

City of Wood River, Illinois

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LOOK What We're Planning for YOU!

PLAN COMMISSION TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING ON LAND USE

The City of Wood River, utilizing the City Planning Commission, is in the process of revising its Comprehensive Plan with a primary focus on land use. A comprehensive plan is a city's guide to future growth and development. It contains information about the future use of land, streets and transportation and community facilities. This plan is the first step in updating the City's zoning map. The new zoning map will be based on this Comprehensive Plan and its land use goals. A copy of the land use map is included in this issue of the Pipeline.

The present Plan is more than 10 years old and the advent of the relocation of Route 143 caused the City to re-examine its Plan. The new Plan focuses attention on the future of "Old Edwardsville Road" (the present route of Highway 143) and how to approach development in that, as well as the new corridor.

After the relocation discussions were completed, these two areas were then viewed in context with the entire City. The enclosed map reflects the Planning Commission's preliminary concept for the future and the goals stated next reflect the City's attitude for the future.

The following goals for the new Comprehensive Plan were compiled at a work session with the City Council, Planning Commission, City Personnel and Planning consultants. These goals were accepted by the City Council as a basis for the new Comprehensive Plan.

Goals for the City of Wood River in the area of Economic Development include:

The development and pursuit of programs to bring about expanded economic development activities which include new investment opportunities.

The attraction of new and expanded facilities and the retention of existing establishments to provide increased employment opportunities.

Bring about a strengthening of the community's tax base.

Stabilize the Central Business District and other retail sections of the community that are to be retained as part of the future land use plan for the City.

Encourage governmental participation in the economic development process.

Goals for the City of Wood River in the area of Community Spirit include:

Actively promote a strengthened Community image both among the City's residents and to the region.

Maintain a positive public relations position concerning the City.

Accept and strengthen the posture of regional leadership among communities in the Illinois portion of the metropolitan area.

Encourage among all the residents a strong feeling of community responsibility and pride.

Support a meaningful program for citizen's participation in local government activities.

To develop an active program to improve and maintain overall community appearance.

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Starting in this issue of the Pipeline, we'll be asking for your thoughts and input on a specific City service. Please take a minute, give us your thoughts on the form below and drop it off at the City Clerk's Office or include it with your water bill. We'll tabulate your responses and report back to you in the next issue of the Pipeline.

GARBAGE PICK UP

1. Generally, I'd rate our garbage pick up as:
 - a. Excellent
 - b. Good
 - c. Fair
 - d. Lousy
2. Twice-a-week pick-up is:
 - a. Very important
 - b. Nice to have
 - c. Unnecessary
3. Within the last six months, I had trouble getting rid of large bulky items such as furniture and appliances.
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
4. Within the last six months, I had trouble getting rid of large tree limbs & brush.
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
5. To get large bulky items picked up with my garbage collection, I'd be willing to, per month, pay up to:
 - a. Nothing
 - b. 50¢
 - c. \$1.50
 - d. Would never use
6. I'd like to have the garbage company provide each customer with a large attractive rubbish container:
 - a. Yes, & I'd pay a slight additional fee.
 - b. Yes, if it's free
 - c. No

7. I'd like City Clean-up of _____ items:

- a. Weekly
- b. Spring
- c. Fall
- d. Both Spring & Fall

8. Garbage Service Comments: _____

9. I live on _____ Street.
 (optional)

Thank you for your opinion!

Notes

from Your City Inspectors

Winter is on the way so we suspect that many of you will be stocking up on firewood. We would like to remind you that there is a City ordinance which requires firewood to be stacked 8 inches off the ground. This will keep firewood free from pests such as mites and rodents.

This Fall, we had to send out a number of brush and limb notices. A brush pile is unsightly and often prevents you from taking proper care of your lawn. Brush and limbs can be removed from your yard with a little effort - simply cut them in approximately 3 foot lengths, and tie them in bundles. These bundles can be set out with your trash to be picked up. OR you can take the brush to the City brush lot on North Walcott at the very end of the road. There is no charge for dumping brush at this lot.

