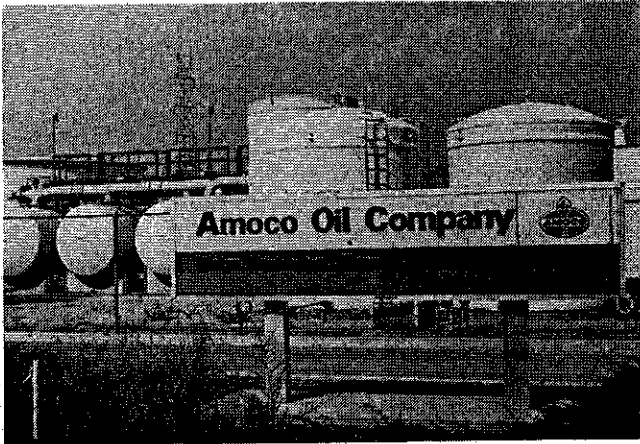


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This facility will soon belong to the City of Wood River. The new "joint plan" will allow Wood River and surrounding communities to "clean-up" the Mississippi, while reducing costs to residents (See story below).

Cost Cutters:

Clean-up for Less \$

Since the early 1970's, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) has had a mandatory order issued to the City of Wood River and many other cities. This order requires the City to improve the "clean-up" of all wastewater discharge, before being piped to the Mississippi River.

Originally it was decided that the City would have to upgrade its present primary wastewater treatment facility, and construct a new secondary treatment plant. Secondary treatment allows removal of 85-90% of pollutants found in wastewater discharge, whereas the present primary treatment system removes only about 30% of these pollutants.

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Tax Facts

1. There are 3,700 single-family homes in the City of Wood River now in the process of paying annual property taxes to the Madison County Treasurer.
2. The average tax valuation of these 3,700 single-family homes is \$7,500.
3. The total average property tax bill now being paid is \$500 - but only \$84, or about 17%, of this total bill is for City services. The other \$416, or 83%, is for schools, hospital, airport, community college, Madison County, and Wood River Township.
4. City of Wood River property taxes are only 4½% higher than those of last year.
5. Average taxes of \$84 per year paid to the City, are split for the following services:

Street maintenance	\$ 9.38
General use	\$14.35
Parks & Recreation	\$ 8.44
Employee pensions/social security	\$41.10
Police protection	\$ 7.03
Public library	\$10.72
Fire protection	\$ 7.03
Refuse collection	\$ 7.65
Other/miscellaneous	\$ 1.30
6. Property tax rates for municipal services in cities in Madison County over 1,000 population show that the City of Wood River's tax rate was 12th (#1 being the highest in cost, and #16 being the lowest).

Cost Cutters

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After much study, the consulting engineers for the City recommended the construction of a new regional sewage treatment facility, as the most cost-effective approach in meeting IEPA requirements. The plant is to be built in Wood River and serve the City of Wood River and surrounding communities of Roxana, South Roxana, Hartford, and the Kendall Hills area of Wood River Township.

The City of Wood River in cooperation with these surrounding communities, has devised a plan for the design of the system, as well as a user rate structure. All of the communities will transport their waste to the upgraded Wood River primary treatment plant, and from there all the waste will be transported to the secondary treatment facility located "next door" for better "cleaning".

New "joint plan" suggested

The plan for construction of a new secondary treatment facility appeared to be definite, until early in 1982 when another option surfaced. At that time, Amoco suggested a "joint plan" to the City of Wood River. Under this new plan, Amoco donates their under-utilized already existing, six-year old secondary treatment plant to the City. There is no need to construct a new secondary plant. However, Wood River's primary treatment plant must still be upgraded.

Basically, the "joint treatment plan" will allow Wood River to keep the same agreements with the surrounding communities, and offer reduced costs by utilizing an already existing facility.

