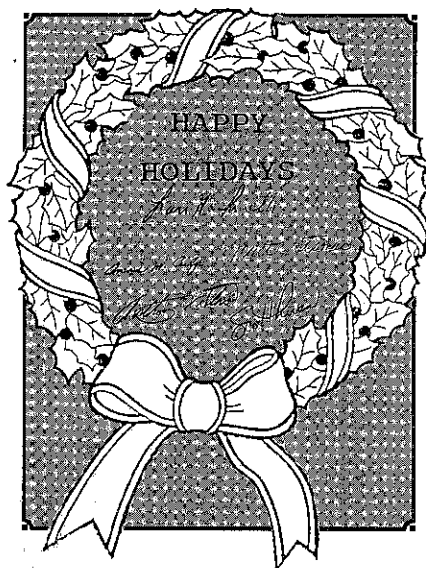




City of
**WOOD
RIVER**

PIPELINE

December, 1993



Downtown Improvements Dedication

Mid-October ushered in the long, awaited finish to improvements in the downtown business district, while the Chili Cookoff brought thousands to see the facelift and enjoy the festivities. Compliments have been generous regarding the results of the project, and everyone is proud of the final product.

Thiems Construction of Edwardsville was contractor on the job, which was designed by AAI/Campbell of Collinsville/St. Louis. Over 7,000 feet of new sidewalks, curbing and guttering, 3000 tons of asphalt and 150 new street lights were needed for the project, and 27 basement vaults had to be sealed and waterproofed before sidewalks could be poured. Over 600 feet of conduit was required for street lighting. It was a big job and it turned out great! A plaque commemorating the reconstruction is being installed in the near future.

NEW CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS ON FERGUSON AVENUE



Pictured above are Lt. Mark Burris and POC Firefighter Mark St. Peters putting up new Christmas lights in the downtown area. Congratulations to Downtown Wood River Development Group for helping make our community attractive.

PARKS & RECREATION



Winter Programs

Breakfast with Santa!

It's that time again!!! Our annual **Breakfast with Santa** will be held at the Roundhouse on Saturday, December 11, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., for Wood River residents. Mrs. Claus will also be present, so kids have your lists ready. Pictures can be taken for \$3.00 each. Adult plates are \$3.00 and include 3 sausage links and 3 pancakes and juice, milk or coffee to drink. Child plates are \$2.00 and include 2 sausage links, 2 pancakes and juice or milk to drink. Hope to see you all there. Reservations will not be taken.

Calls & Letters from Santa

The enclosed insert explains how you can have Santa write or call your children. Please fill it out and return it to the Roundhouse before December 8.

Trip to Winter Wonderland

A special Christmas light tour will be offered on December 17. Children must be accompanied by an adult 16 years of age or older. Cost is \$2.50 each, this includes minibus transportation and admission through Winter Wonderland in Tilles Park (Ladue County). Departure will be at 6:30 p.m. from the Roundhouse. Bus will return around 8:30 p.m. Register at the Roundhouse during regular business hours. Registration deadline is 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 15. Minimum of 20 people required.

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Hidden Valley Ski Trip

Our annual Hidden Valley Ski Trip for adults is scheduled for January 22. Register by 5:00 p.m. January 7, at the Roundhouse. Departure time will be 6:45 a.m. and returning time will be approximately 3:30 p.m. There will be doughnuts, milk and coffee served at the Roundhouse prior to departure. The cost of this event will be \$40.00 per person. This includes bus transportation, snow pass, rental equipment and a lesson. Actual ski time will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Gymnastics

Session IV of our gymnastics program will begin January 6. Practices are held once a week for most classes with sessions lasting five weeks. Registration will begin December 20. **PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THE PRE-SCHOOL CLASS**, which will be offered if there are at least 10 participants.

