The main purpose of the Wood River Garden Club is to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening among amateurs, aid in the protection of native trees, plants and wildlife, and to encourage civic planting. The Garden Club is in its 46th year of community service.

In conjunction with the Wood River Diamond Jubilee celebration, the Garden Club will be donating a tree to the oldest home in Wood River. Other Spring activities include: replanting the barrels located in front of downtown merchants and replanting the flower boxes in the mini-mall across from Phoebe Goldberg's. Two concrete benches were recently donated to the mini-mall in memory of Mrs. Edna Meiners, the club's oldest member.

In May, the Garden Club will sponsor a Garden Tour. More gardens are needed for the tour. If you would like to help or join the Wood River Garden Club, call Virginia at 259-2907. You can make a beautiful difference -- VOLUNTEERS HELPING OUR COMMUNITY!

See City Before Signing

People in Wood River are protected by many City ordinances, such as the sign ordinance. For your own convenience, please check on sign regulations before purchasing or posting any type of sign -- this especially applies to business owners.

The types of signs that are strictly prohibited in our City include:

- 1) Mobile/portable marquees (may be used for 30 days only)
- 2) Pennants, streamers, etc.
- 3) Signs attached to trees, fences, or public utility poles.
- 4) Defunct signs.
- 5) Roof-mounted signs.

Call Jean at 254-0123 before buying or posting any type of sign.

The following is a listing of the events planned by the Committee for each month to celebrate Wood River's Diamond Jubilee:

April: April 29th - "Church Day", includes a historical tour of any local church that wishes to participate in this special day. In the evening, a song-fest with a choir will be held at St. Bernard's Church, including a reading of a brief history of each church in Wood River.

"Diamond Ring Drawing" will be held April 27.

May May 5th - "Loyalty Day Parade", sponsored by the VFW will include special participation by the Diamond Jubilee Committee.

An "Art and Photography Contest" will also be held in May on any subject having to do with Wood River's history.

"Diamond Ring Drawing" will be held May 25th.

June A permanent display of historical items and memorabilia will open at the Wood River Library.

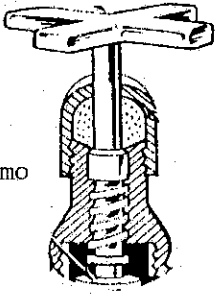
Certain areas in Wood River will be designated as Historical Sights. They will be marked with a sign and a map and brochure will be available to guide you to the historical sights.

"Diamond Ring Drawing" will be held June 29.



"What I like best about growing up in Wood River...is that it has some excellent recreation places. Belk Park has one of the area's best golf courses along with good picnic locations, ball diamonds and a pond for fishing."

1st Place Essay Contest Winner
Beth Ford, 6th Grade



Tim Palermo

Do You Know Where Your Water Main Valve Is?

Every now and then, problems will arise with your home water system. Faucets will leak, pipes will burst and water heaters may even blow out. In case of an emergency or while doing repairs, you will need to know how to turn your water off.

All homes, apartments and businesses should have a main water supply valve that cuts off water to the entire building. Do you know where your main valve is? Does everyone else in the family know where it is? When there is an emergency, you'll need to know in a hurry to prevent water damage to your home.

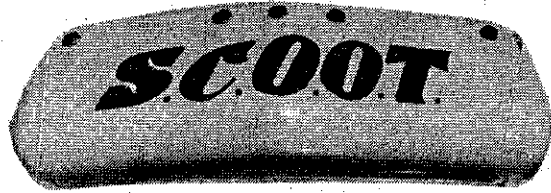
The most likely locations of a water main valve are: 1) where the water supply pipe enters your home (in the basement). 2) near your washing machine hook-up, or 3) near your hot water heater. Most sinks, wash basins and toilets in the house have shutoff valves below them that cut off water to that particular fixture. The hot water heater should also have a shutoff valve that cuts off hot water to the whole house.

Take time now to identify all the shutoff valves and see if they work. Most of all check for the main shutoff valve that turns off water to the entire house.

Turn the valve off and check if all the water faucets in the building are shut off. If you cannot get your water shut off, a plumber may be needed to repair, replace or install a main valve.

Once you have found the right valve, mark it with a tag or bright colorful paint to make it easy for everyone in the family to find. If you ever have a water problem, you'll know where to shut the water off to prevent wasted water and water damage to your home.

SENIOR SERVICES



Our Senior Citizens mini-bus is now named "S.C.O.O.T." -- Senior Citizens of Our Township. "Scoot" is a free service provided for any senior citizen or handicapped person in Wood River Township. You can make a reservation one day in advance to go grocery shopping, to the doctor or dentist, to run important errands, or to be delivered or taken home from the hospital or nursing home.

"Scoot" has been operated by the Wood River Police Department since April 1, 1983 for all of Wood River Township. Most expenses are paid for by the Madison County Transit District, with the dispatcher provided by the Township. "Scoot" and its friendly drivers provide more than 600 one way rides each month.

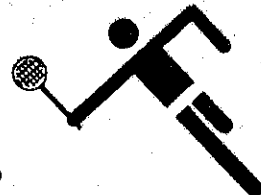
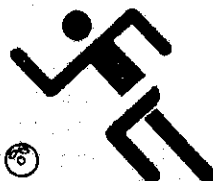
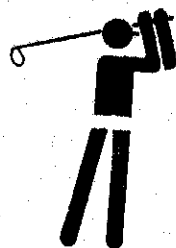
Call 254-1744 for a friendly, convenient ride on "Scoot". The mini-bus operates from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM Monday thru Friday, excluding holidays. To make a reservation call 254-1744. For more information call City Hall at 254-0123.

