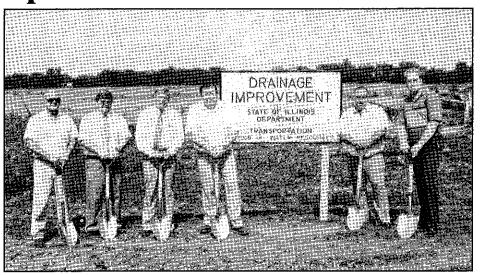


Upland Retention Basin Construction Starts



Groundbreaking for the Upland Retention Basin was held Monday, July 26. Those pictured from left to right are Contractor Richard Georgewitz, Stormwater Commission Chairman Bill Coleman, Director of Illinois Division of Water Resources Don Vonnahme, Mayor Lon Smith, Councilmen Tony Stassi and Scott Levan.

The Mississippi River floods of this year reinforce the point that there are no guarantees in working with nature. At the same time, we want to alleviate problems that we can. A giant step in problem solving will be the Upland Retention Basin, across from Wal-Marton Route 111. The Upland Retention Basin will intercept almost a thousand acres drainage from the Airport, Belk Park, and Rosewood Heights. The drainage flows down 111 and has often flooded Glendale Gardens. It eventually drains to Smith Lake on the south side of Highway 143.

The Upland Retention Basin is designed to provide a controlled run-off for a 50 year storm event. The basin has a 30" pipe that will release water to the existing ditch behind Glendale Gardens (parallel with Avalon Street) which connects to the big drainage ditch parallel to East Rock Hill Road behind K-Mart. The ditch flows south to Smith Lake. A small or moderate rain will have flow similar to the present drainage. In a heavy rain, the 30" pipe will hold back

the release of water and the retention basin will start to fill up. The basin will hold the equivalent of approximately 20" of rain over 15 days. This design is to stop the flash floods that have inundated the Glendale Gardens neighborhood and control the release so it will not cause any damage.

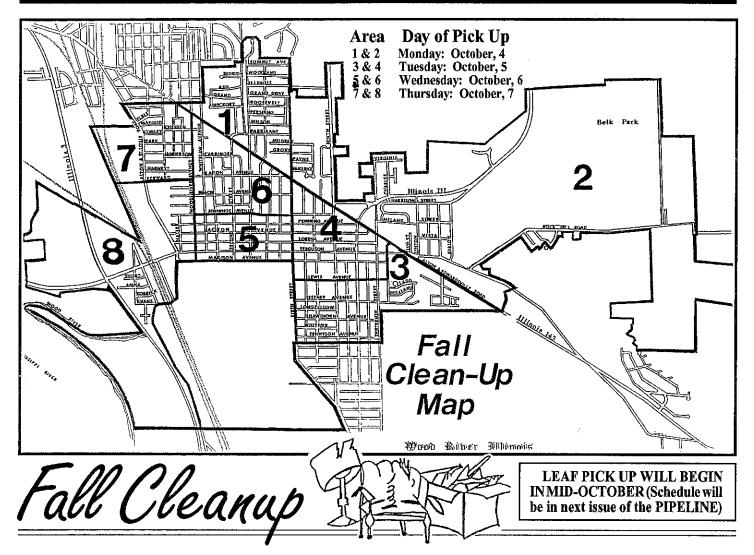
The reservoir also has a relief line where water can be discharged north across Rt. 111, eventually going behind Wal-Mart, flowing to the Sixth Street reservoir. When Smith Lake is full and the Sixth Street Reservoir is low, the City will be allowed to divert water to the Sixth Street Reservoir which can eventually be pumped to the Wood River Creek through East Alton.

Construction of the retention basin is a joint effort of the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Bureau of Water Resources and the City of Wood River. Wood River has purchased all the land and easements for the project at a cost exceeding a half million dollars. The construction budget from the state is \$2.3 million.

In reviewing the drainage improvements that have been made in Wood River in the past 30 years, it is easy to see a lot of progress has been made. The Sixth Street Retention Basin addressed the continual flooding problems in Lincoln Addition and the north central part of the City. The City bought a sewer vacuum truck seven years ago and this has improved sewer maintenance many times over. With the new vacuum truck purchased this year, continued deposits of dirt and rocks that obstruct and slow drainage can be cleaned out. New inlets have been added in the downtown, on Central, Edwardsville Road, and at other locations. While we have made a lot of improvements, we still know that we have to keep a continual guard and that we are still susceptible. Our sewers cannot cope with a heavy rain, much less a record flood. We will always have to put up with temporary inconveniences. At the same time, we can certainly celebrate the Upland Retention Basin and the good that it can do for our community.

