



August 1998

# THE PIPELINE

*"Where Lewis & Clark Began"*

## Upcoming Events

**September 17**

Men & Women in Service  
display at the Wood River Museum

**October 1**

Fun Night at St. Charles  
River Boat Casino

**October 5-9**

Hydrant Flushing

**October 5-15**

Fall Clean-up (see page 7)

**October 6**

Last Day to Register to Vote

**October 17**

October Fest - Downtown  
8 a.m. - 9 p.m.

**October 26- December 4**

Leaf Pick-up (see page 7)

**October 26**

Halloween Party - Roundhouse  
7-8 p.m.

**October 30 & 31**

Trick or Treating, 6-8 p.m.

**October 31**

Halloween Parade

**November 19**

Christmas Past display at Museum

**December 7**

Friends of the Library  
Bake Sale & Raffle

**December 12**

Breakfast with Santa - Roundhouse  
8 - 10:30 a.m.

## City Signs Agreement with Developer

On May 18, the City of Wood River took a large step forward in the development of the EnviroTECH Business Park. On that date, the City Council granted an option to Environmentally Correct Projects, Inc. (ECP) for the development of the entire business park. This Florida based company has plans for constructing a number of facilities which are within the environmental industry. By entering into this relationship with ECP, the City will be able to realize the goals and intentions that were the motivation for developing the business park.

The first facility that ECP plans to develop is a 50,000 square-foot glass-to-tile plant. This facility will take mixed glass, which is presently land-filled, and manufacture it into floor tile and other similar products. ECP hopes to break ground on this facility by October 1 of this year so the plant can be fully operational by May of next year. The development will create approximately 30 full-time jobs and anticipates processing 22,000 tons of waste glass annually.

In order to expedite the construction of this facility, the City is assisting in the financing of the facility through the issuance of revenue bonds. The company will be responsible for repaying these bonds from the revenues generated by the plant. Under no circumstances can the City be forced to raise property taxes or any other revenue source to repay these bonds. By assisting ECP with this type of financing, construction of the facility can begin yet this year. If the City did not help

with the financing, ECP would have had to wait until next year to arrange financing for this plant.

Within the next two years, ECP hopes to begin developing several other facilities which make new products from recycled materials. By turning the entire park over to a professional developer, the City has allowed them to take the actions that are necessary for a business park to be successful. The actions currently being taken by ECP will not only help the development of their facilities, but all the developments which are and will be occurring within the business park. This will result in the realization of the City's original goal for this park - an increased tax base and the creation of new jobs for our community.



**ARE YOU  
REGISTERED  
TO VOTE?**

Many times, as an election day draws near, well-meaning citizens finally stop by to register to vote...only to find out it's too late to register and vote in that election! If you're not registered, stop by early to avoid the rush. Voting is your right and way for your voice to be heard. Register NOW at the Wood River Public Library or Wood River City Clerk's Office. All you need are two proofs of identification—one must have your current address. Last Day is October 6, 1998

## RECREATION PROGRAMS

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

**RULES OF THE ROAD:** Rules of the Road is provided free of charge through the Secretary of State's Office, in conjunction with the Recreation Department. The class is geared toward Senior Citizens, although others may attend. The class is to be taught on October 13, 1998 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

**GYMNASTIC LESSONS:** Tumbling and gymnastics, under the instruction of Melissa Bateman and Christy Law are offered for pre-school through Jr. High children. Instruction on the balance beam, uneven bars and vault, as well as tumbling techniques are given. Please call 251-3130 for more information.

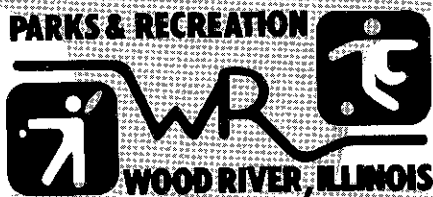
**KARATE LESSONS:** Karate instructions are offered for all ages, by instructor George Manns. Classes run on Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. These lessons are taught at the Recreation Shelter on 14th Street in Wood River. For more information call the instructor at 465-5904.