Ice Skating

Once the ice is ready, we will be offering chaperoned ice skating to anyone bringing a pair of skates to Helmkamp lake, located at the intersection of Route 3 and Route 143. We will post a sign advising of safe skating conditions. Our designated times for

skating are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursday evenings from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Ladies Exercise

Ladies exercise classes are being offered at the Roundhouse on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9-10 a.m. in five week sessions. These classes are continuous and will run through May.

Aerobics

Evening aerobics are being held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-7 p.m. at the Roundhouse in six week sessions. These classes are continuous and will run through May.

Rules of the Road

Rules of the Road is provided free through the Secretary of State's Office and the Recreation Department. It is geared toward Senior Citizens, although others may attend. Classes are held at the Roundhouse on the following Tuesdays:

Dec. 14, Feb. 8, April 9

Senior Adult Program 55+

Residents age 55 and over are invited to join in fun activities for an annual fee of \$10.00. Meetings are held at 10 a.m. on the second Thursday of each month. Lunch is provided for Mother's Day, Father's Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. On the

other months, a meat will be provided and you are asked to bring a covered dish. Lunch is usually followed by Bingo or some type of entertainment.

Wood River Recreation Saturday Matinees

The Roundhouse will be offering a FREE showcase of "G" rated movies for 1st thru 5th grade students only. Bring your children to the Roundhouse for a fun time. Limited seating available. First come, first serve. popcorn and soda will be available for \$.50 each. Children will not be allowed in the building before 1:45 p.m. and must remain in the building until 4:00 p.m. unless a parent/guardian picks them up. The movie will begin promptly at 2:00 p.m. Please pick your children up by 4:00 p.m. Movie matinees will be held on the following dates: January 8 and February 1.

The Parks & Recreation Department will be sponsoring the above special events this winter. For more information please call 251-3130, Monday thru Friday, 8-12 and 1-5 p.m.

City Tax Rate

The Wood River City Council is holding the line on taxes, with Council members adopting the same projected tax rate as last year. Wood River has had a rate of \$1.36 to \$1.40 over the past four years, with the City maintaining a constant rate as prices and mandated expenses continue to soar.

The projected rate for 1993 is \$1.38 per each \$100 of assessed value. Fortunately, after years of decline, the City's total assessed value has edged up a little, so that our projected assessed value is now equal to that of 10 years ago, before Amoco shut down its refining operation.

State law requires that the City set the tax before the annual budget is prepared. The rate set in 1993 is for taxes to be paid in July of 1994. The 1994-95 budget will not be adopted until April of 1994, and the tax levy will have already been set.

If this sounds confusing, it is! Under any circumstance, the Council has said that the City will have to live with the present levy, and property owners can count on that.

From the Wood River Police Department Holiday Reminders

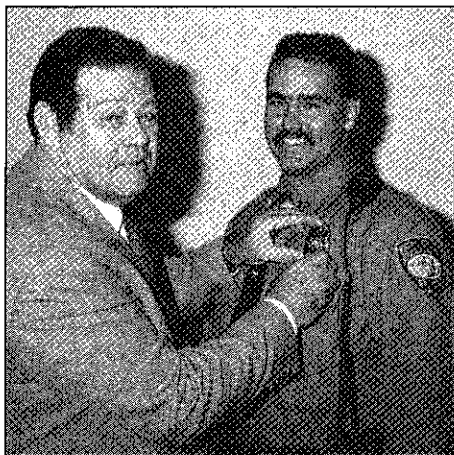
1. Park your vehicle at well-lit locations, lock it, and pocket the keys.
2. Place all packages in the trunk of your vehicle.
3. Carry your purse under your arm.
4. Retain or destroy all credit card carbons.
5. Do not allow young children to be on their own. If they become lost from you, instruct them to contact a store employee.
6. When you leave, make sure your home appears occupied. Leave lighting, radio or T.V. on, and be sure to lock all doors.

If you plan to be out of town for the holidays, contact the Police Department at 251-3113, and we will make arrangements to check your home while you're away.

BUCKLE UP AND DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE



Introducing. . .