Under the "joint plan", Amoco has agreed to:

- 1) Give the \$6 million Amoco Secondary Treatment Facility to the City of Wood River at no cost.
- 2) Continue paying for the industrial revenue bonds which were used to construct the Amoco Plant in 1976-1977, until they are paid off in the Year 2006.
- 3) Guarantee to pay Wood River a user fee based on a minimum of 2.6 million gallons of sewage per day, until the Year 2006.

Plan offers savings

After careful research and investigation of the two options, the City has decided to accept the "joint treatment plan" using the Amoco Plant. The "joint plan" will cost a total of \$3 million - whereas the original regional plan would have cost \$3.8 million for construction. In addition, the State will pay 75% of the total cost, and the remaining 25% will be the shared responsibility of the contributing communities. Each community will pay a proportion of the costs based on their expected usage of the facility.

The "joint plan" offers Wood River and its residents four key long-term advantages over the original plan, including:

- 1) A savings in sewer user fees of 20%. This represents first year savings of \$72,000. Over 20 years, this yearly savings will total to about \$2 million when accounting for inflation.
- 2) Helps Amoco maintain its present operations in Wood River, through a reduction in costs of doing business in the City.
- 3) A reduction in construction costs with local share savings of \$170,000 - or 16% less than construction under the original regional plant plan.
- 4) A guaranteed revenue source from Amoco until the year 2006. This represents \$345,000 for the first year. Over a 20-year period this amounts to approximately \$9 million when accounting for inflation.

Although agreements have been signed, it could be as long as 2½ years before Wood River actually assumes control and begins operating the joint wastewater treatment facility. During this time, the primary treatment plant in Wood River must be rebuilt, and the Amoco plant must be converted to meet local needs. However, this should not delay the construction efforts of the other communities involved in the "joint plan".

Through cooperative efforts, the City of Wood River is doing its part to "clean-up" the Mississippi River, while limiting the costs to City residents.

Watch (out for) thy Neighbor

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Every 15 seconds a prowler is entering someone's home in the United States. And, it's not just happening in large cities; it's happening in smaller communities as well. In order to safeguard your home and your family against intrusion, several burglary prevention rules should be followed. Perhaps the most important of these is to know your neighbors. A local neighborhood group is doing just that.

Several years ago, the residents of Eastwood Subdivision, located north of the hospital, began experiencing break-ins and thefts. With the help of the Wood River Police, homeowners were instructed to purchase and install solid locks on doors and windows, and to set lights on timers, particularly when they were out of town. Although these security measures did slow down the number of burglaries in the neighborhood, it by no means completely stopped them from occurring. (See Pipeline, November, '81, "Burglary Prevention", Page 7)

Neighbors go on watch

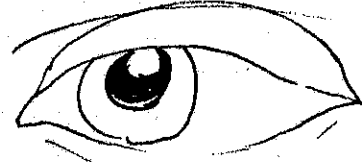
Upset about the burglaries, a group of Eastwood residents asked the Police to help them once again. This time, the Police Department offered to assist homeowners in getting a Neighborhood Block Watch Program started.

After several meetings with police early this summer, Eastwood residents began their own Neighborhood Watch Program. The strength of the program is its focus on the continually on-going cooperative and supportive efforts among the people most affected by home intrusion--the neighborhood residents themselves. Burglary is viewed not as a police or individual problem, but as a community problem. Neighbors are taught to "watch-out" for one another as well as each other's property.

The major participant in the program is the Block Captain. Block captains can be found on each block in the neighborhood. It is his/her responsibility to:

- 1) Establish contact with neighbors.
- 2) Advise neighbors of the "Block Watch Program".
- 3) Inform neighbors of current burglary problems in the area.
- 4) Invite neighbors to neighborhood or "block" meetings.

Block captains advise their block members to contact neighbors on both sides of them when they plan to go out of town. These neighbors will then "watch out" for the home while the family is away. Residents are instructed to call the police immediately if they see or hear anything suspicious. Neighbors are taught what to look for and how to report it to the police.