**AEROBICS:** Morning and evening aerobics classes are offered from September through May at the Roundhouse. Each six week session is \$20.00. Call the Recreation Department for more information. Pre-registration is not necessary.

**CO-ED VOLLEYBALL:** Play will be-

gin on November 2, for the Volleyball leagues. This year the leagues offered are Power, Competitive, and Recreational. Registration deadline is Friday, October 16 at 5:00 p.m.

**HALLOWEEN PARTY:** The Recreation Department will be hosting it's 8th Annual Halloween Party on Monday, October 26, 1998, from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Wood River children up to age 12 are invited to join in the fun! There will be games, entertainment, refreshments, plus a costume contest.



**TWO NIGHTS ON THE CASINO:** St. Charles River Boat - Join the Recreation Department for a night of fun on the St. Charles River Boat Casino! Just \$10.00 gets

you admission on the boat, transportation on the chartered bus, and their all-u-can-eat buffet. The bus will depart from the Roundhouse parking lot at 4:00 p.m. Thursday, October 1. Registration deadline is September 24 at the Roundhouse or call 251-3130 for more information.

**CASINO NIGHTS & HOLIDAY LIGHTS:** The Recreation Department has organized a trip to Rock Springs Park and the Alton Belle Casino. We will first tour the beautiful Christmas lights display at Rock Springs Park in Alton. Followed by dinner at Belles Buffet and a cruise on the Alton Belle Casino, from 9 p.m. - 11 p.m. Date to be announced.

## BUSINESS IN WOOD RIVER . . .

### New Businesses

#### House of China

*Chinese Buffet*

Suzie Wong, Manager

1102 E. Edwardsville Road

254-3321

#### McDaniel Transportation

*Truck Dispatch/Storage/Minor Repairs*

Jim McDaniel, Owner

599 State Aid Road

254-8974

### Additions/Improvements

#### Envirotest Illinois, Inc.

*Emission Test Station*

Darrell Young, Manager

1710 Vaughn Road

259-7906

### Relocated

#### United Presbyterian Church

*Reverend Pam Laing, Minister*

2550 Rock Hill Road

254-5880

#### Mallon Law Office

*Attorney at Law*

515B Madison Avenue

254-0960

#### Robien's

*Signs, Designs, Screen Printing,  
Art Supplies, & Picture Framing*

515A Madison Avenue

254-5106



Put Some ZEST in Your Life  
This coupon is good for one couple for a  
**FREE Square Dance Lesson**  
at Wood River Round House  
Tuesday, September 15, 1998, 7:30 p.m.  
For more info Call 656-2176 or 462-3877

# In *Special* Recognition:

- \* **Vernon Smith Jr.**, owner of **JR's Tire and Wheel** for earning the 1997 T/A Top Achievement Challenge award from B.F. Goodrich. Smith had to pass a series of nine tests in order to earn the final diamond around a ring which doesn't look too much unlike those worn by Super Bowl champions.
- \* **Midwest Occupational Medicine** for receiving the Small Business of the Month Award by the Small Business Council of the River Bend Growth Association. Dr. George J. Dirkers started the business in 1992 with only himself and one employee on the staff. Today, the company has 16 workers and two offices. Its specialty is work-related injuries.
- \* **Marks Mortuary** on celebrating their 97th anniversary.
- \* **Gary Ballard** on being chosen the winner of the "Good Neighbor" Contest being held by the Coldwell Banker Paslay Realtors of Bethalto. One neighbor was quoted as saying, "Gary and his wife, Judy, have just been terrific neighbors to us since we moved into the neighborhood. He's a great neighbor and a great friend. And he's been great with our 5-year old son."
- \* **Paul Joiner** on his recent retirement after 30 years as a mail carrier with the Wood River Post Office. Paul's last day of work was Friday, July 3 of which to his surprise, 12 of his co-workers carried his route for him, and helped him celebrate with a dinner at the Innkeeper Restaurant. Paul will be missed by his co-workers, but more specifically by the people on his delivery route who enjoyed his smiling face on a daily basis.