The City welcomes **Mark Ringering**, the newest member of the Police Department. Mark accepted his badge from Mayor Smith at a recent Council meeting, and is now receiving in-service training from a FTO (field training officer) within the department.

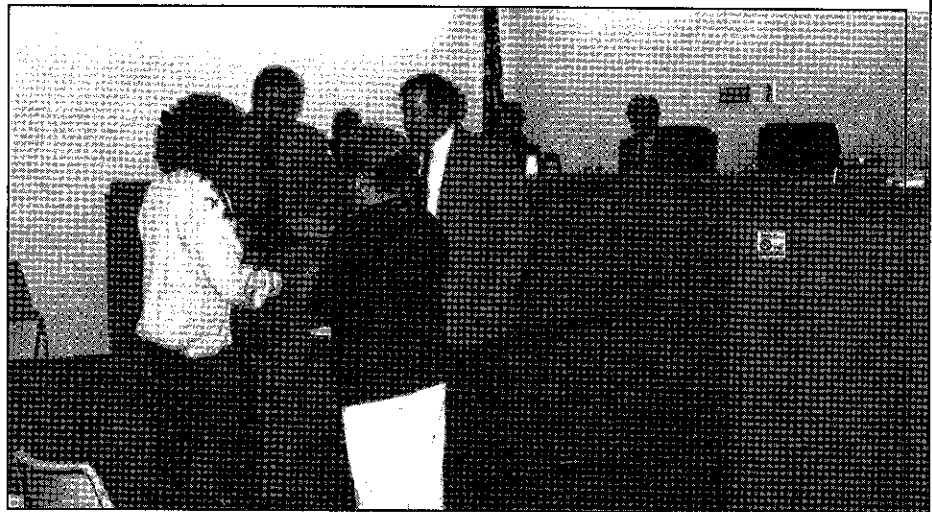
A graduate of Edwardsville High School, Mark has a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from SIUE, and has attended the University of Illinois Police Training Institute.

In his leisure time, Mark enjoys sports and played baseball while attending SIUE. He will be an asset to our community, and to our Metro Police Benevolent softball team.

Parking Lot #1 Improvements

Landscaping at the main parking lot between Wood River Avenue and First Street is nearing completion. Dirt has been added to shape a berm similar to that of the newer parking lot, between First and Second Streets. City crews have excavated a storm drainage trench and filled it with rock. Irrigation and landscaping work is now complete, and curb stops are to be added. Street lights on Madison and parking lot lights will be reworked for a pleasing appearance.

These improvements have been a shared expense between the City, as part of TIF improvements, and the Wood River Downtown Redevelopment Corporation, which has contributed over a third of the \$30,000 project cost. The two Madison Avenue parking lots enhance the new image of downtown Wood River.



The Police Department has received a new piece of equipment, a breathalyzer machine, from Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD of Madison County). The families of accident victims Bobby J. Hansen and Daymond West presented the machine to Mayor Lon Smith and Chief Chuck Nunn during a recent Council meeting.



Christmas Tree Recycling

If you're wondering how to dispose of your Christmas tree when the holidays are over, you'll be glad to know that trees will be accepted at the 14th Street Recycling Center at no charge. The center is open Friday, Saturday, and Monday from 8 - 4, and on Sunday from noon to 4, including Dec. 26 and 27.



Hall Of Fame



Front Row, Left to Right: Gene Chmielewski, Delmar Gusewelle, Keith Jackson, Charlie Hall, Fred Gillian, Bill Mundy. Back Row, Left to Right: Bob Miller, Bill Miller, Ray Weshinsky. Not Pictured: Tim Barrett, Sam Dorsey, Paul Westerhold, Bob Jackson.

The Hall of Fame recognition in this issue goes to two divisions of the Parks & Recreation Department: **Belk Park Maintenance and Park Maintenance.** Both divisions have supervised and completed an array of important projects this season.

