



City of  
**WOOD  
RIVER**

# PIPELINE

MAY, 1990

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## TREES DONATED

In recognition of Earth Day, April 22, 1990, Shell Oil Company recently donated 400 trees to the city of Wood River, village of Roxana, village of South Roxana, and the village of Hartford.



This photo was taken in front of the Lewis & Clark Grade School where a "purple plum" tree has been planted. From left to right are sixth grade students of Dale Emerick's class, Information Manager Gene Peters of Shell Oil Company is shown standing in center with those students. To the right of the tree are South Roxana Mayor Danny Wilcox, Hartford's Administrative Assistant Deanna Barnes, Roxana Mayor "Buzz" Kindle, and Wood River Mayor Leroy Emerick. (Tony Canino, Manager of Public Relations for Shell Oil, was not photographed)

## EMPLOYEE

## SAFETY

## PROGRAM

On March 1, 1989, the City of Wood River initiated an Employee Safety Program to provide a safer environment for our employees and to reduce our accident frequency rate. Prizes were awarded on a 6-month and a 12-month basis. As of February 28, 1990, four teams won the first 6-month prize, six teams won the next 6-month prize and four teams won the 12-month prize.

Twelve-month winners receive their choice of: a \$25 savings bond, 2 Cardinal Baseball tickets, 2 Funnybone tickets, a necklace, a monogrammed sweater, or a set of monogrammed coffee mugs.

The 12-month winners are listed below:

### Team 2

Tom Whalen  
Jim Stewart  
Jean Bruce  
Joey Tolbert  
Fred Gilliam

### Team 3

Dana Emerick  
Mark Carnes  
Jim Schneider  
Mike Hendricks  
Dick Phillips

### Team 7

Jeff Norton  
Terry Mason  
Dan Bunt  
Patty McReynolds  
Charlie Hall

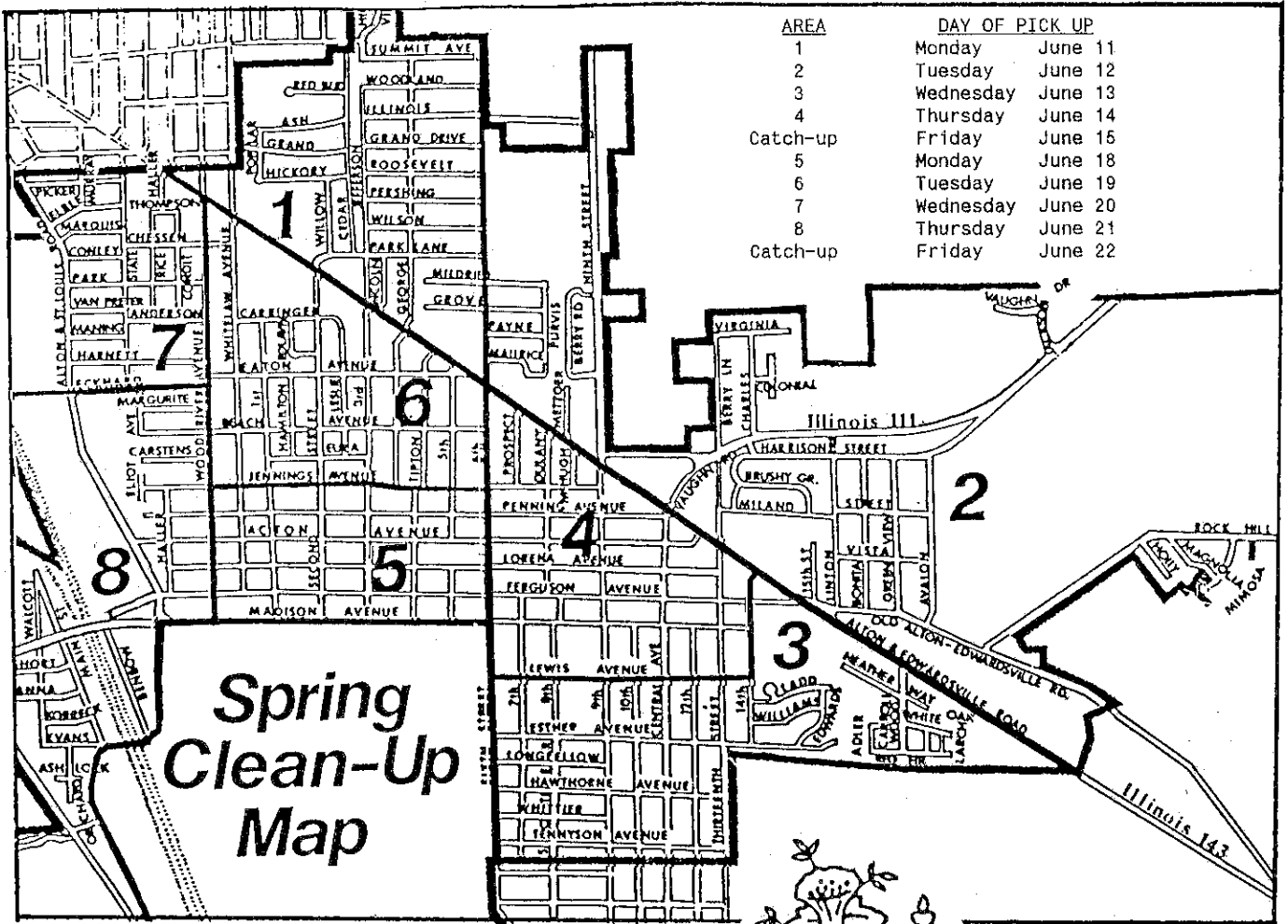
### Team 9

Tom Amburg  
Bill Redfern  
Barb Campbell  
Delmar Guswelle

Congratulations to the winners!

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# SPRING CLEANUP TIME



**Spring  
Clean-Up  
Map**

Spring cleanup will be held again this year starting on Monday, June 11 through Friday, June 22. As in the past, we will pick up items placed at the curb. There will be no alley pick ups. Brush and limbs will not be picked up unless they are cut into 3 to 4 foot lengths and tied in bundles of reasonable size. Building materials such as bricks, concrete, or blocks will not be accepted. Also, no tires of any kind will be picked up.

There's no better time than the present to begin getting your house, garage and yard in shape. Refer to the map above for the date the truck will be in your area. If for some reason we fall behind schedule, we will continue where we left off and into the next day. Once we have cleaned an area, we will not backtrack to pick up items put out late. The best advice is to put items out at the curb the night before the scheduled pick up.



## RECYCLING

## YOUR YARD

By July 1, 1990, all yard waste - grass clippings, leaves, and brush will be banned from landfills. But now what? - From now on, don't bag your lawn clippings, "Recycle Them".

Forget those long held beliefs that grass clippings left on a lawn will smother the grass underneath or cause thatch buildup. This is not true according to lawn experts. Thatch is not made up of clippings, but of roots, leaf sheaths, and rhizomes. Grass clippings rapidly decompose in the lawn because they contain very little lignin, the component that resists decomposition. Roots and rhizomes contain higher levels of lignin and are more resistant to decomposition; therefore, contribute more to the development of thatch.

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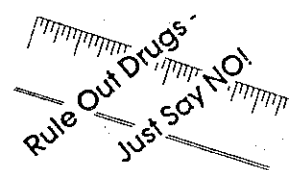
Grass clippings are nutrients being returned to your lawn. One bag of grass clippings equals almost one-quarter pound of organic nitrogen. Because of this, cut grass on a lawn will enable reductions in the cost of fertilizers. They will also reduce water loss from the lawn and will lower soil temperature. Leaving the grass on the lawn after each mowing may seem too much for you. If it is, collect your clippings every third time you mow. Recycle them by using them as mulch around plants and vegetables planted in your yard. This mulch adds nutrients to the soil, reduces weed problems and modifies soil temperature and moisture.

Other tips for lawn care include removing no more than one-third of the grass surface area with each mowing. For example, if the mower is set at a height of two inches, the lawn should be mowed when it reaches a height of three inches. Mow the lawn more often and when the grass is dry. Always use a sharp mower blade. A dull blade bruises and tears the grass resulting in a ragged, tannish appearance at the leaf tip.

Instead of bagging your grass clippings, recycling them is a benefit all around. Your lawn will love you, your back will love you, and your fellow citizens will appreciate the effort you are taking to ensure a future for us all.



Mayor Emerick purchases a poppy from Ralph and Betty Logan, officers of the American Legion Post 204. This will kick off the proclaimed American Legion Poppy Days road collections to be held on May 18 & 19 at the intersections of Wood River Ave. & Ferguson and Sixth St. & Ferguson.



During the 1989-90 school year, our D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Program was conducted at St. Bernard's Catholic School where thirty 5th & 6th graders participated in the 17-week program.

