

Woodridge First Party



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PUT WOODRIDGE FIRST !

VOTE WOODRIDGE FIRST !

APRIL 13th DUAL PRESENTATION

We propose a dual presentation of platforms, with a question and answer session. Unity, evidently needs an audience to speak about what little they have accomplished in the last four years, therefore, they have demanded a debate!! What is there to debate about? What has not been accomplished is evident for all to see.

Woodridge First Party and the candidates have an exciting new concept in Village Government for the Village. All who have attended our coffees and cocktails (except the opposition members) have agreed that it is a new concept and want to see it happen.

Since we have not had the pleasure of having all the opposition at one or more of our many presentations, we think that for their edification, and for the benefit of those residents who cannot make one of our presentations, we should have a dual presentation of both parties' platforms and slate of candidates.

We propose that this dual presentation be held at the Goodrich School Gym at 8:00

P.M. on Sunday, April 13, 1969. In our opinion, Sunday evening would be the best time for most people. Woodridge First Party has already contracted for this school gym for this date, although we had originally scheduled a Campaign Round-up for the Northern end of the Village. We will be most happy to share the time and space for a dual presentation.

If this is acceptable to the Unity Party Campaign Manager, please contact the Woodridge First Party Campaign Manager to work out the details.

Since Unity has publicly stated that we should name the place and the time, we strongly urge all the residents to mark the date on their calendar now, so that they may be present for this dual presentation.

**WOODRIDGE FIRST PARTY RALLY!!
EVERYONE IS INVITED TO COME !!**

**WOODRIDGE SCHOOL APRIL 14th
8:00 P.M. REFRESHMENTS WILL
BE SERVED. ENTERTAINMENT!**

CONFLICT ? by Judy Case

We, the Woodridge First Party, reaffirm our stand:

"Due to the growth and expansion of the Village of Woodridge, each of the candidates specifically pledge to all residents of the Village, that we are not presently connected or associated, in any way, with a realtor and/or developer and, if by chance or necessity of livelihood, we do become associated with a realtor and/or developer, we shall resign from the office to which we are elected."

In the third issue of "Unity Party of Woodridge News" they retorted in part: "To say that a Village Board must not have members who are associated with these fields is as sensible as saying a hospital must not have doctors on its board of directors!"

Sorry Unity Party, but we must take exception!! Had you taken the time to inform yourselves, you would have found, for example, that of the four hospitals in the surrounding area, two of them have no doctors on their boards. The other two hospitals have only one each. District hospitals, like Edwards in Naperville, are prohibited by the Illinois Hospital District Law from having any doctors on their board. The idea, of course, was to prevent a conflict of interest. The above examples are not exceptions to this practice.

We, in the Woodridge First Party, choose to take this position to insure the people of Woodridge against any possibility, no matter how remote, of any conflict of interest.

NEWS CREDO by Nick Haviland

This newsletter is a Village publication intended to inform the residents of Woodridge, by presenting noteworthy area news items, to foster participation in the government of the Village and to furnish the checks and the balances on the current administration by

pointing out the weaknesses in its programs, 1969 platform, and past record.

This publication will continue in existence following the election of the Woodridge First Party Slate on April 15, 1969, in order to continue its stated credo of disseminating information regarding business before the various boards, etc.

Vote Woodridge First Party on April 15, 1969, and return to a government "By the People, and For the People."

In light of this statement, and some recent charges of mud-slinging by the opposition's Newsletter, we submit that it is always easy to cry "foul", or "dirty-play", when you're in "power", especially when you don't have a satisfactory or plausible answer to the charges.

In the words of a past U.S. President: "If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen."

JOIN IN !! by Al Parlich

The strange phenomenon that occurs on the political scene in every village in Illinois, once every four years, has not occurred in Woodridge this year.

This year, those of us who have been promised very much, and have been given very little, are demanding just one thing -- Honest government, "By the People and For the People."

In April of '67, the voters went to the polls to elect three (3) Trustees. At that election, the voters had no choice because there were only three (3) names on the ballot.

In August of '67, 25 interested citizens came from the backwash of the community and formed the Woodridge First Party.

The Woodridge First Party was organized basically, to give our people a "choice" of candidates for all public offices within our Village.

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A CALL TO REASON

by Al Parlich

A political campaign, such as the one going on in Woodridge, is very good for a Village. It gives people an opportunity to voice their opinions, it arouses curiosity so they will ask questions and seek answers, and it causes people to stand up and fight for what they believe in. In other words, a campaign "stirs up" emotions. In most cases, this can be a very healthy experience for a community, because it causes awareness on the part of the residents. However, when these emotions get out of control, it can be a most dangerous, and even harmful thing.

We, the members of Woodridge First Party, elected our candidates for office because we know that they are honest, capable, hardworking people, who have, in common with us, a desire to make our Village a better place to live.

Our Party has been accused, by the opposing Party, of mud-slinging, subtle character assassination, and damning literature. All of these accusations have been based on literature that has been published by our Party, to all residents, and so we will let you be the judge of these accusations. This sort of thing, however, does not really bother us. We have no fear of what the opposition might say to us, as Party members. We stand on our platform, and back our candidates 100%.