Charlie Hall and the golf course maintenance staff deserve much credit for the excellent condition of our golf course. The maintenance staff did an excellent job keeping our course open and disease free this past summer, which was threatened due to the rain and high humidity. They also supervised the installation of a new irrigation system, landscaped the clubhouse, and improved the park and shelter areas around the lake.

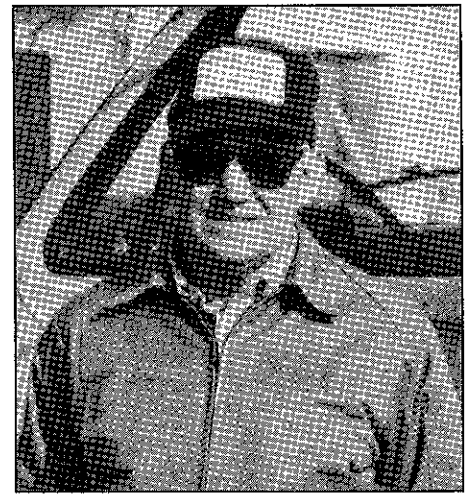
Fred Gilliam and the park maintenance staff had numerous projects as well. Bill Mundy welded the hardware and mount-

ing post for the new Benbow Field scoreboard. Bill also restored the old Benbow City jail used by the mayor in the chili cookoff. The park maintenance staff landscaped the downtown parking lots along Route 143 (Madison Avenue) and assisted with the landscaping at Belk Park Clubhouse. Other projects included building new dugouts at Emerick Sports Complex, installation of a new irrigation system at Central Park, and construction of a dumpster containment area at the Aquatic Center.

Department Director Jeff Stassi said "Our staff in Golf Course Maintenance and Park Maintenance should be proud of the number of fine accomplishments they have completed this year. They are hard working and dedicated to their jobs."

Bill Ruyle Retires

Beginning January 1, the Street Department will be operating without the services



of Bill Ruyle. Bill is retiring after 16 years of service. For the past several years, he has been the City's official street sweeper operator.

Bill says he has enjoyed all aspects of his work, particularly the opportunity of working outdoors. He stated he will miss the job, but most of all will miss the "guys" in the department.

Retirement plans include catching up on a lot of "honey do" jobs and other work around the house.

Bill has been a valuable, hardworking employee and will certainly be missed. Congratulations and best wishes to Bill and his wife Fayne as they look forward to enjoying their leisure time together.

Farewell To Tom Amburg

The City and the Fire Department bid a fond farewell to Firefighter Tom Amburg, who is retiring after 23 years of service. In addition to being the station's "master chef", Tom's gentle demeanor and easygoing nature made him a calming influence at the worst fire.

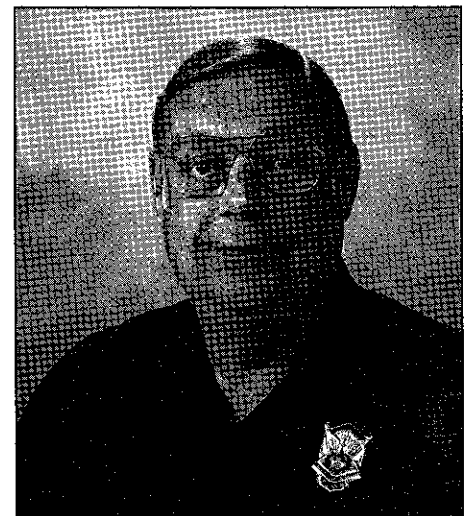
Tom was actively involved in the implementation of the Southern Illinois Arson Investigators, and in 1978, the Wood River Fire Department was awarded the first Golden Flame Award for investigation in a major arson fire. Tom was named an Advanced Arson Investigator by the State of

Illinois in 1981.

A former ambulance attendant for Mark's Mortuary, Tom carried his emergency training to the department and was one of the City's first Emergency Medical Technicians. In 1989, he and coworker Tom Whalen received Exceptional Service Citations for saving the life of a young woman who had lapsed into cardiac arrest.