Important Reminders

- 1. City ordinance requires each resident and business to have address numbers visible on the outside of their home and/or business. The minimum size of the numbers is 2 1/2". With 9-1-1 now in operation, this is very important in order for emergency vehicles to easily find an address.
- 2. The Recycling Center at City Garage is open every Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Monday. The hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., except on Sunday Noon to 4 p.m. It is CLOSED Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
- 3. Please remember burning is not allowed during the summer months. Beginning October 1, leaf burning will be allowed in Wood River on Wednesdays and Saturdays ONLY. (There is State Legislation pending that could permanently ban leaf burning.)



The annual Fall Cleanup is scheduled for the week of October 4, 1993. To assure pickup, all items must be placed at the front curb by 8:00 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.

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: stoves, refrigerators, washers, dryers, freezers, dishwashers, furnaces, hot water heaters, air conditioners, humidifiers, dehumidfiers, trashcompactors.

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.

SPECIAL PICKUPS: Each Wednesday, Midwest Sanitation will pick up bulky items for \$15 a truckload, you may make arrangements for this special pickup by calling 251-3131.

Metro Police Benevolent Flood Relief Program

Flood Relief I:

With assistance from Project H.E.A.R.T., Wood River Township Hospital, and the Metro Police Benevolent, more than \$6,000 in cash and food was given to flood victims in the Jersey-Calhoun County area. Supplies were air-lifted by helicopter to Calhoun County and taken by semi truck (donated by Schiber Trucking of Hartford) to Jersey County. All went well and help was much appreciated. Chief Rigsbey, Officers Chapman and Farthing assisted.

Flood Relief II:

Relief for area flood victims continues. Donations of food, cash and cleaning supplies are needed and will continue to be needed throughout the cleaup period. Contributions can be taken to Wood River Township Hospital or to Wood River City Hall.

FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Are you aware that the City has an ordinance regulating peddlers and solicitors in residential neighborhoods?

Each individual going door-to-door is required to have a city license. Before a license is issued, the police department runs a reference check on the individual. While there are many good and upstanding solicitors, there are always a few undesirables. We want to protect the safety and welfare of our residents. So don't ever hesitate to ask a solicitor knocking on your door about a city license. If there is none, contact the police at 251-3113. Also, if a licensed solicitor acts in an undesirable manner, please report this to the Police and if the regulations have been violated, the license will be revoked.

Please remember a city license is in no way an endorsement of the firm or product.

Established religious and charitable not-forprofit organizations are exempt from these regulations.

Introducing ...



Our newest firefighter, Leonard Revelle, was officially sworn in at last Monday's Council meeting. Leonard brings quite a bit of experience with him to the department, having worked in St. Louis County for the Community Fire District for 5 years. He is also a paramedic with Medco Ambulance.

A life long resident of Wood River, Leonard resides with his wife, Cindy, and their Dalmation "Pierce". His outside interests include golf, softball and playing drums.

Leonard says he is happy to become a firefighter in his own hometown. We welcome Leonard to our Fire Department.

Council Adopts New Zoning Ordinance

July 12 should be marked as a memorable day for the City as that is the date the City Council adopted the new Zoning Ordinance for our City. The previous ordinance was adopted by the City Council in 1969. While that ordinance has served Wood River well, revisions have been considered over the past 20 years.

A study committee was formed in 1982 and various drafts of a new ordinance were prepared. Finally, in 1992, under the direction of Planning Commission Chairman, Dorothy Counsil, a Code Committee was assigned to submit a complete revision. The Committee, led by Dan Swarringim and with Eleanor Alexander, Mike Luck, and Don Price, reworked the ordinance, page by page, section by section. Finally it was ready for review by the full Planning Commission and work sessions were held last summer. The Planning Commission then held public hearings in the Fall of 1992

and submitted a recommended ordinance to the City Council in December of 1992. The Council met with the Planning Commission and had some further adjustments. The April election put consideration of the ordinance on hold for a short period of time, so new Council members could be familiarized with the new ordinance. After a study period, the Council adopted the ordinance on July 12.