Parking of Trailers

Recently, the City has received complaints regarding numerous trailers parked illegally around town. For your information, City ordinance states that travel trailers, utility/boat trailers, etc. must be parked in rear yard only. Therefore, the City Inspectors will be contacting all those who are violating this law.

If you have no access to your back yard, please make some type of arrangements for storage.



Lowering the Levy

For the second time in Wood River's history, the City Council has adopted a levy reduction for property taxes being collected this Fall. The reduced levy is designed to help the City become less dependent on property tax revenue since its tax base has been steadily declining.

This levy assumes a total City valuation of \$60 million. Based on an actual total valuation of \$65 million, tax rates are expected to decrease from \$1.435 per \$100 assessed valuation last year down to \$1.317 this year.

The levy was reduced despite a continued drop in the City's tax base, due mainly to the closing of the Amoco Oil Refinery in 1981. State legislation which provides shelters and tax breaks to citizens will also effect the amount of property tax revenue the City will receive. Even though the levy is being reduced, no employee layoffs or cuts in city services are expected.

Below you will find a breakdown of the amount levied in departments whose appropriations have been reduced or remain unchanged:

- *Street - \$60,000 unchanged
- *Refuse - \$63,000, unchanged
- *Parks & Rec. - \$54,000, unchanged
- *Emergency Serv. - \$3,100, unchanged
- *Police - \$45,000, unchanged
- *Fire - \$45,000, unchanged
- *Municipal Band - \$6,000, unchanged
- *Insurance - \$45,000, unchanged
- *Police Pensions - \$51,259, reduced
- *Fire Pensions - \$51,259, reduced
- *Retirement - \$136,500, reduced

The City of Wood River continually strives to reduce spending while maintaining a high standard of service for you.



Volunteers Serving Our Community

WHAT: Operation Blessing is a non-denominational crisis center. As many as 43 needy families have been helped with food and clothing in one week! Last year, 1,500 winter coats were given out to keep people warm.

WHO: Operation Blessing is run by volunteers who want to help people in need.

WHERE: Operation Blessing is located at 427 Old St. Louis Road in Wood River -- right across from the Dome.

WHEN: Operation Blessing is open from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Monday thru Thursday. During these hours, needy families can come for help -OR- you can bring items that you wish to donate to the center.

HOW: There are many on-going needs at Operation Blessing. You can help by donating:

Time-Clothing-Soap-Toys-Heaters
Food-Money (for Rent & Utilities
at the Center)

These items can be dropped off during the operating hours of the center. You can make a difference this holiday season by becoming a volunteer or donating any of the items needed at Operation Blessing.

Call 1-800-252-8643 for information on the FREE Energy Conservation Program-

-You might qualify to have your home weatherized for FREE!

"CALLS FROM SANTA"

The City of Wood River Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring the 5th Annual "Calls From Santa" Program this year. The program is designed for youngsters 3, 4, 5, and 6 years of age only. Calls will be made free of charge to Wood River area residents. If your child would like to receive a phone call from Santa, fill out and return this application. Please fill out a separate form for each child.



CHILD'S NAME _____ PHONE _____

BOY or GIRL (circle one) AGE: 3 4 5 6 (circle one)

PARENT'S NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

PLEASE CIRCLE THE DATE YOU WOULD LIKE SANTA CLAUS TO CALL YOUR CHILD.
(All calls will be made between 6 and 8 pm on these 3 days.)

Monday, December 17 Tuesday, December 18 Wednesday, December 19

Please list 2 or 3 gifts that your child will receive for Christmas.

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

Please comment on the following subjects, so that Santa will have some information to help him in talking with your child. Mention improvements or good habits that Santa could praise, and/or those areas needing improvement.

Eating Habits: _____

Dressing Habits: _____

Relationships With Others: _____
(brothers, sisters, etc)

Chores/Duties at Home: _____

Other Comments for Santa: _____

TURN THIS FORM IN AT THE ROUNDHOUSE REC CENTER OR MAIL TO: Wood River Parks and Recreation Department, 633 Wood River Ave., Wood River, IL 62095, no later than December 14, 1984

FOR COMMITTEE USE ONLY

Call Made By _____	Date _____	Time _____
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We're Still Celebrating!