This was an exciting school year and one that has been filled with many new learning experiences. Many of the students have learned for the first time, the meaning of such words as "peer pressure", "self esteem", "consequences" and "stress". They have been encouraged to speak up and speak out about drugs and drug use. The following students graduated from our program on December 20, 1989 during ceremonies held in the school gymnasium: (see photo)

### 5th Grade

Scott Antoine  
Kristin Bazzell  
Valerie Betts  
Kelly Carach  
Melissa Droste  
Johny Elledge  
Christopher Galletta  
Amy Hohnsbehn  
Michelle Horton  
Chad Ingram  
Jendra Johnson

Laura Kassak  
Dharvin Maisuria  
Scott Nicoloff  
Neal Northway  
Angela Reynolds  
Derek St. Peters  
Natalie Sneed  
Heather Tatman  
Adrianna Trejo  
Natalie Wallace

### 6th Grade

Kyle Anderson  
Christine Fischer  
Ryan Hartsock  
Katie Hoffman  
Kelly Hoffman

Steven Horton  
Nicholas McCoy  
Wynter Dry  
Lucas Puricelli



Currently our D.A.R.E. Program is being taught by Ptlnn. Mark Carnes at the Lewis & Clark Elementary School to fifty-six students in the 5th grade. The program continues to be a great success in helping our children recognize the dangers associated with drugs and in teaching them to Just Say No.

# U.S. CONGRESSMAN, JERRY COSTELLO

## BACK IN TOWN



In the photo, Jerry Costello confers with some visitors who attended a second town meeting at Wood River City Hall on Saturday, April 7, 1990. The purpose of his meeting was to learn from the people what they would like to see accomplished. Mr. Costello familiarized us with his opinions regarding the issues below:

Because the bail out of the Savings & Loans will cost as much as \$500 million dollars. Costello voted against it. Savings & Loans in the State of Illinois were less than 2% of the problem as compared with Texas at 67%; but Illinois will have to pay the same as any other state. He feels deregulation in 1983 which allowed Savings & Loans to invest certain monies they were not able to use before is the reason for the current problems with the Savings & Loans.

Child care legislation - will provide tax credits primarily for those having a need for it.

Clean Air Act - many people support the Clean Air Act, but they don't know what it is going to cost. Costello feels it will cost us a great deal, including jobs and money; and will vote against it unless we can get a couple amendments passed along with it. These amendments refer to allowing use of Illinois coal without the required scrubbing process and each state equally sharing the expense of enforcing this Clean Air Act. Under this bill, and without the amendments, it is estimated there will be a 15 to 24 percent increase in utility bills.

It will cost the people in the mid-western states a larger percentage than other sections of our country to clean up the air; and we should not have to pay any more than any of the other states.

Congressman Costello then asked for questions or comments.

One citizen was primarily interested in Mr. Costello's stand on the anti-gun legislation. Costello feels that outlawing guns won't solve the problem; we have to start seeing stiffer sentences and penalties for drug crimes. If you outlaw guns, all you are doing is penalizing honest citizens and yet it won't take guns out of the hands of criminals.

Another gentleman asked if Congress intends to do anything about the Notch Issue which covers almost 90% of the World War II Veterans. Those born between 1917 and 1926 (primarily 1919 through 1921) receive about \$100 less Social Security benefits per month. As a supporter of this legislation, Costello hopes to bring everyone born within this time frame to an equal pension. Administration is against this, stating that it would be too expensive; and the President has stated he would veto any amendment initiating this change.

The AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) has appeared before the commission stating they represent the feelings of 33 million people on this subject and that the people want to keep the system just as it is, further adding the change will cause problems in the Social Security budget. Congressman Costello urged senior citizens to write AARP and ask them for a reason why they (AARP) feel this way and explain that you are a member, that they are speaking for you, and that you don't want them to support this issue.

There is 50 billion dollars currently being taken out of the Social Security system to balance the federal budget. Congressman Costello asked the citizens to support legislation to take Social Security out of the federal budget. The new fiscal year begins October 1, 1990 and the House of Representatives should have enough votes this year to take the Social Security Funds off budget. Costello supports taking all the trust funds off budget as these monies are being used to hide the true deficit.

Costello supports Bill 3936 sponsored by Representative Clay. This proposes that employees who cross picket lines during strikes will become temporary employees at the end of the strike.

