



City of
**WOOD
RIVER**

PIPELINE

May, 1995

Aquatic Center Opens May 27

Save On Pool Passes

Season passes are available at the Recreation Department, at 1994 rates, until 5 p.m., May 26. The following sale rates apply:

	W.R. Residents	Non Resident
Child	\$35.	\$45.
Adult	\$45.	\$55.
Sr. Citizen (60+)	\$30.	\$30.
Family (3 members)	\$99.	\$120.
each additional family member	\$15.	\$15.

(Includes immediate family members only.)

Swim Lesson Registration Schedule

Aquatic Center

May 27: 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

June 3: 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Roundhouse

May 20 & 22: 9-11 a.m.

•Swim Lessons

The Aquatic Center conducts a complete series of public swimming lessons following the American Red Cross Aquatics Program. Students successfully completing a swim course will receive a Red Cross certification card. Children must be 4 years of age to register.

•Learn to Swim Program

Three morning sessions meeting Monday through Friday. Fee \$20.00

SESSION I June 12 - June 23

SESSION II July 3 - July 14

SESSION III July 24 - August 4

Beginner, Advance Beginner, & Swimmer

•Aquatic Certification Program

The following American Red Cross Safety programs will be available: Emergency Water Safety, Basic Water Safety, Swimming Instructor. Class dates to be announced.

•Mom & Tot

Geared toward children under four. An adult must accompany the child in class. (parent, guardian, grandparent, etc.) Fee: \$20.00

•Swim Team

The Wood River Swim Team Program is a low-intensity swim program emphasizing professional teaching of competitive strokes and skills, providing physical fitness and exposing swimmers to competition. The season will begin on June 5. Practice times will be Monday through Friday 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Aquatic Center. Participants should attend at least three practices a week. Registration is May 2-27. Fee: \$20.00.

•Hydro Aerobics

Hydro-Aerobics, instructed by Merrill Fromme, are held Monday and Wednesday mornings, from 10-11 a.m. beginning in June. The fee is \$20.00 for a six-week session. Registration will be held 15 minutes prior to class at the Aquatic Center.

•Water Aerobics

Water Aerobics, instructed by Teresa Mize, are held on Monday, Wednesday and/or Friday evenings from 7-8 p.m., beginning in June. The fee is \$20.00 for a six-week session. Register 15 minutes prior to class, at the Aquatic Center.

9th & Edwardsville Road Safety Project

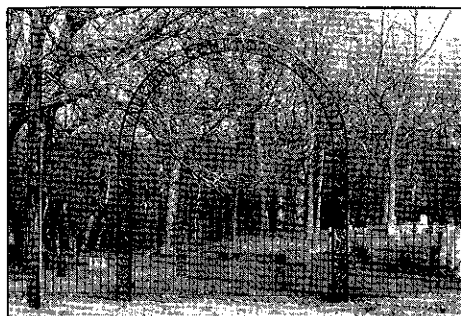
The City of Wood River has been awarded a state grant for a safety project at 9th & Edwardsville Road. The project will consist of new storm water drainage at the intersection and will run east to Rt. 111 to relieve the ponding water on Edwardsville Road and in front of Hardees. New curbing will also be added to enhance the drainage on the south side of the road. To finish the project, the roadway will be rotomilled and a new asphalt surface will be applied. There will be new traffic-actuated signals installed to aid motorists turning left off Edwardsville Road onto 9th. RCS Construction has been awarded the contract and will begin around June 19. The project should be completed in one month. If you are driving in the area of construction, please observe the signs carefully.

Upcoming Events

- May 18 & 19: Book Sale/Flea Market at the Roundhouse from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Come browse.
- May 27: Aquatic Center Opens
- June 3: Youth League Parade
- June 6-16: Spring Cleanup—see map and schedule on page 3.
- June 20: Zip Code Day Celebration will be held when else, 6-20-95.
- July 9: Dedication of John Rattan Revolutionary War Soldier at Vaughn Cemetery.
- July 30: Belk Park Golf Course 25th Anniversary.
- August 12: Triathlon races through Wood River.