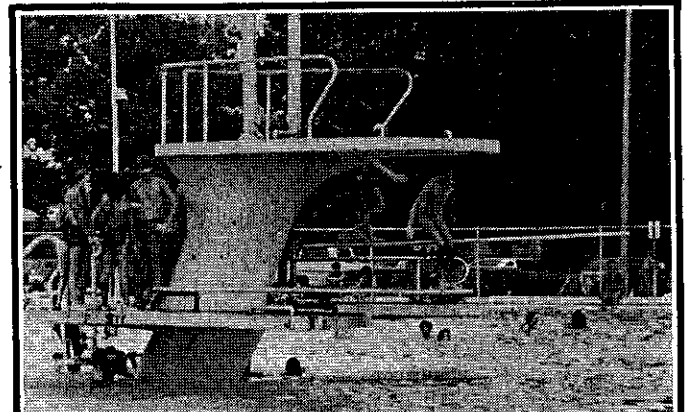


Cooperation pays off

Eastwood residents feel that the Neighborhood-Watch Program is working. "People are friendlier to one another. There is real concern among the families in the neighborhood" says one Eastwood resident, "and burglaries are very infrequent".

While the Police Department can help, the real key is the neighborhood residents. The responsibility of protecting our homes and families is on us all. Neighborhood control and concern is the surest way to keeping our neighborhoods safe for our families.

Eastwood residents are happy with their Neighborhood-Watch Program and are offering assistance to other neighborhood groups who wish to begin their own Neighborhood-Watch. Wood River residents who are interested in the program, may call Ms. Brooke Miller (an Eastwood neighborhood-watch participant) at 259-7662, or the Police Department at 254-8923. "Neighborhood-Watch" can only be truly successful when neighbors are responsible in "watching-out" for each other. Don't hesitate - start your own "Neighborhood-Watch" Program today.



Wood River area children enjoy relief from the hot summer sun, at the Wood River Pool.

Services for Seniors: Hot Lunch Program

Do you enjoy a hot meal at lunch time and some pleasant conversation? If so, the Hot Lunch Program is for you!

Five days a week, Madison County Senior Citizen's Services operates the Hot Lunch Program at various locations throughout the County.

Two sites are in the Wood River area. These sites are located at:

- 1) The Keasler Recreation Building at 3rd & Haller in East Alton; and,
- 2) The Old Schoolhouse, at Rand and Delmar Avenues in Hartford.

These sites open their doors at 10:00 a.m. and serve lunch at Noon, Monday-Friday. You are eligible to become a participant in the program, if you meet the following requirements:

- 1) You are a Madison County resident.
- 2) You are 60 years old or older, or you are the spouse of a person 60 years old or older.

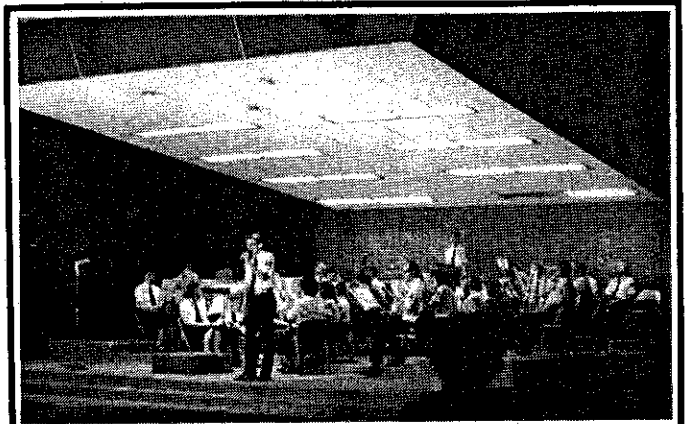
Participants of the program are asked to make a "free-will" donation. The suggested donation is \$1.00 per meal. Guests of participants are welcome, and are also required to make donations. The suggested donation for guests over 60 is \$1.00 per meal; guests under 60 are required to pay \$2.20 per meal.