One citizen suggested the government use what it is currently spending on space travel to find another source of energy.

Costello feels the war on drugs, education, and health care should be the priorities in this country right now. He added there are 37 million Americans, 7 million being children, with no health insurance. The Select Committee on Aging subcommittee is now looking at different health care systems in other countries. Mr. Costello said, "A free society that cannot provide basic health care to its people is failing."

One gentlemen stated that he is involved in foreign sales and normally doesn't have much of a problem with foreign countries with the exception of Japan. Mr. Costello feels the United States should impose the exact same limits and red tape on trade that Japan extends to us.

Congressman Costello stated that as frustrated as he gets with the system, the United States still has the very best system in the world. We don't need to come up with a new system, we need to change the people who run that system and modify it when needed. There's no other place in the world where you literally have control of the system. Find out if your public officials are listening to you and if they are working for you. It all comes back to Election Day when you close the curtain.

### SWIM TEAM

The Aquatic Center is in the formulating process of planning a Swim Team for the 1990 Aquatic Center Season. Those parents with interested children should call 254-5221 and leave the child's name, address, phone #, and age, so we can contact you when practices begin.

### AQUATIC CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

The following American Red Cross Safety programs will be introduced in 1990. Emergency Water Safety and Basic Water Safety will be taught in the evening from 8:00 - 10:00 PM.

DATE OFFERED: June 25 thru July 6

Swimming Instructor Class will be taught in the evening from 7:00 - 10:00

DATE OFFERED: July 9 - July 20

SCUBA CLASSES, WATER AEROBICS, CPR, and FIRST AID will also be offered. Call the Aquatic Center at 254-0443 for more information.

ADULT SWIM - Again, we will be offering the Adult swim for two hours daily from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The fitness minded may swim their laps during this time, while sun worshipers may choose to relax in the sun.

### SWIMMING LESSONS

The Aquatic Center conducts a complete series of public swimming lessons. Red Cross Certification cards will be issued after successful completion of each session. Children must be 6 years of age and 42" in height.

#### LEARN TO SWIM PROGRAM - 1990

SESSION I	June 11 - 22
SESSION II	July 9 - 20
SESSION III	August 6 - 17

All sessions will meet Monday thru Friday. The following classes will be available each session:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Time</u>
Advanced Beg.	9:00 - 9:45 AM
Swimmer	9:00 - 9:45 AM
Advanced Beg.	9:50 - 10:35 AM
Intermediate	9:50 - 10:35 AM
Beginner	9:15 - 9:45 AM
Beginner (4 to 6)	9:50 - 10:20 AM
Beginner (4 to 6)	10:30 - 11:00 AM

FEE: \$17.00 per session

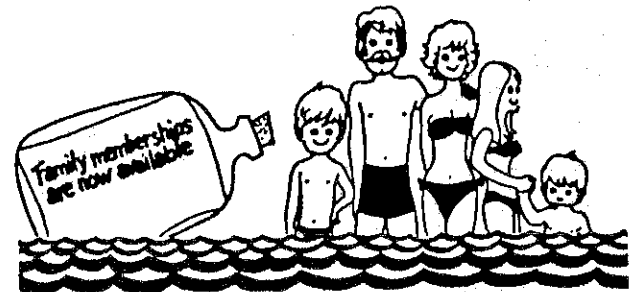
\*\*\*\*\*MOM & TOT\*\*\*\*\*

This program is for children two and three years of age. Parents must accompany their child in class.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Time</u>
Mom & Tot	11:15 - 11:45 AM
Mom & Tot	11:50 - 12:20 PM

FEE: \$17.00 per session

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# The Aquatic Center is pleased to offer these exciting coupons to Wood River Residents and Friends.

# Come Celebrate Summer!

Bring the entire family for a day of sun and water fun—at an extremely affordable price. Use these coupons for even more water fun at the Aquatic Center, 670 Whitelaw Avenue, Wood River.

