



# UNITY PARTY of WOODRIDGE

VOTE UNITY PARTY APRIL 15, 1969

## HAS UNITY KEPT IT'S '65 CAMPAIGN PROMISES?

### UNITY'S 1965 PLATFORM

1. Build respect for the governing body by mature and intelligent representation.

Since the 1965 election not a single board meeting was cancelled for lack of a quorum. No longer is Woodridge the object of ridicule as a result of squabbling by the Village Board. The village officials have resolved their differences without lawsuits, counter suits, threats or other such immature behavior. Woodridge is often the leader now in new and progressive programs in the area.

2. Create an atmosphere of community co-operation and harmony for progress.

The present board has successfully established sound working relationships with other boards, committees, individuals, and developers without closing their eyes to progress or jeopardizing the welfare of the residents.

3. Planned zoning for today, tomorrow and the future.

The master plan, which was sponsored by the Unity Party, drawn up by its members, and passed by its elected officials, has been one of the biggest assets of the village in its efforts to assure the

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## THE MASTER PLAN

In 1965 the Woodridge electorate voted into office officials who promised and gave the village a "Master Plan". Since then the "plan" has continued to represent a favorable yardstick on which to base the growth of the area.

Obviously, to those who watched Woodridge grow to a population of 4000 in just six years, the formation of a master plan was a necessity. Far greater growth was inevitable. Interested citizens wished to see this future growth and development controlled and made an asset to the village. To assure a proper and complete program, your board employed Tec-Search, a professional city planning service, to work with the residents in setting goals and objectives.

Numerous meetings were held with the professional planners, your village board, the plan commission, and interested citizens. Following three years of concentrated effort, the "Master Plan" with its seven varying sized documents, emerged.

A brief synopsis of each of the seven documents of the master plan follows:

1. BASIC STUDIES--  
SURVEY & ANALYSIS

This 105 page book is a collection of facts about the past and present, and an analysis of the conditions that make Woodridge what

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## HOW OUR VILLAGE IS RUN

There are many forms of government allowed by the statutes of the state of Illinois. Trustee government is the form used in our village. Under this form of government eight officials are elected to handle the affairs of the village. These officials are the mayor, the clerk, and six trustees.

The mayor is the executive and administrative head of the village. He is responsible for managing the village's operation. If he is a good manager the work will be done efficiently and properly.

The clerk is the keeper of records. It is the clerk's job to assure that all documents of legal and practical importance are recorded, filed safely, and available for review whenever required. The records of the clerk are the property of the citizens and therefore must always be available to them.

The trustees are the legislators who make the community's laws. They are also the board of review which approves the policies, appointments, and administrative procedures necessary for the operation of the village.

Each office is set up so that it can serve as a watchdog over the other two. All offices are answerable to the public. Co-operation and assistance between groups is essential if the good of the residents and the community is to be insured.

Since the clerk's office also takes care of such matters as the issuing of licenses, registration of voters and vehicles, etc., this office has been staffed with extra help and has become the communications center for the village. For the last four years this office has been open on a full time basis so the village operation could be improved.

The mayor's position is only part time, but he is expected to do the same job as his full time counterpart in other cities. That the demand of this job is great is obvious. Activity in the office is increasing due to the rapid development in the area and the myriad of problems associated with a new and growing community.

Trustees not only attend two board meetings a month, but also must hold numerous meetings on finance, building and zoning, public protection, etc. To keep well informed they must frequently attend meetings of other boards, committees, and general public interest.

In a rapidly growing community such as ours, there are many problems arising that must be handled immediately. After less than 10 years as a village, we have few experienced village leaders to turn to, and few precedents to guide us. Much time, effort, investigation and thought must go into each decision. Unity party members have given the time in the past. They have gained the badly needed experience. They are willing to give the time needed in the years ahead. Please support them.

-----VOTE UNITY-----

OOPS! WE GOOFED!!!

Due to a typographical error, Trustee Hill was misquoted in our last issue. His statement should have read, "In my two years as a Trustee I have never seen a private citizen attend a committee meeting," and not a "community" meeting.

*In the next issue.....*

*When are committee meetings held?*

(campaign promises)  
progressive and orderly growth of  
the village.

4. Purchase of the water works  
when feasible.

When three years of planning,  
evaluation and negotiation failed  
to get an agreement for sale at a  
realistic price, the Board invoked  
the law of eminent domain and  
initiated condemnation proceedings.  
Hopefully, the first of two steps  
required to have the courts decide  
a fair price and resolve the issue  
is near at hand.