The new Ordinance, covering over 200 pages, may look imposing but it is relatively easy to understand. Topics are indexed by zones for residential, multi-family, commercial, etc.

The Ordinance will be available at City Hall and at the Library. Copies may be purchased for \$50.

A future Pipeline article will discuss some of the changes from the old ordinance to the new and the various aspects of the ordinance as they affect residential and commercial property in the City.

Appreciation Dinner Attended by over 100



The multi-purpose room at the new Belk Park Clubhouse was the scene for the Appreciation Dinner for all Wood River Board and Commission members. This annual dinner, hosted by the City, honors residents who give up their time to work for community betterment by serving on Boards, Commissions, and Committees.

Honored for over 10 years of continual service on various committees were:

George Wallace, Parks & Recreation Commission
Jim Haycraft, Parks & Recreation Commission
Bob Fritts, Airport Authority
Buddy Davis, Police Pension Board
Eleanor Alexander, Library Board, Plan
Commission & Board of Zoning Appeals

Frank Akers, Traffic Commission

Tom Holland of the Library Board, and Dorothy Counsil of the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals, were honored for their years of service upon retiring from their respective committee. Also, outgoing Council member Dan Robien and former Mayor Leroy Emerick were applauded and new Mayor Lon Smith and new Council member Matt Stimac were recognized.

Again, a heartfelt thanks to all those who volunteer their time to serve on Wood River Boards and Commissions.



FALL Activities

Fall Softball League

Registration began in July and will run through August 13 for our fall softball leagues which consist of adult Men's, Women's and Co-Ed teams. Play will begin in late August and run through October.

Gymnastics ages 5 thru junior high

Regular gymnastics program will begin in August with practices being held once a week and sessions lasting five weeks. Registration will also begin in August. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!

Tri-City Soccer

Soccer will be offered to children ages 6 through 13. Registration begins in August and games should begin in September.

Ladies Exercise

Ladies exercise class will be offered at the Roundhouse beginning in September and running through May. This class is held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9-10 a.m. in five week sessions.

Aerobics

Evening aerobics classes are held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-7 p.m. at the Roundhouse. These classes run in six sessions beginning in September and continuing through May.

Youth Jazz, Tap and Ballet

Teresa Mize will be conducting dance classes for the youth again this year. Classes are held at the Roundhouse on Mondays and Wednesdays starting in September. (Specific dates and times based on youths ability)

Winter Volleyball

Registration for adult recreational and power volleyball leagues will begin in October. Games usually begin in November and run through March. Teams may register for Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evenings.

Youth Wrestling

Registration will begin in October for our youth wrestling program which consists of 3rd through 8th graders. Practice should begin in December.

4-Man Basketball League

Our adult 4-Man Basketball league will begin in November. Registration will be taken in October. Games are held on Tuesday and generally played through February.

Halloween Party

A free Halloween Party will be held at the Roundhouse on Monday, October 25, from 7-8 p.m. for Wood River residents up to twelve years of age.

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 towards Senior Citizens, although others may attend. Classes are held at the Roundhouse on the following Tuesdays:

August 10, October 12, December 14

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.

For more information, please call 251-3130, Monday thru Friday, 8-12a.m. and 1-5 p.m.

Wood River Braces for Flood Crest Passes with No Fanfare

The record Mississippi floods have put a strain on everyone in the area. No one could have anticipated the river levels, the unbelievable damage, or the personal tragedies dealt in the past few weeks. Thus far as of Friday August 6th, Wood River and the area protected by the Wood River Levee District have gone undamaged. That is not just luck: it's a combination of having one of the best levees on the river, having the levee maintained in excellent condition, having the plan to meet a crisis, and then personnel to carry out the plan.