The Wood River Woman's Club will be sponsoring a "Christmas Walk" on December 21st at 7:00 P.M. Everyone is invited to meet at the Old Standard Oil Gate at the corner of Wood River Avenue and Madison. We will be walking to City Hall where we will sing carols around the tree and have refreshments. Come share in the holiday spirit.

** Final diamond ring drawing
December 31st!*

Wood River Public Library

CHRISTMAS CRAFT WORKSHOPS

December 3rd - 3:30 PM - Grades 1 & 2
December 5th - 3:30 PM - Grades 3 - 6
December 12th - 3:30 PM - Grades 1 - 6

December 4th at 7:00 PM

"Perfect Party Planning" ---
Tips for Holiday Entertaining
(Adult Program)

December 15th at 10:30 AM

"Preschool Christmas Program"



Goals for the City of Wood River in the area of Housing and Community Structure include:

The expansion of housing opportunities to provide a wide range of choice in terms of types and styles through both new construction and rehabilitation.

Continue an active comprehensive program which will support neighborhood preservation and enhancement in the City's future residential areas.

Continue to provide adequate public services to all residents of the community.

Continue to provide desirable public facilities to all residents of the area.

Encourage an efficient and desirable land use pattern through the maintenance of the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Controls.

Develop and maintain an efficient transportation system through the accommodation of new and existing routes.

There will be a public meeting by the Planning Commission for citizen comments and review of the Comprehensive Plan on Thursday, November 29th at 7:30 a.m. at City Hall. We would appreciate your comments on our plans for land use, and welcome your attendance at this meeting.

Wood River is a key community in the Illinois portion of the St. Louis metropolitan area and will strive to enhance its position of leadership in addition to remaining an attractive community in which to work and live.