Reservations required

Reservations for hot lunches are required at least one day in advance. They can be made by calling the site supervisors. Call Mrs. Nell Cross at the East Alton site -- 259-7411; and Mrs. Louise Greeling at the Hartford site -- 254-9455. Reservations are necessary, in order to ensure that each participant will receive a meal on days when she/he is coming to the site.

In addition, Wood River Township has a mini-bus, which will take senior citizens to the East Alton site only. It is necessary to call the dispatcher, Mrs. Ola Kelley at least one day in advance to reserve a seat on the mini-bus. Mrs. Kelley can be reached at 254-1744. (See story in The Pipeline, May 1982, "Services for Seniors," page 6).

The hot lunch program presently serves over 100 seniors in the Wood River area. If you wish to join for a hot mid-day meal, please call the hot lunch site above and make yourself a reservation.



The Wood River Municipal Band brings music to City residents' ears, on a cool summer evening in Central Park.

Did you know that.....

1. The Amoco Oil Refinery shutdown of 1981 reduced employment in Wood River by over 320 positions. In 1980, Amoco was responsible for 51% of the City's property tax base. Today, Amoco is responsible for only about 38% of the City's property tax base.
2. 30% of the City Budget comes from Federal and State sources.
3. The City of Wood River now has only 69 full-time employees. This is 7 less than 1980, and 4 less than 1975.
4. A building permit is required on swimming pools deeper than 2 feet, whether they are below-ground or above-ground. There are many requirements on swimming pools that a person should check on before purchasing a pool. INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE.
5. The Wood River Public Library's hours are as follows:
 - 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday - Friday
 - 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday
 Please call 254-4832 for more information.

Adventure through Recreation

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>AGES</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>FEE</u>
* <u>YOUTH ACTIVITIES</u> *			
GYMNASTICS			
Pre-School	boys and girls 4 and 5 yrs old	Wed. 6:30-7:00pm Sat. 11:30-12:00pm	\$10/8 weeks
Beginners	boys and girls 6 and older	Tues. & Thurs. 5-6pm Sat. 9-10:00pm	\$12/8 weeks
Intermediates	boys and girls 6 and older	Wed. 5-6:30pm and Sat. 10-11:30pm	\$18/8 weeks
DANCE CLASS	girls, 5 and up	Mon. 4:00, 5:00 and 6:00pm	\$10/month
Tap and Ballet			
BATON CLASS	girls, 6 and up	Sat., 1:00pm	\$12/8 weeks

(REGISTRATION FOR THE ABOVE PROGRAMS WILL BE TAKEN ON SEPTEMBER 7, 8, 9, and 10, FROM 2 to 5PM, AT THE ROUNDHOUSE REC CENTER. ALL PROGRAMS BEGIN THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13.)

YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE - Soccer teams were organized in the spring and league play begins September 11. (Boys and girls ages 6 thru 13.) Youngsters who failed to register in the spring should call the Recreation Office 254-5521 or 254-7008 for information on possible openings for fall play.

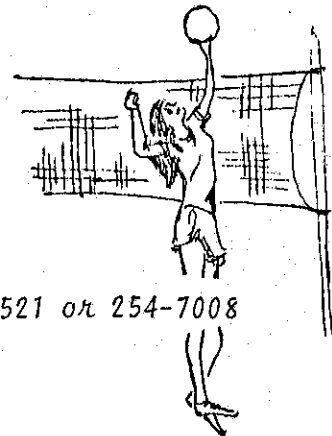
* <u>ADULT ACTIVITIES</u> *			
SQUARE DANCE LESSONS	men and women (beginners)	Tues. 7:30-9:30pm Begins Sept. 28	\$4/couple
AEROBIC DANCE	women	Mon. & Thurs. 7:00 & 8:00pm	\$15/8 weeks
LADIES EXERCISE CLASS	women	Wed. & Fri. 9:00-10:00am	\$15/8 weeks
SENIOR CITIZENS	men and women	2nd & 4th Thurs. 10:00am-3:00pm	\$3 yearly dues

(REGISTER FOR AEROBIC DANCE AND EXERCISE CLASS ON SEPTEMBER 7, 8, 9, and 10, FROM 2 to 5PM AT THE ROUNDHOUSE REC CENTER. CLASSES BEGIN WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13.)