Vaughn's Cemetery

A Place in Wood River History



New Gates at Vaughn Cemetery

At the crest of Vaughn's Hill just off Route 111 is a site known for years as Vaughn's Graveyard". No one knows for sure when the first burial was made but "Brink's History of Madison County 1882" records the "oldest legible marker" as bearing the inscription "James Odell died September 11, 1809".

In 1807, the first Baptist Church in Wood River Township had a meeting house and cemetery on this land. A man, John Hewitt obtained land in Section 24 through a United States land grant in 1814 and soon after his daughter Elizabeth married Josiah Nelson Vaughn. In July 1816, he offered to sell the church 2 acres of land for \$5.00 an acre. The church did purchase 1 1/2 acres and Vaughn donated 1/2 acre and 20 rods.

The pioneers who attended the church were a hearty, thrifty, generous people whose common enemy at that time was the Indian. When the Wood River Massacre occurred July 10, 1814 the cemetery became the burial site of the victims. The church at the time of the massacre was a log cabin which was replaced in 1815 by a frame structure.

The church continued successfully with its members traveling 15 miles on horseback, but by the 1840's membership had declined and in 1849 the church merged with the Bethlehem United Baptist Church. Vaughn's Graveyard once said to be "a cleared spot of ground" was by 1882 "overgrown with timber".

The cemetery remained the property of the Vaughn family after the Baptist Church deeded the property back to them. Vandalism, growth of vegetation and the

lack of a caretaker has plagued the cemetery over the years. Walter Vaughn, until his death, contributed much time to the care of the cemetery. Fred Berry and Gus Haller attempted to maintain family plots and arranged for the Boy Scouts to come out each summer and clean up. They also had a chain link fence erected to keep out intruders.

In the late 1980's negotiations between the Vaughn family and the City of Wood River resulted in the cemetery being deeded to the City. Mowing and some maintenance was assumed by the Park Department. In 1994 when the Wood River Heritage Council was formed, they decided to make the cemetery their first project and appointed Charles James chairman of that committee. Under his leadership and with the assistance of the City of Wood River, security gates have been installed, benchmarks identified, vegetation has been cleared, trees trimmed, road work completed, headstones repaired and reset, a replacement marker for Revolutionary War soldier has been secured by the Sons of the American Revolution George Rogers Clark Chapter, flag pole repaired and new flags acquired from State Senator Evelyn Bowles and United States Representative Jerry Costello, and installation of a wrought iron arch, gate and fencing. Many people have assisted with this project and the Heritage Council wishes to thank all of those who helped give the cemetery a new look.

Dedication Ceremony

The Heritage Council and the Sons of American Revolution invite everyone to attend a special ceremony dedicating the marker for John Rattan on July 9 at 2:30 p.m. at the cemetery. We hope you will take time to visit this historical site and enjoy the quiet beauty and also remember the pioneers who endured the hardships necessary to settle this bit of Illinois prairie.



Don Neece welcomes Officer Bill Wheeler

School Liaison Officer Appointed

The Wood River Police Department is now offering a Liaison Officer to the East Alton-Wood River Community High School and the Lewis & Clark Jr. High School. This program became reality when the addition of one full-time officer was approved by the Council.

Liaison Officer, Bill Wheeler, is a trained Juvenile Officer and is aware of the referral resources available to him. He has been an officer with the Wood River Police Department for 15 years.

The purpose of this position is to promote a positive rapport between law enforcement officials, educators, students, and the community. Officer Wheeler has been working with school administrators to model the program towards the school's needs.



