

City of Wood River, Illinois

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Groundbreaking ceremony for the new Wastewater Treatment Plant.

New Plant Saves City \$170,000

Phase I of the two-phase Wastewater Treatment project has gotten underway with a ground-breaking ceremony on Saturday, April 2. The project, which has been in the works for 10 years, involves the cooperation of the surrounding communities and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

The Wastewater Treatment Project will help to produce cleaner water to protect the environment and especially the Mississippi River - and, at the same time, reduce costs, thus saving you money.

The Wastewater Treatment project will save \$700,000 over previous plans; \$170,000 of this savings will go to Wood River. Also, future user fees will be 20% lower. Eighty-five percent of the cost will be paid by other sources; the City will pay only 15%.

Phase I will cost \$1,139,400. Seventy-Five percent of the cost will be paid by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, through a grant that the City received. The remaining 25% will be the shared responsibility of the contributing communities, including

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The Police Chief and two officers stand in front of two of the cars used under the new 'one officer, one car' system.

Cost Cutter: Saving Dollars On Police Cars

The Wood River Police Department is switching to a "one officer, one car" policy. Each officer will have twenty-four hour responsibility for each car.

The plan was adopted by City Council after a successful one-year pilot project using four cars. The results of the project, which are similar to results obtained in other cities, show that the one-officer-one-car system is cheaper and more effective than the system which keeps cars going 24-hours-a-day with several different drivers everyday. Here's why"

Costs

1) Car care is greatly improved. Officers are responsible for the condition of their car. The assignment of a car is a privilege, not a right. Cars are driven more carefully, watched more closely - one driver really gets to know the car well. So, cars last longer.

2) Maintenance by officers is on off-duty time. Officers make arrangements for maintenance when they feel it's necessary. On-the-job time and officer availability is improved.

3) Cars are purchased from the State Police for about \$1,600. The City spends \$700-900 to paint the cars and get them in good mechanical condition. The cars are then good for about 2 years of individual assignment.

Effectiveness

1) Pride and morale are improved. Officers get their own car and they get to know it well. Off-duty, they can drive anywhere within the City limits, as long as they have their badge and gun, and no one else in the car. This leads to;

2) Higher visibility. Off-duty officers drive and park within the community and there are more cars. Even off-duty, there is no easier, more effective message than a police car parked in your neighborhood.

3) Greater service. When off-duty, officers are still called upon to make stops if they see violations, and they are available for assists.

The entire fleet should be changed over to the new system by July. So - you should feel good about greater police car visibility - and saving about \$6,000 per year.

New Plant

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Wood River, South Roxana, Hartford, and the Kendall Hills area of Wood River Township. Phase I will be completed by April, 1984.

Phase I involves the modernization and improvement of the City's primary treatment facility at the South Main Street site.

Phase II involves a secondary treatment plant which will tie in with the Amoco Plant which is conveniently right next door to the City's primary plant on South Main.

Phase II bids will be taken some time this Summer, with construction to begin in the Fall. The project should take one year. The City of Wood River will begin operating the new combined wastewater treatment facility by about January, 1985.

One very notable fact is that Amoco donated their treatment facility to the City in July, 1982. The Amoco Plant was only 6 years old and was worth \$6,000,000 at the time. And, after giving the plant to the City, Amoco agreed to pay the City for the final treatment of water which it would have already treated.



Librarians show off their new computer - YOU can learn to use it.

Take A Byte Of Library's Apple

The Wood River Public Library has taken its first step toward entering the Computer Age. The library has purchased an Apple IIe micro-computer for patron use.

The library will be offering introductory workshops on its use on these dates:

Monday, June 6 at 7:00 PM
 Wednesday, June 8 at 7:00 PM
 Friday, June 10 at 7:00 PM

You must attend one workshop before you can reserve time and use the library's computer on your own. Patrons may also use their own software (computer programs) on the library's system.

More workshops will be offered throughout the summer. They will also be offering workshops in beginning word processing and the use of Multi-Plan, an electronic business worksheet program. For more information and to register for a workshop, call the library at 254-4832.

Reading Rainbow Program

This summer, KETC (Channel 9) and other PBS stations across the country will debut a new reading series called "Reading Rainbow". The series begins July 11 and airs Monday through Friday for three weeks at 10:30 A.M.

This entertaining, well-produced series, helps young readers retain and extend their reading skills and develop a love of books.

The library will have a T.V. on loan from Sparks T.V. of Wood River for children to come to the library and view this highly acclaimed series.