It would be hard to choose which of Tom's attributes will be missed most. One thing is for certain.... he will be missed.

We all wish him the best in his retirement.



Library News

The Wood River Public Library is the recipient of a second Library of America grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. The grant will add the next ten volumes of the series, the only definitive collection of America's greatest writers, as they are published. The additional volumes will supplement the 60 Library of America volumes received from the Mellon Foundation in 1988.

Later this year the Library will receive two volumes of 19th Century American poetry, a landmark 2,000 page anthology presenting for the first time the great range of America's poetic voices. Contents range

from "Casey at the Bat" to Emily Dickenson; from "The Star-Spangled Banner" to "Go Down Moses", and include poetry of native Americans.



**The Library
of America**

Other volumes the library will receive are the travel writings of Henry James, the works of Sinclair Lewis and Sarah Orne Jewett and the collected poems of Ralph Waldo Emerson.

The Friends of Wood River Public Library pledged \$150 to help the library meet grant requirements. If you are interested in joining the Friends of the Library, please call Membership Chairman Ada Pauketat at 259-0914.

Police/Fire Department Project H.E.A.R.T Activities

Gail Lamers, representing Wood River Township Hospital Project H.E.A.R.T., Officer Jim Chapman, representing the Wood River Police Department, and Lt. Mark Burris, representing the Fire Department announce the following holiday activities.

December 11

ADOPT-A-GRANDPARENT'S DAY

A free Christmas turkey dinner will be served to senior citizens of Wood River Township at the Wood River Township Hospital from 11 AM - 1 PM on December 11. For a reservation, call 254-3821, Ext. 197 between 10AM-11AM on December 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8 or 9.

December 13 - 7:00 P.M.

SANTA'S STORY HOUR

Children are invited to Manley Auditorium at the Wood River Hospital for Santa's Story Hour. You will be inspired as Art Northway tells the **REAL STORY OF CHRISTMAS**. Children will also receive a stocking and other treats.

December 15

SANTA ARRIVES by horse and carriage at Wood River Township Hospital at 3:00 P.M. Children may have their picture taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus for \$2. Food baskets prepared for the needy will also be judged at this time, and then given to the Fire Department to distribute.

December 18

FOOD BASKETS

The Wood River Firefighters Association prepares food baskets for those families in need. They coordinate with Project H.E.A.R.T. and the Police Department for delivery of the baskets. Last year 75 baskets were delivered to those families recommended by the Salvation Army and Operation Blessing.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY

December 8 - 3:30 PM - Grades 1-8

Story: The Christmas Box

Film: Frosty the Snowman

Craft: Reindeer hats and Christmas fun sheets

December 18 - 10:30 AM - Pre-school Program - Ages 3-5

Story: Tosca's Christmas

Flannel Board Story: A Christmas Star

Film: Santa's Toys

Craft: Santa puppets

Plus visitors from the North Pole

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

LIBRARY HOURS:

Mon-Fri: 10AM - 8PM

Saturday: 10AM - 5PM

New Faces In The Fire Department

The four newest faces at the fire station are Brian Crawford, who has been appointed a fulltime firefighter, and Paid-on-Call members Pat Silvey, Mark Burris, Jr. and Scott Grigaitis.

Brian Crawford, who replaces retiring Firefighter Tom Amburg, has been a Paid-on-Call Firefighter for three years and has completed training as State

Certified Firefighter II and Certified Fire Apparatus Engineer. The son of Police Officer Terry Crawford, Brian is also an Emergency Medical Technician, having worked previously for Life Force Ambulance.

The three new Paid-on-Call firefighters were selected following a rigorous testing process. Pat Silvey previously served with the Rosewood Heights Fire Department

and Mark Burris, Jr. becomes a 4th generation firefighter for the City. Silvey, Burris and Grigaitis have completed Firefighter II training and Pat Silvey is also a member of the Southern Illinois Arson Investigators.

We are pleased to welcome these skilled firemen.