The Levee District has been recognized by the Army Corps of Engineers for their excellent maintenance program, and we can now give those responsible our thanks: District President Dan Robien, District Supervisor Vince Milazzo, and Commissioner Jim Hoyt and Wayne Bridgewater. All of the cities in the district have been called on for help. East Alton, Wood River and Roxana have hauled sand bags Personnel from each city have been loaned for extended periods. Wood River Finance Director Joey Tolbert and Fire Chief Guy Williams worked alternating 12 hour shifts to supervise



Trucks lined up at City's Water Plant to supply water to Alton.

the Levee District emergency operations center. Council members and city personnel have put in extra hours as overtime or as volunteers during the crisis. Briefings by the Corps of Engineers and city staff have kept officials apprised of the situation as our emergency plans were implemented.

When the situation looked most serious, Coun-

cil members delivered a flood hazard information bulletin door-to-door in the western parts of the city, the lowest elevations of Wood River.

Rumor control was one of our biggest problems. Please call the Wood River Levee Hotline for answers to your flood related questions. Distraught individuals have been calling Emergency 911 and the city hall with questions raised by rumor. Reports that Hartford was flooded, that water was running over Route 3, that the levee was breached, that an evacuation order was issued...these and hundreds of other questions were answered. The most serious problem was in tieing up the 911 lines. Use the FLOOD HOTLINE 254-7481.

Wood River has so far weathered the threat. We know that the river will be at flood stage for a number of weeks so the danger continues and it will be a long time until we can get back to normal. Until then, thank you for your patience, thank others for our good fortune to live where we do, help those who are volunteering their time to the crisis, and extend your financial and other assistance to those who have been devastated by the flood.

Library News

Children's Programs at the Wood River Public Library

Programs for Grades 1-8 August 18, 10:30 a.m.

> Share your vacation memories with us. Bring the souvenirs that you have collected on your trips. Film and craft included in program.

September 22, 3:30 p.m.

Join us for a back-to-school program,

October 13, 3:30 p.m.

Look out for the Ghost and Gobblins -Halloween program will include stories, craft and film.

Pre-school Programs for Ages 3-5

August - 21

September - 18

October - 16

Pre-school programs include flannel board stories, art & crafts, picture book stories, tell & draw stories, fingerplays, group participation and films. Pre-school programs are held on the third Saturday of each month.

Library Hours:

Mon. - Fri. 10:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Saturday 10:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Phone: 254-4832

Hot New Titles for Summer at Your Library

FICTION BOOKS:

After All These Years

by Susan Isaacs

Cruel & Unusual

by Patrica Cornwell

Gai-Jin

by James Clavell

Honor Among Thieves

by Jeffrey Archer

Lasting Treasures

by Julie Ellis

Night Manager

by John LeCarre

Paper Doll

by Robert Parker

Pleading Guilty

by Scott Turow

Powers That Be

by Anne Mccaffrey

Scorpio Illusion

by Robert Ludlum

Snagged

by Carol Higgens Clark

Violent Ward

by Len Deighton

NONFICTION BOOKS:

Alzheimer's Disease: a Guide for Families by Lenore Powell

HOT OFF THE PRESS

Behind Palace Doors: Marriage & Divorce in the House of Windsor

by Nigel Dempster

Crypt 33: the Saga of Marilyn Monroe -

the Final Word by Adela Gregory

Eat More Weigh Less

by Dr. Dean Ornish

Embraced by the Light

by Betty Eadie

Miles of Smiles: 101 Great Car Games

& Activities

by Carole Terwilliger Mevers

New Century Family Money Book: Your Comprehensive Guide to a Lifetime

of Financial Security

by Johnathan D. Pond

Secret Ceremonies: a Mormon Woman's Intimate Diary of Marriage and Beyond

by Deborah Laake

Where to Sell It! How to Find the Best Buyers of Antiques, Collectibles, and **Other Undiscovered Treasures**

by Tony Hyman

BOOKS ON CASSETTE:

Bridges of Madison County

by Robert Waller

Client

by John Grisham

Dolores Claiborne

by Stephen King

Keepers of the Earth: **Native American Stories**

Pelican Belief

by John Grisham

Princess

by Jean P. Sasson

Presumed Innocent

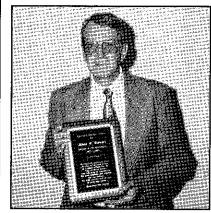
by Scott Turow

Return to Love

by Marianne Williamson Star Trek Conversational Klinon Stories

by Garrison Keillor

Hall Of Fame



Officer James Stewart

This issue's Hall of Fame article is dedicated to Jim Stewart who recently retired from the Wood River Police Department.