Call 254-8923 * for aFREE Vacation Check

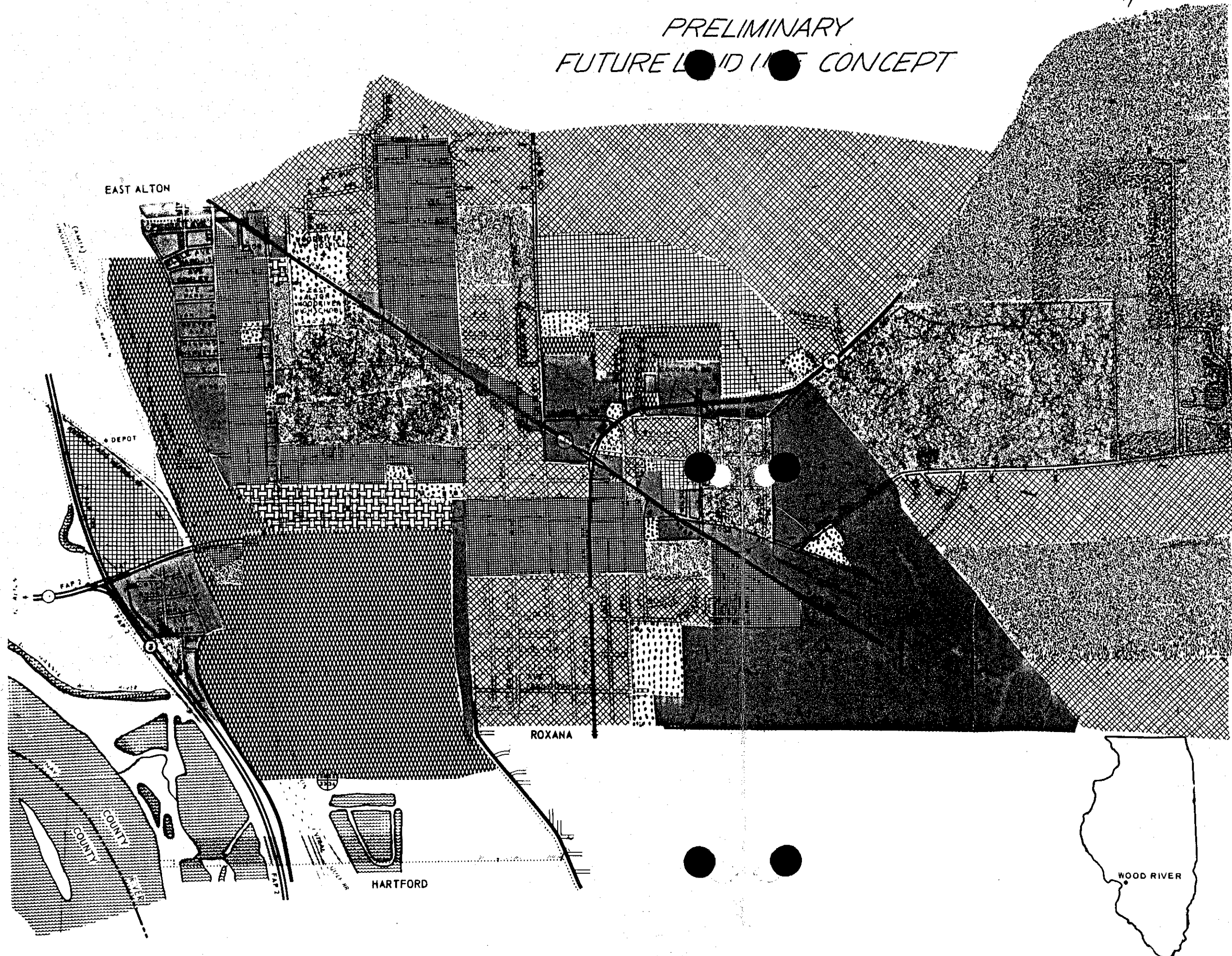
by the Wood River Police










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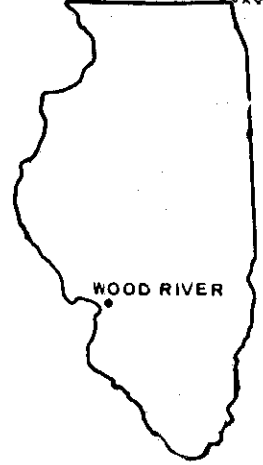
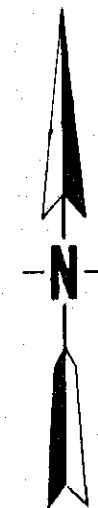
If anyone would like a meeting announcement or notice in the Pipeline for the January or March issue, please drop it by City Hall.

Do Your Holiday Shopping in WOOD RIVER!

PRELIMINARY FUTURE LAND USE CONCEPT



-  LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL
-  COMMERCIAL & MIXED USE
-  MODERATE DENSITY RESIDENTIAL
-  CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT
-  GENERAL INDUSTRIAL
-  LIGHT INDUSTRIAL
-  PUBLIC • QUASI - PUBLIC • INSTITUTIONAL
-  AGRICULTURE - OPEN SPACE - RECREATION
-  HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL



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Handicapped Accessibility

Announcement

This notice is published pursuant to the requirements of Section 51.55 of the Revenue Sharing Regulations, as published in the Federal Register on October 17, 1983. Section 51.55 prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals because of their handicapped status.

The City of Wood River, Illinois, advises the public, employees and job applicants that it does not discriminate on the basis of handicapped status in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs and activities.

The City of Wood River has designated the following person as the contact to coordinate efforts to comply with this requirements. Inquiries should be directed to:

Mr. Bill Watkins
City Manager
111 N. Wood River Avenue
Wood River, IL
254-0123

Handicapped Accessibility

Grievance Procedure

The City of Wood River has adopted an internal grievance procedure providing for prompt and equitable resolution of complaints alleging any action prohibited by the Office of Revenue Sharing's (ORS), regulations (31 C.F.R. 51.55(d) (2) implementing Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C.794). Section 504 states, in part, that "no otherwise qualified handicapped individual... shall, solely by reason of his handicap, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance..."

Complaints should be address to:

Mr. Bill Watkins, City Manager
111 N. Wood River Avenue
Wood River, Illinois
#254-0123

The City Manager has been designated to coordinate Section 504 compliance efforts.