5. Establishment of a park district.

Your officials immediately  
appointed a citizens committee to  
study this proposal. Although a  
first attempt to form a park dis-  
trict was unsuccessful due to  
legal objections to the proposed  
boundaries, a second attempt is  
now under way to form another  
district with acceptable boundaries.

6. Vigorous promotion to bring in  
desirable light industry.

Availability of service, proper  
zoning, and community acceptance  
are primary to the establishment  
of light industry. With the condem-  
nation proceedings on the sewer  
and water company in progress and  
the state filing the right-of-way  
for highway FA 61, an Industrial  
Steering Committee is in the  
process of implementing the Master  
Plan to turn this sound proposal  
into a reality.

7. Village Clerk will establish  
convenient daily hours at the  
Village Hall.

The village clerk's office is  
now open Monday thru Friday from  
9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on  
Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

8. Improved communications between  
the Board and village residents.

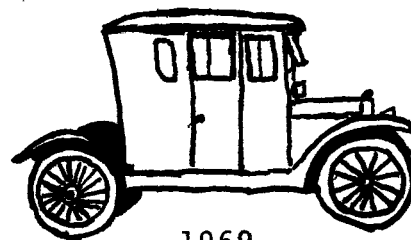
a. All board meetings are open  
for the public to speak on any  
issue.

b. All meetings are held on  
regular dates and in places large  
enough to accommodate all who  
wish to attend.

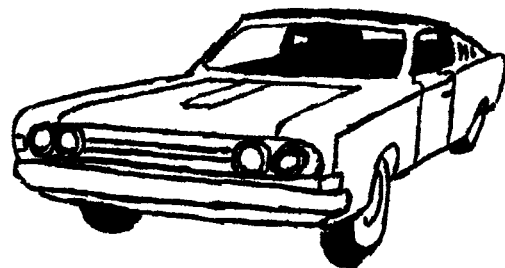
c. Established the VIP--  
very informed public newsletter.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

HAS UNITY PARTY KEPT ITS PROMISES?



1969  
WOODRIDGE 1st SPECIAL



1969  
UNITY DELUXE

Experience isn't everything,  
but it sure helps.

VOTE UNITY FOR  
EXPERIENCE!!!

(master plan)  
it is. It deals with such things as topography, population trends, age composition, labor force criterion, transportation, etc.

## 2. PHYSICAL PLAN ELEMENTS

The first section of this document contains our stated goals and objectives. The second part states the suggested plans to be followed if these goals are to be obtained. Other sections are devoted to a land use plan, community facilities plan, thoroughfare plan, and an industrial plan.

## 3. OFFICIAL MAP AND STANDARD ORDINANCE

This is one of three plan documents passed into law by the present village board of trustees. It shows the present and future land uses and zoning for the village and proposed land uses and zoning for the land outside Woodridge's boundary. This is filed in the county office in Wheaton and makes our plan a public record. It forces anyone wishing to make other use of land in the adjacent 1 1/2 mile area to obtain from the county board the approval of 3/4 of its members rather than the normal majority vote.

## 4. SUBDIVISION CONTROL ORDINANCE

This document, passed by ordinance, instructs developers as to what must be done prior to building in the village. In it are described such things as the streets, sidewalks, lot size, structure size and placements, sewers, etc.

## 5. ZONING ORDINANCE

This document, now the village law, legally describes the zoning of all areas of the village. It contains the various classifications of land use, such as residential, apartment, business, or manufacturing. Each type of land use is described complete with the state-

ments of what can and cannot be done with or on the land.

## 6. CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

This reviews the needs of the village, gives each need a priority and evaluates when each of these need to be fulfilled. It anticipates what each will cost, and offers advice about financing each of these projects, such as public buildings, street lighting, sewer and water company acquisition, parks, etc.

## 7. CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING PROPOSALS FOR ANNEXATION

This document spells out when we should annex property to the village, what areas we should annex, how large an annexation we should make, and for what reasons we should make any annexation.

At a cost of \$18,000, 2/3rds of which was paid for by federal funds, Woodridge now has a comprehensive master plan. It was created to meet the needs and desires of our village and our citizens. The necessary parts have been adopted by ordinance and filed in the county office in Wheaton.

You may examine a copy at the village hall, or order a personal copy for \$7.

***Unity Party Elected Officials proposed this plan! Unity Party Elected Officials worked hard to create this plan! Unity Party Candidates ask for your support to allow them to pursue this plan in the future!***

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