On Monday, July 19th, the City Council presented Officer Stewart with a plaque in commemoration of his 21 years of service with the City of Wood River.

Jim has seen the department grow from nine to eighteen sworn officers while he was here. He was involved in every facet of the Police Department, from patrol duties to complex investigations.

Officer Stewart says he will miss the people he has worked with and the many people he

has met over the past years.

The City of Wood River and the Wood River Police Department will miss his friendly smile. We wish him the best of luck in his new position as the Chief of Police in Brighton, Illinois.

Firefighter Tom Whalen has recently retired on disability pension after 24 years of service with the Fire Department. His career as a firefighter began May 1, 1969, serving under Chief Ervin Thein, Tom has served under many chiefs and has seen the construction of two new firehouses and the demolition of the historic firehouse on Madison Avenue. An amateur magician. Tom will be remembered for his magic demonstrations during fire prevention lectures for school children.

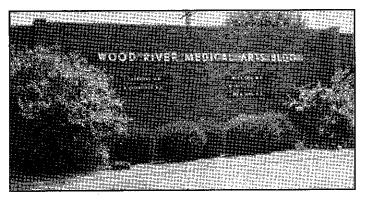
Arson investigation was Tom's first love and he has been a long member and officer of the Madison County Arson Investigators Association.

One of Tom's pastimes is videography and he will pursue this in his retirement. We wish him much success.

Introducing New Businesses in Wood River...



McDONALD'S OPENS IN WAL-MART - Ronald McDonald and Mayor Lon Smith were present to kick-off the grand opening of McDonald's Restaurant located in Wal-Mart Store at 1501 Vaughn Road. The new restaurant is owned and operated by Dick and Suzi Bold of Glen Carbon, and managed by Kevin Haney of Edwardsville. Hours will be same as Walmart: 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday - Saturday; 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday.

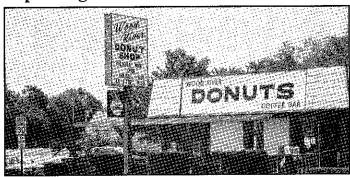


Dr. William Wood, Chiropractic Physician, has recently opened an office in the Wood River Medical Arts Building, at 1702 Vaughn Road. He treats all types of muscular, skeletal disorders and specializes in general, low force care. Dr. Wood is the son of Dr. Russell Wood, who practiced in Wood River for over 30 years. For an appointment, you may call 258-1870.



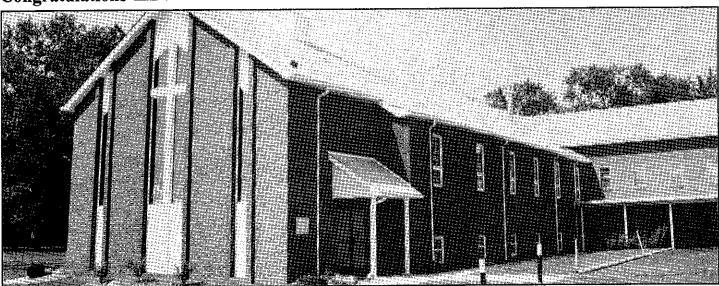
M.A.D.D. OPENS OFFICE IN DOWNTOWN - Carolyn Deardeuff, President of Mother's Against Drunk Drivers (MADD) has opened an office at 6 E. Ferguson in Wood River. In addition to lobbying for more stringent laws against drunk drivers, MADD has many projects such as distributing breath testers and video cameras to help area policemen catch DUI offenders. The City of Wood River has recently become a member of MADD.

Expanding Business



ANNOUNCING WOOD RIVER DONUT'S "PIZZERIA" - Owner Steven Hobbs has expanded his business at 102 W. Edwardsville Road by introducing a line of pizzas, along with lasagna and salads. Call 251-5331 for carry-out orders. Open 7 days a week 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Congratulations



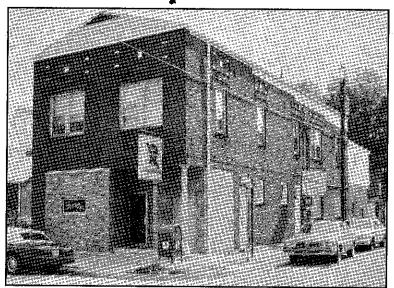
CONGRATULATIONS To Whitelaw Avenue Baptist Church at 800 Whitelaw Avenue on the recent improvements to their church. Remodeling includes additional restrooms, larger enclosed entrance, renovated sanctuary and new landscaping.