Mayor Smith, Howard, Bernean & Larry Gold

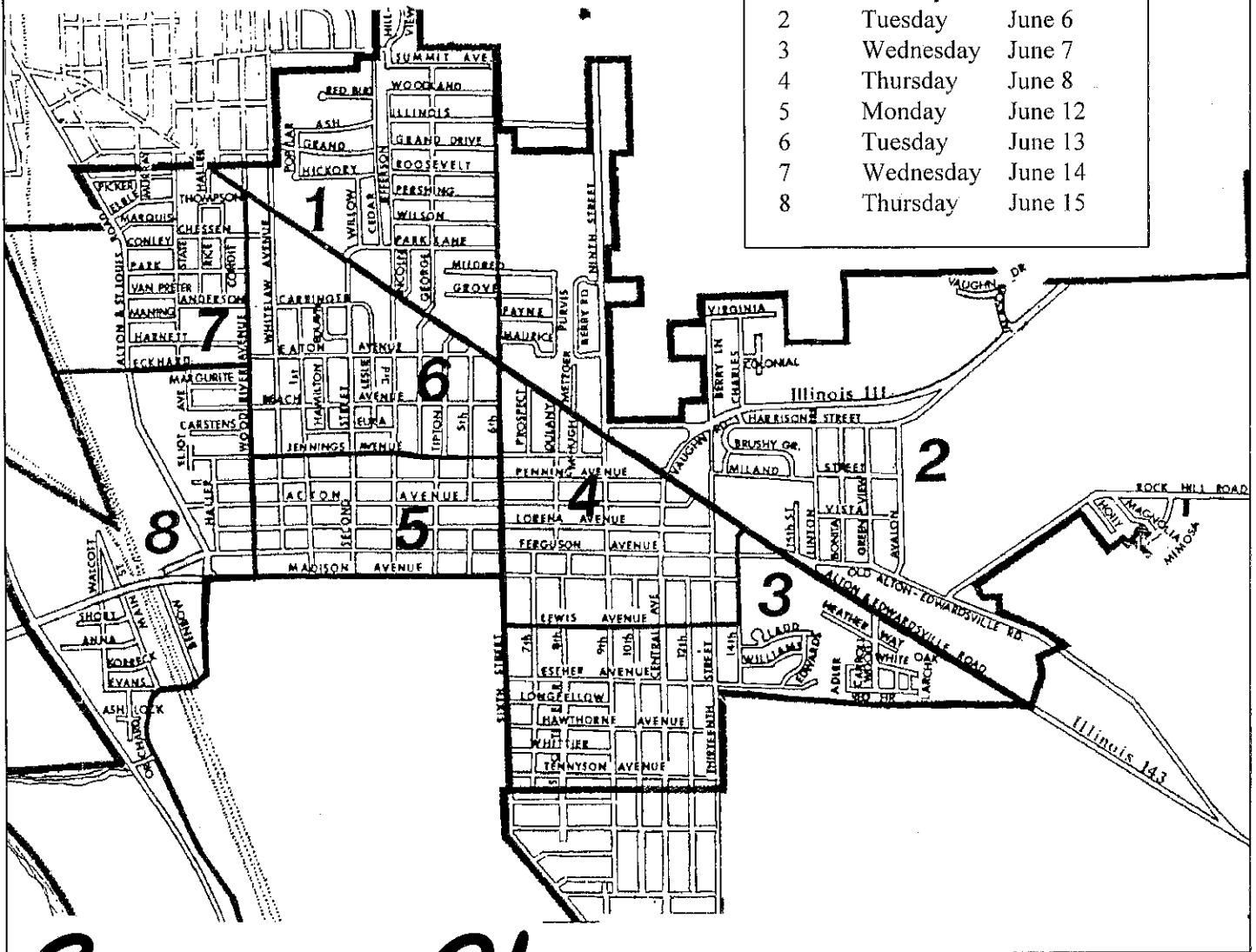
Contribution Accepted

Mayor Lon Smith accepted a \$5,000 donation on behalf of the City from Howard, Bernean and Larry Gold for the Wood River Museum and Visitor's Center. The Gold family operated Phoebe Goldbergs for 67 years and are certainly a part of Wood River history.

Due to the family's dedication to the City, the 143 overpass was named in honor of the late Phoebe Goldberg.

City Street Map & Spring Cleanup Schedule

Area	Day of Pick Up	
1	Monday	June 5
2	Tuesday	June 6
3	Wednesday	June 7
4	Thursday	June 8
5	Monday	June 12
6	Tuesday	June 13
7	Wednesday	June 14
8	Thursday	June 15



Spring Cleanup

The Annual Spring Cleanup is scheduled for June 5-16. To assure pickup, all items must be placed at the front curb by 8 a.m. on the scheduled day.

AFTER THE TRUCK HAS BEEN IN YOUR AREA IT WILL NOT RETURN.

If we fall behind schedule, we will continue the following day where we left off.

The City will pick up large bulky items such as sofas, chairs, bedroom furniture, mattresses, tables, carpet, tv's, lumber (if cut in 4' lengths and tied in bundles weighing less than 75#), etc.