1. A complaint should be filed in writing, contain the name, address and phone number of the person filing it, and briefly describe the alleged violation of the regulations, including the discriminating party, the basis of the complaint and the date of the alleged violation.

2. A complaint should be filed within 5 days after the complainant becomes aware of the alleged violation. (Processing of allegations of discrimination occurring before this grievance procedure was in place will be considered on a case-by-case basis.)

3. An investigation, as may be appropriate, shall follow a filing of a complaint. The investigation will be conducted by the Handicap Accessibility Committee. These rules contemplate informal but thorough investigations, afforded by all interested persons and their representatives, if any, an opportunity to submit evidence relevant to a complaint. Under 31 C.F.R. 51.55 (d) (2), the City of Wood River, Illinois, need not process complaints from applicants for employment or from applicants for admission to post-secondary educational institutions.

4. A written determination as to the validity of the complaint and description of resolution, if any, shall be issued by the City Manager and a copy forwarded to the complainant no later than 10 days after its filing.

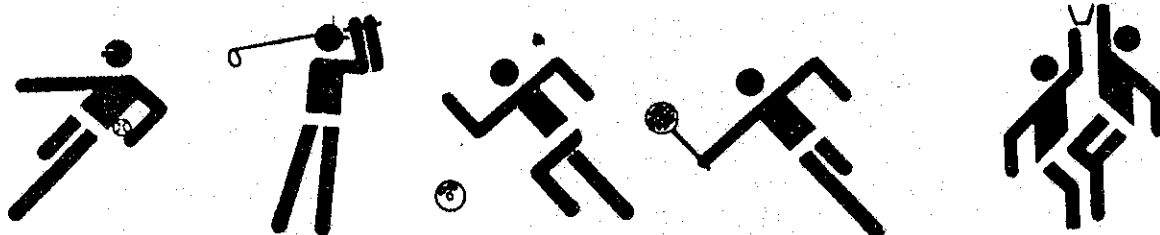
5. The City Manager shall maintain the files and records of the City of Wood River relating to the complaints filed.

6. The complainant can request a reconsideration of the case in instances where he or she is dissatisfied with the resolution. The request for reconsideration should be made within 5 days to the City Manager.

7. The right of a person to a prompt and equitable resolution of the complaint filed hereunder shall not be impaired by the person's pursuit of other remedies such as the filing of a Section 504 complaint with the Office of Revenue Sharing, U. S. Department of the Treasury. Utilization of this grievance procedure is not a prerequisite to the pursuit of other remedies.

8. These rules shall be construed to protect the substantive rights interested persons, meet due process standards and assure that the City of Wood River, Illinois, comply with Section 504 and the ORS regulations.

Wood River Recreation Programs



GYMNASTICS

Boys and Girls Ages 4-13 yrs - 8 week Sessions

Pre-School Class (4 & 5 yr olds) 30 minutes - \$10 fee

Beginners Class (6 years and older) 60 minutes - \$12 fee

Intermediate Class 90 minutes - \$18 fee

REGISTRATION HELD AT ROUNDHOUSE REC CENTER, WOOD RIVER

WINTER SESSION

Registration: Jan. 22-25, 2-5pm
Classes begin Jan.29, end Mar.23

SPRING SESSION

Registration: Mar. 19-22, 2-5pm
Classes begin Mar.26, end May 18

AEROBIC DANCE - ADULTS

8 week sessions - 60 minutes - \$15 fee

Classes Monday & Thursday Nites, 6pm and 7pm Class

REGISTRATION HELD AT ROUNDHOUSE REC CENTER, WOOD RIVER

WINTER SESSION

Registration: Jan. 22-25, 2-5pm
Classes begin Jan. 28, end Mar. 21

SPRING SESSION

Registration: Mar. 19-22, 2-5pm
Classes begin Mar. 25, end May 16

QUAD CITY SOCCER - for boys and girls 6 years thru 13 years

Registration Dates: Feb 26, 27, 28, & Mar 1, from 2 to 5 pm
Saturday, March 2 from 10am to 12pm.