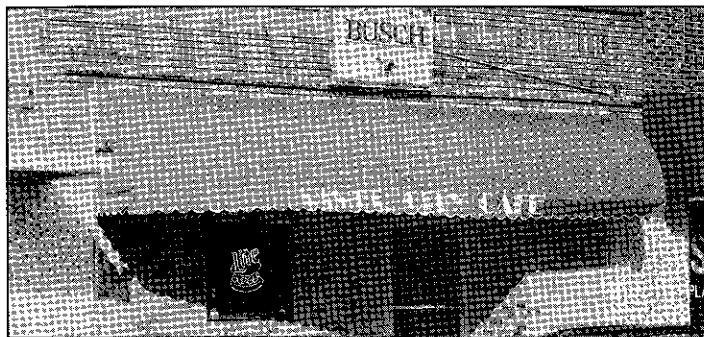
Common Sense Tips for Holiday Safety

From the Fire Department

Christmas Season is a wonderful time of the year. The last thing we would like to think about or deal with is an emergency. The fire department is keenly aware of the always present potential for dangerous situations. They feel extra precautions need to be taken during the holidays and offer the following common sense tips.

- Use the 9-1-1 service for all emergency calls.
- Check all smoke detectors for fresh batteries.
- Choose a live tree that is not too dry and water it daily.
- Use only tree lights that carry U.L. label.
- Make sure the tree stand has a wide base and is sturdy.
- All fireplaces should have a clean flue and be protected inside by a safe screen.
- Overloaded electrical sockets are extremely dangerous.
- Inspect extension cords for cracks or shorts.
- Make sure extension cords are heavy enough to carry the load.
- Extension receptacle bars with circuit breakers are your best bet.
- Be careful when decorating with Poinsettia and Holly; they are poisonous when ingested.
- Make sure all steps and walkways leading to your home are safe for walking.

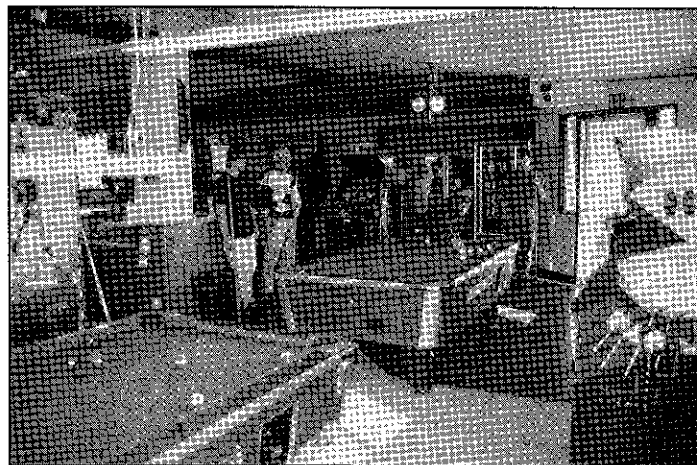
Introducing New Businesses in Wood River . . .



RIVER CITY CAFE is the latest business to open in our newly renovated downtown business district. Located at 27 E. Ferguson Avenue, the combination tavern/cafe is operated by Rodger and Sandra Taylor and Bob and Carolyn Drake.

The River City Cafe features a family atmosphere and serves a delightful variety of appetizers, soup, salads, and sandwiches. Daily specials include hot wings on Tuesdays, fish dinners on Fridays, and Porterhouse steaks on Sundays.

Stop in and wish them well and ask about their homemade pie.

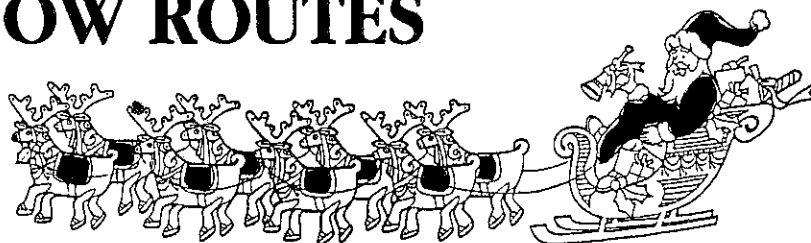


Now you can play games as well as rent games at **MOVIE EXPRESS** at 901 Edwardsville Road. The business has expanded by opening an amusement arcade in the former Odie's building, adjacent to their video store. The arcade features the very latest in video and pinball machines, as well as two pool tables. They will be happy to have you stop by.