Reminder of Special Pickups

Each Wednesday, Midwest Sanitation will pick up bulky items for \$20 a truckload. You may make arrangements for this special pickup at your home by calling 251-3131.

Since 1992, the State of Illinois has banned "white goods" from the landfills. Therefore, we are sorry that we will not be able to pick up the following items: stoves, refrigerators, washers, dryers, freezers, dishwashers, furnaces, hot water heaters, air conditioners, humidifiers, dehumidifiers and trash compactors. Other items that will not be picked up are: brush and landscape waste, tires, batteries, wheels, gasoline, motor oil, anti-freeze, liquid waste, hazardous waste, unopened barrels, concrete blocks and large amounts of building materials.

PARKS & RECREATION



The Recreation Department will be holding the following events this summer. For more information, please call 251-3130, Monday through Friday, 8-12 and 1-5 p.m.



Wood River Triathlon

The 10th Annual Wood River Triathlon will be held August 12, with a starting time of 7 a.m. Entry fee is \$25.00 if postmarked prior to August 1st and \$30.00 if postmarked after August 1st.

Youth League Parade

The Annual Youth League Parade will be held Saturday June 3 at 10 a.m. Parade marchers will include Youth League baseball and softball teams, as well as Tri-City, Bi-City and Wood River Instructional League participants. The parade will end at Emerick Sports Complex, on 6th Street, where Youth League games will kick off the season.

Open Roundhouse

Kids, come and enjoy a video game or play foosball or ping pong with a friend! Beginning June 14th, the Roundhouse will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2-4:30 p.m. for children from first grade up. Younger children must be accompanied by an adult.

Baseball/Softball Clinic

A one week baseball/softball clinic for boys and girls, ages 8-11, will be offered June 12-16 at Emerick Sports Complex. Participants will be divided into two age groups where they will improve the basic skills and fundamentals of the game. Registration deadline is June 2. Fee: \$15.00/person.



Gymnastic Camp

Summer gymnastic camp will be offered July 18, 20, 25, 27 and August 1 & 3 at the Roundhouse. This camp will involve instruction on the low and high balance beams, uneven bars, vault, and floor exercise. Registration deadline is June 1. Classes meet Tuesdays and Thursdays:

Beginners	10:00-11:00 a.m.
Adv. Beginners	11:00 - noon
Intermediates	noon to 1:00 p.m.
Adv. Intermediates	1:00-2:00 p.m.

Tennis Lessons

Tennis Lessons will be available for beginners ages 10 to adult. The two week instructional program will be held at the East Alton-Wood River tennis courts on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9-10 a.m., July 10 through July 21. Registration deadline is July 1. Fee: \$15.00/person.



Summer Day Camp

The Recreation Department will once again have a summer day camp program for children ages 5 (by 6/1/95) through 11 years old. Day camp is held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., June 12 through July 21. Pre-registration is required in person. A limit of 50 children will be accepted.

Concerts In the Park

Bob Kuban Brass Band

On Sunday, June 25th from 8-10 p.m., the ten piece Bob Kuban Brass Band will be performing at the bandstand in Central Park. This is a **FREE** concert to the public. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy. Refreshments will be available for a small fee.

Municipal Band Concerts

The Municipal Band performs in Central Park on Wednesday evenings at 8 p.m.

Instructional League

Wood River Recreation Department offers its own instructional league for girls and boys ages 6 & 7. This program will meet one hour every morning for 2 weeks in June, then break for 4th of July week and resume for two weeks with the children playing tee ball. June 19-30, then July 10-21 from 9-10 a.m.

Outdoor Volleyball

Registration for our recreational Aquatic Volleyball League will begin in May. Games will be held on the white sand court at the Aquatic Center. Fee: \$50.00/team.



Cheerleading Camp

A cheerleading camp for students third through sixth grade will be offered June 5-9 from 9-11 a.m. at the Roundhouse. This camp will involve sideline cheers, a floor cheer and assistance with mounts. Registration deadline is June 1. Fee: \$12.00/person.

**Planning a Pool
and/or
Slide Party?
Call 251-3110
for Reservations**

throughout the summer months of June, July and August. Anyone is invited to stop by and enjoy the wonderful music under the management of Tom Cunningham.