Fee: \$8 - covers spring and fall play.

Register at: Roundhouse Rec Center
Keasler Building
Rox-Arena
Boys Club



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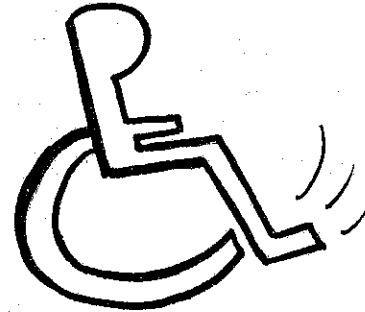
The Wood River Park & Recreation Staff

Survey for the Handicapped

In order to comply with Federal regulations, the City is making its programs, facilities and services accessible to the handicapped. We ask that all handicapped persons living in Wood River complete this survey. If you know of any handicapped person who might need help completing this survey, we ask that you help them.

The results of this survey will be used to help the City gain an understanding of what it can do to make its programs, facilities and services more accessible to the handicapped. Please mail your completed survey to:

City Clerk
111 N. Wood River Avenue
Wood River, IL 62095



- 1) What type of handicap do you have?
- 2) Which parks and recreation facilities/programs have you used in the past?
- 3) Did you encounter any physical obstacles while using any of the Parks and Recreation programs/facilities? Please describe.
- 4) What could be done to make existing parks and recreation programs/facilities more accessible to you?
- 5) What other types of parks and recreation programs/facilities would you like to see offered for the handicapped?
- 6) Have you ever encountered any physical obstacles while seeking service at City Hall? Please describe.
- 7) How could City Hall and its services be made more accessible to you?
- 8) Have you ever encountered any physical obstacles while seeking service at the Police Station? Please describe.
- 9) How could the Police Station and its services be made more accessible to you?
- 10) Is there any City service/program/facility that you have not used because it was not accessible to you? Please describe.
- 11) Do you have any other suggestions on how the City could make its programs/facilities/services more accessible to you? Please describe.



Thank you!

MANAGER'S MEMOS

Residents,
City of Wood River

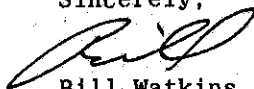
Hello:

This is the first edition of the Pipeline since my appointment as City Manager. Having been on the job for only about a month, I haven't had a chance to talk to very many City residents. I intend to change that over the next few months. I hope to have the opportunity to attend organizational meetings, and speak to as many groups as possible. I think it is important that residents know who I am and I would sincerely like to have the ability to know, on a first name basis, a large percentage of our residents. If your group or organization would have a minute at one of your meetings for me to speak, give me a call and let's set it up.

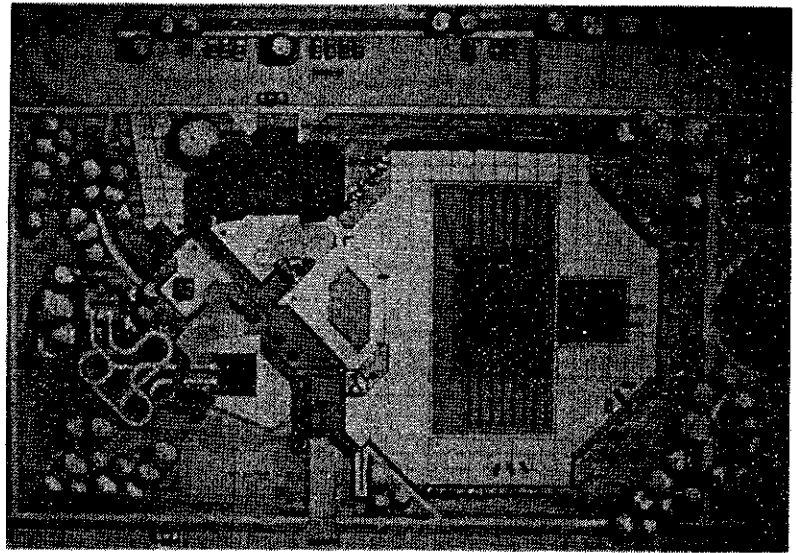
I think the most important role of a Manager is to communicate effectively with people he serves. In this issue of the Pipeline, we've started a new feature whereby we are asking residents to S.V.P. on a particular City service. I sincerely hope you'll take the time to give us your thoughts because the only way we can improve what we're doing is for the residents to give us a report card on how well we do. We also would very much like to have any suggestions for improvements.