SNOW ROUTES

When snow and ice cover the City, snow removal equipment is dispatched to clear the roadways for safe and easy access for travelers. The first priority is to remove snow from the arterial streets that are heavily traveled—these are called snow routes. Streets designated as snow routes are listed below.

Old St. Louis Road	Ferguson Avenue
Lorena Avenue	Acton Avenue
Wood River Avenue	Beach Avenue
Eaton Avenue	Edwardsville Road
Sixth Street	Ninth Street
East Rock Hill Rd.	Rock Hill Rd.
Holly Drive	Magnolia Drive
Mimosa Lane	



Please remember, when we have a snow storm of two (2) inches or more accumulation, it is unlawful to park a vehicle on a snow route until said streets are cleared. So, if snow is predicted during the night and you live on a snow route, please move your vehicle off the street before you retire for the evening.

Parking on snow routes has been one of our biggest problems in snow removal. Crews must plow next to the curb to take

care of our traffic needs. If you don't move your vehicle, the City cannot plow the streets in an acceptable manner.

The City will enforce the snow route ordinance by ticketing and towing vehicles parked on the snow routes. If a snow begins during the night, cars will not be ticketed until the next morning. If cars are not moved in one day, vehicles will be towed, at owners expense, so streets can be cleared.

We ask everyone's cooperation.

A Tribute To Service

Congratulations to the following City employees who are recognized for their service anniversary during 1993.



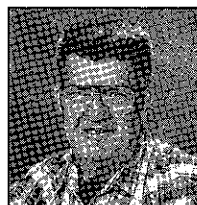
20 Years
Terry Crawford
Police Officer



15 Years
Rick Dwiggin
Water Serviceman I



15 Years
David George
Police Officer



10 Years
Evan Nelson
Custodian



25 Years
Bob Borman
Fire Lieutenant
Picture Not Available



20 Years
Mike Hendricks
Laborer
Picture Not Available

BEAT THE HEAT WITH A SUMMER VACATION!!!

HAVE YOU HAD IT WITH THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE OF CHRISTMAS SHOPPING?
YOU DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO WAIT IN LINES AT THE MALL?
WORRIED ABOUT WHAT TO GET THE PEOPLE ON YOUR CHRISTMAS LIST?

COME TO THE ROUNDHOUSE AND BUY YOUR SEASON PASS AT INCREDIBLE SAVINGS!!!

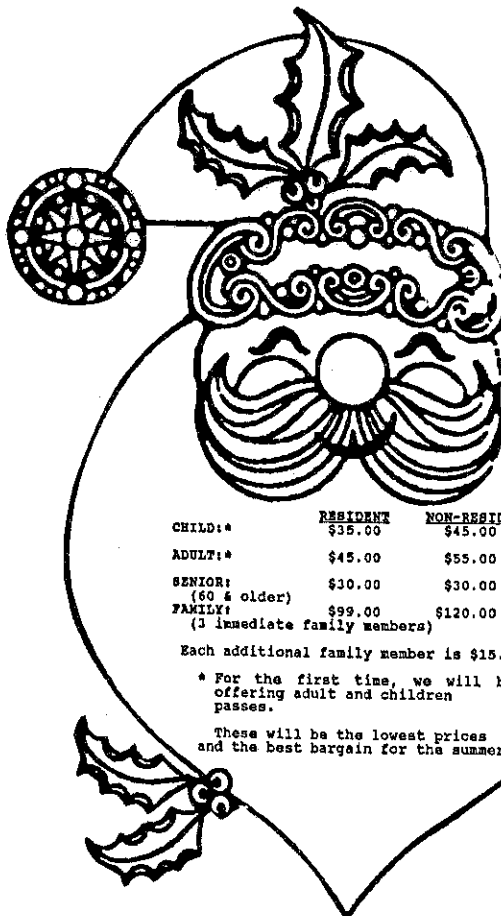
TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE SPECIAL RATES WHILE THEY LAST.