Gabie & All Star Band

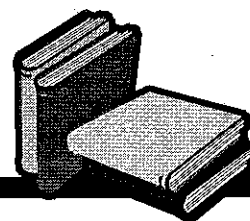
July 16, 1995 from 7-10:30 p.m.

More Concerts in The Park

A concert date will be established for July and August. More information will be available at a later date.



Library News



The Wood River Public Library had a very successful National Library Week celebration. Mayor Lon Smith, City Manager Joey Tolbert, Library Board members, Friends and staff were welcomed to a festively-decorated Library to celebrate the library's place in the community. We would like to thank Dick's Flowers, Affairs to Remember and Wood River Wal-Mart for donations which helped make our reception such a success.

The Friends of the Wood River Library are now holding their annual membership drive. Friends can be anyone interested

in supporting the Library. Support can take many forms. Some Friends like to work behind the scenes helping with children's programming or with genealogy research. Some Friends enjoy fund-raising activities. Others just want to show their support by being members of the Friends' group. If you're interested in joining our Friends, applications are available at the Library.

Upcoming News

The Library is announcing a new service. We are now providing laminating

materials up to 8 1/2 X 11 inches. For more information call 254-4832.

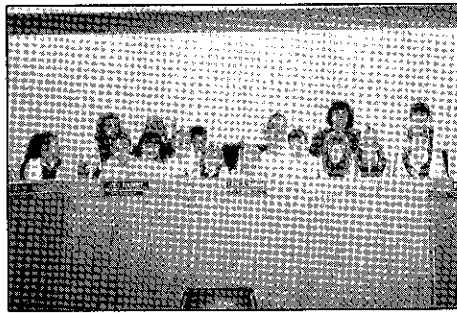
The Friends of the Library will be holding their annual Book Sale/Flea Market on May 18 & 19 at the Roundhouse. From 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. you can browse through hundreds of books on all topics. There will be children's books, cookbooks, novels and general non-fiction. Anyone wishing to make a contribution may bring items to the library. The only things we are not including are clothes and furniture. We hope to see everyone at the Roundhouse in May.

Student Visitors at City Hall



Lewis & Clark eighth graders attended a Council meeting and presented a class project to the City Council. The project was a creative "City of Wood River Monopoly" game. The Council enjoyed the monopoly boards and their original cards of chance and community chess. (Pictured from left to right: Ashley Heigert, Stephanie Shaw, Louise Pavish, Amber DeWerff, Rachel Lacey, Janae Carpenter, Tiffany Disher, Chris Robinson, Eric Ottwell, Betsy Wright, Kirk Prather, Charity Bailer, Danny Kamp and Tessa Dale.)

During Easter Break, sixth grade Roxana student Sara Guarino spent a day shadowing City Clerk Jean Bruce (pictured right with Sara) as a special school assignment to learn more about city government. Sara had the opportunity to observe daily activities at City Hall and she attended a Council meeting.



Mrs. Ohlson's first grade class from St. Bernards school had a chance to ask City Manager Joey Tolbert about city government. (From left to right: Nina Holmes, Shane Saylor, Kimberly Hoffmann, Andy Russell, Sarah Budde, Cory Downer, Jim Saylor, Heather Moore, Sarah Cornell, and Sarah Beustetan. Back row: Lindsey Marcuzzo, Nicole Smith, Chris Walter, Danny Langston, Steven Jacquin, Mrs. Ohlson, Brittany Dawson.)



**Belk Park
Golf Course
Celebrates 25th
Anniversary
July 30!**

Plans are underway for a gala celebration.

Watch for upcoming details.

Important Reminder On Burning:



Please remember leaf burning is not allowed during the summer months, from May through September. Leaf burning is allowed on Wednesday and Saturday only beginning October 1.

Welcome New Business in Wood River...