## NEW FACE AT BELK PARK

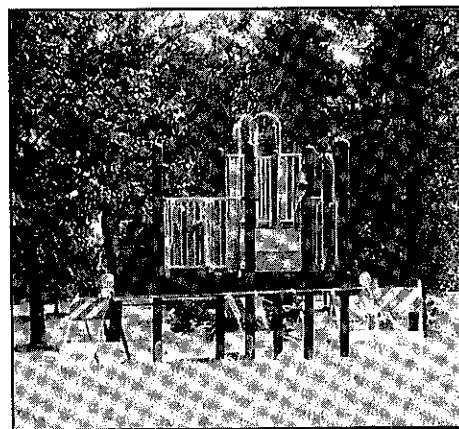
Pam Baldwin began her employment with the City of Wood River on May 4 as Food & Beverage Manager for the Belk Park Golf Course. She was previously employed at Moonlight where she held several different positions, the latest being assistant manager.

She graduated from Jersey Community High School and attended Lewis & Clark Community College. She and her husband, Gary, reside in Wood River and have two children and three grandchildren. In her leisure time, Pam enjoys gardening, reading and spoiling her grandchildren. She is looking forward to a new job, working for the City, and the challenges it brings.

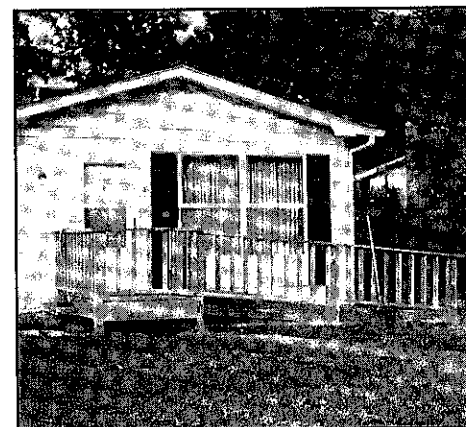


*Pam Baldwin*

## HALL OF FAME:



*New playground equipment at Belk Park*



*Wheel chair ramp constructed by Carpenters Local 377*

In this issue, we salute two organizations. First, the **Wood River Lions Club** for their purchase of playground equipment at the Lions Club Shelter at Belk Park. During the course of this summer, Fred Gilliam and Bill Mundy of the Wood River Parks Maintenance Department have installed a portion of the equipment purchased. This playground equipment will enhance the usefulness of the shelter and will be more applicable for families with small children.

Second, members of **Carpenter Local 377** for their donation of time and effort in construction of a platform and ramp to enable Mitch Harrell to wheel out his front door. Carpenter 377 members took it upon themselves to make sure Mitch had an appropriate platform and ramp after reading about his need for a new one. Also involved with this worthwhile project were Roxana High School Student Council and Madison County Sheriff Bob Churchich. It's good to know that our community is comprised of individuals who are so warm and caring of others in need.

Hats off to all these hard working and dedicated people who continue to help make this a better place to live.

# Wood River Firefighters Association Presents The Following

## **Activities &**

## *Events* This Fall

The Wood River Firefighters will be involved in the following activities from August till December. For further information on any of these events, please call the Fire House at 259-0984.

### **Fill the Boot for Muscular Dystrophy**

Friday and Saturday, August 28 & 29  
Road Block at Ferguson and 6th St.

### **Annual Wood River Firefighters Fish Fry**

Saturday, October 3, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Tickets available from any firefighter  
or at the door.

### **Open House-Fire Prevention Week**

Saturday, October 10, 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

### **Wood River Halloween Parade**

Saturday, October 31, 10:30 a.m.  
Register at the Fire House

### **Christmas Food Baskets Drive**

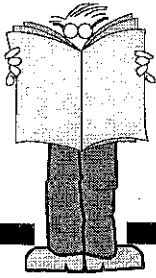
November 10 to December 19  
Please bring your donations to the Fire  
House or contact Project Heart at the  
Wood River Township Hospital

### **Raffle**

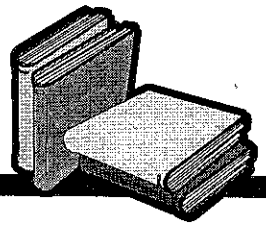
The Firefighters Association is raffling off a Fire Hydrant Floor Lamp built by the maintenance crew. Proceeds from the raffle will be used to send a Southern Illinois child to the annual burn camp at Camp Duncan in Englewood, Illinois.  
Drawing, Thursday, Jan. 21



*For information on any on these events, Contact the Fire Dept. 259-0984*



# Library News



## Check It Out

The Library received a special honor in April from the Lewis & Clark Reading Council by being chosen as the group's community project. The Council donated 12 wonderful books for the juvenile section. Titles donated include "Out of the Dust," "Drop of Water," "Hunterman and the Crocodile," and nine books in the "Dear America" series. Please stop by and see how cool these books are!