Happy Anniversary

Scottie's Place on Main Street in Wood River is a quaint bar with a long colorful history. For the past ten years, it has been owned and operated by Scottie and Marshall Wood. This year the building at 302 S. Main will mark its 60th Anniversary as a Wood River Tavern. This comes as no surprise considering the customers are all like family, and the place is built like a fortress.

Joseph Butkovich firstopened the business on April 17,1933, and it remained in the family until 1967. In talking with John "Booty" Butkovich, Joseph's son, a whole history unfolded.

"Booty" came from a family of 9 boys and 2 girls, and they were raised in the back of the tavern. He related that the first bottle of beer



served was "Goetz", and in those days they sold as much as 10 kegs of beer a day. Every night was like New Year's Eve. They played poker, gambled and danced to live bands. Redd Fox and his band stopped in to entertain frequently. This being the main road to St. Louis, it attracted many ballplayers too, including Cardinal player Fiddler McGhee and Ed Beacht of the Cubs. Also, you will find it interesting that the building in back of the tavern was the first Wood River City Hall.

Stop in and visit this small bit of Wood River's history. The bartender, Geri Noel, has been there for eight years, and will be happy to show you around. One wall, dedicated to the young men of our community who served our

country, has photographs posted of each one. Marshall will be happy to show you his home grown tomatoes, which made him famous.

Wood River Services Directory

City Hall
Mayor's Office
City Manager's Office
City Clerk's Office
Voter Registration
City Licenses
Notary Service
General Complaints
Handicap Parking Cards
Garage Sales Permits
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Building & Zoning
Building & Zoning Administrator
General Inspector
Abandoned (junked) cars
(private property)
Building Inspections
Complaints - litter, weeds, debris, etc.
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Finance/Water Office 251-3131
Water, sewer refuse service / billing
Dog & Cat Licenses
Curbside Pick-up (large items)
Treasurer
Public Service Department 251-3122
Street, Alley, Sidewalk repairs
Brush / Limb pick-up
Dumpster & Recyclables
Water & Sewer Problems
EMERGENCY & after hours 254-4303
Fire Department
Major Emergency 911
Minor Emergency 254-4303
Chief's Office 259-0991
Information/service 259-0984
Library 254-4832
Photocopies, Fax Machine
Use of Typewriter & Apple Computer
Voter Registration
Parks & Recreation 251-3130
Recreation Programs
Roundhouse Rec Center

Picnic Shelter Reservations	
Aquatic Center (pool)	251-3110
Police Department	
Major Emergency	911
Minor Emergency	254-4303
Animal Control	251-3113
Police Records	
Vacation Checks	251-3113
Abandoned Cars	
Circuit Court	259-7857
Traffic Tickets	
Small Claims Court	
Court Appearances	
County Clerk/Edwardsville Birth / Death Certificates	692-6290
Voter Registration	
Wood River Township	050 7070
Township Clerk	
Supervisor	
Marriage Licenses	259-7260
Property Tax	259-1532
Highway Commissioner	259-2490
General Assistance	259-2366

Council Corner

The Past, Present & Future of Wood River

By Councilman Anthony Stassi

The last time I addressed the citizens of Wood River in the Council Corner, the subject was the Golf Course Club House. This project is now completed, as promised, and at no out-of-pocket expense from our citizens.

This project is a wonderful addition to our city, and one that will bring in much needed revenue. It's all yours and I hope you will all enjoy it for years to come.

This year my main topic will be "Improvements within the City". By the time you read this article, the biggest improvement of all should just about be completed. I am speaking of none other than the "renovation of our downtown". This multipurpose project is not only intended to enhance our city with a much needed facelift, but it will also update our downtown to meet the current Federal laws for handicap accessibility for parking and shopping.

Also, we upgraded the stormsewer system

which has been a problem during heavy rains for years. All new lighting has been added with underground wiring. To this we have added new sidewalks and street resurfacing on Ferguson Avenue beginning at Old St. Louis Road and ending at Sixth Street. Part of Wood River Avenue and some of the streets downtown are also included in this project. This entire project has been financed by T.I.F. Revenue Bonds.