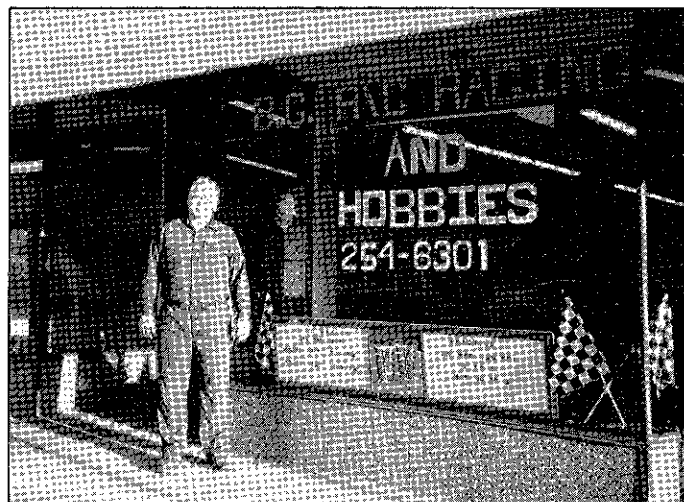
Joe & Nola Hammond are now the proud owners of a **TROPICAL SNO** franchise. They are located in the little shop next to O.J.'s at the corner of Edwardsville Road and Ninth. Although Shaved Ice is their most popular product, they are now introducing Soft Ice for those calorie counters (0% fat & 0% cholesterol). Be sure to stop by and let your taste buds get acquainted with these new treats. You'll want to try all the different flavors.



LOCKLEAR'S ELECTRIC is now open for business at 191 Old St. Louis Road. Owned and operated by Linda Gieshaber and Joe Locklear, this business has grown by leaps and bounds. Two years ago they began the business in their homes, and have now been forced to expand to a new building. Joe has brought with him 26 years of electrical experience, and will be happy to assist you with your electrical needs. Call 254-3813.



Same name, new service is what you will find when you visit **SCHUTZ TOMBOY MARKET** located at the corner of Sixth Street and Penning. Alan and Patty Bruhn acquired the market on March 10. Alan, pictured above (right) with Kirk and Lisa Campbell, says almost everything will remain the same including the same friendly faces, quality service and products. The only thing changing will be the extended hours. The store's hours have been extended: weekdays from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturdays and now Sundays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Stop by Tomboy and say hello to Alan and Patty.



Ben and Judy Giles have opened **B.G. R/C RACING & HOBBIES** at 56 E. Ferguson Avenue. Big boys and little boys can bring their radio controlled miniature race cars and get involved in the excitement at the 30 x 70 foot race track complete with a pit area for repairs. A computer signals the start and finish of each race and creates a printout of the results. Races are held Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 7 p.m. Store hours are Tuesday through Thursday 5-9 p.m. and all day Saturday and Sunday. Call 254-6301 for more information about this fun racing opportunity.

Introducing...



Jim Crause

We're happy to welcome Jim Crause, who has been hired as the City's General Inspector, replacing Bob Hall who retired March 31, 1995. Jim's responsibilities will include the enforcement of the City's building and zoning ordinance and inspection of restaurants in the City. He will be available on weekdays from 8 a.m. until noon to answer building and zoning questions.

A lifelong resident of Wood River, Jim and his wife, Helen, have two children, Jim and Lisa. He recently retired from the insurance business after 30 years. Jim said he is excited about the opportunity to keep Wood River a nice place to live.

We wish him the best of luck in his new position.

Notes from Building & Zoning

Keep It Short!

Just a reminder to Wood River residents and business owners. Spring is here and grass and weeds must be kept under 8" to comply with City ordinance. Let's help each other. If the City has to send you a letter and has to cut your grass, it ends up costing you a lot more than having it done yourself.

Clean Up Alleys!

We receive many complaints about trash in alleys. Please help by putting your plastic trash bags in tightly covered containers. By doing this you won't be in violation of the City ordinance requiring it.

Don't Forget Building Permits!

Play it safe and always check with the Building & Zoning Department before starting any type of remodeling or new construction work. In addition to major construction, permits are required for roofs, fences, carports, remodeling, swimming pools, storage sheds, electrical service, garages, etc.

Hall of Fame



Safety Committee Members (L to R) Otto Rice, Gene Blasa, Guy Williams, Steve Alexander, Bill Wheeler, Nancy Schneider, Jan Sneed, and Chairman Tim Palermo.

In this issue, we salute the City's Safety Committee for their hard work in promoting a healthier and safer place to work. The Committee's most recent task has been to establish new guidelines for our employee SAFETY PROGRAM. The City established the Safety Program in March 1989 at which time all full-time employees were placed on teams. The program is set up for a three-year period. Prizes are awarded every six months, provided a member of a team does not have a worker's comp claim or loss-time injury at work. Each six months, the prizes increase in value.