The entire collection of books that are reviewed on the series will be available at the library.

The Wood River Public Library is sponsoring a Summer Reading Rainbow Program for grades 1st through 6th which will begin about three weeks prior to the debut of the new series. Each program will start at 10:30 A.M. and will include arts and crafts, stories and films. Pre-registration is required.

The schedule of programs is as follows:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRADES</u>
June 21	1st - 2nd
June 22	3rd - 6th
June 28	1st - 2nd
June 29	3rd - 6th
July 5	1st - 2nd
July 6	3rd - 6th
July 12	1st - 2nd
July 13	3rd - 6th

For more information, call the library at 254-4832

Group Golf Lessons Offered

Beginning the second week of June, Belk Park Golf Course will be offering group golf lessons mornings and evenings. The charge will be \$26 for eight group lessons, with approximately eight students per group. The lessons include nine holes of golf with an instructor. Students should bring their own clubs, however, those without clubs may use rental clubs during lessons without charge.

Classes are open to everyone over 12 years of age.

For further information, call the Golf Course Clubhouse at 254-9065.

News Release:

Swimming Pool Will Open June 11

"Come swim with us in 1983" could be the last year we'll see. This theme has been selected to promote the Wood River Municipal Swimming Pool which will open Saturday, June 11, 1983, for the last time. Our oval shape 2 million gallon concrete tank has attracted over an estimated four million swimmers in its 54 years of operation.

Season passes go on sale at the Roundhouse Recreation Center from June 6 through June 10, from 1:00 to 5:00 PM, and at the pool beginning June 11. Prices of season passes are: children-resident \$17, non-resident \$21; adult-resident \$27, non-resident \$35. Daily admissions are \$1.25 for children and \$2.50 for adults. A Learn-to-Swim Program will cost residents \$7.50 and non-residents \$10. Learn-to-Swim sessions are scheduled for June 13 through June 24, July 5 through July 18, and July 25 through August 5.

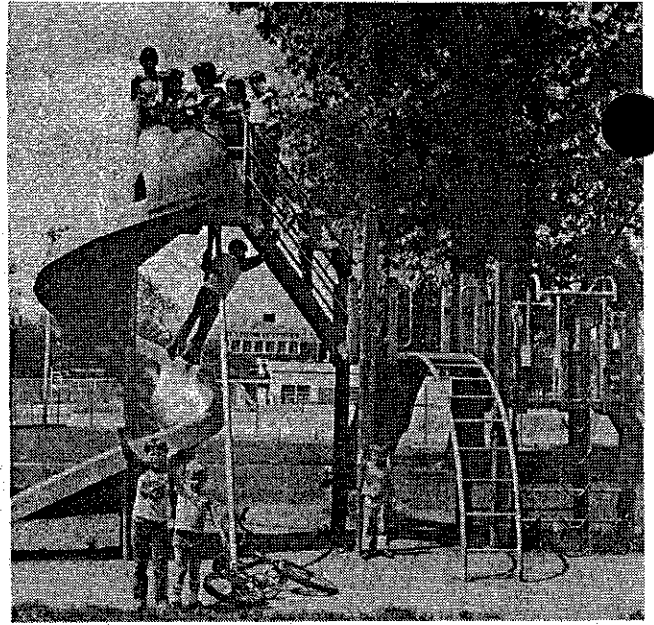
In 1983 the swim pool will be open from June 11 through August 14, weather and mechanical conditions permitting. Daily hours for public swimming are 1:00 til 4:30 P.M. and 5:30 til 8:00 P.M.

Wood River Parks and Recreation Department is taking applications for positions as life guards, cashier, locker room attendants and maintenance. Applications are available at City Hall and the Roundhouse Recreation Center. City residents are preferred and water safety certificates are required for lifeguards.

For further information, call the Roundhouse at 254-5521.

Music Under The Stars

The Wood River Municipal Band will offer a series of free evening concerts at the Central Park Bandstand from 8:00 to 9:00 P.M. every Wednesday night from June 16 to August 17. The Prophets will offer an evening of Christian contemporary music from 6:00 to 9:00 P.M. on Tuesday, June 17. The Roundhouse Country-Western Club Show will be held on Tuesday, June 28. The Eastside Dixie Allstars will play from 8:00 to 9:30 P.M. on Tuesday, July 5.



The Roundhouse's "Natureville" is popular with the kids.

Summer Recreation

SOCCER CLINIC - for boys and girls 6 years through 13 years. Sponsored by Greg Makowski, Kansas City Comets and John Stremiau, St. Louis Steamers.