WINTER LEAGUES

Three-Man Basketball * Teen Basketball
Women's Volleyball * Co-Ed Volleyball
- Beginning in mid-November -



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL THE ROUNDHOUSE REC CENTER: 254-5521 or 254-7008

See you at the Polls

Tuesday, November 2nd, 1982. Does the date sound familiar? It is the date for the next General Election in the State of Illinois. This is the day for all eligible voters to exercise their right to vote, and cast ballots for the candidates of their choice.

However, before eligible voters can rush to the polls and cast their ballots, they must first be registered to do so. The last date to register to vote is Monday, October 4, 1982. A person wishing to register to vote must:

- 1) Be a United State citizen.
- 2) Be at least 18 years old.
- 3) Have a minimum of 30 days continuous residency in Illinois.
- 4) Have a minimum of 30 days residency in the precinct in which one is voting.

Also, certain people will be required to "re-register". You must re-register if:

- 1) You have moved from one county or state to another; and/or,
- 2) You have changed your name by marriage or court order.

Voting registration must be done in person; it cannot be done over the telephone or by mail. Wood River residents can register at the City Clerk's Office in City Hall.

This year, the election includes filling positions at the Federal, State and County levels. The offices up for election on November 2nd are:

Federal

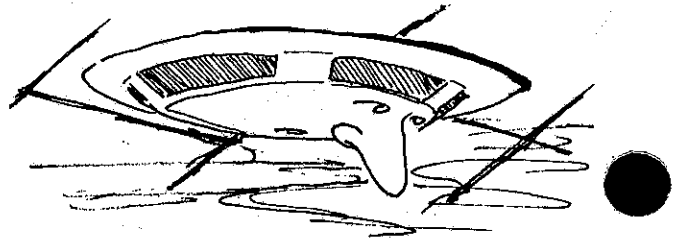
Representatives in Congress

State

County

Governor	Court Judge
Lieutenant Governor	County Clerk
Attorney General	County Treasurer
Secretary of State	County Sheriff
Comptroller	County Board Members
Treasurer	
Trustees of the U of Illinois	
State Senators	
State Representatives	

Residents can find out where their polling place is located by calling City Hall at 254-0123 shortly before the election. SEE YOU AT THE POLLS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2.



Save a Life

Do smoke detectors save lives? You bet they do! Each year, many of lives are saved because smoke detectors alerted families to fires in the home before it became too late.

In April, 1981, the Wood River Fire Department began its Smoke Detector Program. Smoke detectors are sold for \$10 each, and installed by the Fire Department free of charge. In addition to selling smoke detectors, free detectors are given to the parents of newborn babies in Wood River.

Here are the program's first year statistics:

1. Total number of smoke detectors sold: **340**
2. Total number of Wood River homes with smoke detectors: **194**
3. Percentage of Wood River homes with smoke detectors: **5%**

Up to 95% of Wood River homes may be without smoke detectors! Knowing as we do that smoke detectors can save lives, we should all take advantage of the Fire Department's Program. Every home in Wood River can and should have smoke detectors. Please, protect yourself and your family. Call the Wood River Fire Department at 254-4302.

DO IT TODAY!

Memorial Lane

A "Memorial Lane" is being developed at Sixth Street Park by the Department of Parks & Recreation. Interested citizens may arrange for the planting of a living tree in memory of a loved one. Spaces are still available for those persons wishing to have trees planted.

A payment of \$40 will entitle the contributor to a small flowering tree and an "In memory of....." plaque hung on the fence directly behind the tree. Prices may vary slightly, depending on the type of tree selected.

Honor those past -- while beautifying the present. Call the Department of Parks & Recreation at 254-5521, to make arrangements for a memorial tree at Sixth Street Park.