The program has proven to be a success with eight teams winning the three-year prize for having no claims filed. During the period 1989 to 1992, 71 claims were filed. This number was reduced to 23 claims for the period 1992-1995. With this reduction, it is obvious the program is very effective. According to the city's insurance carrier, the City is well below the national average of injury claims filed. The decrease saves the City annually on worker's comp insurance.

The Safety Committee meets on a monthly basis to review accidents and give recommendations on prevention of accidents. They are a dedicated group who try to implement safety.

We wish the new teams the best of luck and remember "No Claim is the Name of the Game."

What is significant about June 20, 1995? It's Wood River Zip Code Day 62095!

You are invited to join the Wood River Post Office and downtown Wood River merchants in celebrating this once in a lifetime event.

There will be a special guest appearance by the Express Mail Eagle and many other fun activities. Watch for upcoming details.

Don't miss this once in a lifetime event. Who knows, you might be busy on the next ZIP CODE DAY June 20, 2095!!!!

Sincerely,
Bob Farris
Officer In Charge
Wood River Post Office

Council Corner

As we go on our daily travels it's hard to miss all the construction taking place or preparing to begin in the City. On the City's west end we can view the infrastructure going into the new Lewis and Clark Envirotech Business Park. Along Madison Avenue we view the offices of the Carpenter's Union being built. The road improvements in Glendale Gardens are being wrapped up and as you go further east we see the beginnings of the new I-255 extension taking shape. These are but a few of the numerous construction

projects going on in the city with many more expected to begin in the near future.

As the I-255 extension becomes a reality in the next few years, Wood River must be ready to meet the changes and overcome the challenges that this road will bring.

New business will develop in this area creating more choices and services for us to choose from. These businesses will also aid in keeping a stable tax base for the City so that we can continue providing the quality services our citizens deserve. We can also expect to see new housing develop along this corridor. This gives our present citizens more choices of remaining in the City as well as attracting new families into our City. It will allow

us to keep growing and prospering.

As the future looks bright, the City must start preparing for this expected growth. We will have to expand our fire, police and public works services to these new areas. Developing these extended services with minimal impact and maximum efficiency will require the thoughts and input of every employee and resident of the City of Wood River.

I personally am looking forward to meeting and taking on the challenges and opportunities that the I-255 extension will bring. I also look forward to hearing your comments and ideas on ways of meeting these challenges or any possible ways of improving the City of Wood River.

Sincerely,

Councilman Matt Stimac

City Manager's Comments

I'm sure you have been reading the various articles on curbside recycling vs. mixed waste processing. I would like to hear comments from you, our residents, on this issue.

First, let me explain why the City has endorsed the mixed waste processing concept.

It is not because we are against recycling. Both concepts have their merits. We feel the mixed waste processing method will be the best for our residents as a whole because trash will be placed out as usual and will be separated and recycled at the plant. Also in this process, new recyclable markets can be developed without re-educating the public

on what can be recycled. Mixed waste processing will divert 60% from the landfill. Residents will not have to change their habits and we will have 100% participation of all our residents.

With curbside recycling, residents must sort their trash in separate bins. They must rinse tin cans and bottles. Some of our residents would be happy to do this, but many will not. Our Concerns with this method are:

- 1) Participation will not be adequate to make it economical and who will pay if the required number of recyclables are not received? OR who will pay to replace bins?
- 2) Will trash be picked up if recyclables

are found mixed with the regular trash?

- 3) What happens if the wrong type of glass is in the container?
- 4) It will be impossible to guard recyclables from being taken by scavengers.

I have personally visited both types of facilities (clean and mixed-waste). The Norton Plant in Ohio is an award-winning plant and is very clean and well-managed. It is a tourist attraction in the area and I will be happy to share the film on this type of operation to anyone wishing to see it.

Please let us know your feelings or concerns on this issue. I will respond to all questions, if you put your name and address on the form below.

Your Comments on
Curbside Recycling
VS
Mixed Waste
Processing
Are Greatly Appreciated.

Comments:

Return to Wood River City Hall • 111 N. Wood River Avenue • Thank You!