Wood River Recreation Programs

* YOUTH SUMMER PROGRAMS *

<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>AGES</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>FEE</u>
Basketball Camp	boys entering 5th thru 10th grade	June 4-8	\$25
Cheerleading Camp	girls in grades 4 thru 8	June 4-15	\$10
Baseball Camp	boys 7-8-9 years old	June 11-29	\$8
Softball Camp	girls 7-8-9 years old	June 18-29	\$8
Tennis Camp	boys & girls 9-16 yrs	June 18-29	\$10
Day Camp	boys & girls 5-12 yrs	July 2-13	\$5
Soccer Camp	boys & girls 6-13 yrs	July 16-27	\$15
Gymnastics Classes	boys & girls 4 yrs thru teens	June 4-July 27 8 wk session	\$10 thru \$18
Craft Program	boys & girls 6 thru 12	to be announced	\$3

REGISTRATION FOR ALL SUMMER ACTIVITIES (except Basketball Camp) TO BE TAKEN AT THE ROUNDHOUSE REC CENTER DURING THE WEEK OF MAY 21 thru 26, FROM 2 - 5 PM. REGISTER FOR BASKETBALL CAMP AT WOOD RIVER HIGH SCHOOL.



YOUTH AND ADULT SUMMER SOFTBALL AND BASEBALL LEAGUES SCHEDULE

<u>FIELD</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Jaycee Field	Youth Lg.	Co-ed Lg.	Mens Lg.	Youth Lg.	Mens Lg.
Lions Field	Youth Lg.	Womens Lg.	Mens Lg.	Youth Lg.	Mens Lg.
Dwiggins Field	Youth Lg.	Womens Lg.	Youth Lg.	Youth Lg.	Youth Lg.
East End	Mens Lg.	Mens Lg.	Mens Lg.	Womens Ch.	Womens Ch.
West End	Mens Lg.	Mens Church	Mens Lg.	Mens Lg.	Mens Church

Spring and Summer Library Programs

Children's Programs

- April 21 - Saturday Pre-School Program (ages 3-5) 10:30 AM
- May - After School Movies every Wednesday in May 3:30 PM
- May 19 - Saturday Pre-School Program (ages 3-5) 10:30 AM
- June 12 - Tues. Summer Reading Program
- 19 This year's theme:
- 26 "Be A Star, Read"
- July 3 Grades 1-6 10:30 AM
Register by calling 254-4832
- August - Movies every Wednesday in August 10:30 AM

Adult Programs

- April 12 - Thursday "Fishing in Illinois & Missouri: Tips & Tackle" 7:00 PM
- April 24 - Tuesday "Solving Home Landscaping Problems" 7:00 PM
- May 24 - Thursday "Do-It-Yourself Bicycle Maintenance & Repair" 7:00 PM

Word About the Pipeline....

Welcome to the eighth issue of The City News Pipeline. The "Pipeline" is an information newsletter which is distributed to all City residents' homes. Its main purpose is to inform you of available City services and how to best utilize what is provided by your tax dollars.

City officials want to hear comments and suggestions for stories from you! Please contact City Hall at 254-0123.

We hope you find the "Pipeline" both informative and enjoyable.

Gary Webster, City Manager

on behalf of

WOOD RIVER CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Lon Smith

Councilwoman Dorothy Council

Councilwoman Anna Culp

Councilman Joe Doughney

Councilman Thomas Wilder


Let's Meet!

Wood River residents are encouraged to participate in any of the following meetings:

City Council - 1st & 3rd Mondays 7:30 PM
Plan Comm. & Board of
Zoning Appeals - 1st Thursday 7:30 PM
Parks & Recreation
Commission - 2nd Thursday 7:30 PM
Traffic Commission-3rd Tuesday 7:30 PM
Fire & Police Comm-1st Wednesday 7:00 PM
Library Board (meet at Library)
Last Thursday 7:00 PM

There is a special agenda item at each City Council meeting called "Comments by Citizens" -- we invite you to come and share your comments on any City event with us!!

**Always call City Hall at 254-0123 in advance to confirm the time and date of a meeting if you are planning to attend.



"The thing I like best about Wood River is the people and the places. In a town the size of ours you get to know most of the people. Wood River is the only city I would want to live in".

2nd Place Essay Contest Winner,
Kristi Lynn Emery, 5th Grade

Part-Time and Seasonal Employment

The City of Wood River Parks & Recreation Department is accepting applications for summer employment in 1984. Applications are available at the Roundhouse Rec Center. Job opportunities will include park maintenance work, concession attendants, cashiers, water slide attendants, day camp supervisor, crafts instructor, tennis instructor, softball instructor, and youth baseball and softball umpires.

Applicants must be 16 years of age and a resident of Wood River. The closing date for applications is April 20. A full summer program will begin the first part of June and will conclude the first week in August. For further information contact the Wood River Recreation Office at 254-5521.

You may also call Belk Park at 254-9065 for information about available part-time jobs.

**Applications for seasonal and part-time employment may be picked up at City Hall for June clean-up and the Department of Public Works.

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