July 11 through 15 - Fee \$25
Registration forms available at the Roundhouse Recreation Center.

JIVELAND - Open Monday through Saturday from 1 to 5 PM and Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evening from 8 to 11 PM. Ping pong, pool, video games, table games, music, and refreshments.

YOUTH BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

League play every Monday and Thursday evening at Jaycee Field, Lions Field and Seventh Street Park in Hartford.

ADULT SOFTBALL - Leagues & Play

Mens' Classic

Mon-Wed-Thurs at West End Park
Mon-Tues-Wed at East End Park
Wed-Fri at JC & Lions' Field

Mens' Church

Tues-Fri at West End Park

Womens' Church

Thurs-Fri at East End Park

Co-ed

Tuesday at Jaycee Field

Womens'

Tuesday at Lions' Field



Name the City's new mini-bus (shown above) and win a prize.

Name This Bus-Win \$50!

The new Wood River City Mini-Bus has arrived, and in honor of the occasion, the bus service is sponsoring a "name-our-bus-service" contest. All users of the service are eligible to enter.

The driver will supply 3 x 5 cards on which riders should write the date, their name, and their suggested name for the service. The winner will receive a \$50 food certificate from Schnucks.

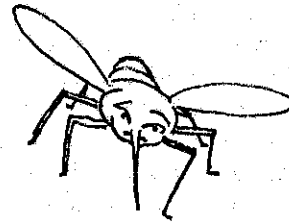
City Streets To Be Resurfaced

This Summer the City of Wood River will resurface the following streets and alleys with Meramec gravel: Acton Avenue between 9th Street and Edwardsville Road; Penning Avenue between 4th Street and 9th Street; Jennings Avenue between Eliot Avenue and 5th Street; Carringer Avenue between Whitelaw Avenue and 2nd Street; Park Lane between Willow Street and 6th Street; George Street between Edwardsville Road and Summit Street; Woodland Avenue between George Street and 6th Street; alleys south of Penning Avenue between 6th Street and Haller.

Do I Need A Permit???

During the summer months, many of us are planning to do repairs and/or construction, both inside and outside of our homes. It is important for you, as a homeowner, to remember that new additions or alternations generally require a permit from the City. Also, garage and yard sales, fence construction, etc. require permits. Permits are required to protect you - and your neighbor!

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The "Skeeters" Are Coming

Summer is almost here, and the time is coming when mosquitos will be around to bug you. There are two ways to control mosquitos:

- 1) Get'em before they grow; or
- 2) Get'em when they're already grown up.

Mosquitos lay their eggs in standing water. Without water, their eggs can't hatch. So, one way to help control mosquitos is to get rid of standing water. Old cans, pans, bottles, vases, bird baths, buckets, old tires, drums, wading and swimming pools, leaky pipes, faucets and hoses - all can provide the water that mosquito eggs need. So get rid of empty containers or change the water in the containers and repair the leaks.

A second thing you can do is follow a regular spraying program. This means not only spraying when you see or hear a mosquito, but also spraying mosquito roosting areas such as shrubs, bushes, weeds, eaves, porches, and garages on a regular basis with an approved insecticide.

Do a little preparation now, start a mosquito control program of your own, and this summer you won't be bugged by "skeeters."

Notes From Your City Inspector

It's about time for the Spring Clean-Up, so get your garages, attics and basements cleaned out. A truck will be in your area between June 6 and June 16 (exact date for your area is indicated on the map below) to pick up your trash, junk, household items, etc.

Tree limbs will be picked up only if they are cut in approximately 3' lengths and tied in bundles. Swing sets, gliders, etc., will be picked up if they are dismantled. Rocks, bricks, concrete blocks and the like will not be picked up.

Place items that are to be disposed near the location of your usual refuse pickup area.

Now, just a reminder about your weeds. They grow fast at this time of year, so keep an eye on them and keep them cut. Remember, over 8 inches tall is too tall! - and we don't want to cut them for you.