The Summer Reading Program was a huge success!! Over 180 children attended the weekly activities at one time or another. The children made a big splash by "Diving Into Books" and we want to remind them that during the school year they need to check out the monthly programs. Preschool programs are held on the second Tuesday each month at 10:30 a.m. and grades K-5 will meet on the third Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.

Reminder— The Friends of the Library are at it again!! They are raffling off Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls. The drawing will be held on Monday, December 7, at their annual bake sale. The dolls were made by Barb Richie of Wood River and are on display at the library. A second place prize of a "Romance Basket" is also available for viewing at the library. Tickets are \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00. Come on down and take a chance!

Recycle Those Food Labels—Help earn materials for the library by recycling Campbell's, Franco-American, Swanson, Pepperidge Farm, Prego, V8, Pace, Open Pit, and Vlasic labels. Stop by and get a list of the eligible labels—we would appreciate your help!

A Big Thank You To—The Delta Kappa Gamma members who read to the visiting kindergarten classes on a regular basis. These volunteers are promoting literacy and help give reading time a very special meaning. We are looking forward to their visits again this school year.

The Friends of the Library sponsored another successful road block last spring. Unending gratitude goes out to the young people from the high school and their parents who helped with this endeavor. The time and effort donated by these people are invaluable.

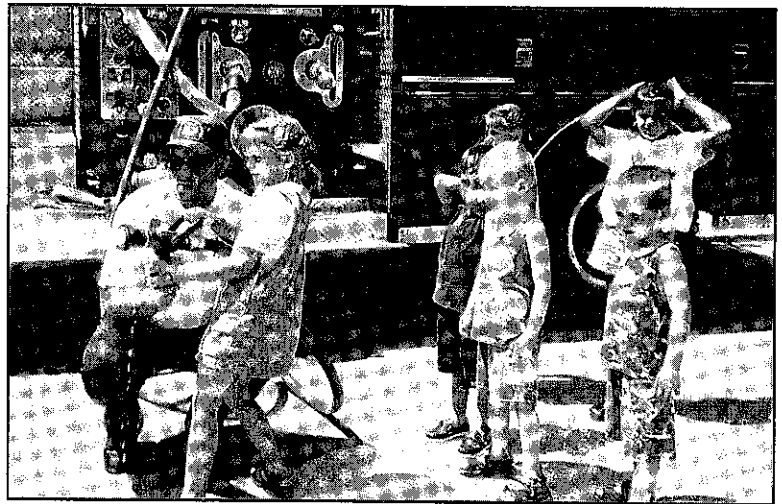
The new outdoor book return was purchased for the library by the Friends. We thank this wonderful group of people for their continued support of the library. Our hats are off to you!!

## Making a Rainbow Fish



*We're reeling them into the library. Above, children enjoy making rainbow fish*

## Trip to Firehouse



*Summer Reading Program's trip to the Fire Station*

A word of appreciation from the library...we want to thank the City for fixing the alley behind the library. It's smooth sailing as you leave the parking lot. Also, additional library parking is available in Midwest Occupational Medicine's lot if need be.

**Reminder:** There are fishing poles available for check out at the library. Many fishing days are still in the picture for the summer and fall.

