



*Building on Our Dream*

July 21, 2008

Dear Community Group:

2009 will be an exciting year for the Woodridge community and you are invited to be a part of it! Woodridge will be celebrating the Village's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the Park District's 40<sup>th</sup>. The Celebrate Woodridge 2009 Committee sees 2009 as an opportunity to recognize the many ways that organizations and individuals have contributed towards the success of the Woodridge community.

Every community group is invited and encouraged to pay tribute to the anniversary year by incorporating an anniversary component into an existing event or program, or creating a program dedicated solely to the anniversaries. To support this anniversary effort, a grant fund in the amount of \$15,000 has been established to help seed anniversary celebrations. Grant awards are only expected to cover a portion of your costs, but we hope that it will make your participation a little easier.

We encourage your group to spend some time developing ideas on how you can celebrate these important milestones. The grant application and rules are attached if you are interested in pursuing financial support. The application deadline is October 31, 2008 and grant awards will be announced on November 30, 2008. The rules provide more details about what to include and the guidelines for submittal.

The goal of the committee is to create awareness and recognition of the anniversary year by incorporating it into existing community events - highlighting both the level of community activity in Woodridge and the significance of how we've grown together over the last 50 years. These events pay tribute to the foundations of our community including: Education, Youth, Diversity, Recreation, Business, Faith, Service Organizations, and our Residents. Your organization is a critical ingredient to the success of the Woodridge community.

You are also invited to participate in the Celebrate Woodridge 2009 Memorial Day Parade which will pay tribute to the 40<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of the Village and Park District and our active and veteran members of the military. Visit the Village's website at [www.vil.woodridge.il.us](http://www.vil.woodridge.il.us) to learn more about all of the anniversary events, including how to participate in the parade.

Please contact Peggy Halik at 630-719-4708 or [phalik@vil.woodridge.il.us](mailto:phalik@vil.woodridge.il.us) if you have any questions or require follow-up information. We look forward to your creative and enthusiastic participation in the Celebrate Woodridge 2009 festivities!

Sincerely,

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**Celebrate Woodridge Anniversary Committee 2009**

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