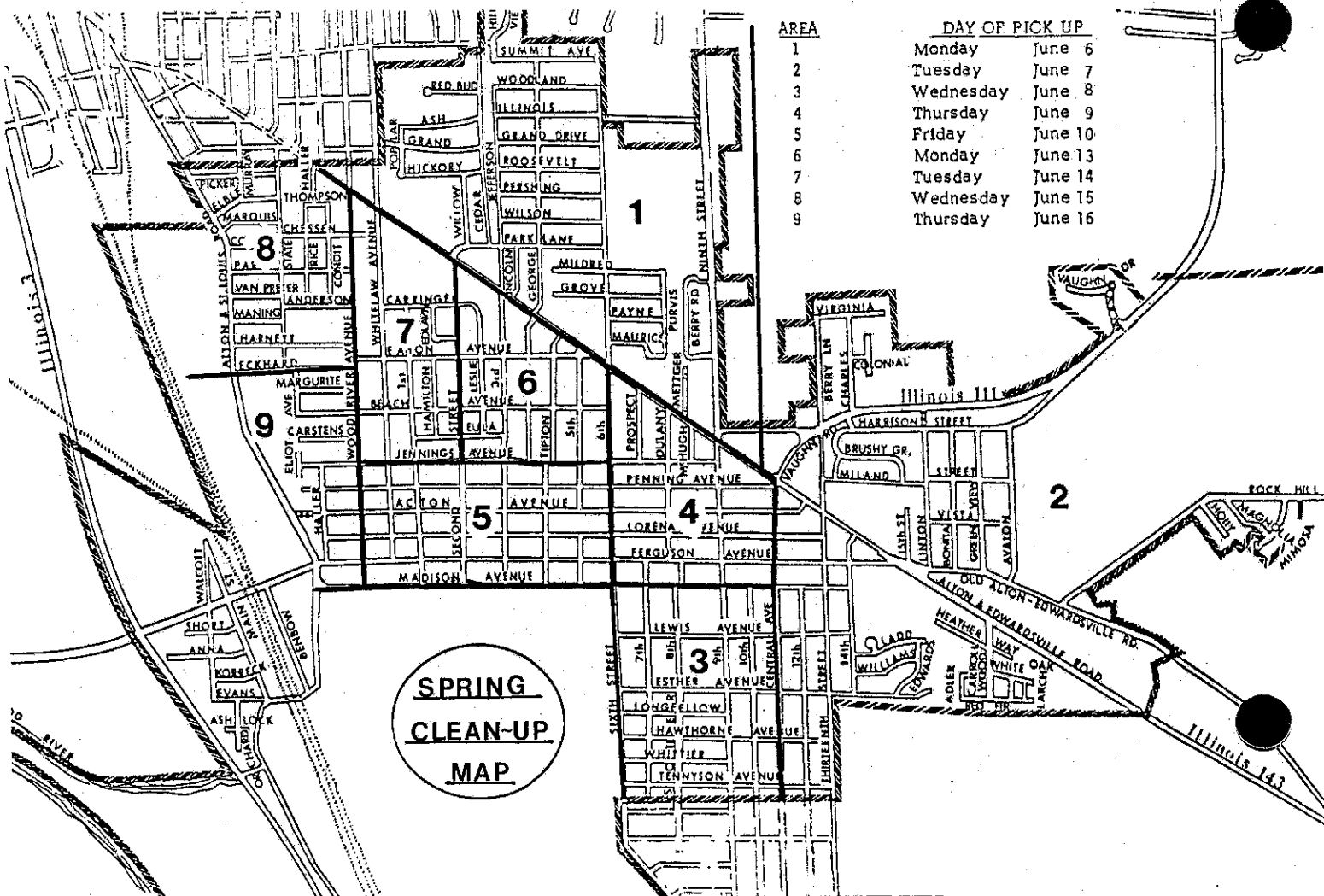
Pride Of Wood River

Did you know that the City Inspector, besides checking homes for compliance with City ordinances, also checks our homes and neighborhoods for their beauty? It's true. Wood River homes, even whole neighborhoods, are eligible to receive Pride Eye or Beautification Awards from PRIDE, Incorporated of Alton, upon nomination by our inspector (or by any citizen, for that matter). Thousands of awards are presented each year by the Homeowners & Renters Committee of Pride, Incorporated.

Your yard could receive an award for attractive flowers, shrubbery, lawns, or landscaping. Your home could receive an award for improvements such as painting, siding, decks, and patios.

Though beauty is its own reward, we'd like you to know we appreciate your efforts to make Wood River beautiful.

For more information, call PRIDE, Incorporated at 465-3525 (Alton) or call the City Inspector at 254-0123.



A "Growing" Picnic Shelter

The Building Trades class at East Wood River High School has doubled the size of the Rotary Club Picnic Shelter at Belk Park. The shelter, one of three at the park, including the Optimist & Lions' Shelters, was originally 16' x 16'. Now, it's 16' x 32'.