## Notes from Planning & Zoning

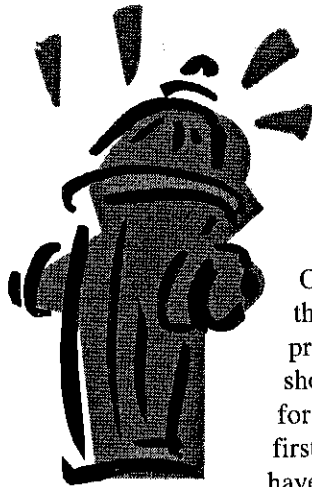
“Wood River’s  
Fall Clean Up”

Each year, the City of Wood River offers its residents an opportunity to dispose of trash, old furniture, lumber, and various other debris at no charge to the resident. This is a service the City provides to its residents as a means of keeping Wood River clean and attractive. In order for this service to be a success, residents must participate by placing the items to be disposed at the front curb.

We strongly encourage people to participate in the program by disposing of any junk and debris which they may have collected. Starting in November, the City Inspector will be conducting neighborhood inspections to enforce the City’s ordinances regarding trash and debris. The inspector will cover the entire City and WILL issue complaints to the citizens violating our ordinances. The Fall Clean Up offered by the City allows residents a chance to clean up their property and improve their neighborhood. We ask you to help us in our efforts to keep Wood River a clean and attractive place to live.

## LEASH LAW

In today’s society, dogs and cats are considered a part of the family and loved and cared for just like you would another human being. However, there are certain rules and regulations that must be adhered to regarding pets. These rules and regulations are intended not only for the health and welfare of the public, but also for the health and welfare of the pet. When you acquire a pet, it is important to make sure they receive the necessary inoculations and maintain good pet ethics. Most importantly, for the safety of your pet, please do not allow your pet to run at large. This is a violation of City ordinance as well. If you are unsure of the City’s regulation regarding pets, please contact the Police Department at 251-3113 or the City Clerk’s Office at 251-3100.



## HYDRANT FLUSHING

OCTOBER 5 - OCTOBER 9

The City will be flushing fire hydrants the week of October 5 through October 9. Flushing is necessary to clear the water mains and also maintain sufficient flows for fire protection. You may encounter rusty colored water for a short period of time, but it will clear up and the water is safe for consumption. Remember to check your laundry water first before you wash your clothes, especially whites. If you have any questions, please call the Water Division at 251-3133.

## REMINDER

When you cut your grass, please DO NOT have your mower throw the grass clippings into the street. This is not only unsightly, but if it rains the clippings will plug up the storm water drains and cause street flooding. It is much better to leave the grass clippings on your lawn and it will help fertilize the grass. If you have any questions, please call the Public Services Department at 251-3122.

## “Stacking Firewood”

Winter is on its way and many of you will be stacking your supply of firewood. We would like to remind you that City ordinance requires firewood to be placed on open racks that are elevated no less than 15 inches above the ground, evenly piled or stacked. This keeps your firewood free from pests such as termites and rodents.