We here at City Hall think that more business will be attracted by the upgrading of your town. This, in turn, will bring more people to shop here. We hope you, as residents of Wood River, feel good about this project and we apologize for the inconvenience during construction.

I have spoken of past and present. Now I wish to address the future.

In the upcoming year, the City Council has plans to upgrade the streets, curbs and gutters, along with water feed lines in some neighborhoods. We hope that these long-awaited projects will meet with your approval.

We also have high hopes of bringing to life the Business and Industrial Park located on the west end of our town. By doing this, new revenue and jobs will come to our city.

At this time, I would like to thank my Council co-workers, all department heads and their staff. Without their help, these projects would not have become a reality.

Personally speaking for myself, I will continue working for you - the people of Wood River - to the best of my ability.

PRIDE Chili Cook-Off to be in Wood River

We are happy to announce that the PRIDE-Telegraph 4th Annual Championship Chili-Cook Off will be held in Downtown Wood River this year on October 16.

Mayor Lon Smith has challenged all area mayors to compete against his homemade chili. Pride has also established a firehouse chili category and Fire Chief Guy Williams is inviting all area chiefs to enter the contest.

Individuals interested in entering a favorite chili recipe are more than welcome. All participants in the individual category will be paid \$50 plus an award. A \$25 deposit will be required to reserve a spot and a minimum of 5 gallons of chili is required.

Of course, there is a special category for restaurants and we're hoping that Wood River will show everyone up this year.

There is something for all who enter, whether you're a service club, business, restaurant, individual, or mayor. We'd love to have you join us. It should be a real fun time.

Chili lovers will have to come and taste some of the best chili you could find anywhere.

PRIDE is a great organization that is funded by donations alone. This event is their major fund-raiser of the year and we want to do all we can to make it a success.

For more information concerning the rules of the event, please contact the PRIDE Office at 465-3525.

Message from the City Manager Construction Project Update

Ferguson Avenue - By the time you receive this Pipeline, downtown Wood River should be looking better and in a few weeks, it will be ready to show off.

The worst is past, but it still looks like a mess. Most of the north side of Ferguson Avenue has a new curb, gutters and sidewalks, and street lights. The new street lights will add a unique touch to our downtown appearance. Once both sides are lit, not only will it be impressive, but we will have generous lighting for retail activity.

The contractor, Thiems Construction Company of Edwardsville, has been making good progress with few delays. One delay happened when the contractor was removing the concrete base of a street light on north Whitelaw. These concrete bases, weighing over 500 pounds, have been easy pickings for a big track mounted backhoe. But this particular one seemed diffi-

cult to remove. It finally came up, but it brought a 30' section of water line with it! Water had to be shut off to a three block area and the line replaced - causing a delay of several days.

A short delay will be required because of a change in the street work to be done on Ferguson. The original contract called for milling the existing pavement and then capping the pavement with a 2" asphalt overlay. When the streets were cut to install storm sewers, it was found that the old concrete street had deteriorated. Many places had only a top crust of less than 2" of concrete on top of the stone left from the original street. Even though the road seemed solid, it was decided that a better road could be built by removing all of the existing road, putting in crushed rock, and overlaying with a 3" asphalt cap. This will be done for a three block section from Old St. Louis Road to Second Street. Second to Sixth Street will be overlaid.

By Barrett Jones

Rock Hill Road - The City has recently completed resurfacing of East Rock Hill Road from near 15th Street to the intersection with Old Alton - Edwardsville Road. Storm sewer culverts at the Old Alton - Edwardsville Road intersection have been lengthened so that the dangerous jog could be eliminated.

Glendale Gardens - The City Council has authorized design of water system improvements for the Glendale Gardens area. This area is served by 2" and 4" water lines, many of which deadend. There are few fire hydrants in the neighborhood. Plans are to install 8" lines on Harrison and East Rock Hill Road to connect with the 3" and 4" lines on Greenview, Bonita and Avalon. As funds are available, Avalon will also have an 8" line. The goal for the City is to eliminate all the deadend water lines and to get adequate water flow within the reasonable reach of every home in the community.