The project got started when the Building Trades Instructor at the High School realized that the class would finish early on a house they were building. (The class builds a house every two years.) He contacted the Belk Park Golf Course Manager about the idea of the class doing work on a building project for the City.

By working on such projects, students learn skills which can get them jobs when they graduate.

With the help of donated concrete for the pad by the Kienstra Corporation, the project began April 11. Usually 5-7 students of the 13 student class worked on the project, while the others worked on finishing touches to the house.

The expanded shelter and the other two shelters can each be reserved for special get-togethers. The reservation fee is \$15 for Wood River residents, and \$25 for non-residents. For further information and to make reservations, contact the City Clerk at 254-0123.

Volunteers in action helping to improve their community!

Building Permit

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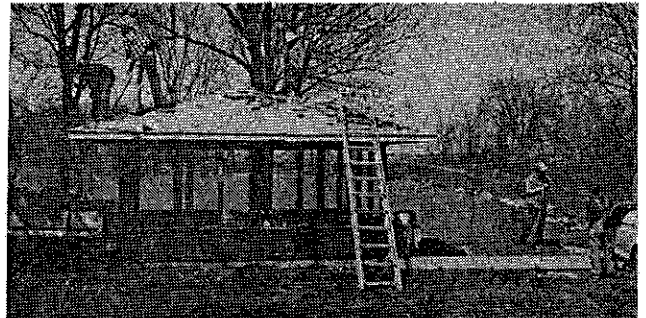
Here are some basic rules concerning permits for building construction, and garage and yard sales:

BUILDING PERMITS

1. Never assume anything! Before beginning a home improvement project, call City Hall and ask about required permits and fees for any repairs or work on buildings, plumbing, electrical, demolition, patios and swim pools.
2. All permits must be posted at the site where work is being performed. The construction of fences requires permits. Maximum heights of fences vary depending on: a) whether the property is in a residential or commercial district, and b) if the property is a corner lot.

Before...

The High School Building Trades Class begins work on the Rotary Shelter ...



...and After

... and this is the result.



GARAGE & YARD SALES

1. Permits are acquired from the City Clerk and must be visible during sales.
2. Garage and yard sales can be conducted no more than two (2) times a year, on a specific property.
3. A garage or yard sale cannot last for more than 3 days (72 hours)

Remember, when building additions or making repairs or alternation-- DO NOT ASSUME ANYTHING! Call City Hall at 254-0123 for more information regarding required permits; taking this precaution can save you time and money--resulting in a well-done job.

A Word About The PIPELINE

Welcome to the seventh issue of *The City News Pipeline*. *The Pipeline* is an information newsletter which is distributed to all City residents' homes. It's main purpose is to tell citizens of available City services, and how to best utilize what your tax dollars provide.

City officials want to hear comments on, and suggestions for stories, from City residents. So please contact City Hall at 254-0123. We hope you find *The Pipeline* both informative and enjoyable.

Gary Webster, City Manager

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How Your PIPELINE Gets To You

This issue of the Wood River Pipeline was distributed throughout the City by students of Lewis & Clark Junior High School. (They distributed the April issue, too.)

By distributing the Pipeline, the students provide a community service and earn money for some of their 'pet' projects.

For example, the students of Lewis & Clark Junior High are 'Zoo parents' to 'Virginia', an American River otter at the St. Louis Zoo. The money they got from the April issue will help support 'Virginia' for another year.

This time, some of the students will be going to Six Flags.

Our thanks go to the students of Lewis & Clark: they deserve it.

New Lime-Slaker Will Save \$12,000 Yearly

A lime-slaker is a machine which puts lime into water during the softening process. The City's 20 year-old lime-slaker has been replaced with a new one, which is more efficient, thus saving you money.

Layout and installation of the new machine was done by the Public Works Department with the aid of electrical and sheet metal contractors.

The new lime-slaker was installed in April. After only one full month (May) of operation, the machine is running 100% more efficient than the old machine. In other words, it:

- 1) uses half as much lime, so it
- 2) saves the City (you!) \$1,000 per month, so it
- 3) will pay for itself in 3 years

We're working harder and we're working smarter!

1000 Fingers Printed

Last month, the Police Benevolent Society and the Wood River Police Department sponsored a student fingerprinting program at area schools.

The program was first proposed by the Lions' Club as a way to foster police - community relations' and to provide a permanent record for identification.

Over 1,000 students were fingerprinted during May - between 60%-70% of all students.

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