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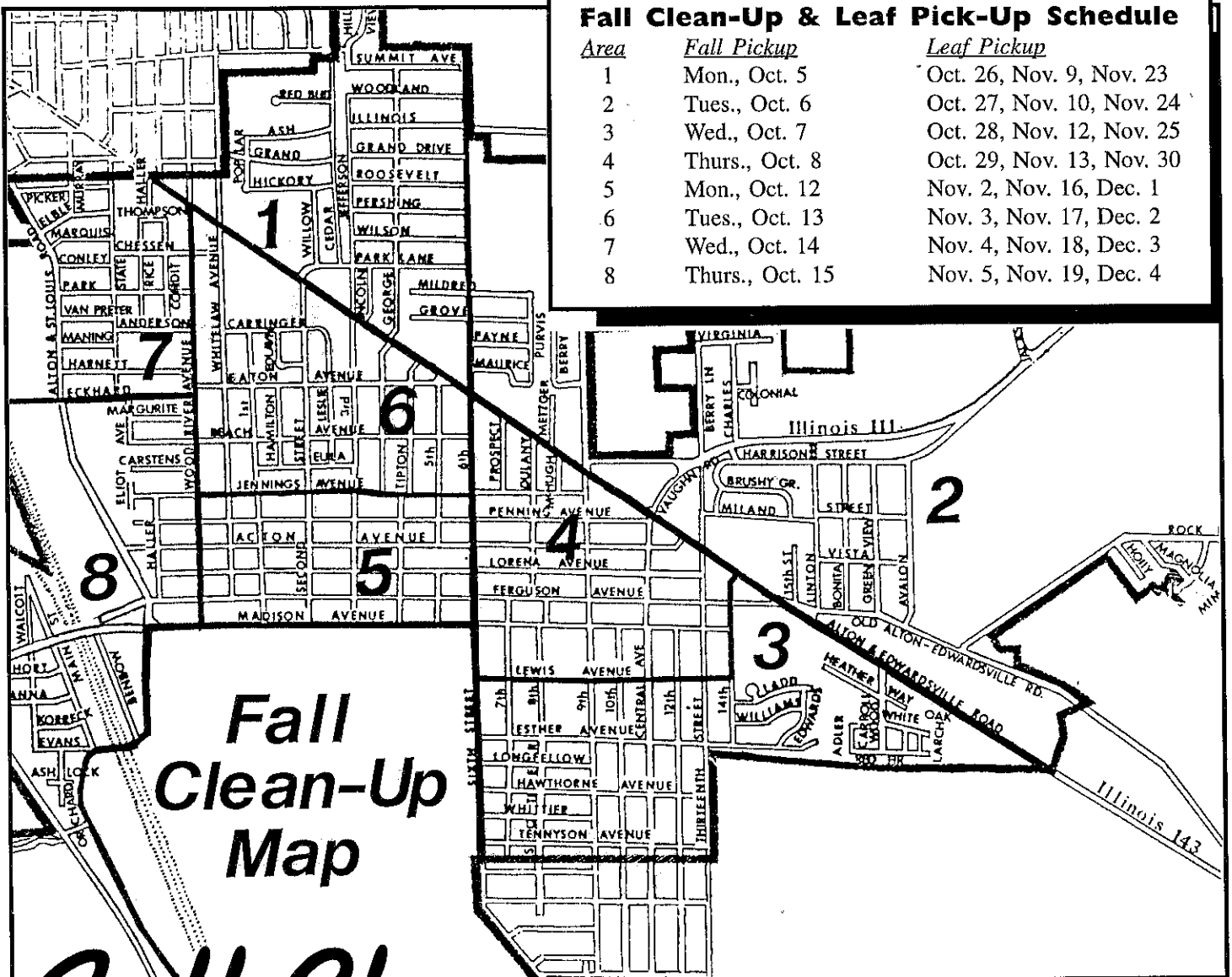
## “House Numbers a Must”

All businesses and residences are required to have street numbers displayed which can be easily read from the street. The numbers should be at least 3" high with a 1/2" wide stroke and should be placed where they are visible. Any bushes which block the number should be trimmed, and any numbers which have faded should be replaced.

City ordinance requires the numbers be installed to make it easier for emergency crews to find a house. Anyone who has not installed the numbers as required could face a fine. But more importantly, not installing the street numbers could prevent the fire and police department from responding to an emergency as quickly as possible. The potential damage which could result outweighs the time it takes to make sure the numbers are visible from the street.

## Fall Clean-Up & Leaf Pick-Up Schedule

<u>Area</u>	<u>Fall Pickup</u>	<u>Leaf Pickup</u>
1	Mon., Oct. 5	Oct. 26, Nov. 9, Nov. 23
2	Tues., Oct. 6	Oct. 27, Nov. 10, Nov. 24
3	Wed., Oct. 7	Oct. 28, Nov. 12, Nov. 25
4	Thurs., Oct. 8	Oct. 29, Nov. 13, Nov. 30
5	Mon., Oct. 12	Nov. 2, Nov. 16, Dec. 1
6	Tues., Oct. 13	Nov. 3, Nov. 17, Dec. 2
7	Wed., Oct. 14	Nov. 4, Nov. 18, Dec. 3
8	Thurs., Oct. 15	Nov. 5, Nov. 19, Dec. 4



### Leaf Burning Restrictions

- Leaves must not be burned on streets, curbs, or alleys
- Someone must always attend to the burning and have a water hose available
- Winds must be less than 10 MPH while burning
- The fire must be at least 15' from any structure
- Burning is allowed during daylight hours only
- Burning is allowed on Wednesdays and Saturdays ONLY from October 1 to April 30

(Please consider your neighbors when burning leaves. People with heart or respiratory conditions may be adversely affected by smoke from burning leaves.)