The following examples of savings are based on resident fees.

i.e. \$35.00/res. child/105 dys. = \$.30/visit
normally \$2.50/visit - a savings of \$227.50/year
i.e. \$45.00/res. adult/105 dys. = \$.43/visit
normally \$4.00/visit - a savings of \$375.00/year
i.e. \$99.00/res. family of 3/105 dys. = \$.94/visit
normally \$9.00/visit - a savings of \$846.00/year
(based on 1 parent and 2 children)

The pool is scheduled to be open approximately 105 days per operating season.

If you have any questions, please contact us at 251-3130.



	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT
CHILD:*	\$35.00	\$45.00
ADULT:*	\$45.00	\$55.00
SENIOR: (60 & older)	\$30.00	\$30.00
FAMILY: (3 immediate family members)	\$99.00	\$120.00

Each additional family member is \$15.00.

* For the first time, we will be offering adult and children passes.

These will be the lowest prices and the best bargain for the summer.

SPECIAL!!!
This coupon is good for
ONE FREE WATER SLIDE BRACELET
for each season pass purchased
before December 31, 1993.

Message from the City Manager

By Barrett Jones

Business/Industrial Park Developments

Some giant steps have been taken to make our business/industrial park a reality. Don't expect to see industrial plants going up right away, but after years of plodding through paperwork, some tangible results are on the horizon.

In September, the City advertised for proposals on a specific site north of Koch Nitrogen. Although no proposals were received for that site, interest was generated in an adjoining location.

The River Bend Growth Association is still working with a potential prospect regarding the first site. If these two businesses locate in the new park, this will facilitate adequate funding for an entrance road that will open the whole park to display.

In the next few months, the City will be forming a new Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district, which will include the Industrial Park. Information will be distributed to the public and to all taxing districts explaining the TIF structure.



COUNCIL CORNER

As the New Year approaches, the City Council looks forward to exciting challenges. With the new Clark Bridge near completion and work underway on the I255 extension, the Council will focus its attention on the business park property on Route 3 & 143 and explore development possibilities.

Past Councils have realized the vast potential this property offers in the recruitment of new business and industry to Wood River. New transportation links soon to be completed will provide Wood River with an opportunity to make the business park and the City itself a crossroads of exciting happenings.

The newly completed downtown project has not only improved the appearance of the area, but has encouraged many business owners to improve their facades and upgrade their buildings. You will see many more changes as interest grows in downtown.

As a new member of the City Council, I feel we must do what we can to increase business and industry to bring additional jobs and revenues to the City. With additional revenue, the City can continue to provide and improve services to the citizens of Wood River without overloading the taxpayers.

I see 1994 as an eventful and exciting year for the City of Wood River.

Season Greetings,

Councilman Matt Stimac

HALLOWEEN PARADE

Wintry weather didn't keep spectators away from Wood River's 12th annual Halloween Parade. Crowds lined the streets to view the many floats, school bands, Rolling Nobles, beauty winners, prom queens, and the assortment of ghosts and goblins who distributed candy along the parade route.

This year, the parade's Grand Marshal was former Fire Chief, ERV THIEN, who has served the City for 32 years as a member of the Fire Department and Building Inspector. He and his wife, Lestine, led the parade through town and distributed the prizes at the reviewing stand.

Erv, a veteran of World War II and the Korean War, is now fully retired and spends time enjoying his 11 grandchildren and traveling with his wife.

Many thanks to Firefighter Dana Emerick, his committee, and the Firefighter's Association for a great job.