Knock Knock Who's there?

Door-to-door solicitation seems to pick up in the Fall, as various local organizations undertake fund-raising drives. It is important for Wood River residents to be aware that an ordinance exists which regulates this kind of "selling".

The solicitation ordinance requires the City to screen all solicitors, and to make sure that their purposes are legitimate. Basically, there are two types of solicitors who may come knocking at your door: 1. Those who are soliciting for profit; and 2. Those who are fundraising strictly for non-profit organizations. Both types of solicitors are required to go through an application and approval procedure, before they are allowed to solicit within the community.

Individuals and businesses which are soliciting for profit purposes are required to make application to the City Clerk. Intended dates and times of the solicitation must be listed, and a check is then done by the Police Department. If the application is approved, license is then issued to the individual.

Non-profit organizations who wish to solicit door-to-door, must obtain approval from the City Council. The Council screens organizations for legitimate fund-raising purposes. If they are approved, a letter of permission for solicitation is then issued.

Door-to-door solicitation is allowed in Wood River, only if the individual or organization has been approved through one of the above procedures. A license or letter of approval must be issued. Only then is solicitation allowed.

The City does its best to screen all solicitors before they enter the community. Residents also need to be aware and are encouraged to:

1. Ask to see a solicitor's license or letter of approval
2. Contact the Police or City Clerk's Office to report or check on a solicitor who hasn't a license or letter of approval.

Residents can call the City Clerk at 254-0123, or the Police Department at 254-8923, to report or check on door-to-door solicitors.



Get rid of those Leaves!

With Autumn just around the corner, Wood River residents are again faced with the problem of falling leaves. City residents have 3 options for disposing of leaves this Fall:

- 1) Bag your leaves, and put out with regular refuse for pick-up.
- 2) Burn your leaves. Burning is allowed only from mid-September to mid-May; and, only during daylight hours when winds are less than 10 m.p.h. Burning must be done on private property (not in streets or alleys), must be supervised, and a water hose must be on hand to extinguish fire if necessary.
- 3) Rake leaves to curbside (to be picked-up by the City), only during the City's "leaf pick-up schedule". Do not rake leaves to curbside at any other time, as problems have occurred in the past by leaves being caught in the sewer system after storms. (Check local newspapers for Schedule times and locations, during October and November.)

The "leaf problem" can be taken care of efficiently and safely, if we all do our part.

A Word About the PIPELINE

Welcome to the fourth issue of *The City News Pipeline*. *The Pipeline* is a quarterly 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 continue to 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 Michael McClintock
Councilman Robert Stocker



Reminder: After the Storm

The Department of Public Works wants to remind residents that brush and limbs will be picked up within several days following a major storm. If residents want their brush and limbs to be picked up after a storm, they must:

- 1) Cut brush and limbs into "manageable" lengths for a man to carry. Entire trees will not be picked up, unless they are cut down to size.
- 2) Place limbs and brush out at curbside.

REMEMBER: brush and limbs will be picked up after major storms. So get them out at your curb immediately following the storm!

Coming Community Events

- 1) FIRE PREVENTION WEEK
October 3rd-9th. Lectures and demonstrations will take place in all grade schools in the area. Children will be taught how to prevent fires both in and out of the home.
- 2) FINAL DAY OF VOTER REGISTRATION
Monday, October 4th, residents wishing to vote in the November General Election must register at City Clerk's Office in City Hall.
- 3) GENERAL ELECTION FOR FEDERAL, STATE & COUNTY OFFICES
Tuesday, November 2nd, all registered voters may vote on this day. Polling locations can be obtained from City Hall at 254-0123. District and candidate information can be obtained by calling the County Clerk's Office at 1-694-4482.

City of Wood River Monthly Meeting Dates at City Hall

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

*Wood River residents are encouraged to participate in the above meetings. Your ideas and views are always welcomed. Always call 254-0123 in advance to confirm times and dates, if you plan to attend meetings.

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