If at any time, you have a problem with City services, City personnel, or just get the feeling that no one is listening, feel free to come straight to the top and give me a call. While I may not always be able to help, you can be assured I'll try my best. Feel free to stop by City Hall; I have an open door policy. Or give me a call at 254-0123. If I'm talking to someone else, leave your name and phone number and you can be assured I'll get back with you as soon as I can. Thanks and I look forward to talking with you.

Sincerely,



Bill Watkins
City Manager



Aquatic Center Update

What is being done to get the Aquatic Center looking like the model pictured above for you? The major task of pouring concrete for the walls and floor of the pool is being completed. Next, the pool walls and floor will have to be plastered in one day. The landscaping has begun and will be completed in the spring of 1985. Final touches are now being made on plumbing and interior work.

The targeted opening date of our Aquatic Center is June 1, 1985. It is possible that the water slide will open a couple of weeks prior to the pool opening.

WE'RE PLANNING A WET AND WILD SUMMER FOR YOU!!!!!!

Future issues of the Pipeline will give you information on season passes, fees, swim hours, employment opportunities, etc.

Serving You from A to Z

Abandoned Cars (on streets)	254-8923	Marriage Licenses	254-6768
Abandoned Cars (private prop.)	254-0123	Meals-on-Wheels	259-5621
Agency for Aging (State)	1-800-642-3859	Mini-Bus (Senior Citizens)	254-1744
Alley Maintenance	254-5822	Parks & Recreation	254-5521
Ambulance--Emergency (Medco)	254-9411	Permits (Building, Fence, Electrical, Plumbing, Signs, Demolition)	254-0123
Animal Control	254-8923	Picnic Shelter (Belk Park)	254-0123
Birth Certificates (County)	1-692-6290	POLICE EMERGENCY	254-4303
Birth/Death Records (County)	1-692-6290	Police Records	254-0558
Brush/Limbs Pick-up	254-5822	Property Taxes (Township)	259-1532
City Hall: City Clerk, Mayor, City Manager, Pub. Works Dir.	254-0123	Public Defender's Office	1-692-6200
Complaints--Litter, Weeds, Debris	254-0123	Recorder of Deeds (County)	1-692-6200
County Clerk	1-692-6290	Refuse Collection, bills & services	254-0131
Court Office (County) small claims, traffic	254-4018	Roundhouse Recreation Ctr.	254-5521
Dog Licenses	254-0131	Sewers, bills & service	254-0131
Driver's License & Plates (State)	258-0600	Sidewalk Repairs	254-0123
Employment Office (State)	466-8110	Snow Removal	254-0123
FIRE EMERGENCY	254-4301	Social Security Office	463-6565
Fire Home Safety Survey	254-4302	Streets (repairs, sweeping, lights, etc.)	254-5822
Food, Emergency (Township)	259-2366	Treasurer (City)	254-0131
Food Stamps (State)	465-4430	Township Clerk	259-7260
General Welfare Assistance (Township)	259-2366	Unemployment Office (State)	466-8221
Golf Course (Belk Park)	254-9065	Vacation Check (WR Police)	254-8923
Hospital (WR Township) EMERGENCY & Business Patient	254-3821 254-4311	Voter Registration	254-0123
Housing Assistance (Township)	259-2366	Water, bills & service	254-0131
Inspections, Building & Fire	254-4302	Zoning Variances (City)	254-0123
Inspections, Property	254-0123		
Large Items Refuse Disposal	254-5822		
Legal Assistance, low-income persons (Federal)	462-0029		
Library (Wood River Public)	254-4832		
Liquor Licenses	254-0123		
Low-Income Housing (State)	259-2366		
Maps & Plats (County)	1-692-6200 Ext. 4585		