### What Can You do Instead of Burning Leaves?

- Consider composting. Many citizens are mulching their leaves by mowing over them for composting. Composting prevents air pollution and as an added benefit, will provide a rich source of humus for spring flower beds next year.
- Leaves may be bagged and taken to the City Garage at 14th Street. The garage is open Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. The fee is 50 cents per bag.
- The City will pick up leaves that are raked to the curb from October 26 - December 4



# Council Corner

Every city in America has problems of one kind or another and our little town of Wood River is no exception. However, I think we are all prone to highlight the negatives and ignore the positives at times.

Our family has lived in Wood River continuously since 1962 and we have seen considerable change through the years - some good, some not so good. Probably the most serious event that occurred still affects us all today; the closing of our largest employer and single highest tax payer, Amoco Refinery.

Past City administrations have struggled to provide services with much less income and we have never been in a position to recover this lost income. Despite this set-back, we enjoy many services that small towns our size only dream about:

- ❖ A golf course that is acclaimed as one of the best in the greater St. Louis area attracts golfers from our entire region and most importantly, makes a profit for the City as well as brings business to our stores, restaurants, service stations and bars.
- ❖ A first class public swimming complex for adults and children of all ages. There is no other municipality in the so-called "River Bend" area that can match it.
- ❖ Belk Park, our crown jewel and other smaller parks around town are available to all our citizens.
- ❖ A recreation program year around that includes programs for seniors, other adults and young people of all ages.
- ❖ An east-west highway and overpass that eliminated the agonizing long waits for trains that many of us thought would never be accomplished.
- ❖ We are blessed with hard working, loyal, dedicated employees in all departments.
- ❖ We enjoy an outstanding library that attracts thousands of children and adults annually.
- ❖ We have an outstanding education system that provides education from pre-school through high school.
- ❖ Most important are our citizens, many of whom take an active part in our government by volunteering their time and talents by serving on dozens of committees and commissions (they are our real heroes).

I truly believe we are improving, a step at a time. It appears our business park is finally on its way to providing businesses that will provide much needed jobs and new tax revenue.

The business community has united and are revitalizing our downtown shopping area with new vigor and enthusiasm.

The Heritage Council and other volunteers have provided us with a museum that draws many visitors to our community.

There is considerable enthusiasm and optimism about the opportunities the new highway will bring.

We have a nice town - not perfect!

Councilman Buddy Davis

## City Manager's Comments

It will only be a short time now before we can all travel south from Wood River to Highways 70 and 64 or remain on Highway 255 all the way to the Jefferson Barracks Bridge. Current plans call for the opening of the new highway in early October. This event is expected to attract new business, create an increased job market, and lead to new housing in this part of the County.

By the time the new highway is opened on the East side of town, we expect that a new factory will be under construction in Wood River's EnviroTECH Business Park on the West side of town. This will be the first of several factories envisioned by the developers that will transform waste into useful material. The product made in this plant from recycled glass is tile which can be made to look like and replace granite, marble or ceramic tile. The developers of the EnviroTECH Business Park and the City share a goal of turning the park into an attractive show case of facilities dedicated to solving the land-fill problem we are facing nation-wide. It is anticipated that work to complete the unfinished structure on the first lot inside the park will continue in the near future.

Wood River Avenue is currently undergoing a major overlay process which was outlined in the last Pipeline. Many new storm water drains are being installed and the sidewalks will be replaced where they have broken down. The new road surface will be laid upon completion of concrete repairs.

## Octoberfest

CAB (Civic Action Body) of downtown Wood River will be sponsoring an October Fest, Saturday, October 17 from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Ferguson Avenue from Old St. Louis Road to Whitelaw Avenue. Charlie Brown and Billy Hurst will perform from 6-9 p.m. Special activities for the day are Pet Show, Pumpkin Decorating contest, Halloween Costume contest, Adult Tricycle Ride, Hot Wing Cook-off, Volleyball Tournament and BBQ Dinners.

Any organization interested in participating can call 258-4170. The rest of you folks, just come on down and enjoy the day.