## Season Pass Special

10% OFF on a Family Pass  
Limit 3 immediate family members.  
Each additional family member, \$15.  
(Offer expires May 26, 1990)  
Passes sold at Wood River  
Parks and Recreation Department, 254-5521

## 4-Hour Slide Admission \$1.00 OFF

Ride as many times as you'd like down  
two 4-story tall twisting, winding water slides.  
Includes pool admission.  
Regular 4-hour slide admission, \$6.00  
(Offer Good July 16 through July 29, 1990)

## 10 Ride Slide Bracelets 1/2 Price - \$2.00

Zip down a 4-story tall twisting,  
winding water slide up to 10 times.  
Includes pool admission (\$2.50 additional value)  
(Regular 10 ride fee, \$4.00)  
(Offer Good June 18 through June 24, 1990)

## FREE

3-Ride Waterslide Bracelet  
with Discounted Purchase of  
\$2.00 Pool Admission  
Regular admission, \$2.50  
Limited to Students, K-12th Grade  
(Offer Good June 11 through June 17, 1990)

## May/June Pool & Slide Rental Specials

Pool Only \$80.00  
Slide Only \$80.00  
Pool & Slide \$150.00  
Each additional person over 50, \$1.00 each  
(regularly \$2.00 each)  
Maximum rental period, 2 hours  
Secure rental information from pool management or  
the Wood River Parks and Recreation Department.  
(Offer Good May and June, 1990)

## What a way to celebrate summer!

Regular Admission Rates: Pool Admission \$2.50  
Slide Admissions (includes pool admission)  
10 rides \$4.00 • 2 hour \$5.00 • 4 hour \$6.00  
Slide Admission for Season Pass Holders  
10 rides \$2.00 • 2 hour \$3.00 • 4 hour \$4.00  
For more information, call:  
Wood River Parks and Recreation Department 254-5521  
or, after May 26, The Aquatic Center 254-0443



## The Aquatic Center

WOOD RIVER, ILLINOIS

670 Whitelaw Avenue

Open 1-8 p.m. Daily • Adult Swim 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Coupons Not Valid With Any Other Offer

## Back to School Special \$1.00 OFF

Regular Slide Admission: 10 rides-\$4.00;  
2 hours-\$5.00; 4 hours-\$6.00  
Purchase of slide bracelet includes pool admission  
Students, K-12th Grade & College Students (I.D. Required)  
or \$2.00 on pool admission for adults  
(Offer Good August 27 through September 2, 1990)

## Group Slide Special \$1.00 OFF per Person 10 Ride Slide Bracelet

Groups of 10 or More (Regularly \$3.50 per person)  
Zip, zoom and slide down giant,  
4-story tall twin water slides.  
Purchase of Slide Bracelet includes  
admission to pool (\$2.50 value)  
(Offer Good June 25 through July 1, 1990)

## YOUTH LEAGUE REGISTRATION

Wood River Recreation has been accepting registrations for Summer Softball and Baseball programs. Teams will be put together by May 21st, so that games can begin in early June. The following divisions are offered:

Boys:	Age 10 & 11	Minor League
	Age 12 & 13	Major League
	Age 14	Juvenile
	Age 15 & 16	Juvenile II
Girls:	Age 10 & 11	Petite League
	Age 12 & 13	Chic League
	Age 14 & 15	Sophomore's

Instructional League is offered for boys ages 6 & 7, and girls ages 7 & 8. This program will be taught every day in the morning for two weeks.

A T-Ball League is offered for boys, ages 8 & 9.

All teams will play in the Tri-City Leagues, which is made up of teams from Wood River, East Alton, and Roxana. All games will be played in the evenings.

### TRI-CITY SOCCER

East Alton, Roxana, and Wood River have joined together to form one Tri-City League. Soccer is offered to children ages 6 thru 13. We will begin registration on August 1st. The fee will be \$12.00 for each participant. Games are scheduled to begin in September and will be played at five different fields:

- Benbow North & South in Wood River
- Eastwood in East Alton
- Roxana North & South

Games will be played on Saturday mornings and under the lights on weeknights.

## SUMMER DAY CAMP

Summer can be a great time for kids, if they spend it at the Roundhouse Recreation Center. Children of kindergarten thru fifth grades, are invited to join us as we play games, create unusual arts and crafts projects, go on field trips, and visit the Aquatic Center Water Slide. Each child will need to bring a sack lunch. Drinks will be provided.

WHEN: Mon-Wed-Fri 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM  
June 18 thru July 27, 1990

FEE: \$22.00 Wood River Resident  
\$25.00 Non-Residents



Mayor Leroy Emerick shakes hands with Frank Meyers after proclaiming a resolution of tribute to Frank and his wife, Lois for their successful 33-year operation of the Handy Paint & Art Store. They have operated the store since July 1956. The Mayor and City Council wish them the best of luck in their retirement.

### EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS City Operated Services

To report a Fire . . . . .	254-4301
To call the Police . . . . .	254-4303
Water/Sewer break (before 5:00 PM) . . . . .	254-0725
Water/Sewer break (after 5:00 PM) . . . . .	254-4303
Barricades for street flooding . . . . .	254-4303

## NEW BUSINESSES IN TOWN

We are always happy to welcome new businesses in our community. The following businesses have recently opened in Wood River:



KUMAR'S - formerly "The Corner Cafe" located across from Magna Bank is owned and operated by Surinder and Ellen Kumar. Their daily menu features rotisserie chicken, another meat item, and a salad bar including homemade soup. Individual orders such as steaks, seafood, and homemade desserts are also available. On Sundays, have a luncheon buffet from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Phone 261-4772 for special holiday buffets. Hours are 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM every day.

The Penalty Box located at 17 Whitelaw Ave. is owned by Mike & Diane Zangori. A getaway for teenagers from 13 to 18 years of age, features a snack bar, video games, foosball tournaments, and dance contests. No smoking is allowed and tight security is provided. Reservations for private parties - Sunday through Wednesday - call 254-5913. Normal hours are:

Thursday 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM  
Friday - Saturday 6:00 PM - 11:30 PM

PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO VISIT!



If you are a "sports" card collector, visit the STRIKE ZONE at 898 E. Edwardsville Rd. (next to Dubbles) owned by Jay and Kim McClellan. They buy, sell, and trade baseball, basketball, football and hockey cards and supplies. Store hours are:

Mon. through Sat. 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
Sunday Noon - 5:00 PM

Phone: 259-6339



The Friendly Bible Bookstore opened April 6 at 931 Edwardsville Rd. (by Fantasy Video) and is owned by mother and daughter, Freda and Dena McVey. The store carries a large assortment of bibles, printed music and tapes. They also offer educational material, Catholic religious supplies, religious wall hangings, cards and other gifts. Phone 258-0500 or visit - store hours are 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM Monday through Saturday.



## CITY "HALL OF FAME"



Joe Graziana began working for the City as a summer helper in 1968 and was later hired as a full-time employee in the Parks Department. After five years, he was transferred and spent eleven years in the Street Department. He then worked for six years at the City Garage.

As Superintendent of Streets & Maintenance, Joe oversees maintenance of City vehicles, equipment for the Water Plant, Sewer Department, and the Aquatic Center, and schedules maintenance for City Hall.

Joe, a 1970 graduate of East Alton-Wood River High School, has been a lifetime resident of Wood River.

His hobbies include collecting and restoring antique cars and steam engines. He currently owns a 1914 Model-T Ford, 1926 Ford Roadster, and a 1930 Model-A Ford Sports Coupe. You may have seen him driving his steam engine in one of our Halloween Parades or cooking sweet corn at various functions around town.

In his spare time, Joe is a volunteer engineer for the St. Louis-Iron Mountain Steam Railroad which runs from Jackson to Delta, Missouri.

## Council Corner

I'm wondering if the citizens of Wood River realize the number of hours and the amount of work the various Board and Commission members contribute while serving the residents and City of Wood River. A special person with a strong degree of dedication to his/her City and the drive to get the job done are qualities found in these members, knowing the only compensation they will receive is the self satisfaction of doing a good job and contributing to the City and its residents.

The City has ten Boards or Commissions made up of 78 citizens. Each Commission has an important responsibility or area of concern and each member contributes unselfishly to the everyday running and planning of the City. Each member is appointed for a term of up to five years and spends many hours attending monthly meetings or traveling within the City researching their areas of responsibility.

The ten Boards or Commissions are:

Board of Zoning Appeals  
Fire Pension Board  
Police Pension Board  
Fire & Police Commission  
Traffic Commission  
Planning Commission  
Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission  
Library Board  
Storm Water Commission  
Community Development Local Citizens Committee

If you were to venture outside on a rainy night, you would probably find one of the Storm Water Commissioners traveling through town trying to identify some of the drainage problem areas. When you attend an activity at the park, more than likely, one of the Park & Recreation Advisory Board members will be present. Each time someone appears before the Board of Zoning Appeals, the members visit each location to obtain a true picture in order to make a fair decision.

To make these Commissioners' and Board members' jobs easier, I suggest that each citizen go out and meet these members, attend their meetings, express your areas of concern, and give them your ideas and input. A heartfelt thanks should go out to each of these members for a job well done.

  
Councilman Jeff Greer