There is however, something occurring during this campaign that concerns us, not as members of a political party, but rather as husbands, wives, and parents. On March 19, 1969 at approximately 9:55 P.M. a man, who would not identify himself, called our Mayoral Candidate's home and threatened his 11 year old son. On March 26, 1969, Mr. Martin's wife received an anonymous letter in the mail. These incidents, of course, have been reported to the proper authorities.

We find it difficult to believe that the opposing party, or any member thereof, would be capable of this type of unfortunate action, or would condone this in anyone supporting their candidacy.

Threats to the wives and children of candidates in any political party is, of course, a recognized tactic of rotten political machines, and would certainly be most repugnant to the voters and citizens of Woodridge.

For the balance of the campaign period, let's stick to those issues that are of paramount importance to the electorate, and avoid any further incidents in which innocent people might be threatened, frightened, or harmed.

REPLY TO THE MAYOR

by Charles E. Martin

IN REPLY TO MAYOR ROBERTS' ARTICLE "PERSPECTIVES YOU BE THE JUDGE"
APPEARING IN UNITY PARTY'S NEWS LETTER -- 5th ISSUE

I am honored by our Honorable Mayor! I find that I am the first opponent of his that he has bothered to publicly write to and about. However, our Honorable Mayor can't keep his dates and facts straight. Perhaps nine years is taking its toll upon him, and it's time for a change!

Fact One

Yes, Mr. Mayor, I was appointed to the Plan Commission, after you and the Board of Trustees were fully advised by me to consider two important points:

- 1) Unity and you, as their Mayoral Candidate, promised that all appointments would not be political. I was Unity's Campaign Manager.
- 2) I stressed upon you and the Board of Trustees that at that time, my job called for me to commute to New York. I was in Woodridge only on the week-ends. I made it very clear to you that I would not and could not attend the Plan Commission Meetings. You and the Board insisted that I accept the appointment. I did.

During my absence, Mr. Woody (my Assistant Campaign Manager, 1965) had been appointed to the Plan Commission and had been selected as the Chairman. Mr. Woody requested my resignation. I discussed my absence with you again, and you advised me that all could wait until my job brought me home.

Fact Two

Honorable Mayor--It was not four years ago that you insisted that I be the Chairman of the July 4th celebration. I moved into the Village November 7, 1964. I'm afraid 1966 was the year, Mr. Mayor, not four years ago.

- 1) Trustees Roman, Alexander, and Mr. Woody audited the receipts and payments plus the ticket sales. All agreed that everything was OK, except we could not get all the organizations' expenses in, therefore, we could not come up with a balance sheet statement.
- 2) You and Mr. Woody agreed to help finalize the situation while I was on the road, commuting to New York. Tell it like it really was Honorable Mayor, without twisting the facts to suit your political purposes !! If you would like to see the records at this late date, they are available. Remember, you insisted on having them, but I retained them in my archives.

Fact Three

I was, and still am, for the original, professionally developed Village Master Plan. I have consistently backed the plan! Remember, Trustee Roman??! You should advise your Mayoral Candidate of the facts, if after nine years his memory is failing him!! Prove that I have ever been against the Master Plan, now or in the past!! I would like to add, however, that I am not for changing a Plan that costs \$18,000, before the ink is dry! I fully support Trustee Stewart in his statements against this type of "switching".

Honorable Mayor, these are your answers, not vague questions. Don't waste time twisting and forgetting facts!!

RESIDENTS!! VOTERS!! YOU BE THE JUDGE ON APRIL 15, 1969!! VOTE!!

The Woodridge First Party has grown in size and stature. At the present time, the Party has more than 100 hard-working, dues paying members on the rolls.

The Party chose its name to signify that in all matters affecting our Village, Woodridge first--before ambitions of the Party, its candidates, or its members.

On January 26th, '69, the Woodridge First Party held a caucus and elected its candidates.

The Woodridge First Party has a sound, progressive platform, and has candidates that the Party is proud of. Candidates with a desire and the ability to carry out this platform.

The Woodridge First Party believes strongly in its candidates and its programs. They will stand up anytime, anyplace, and anywhere!

All miracle workers living in the back washes of our community, who have not enjoyed the fruits of the alleged progress of our Village, are welcome to join us in our Party, and have a real voice in community affairs---a voice in choosing candidates for Public Office, and a voice in selecting courses of action.

The Woodridge First Party will not be a quadrennial phenomenon, but will remain an active force in Village affairs for years to come.

THE ISSUES

by Charles Martin

We have tried to bring the issues of this election to the residents in our meetings of one type or another. We have been accused by the Unity Party of mud-slinging, yet we have received the worst type of mud-slinging in their news letter of Saturday, March 23, 1969. We, the residents, have had to put up with a flood of half-truths, misleading statements, and outright falsehoods for the last 9 years under the incumbent Mayor, while the Unity Trustees have sat

idly by for the last four years watching, condoning, and at times, helping.

Issue I- LEADERSHIP

We believe the most important issue before the Village is a change of leadership; and this is definitely what a Mayor should be, a leader. Where has the leadership been in the last nine years? We must have independent thinking Trustees to help lead, plan, and legislate sensible laws for our Village. We propose to bring out the fact that we have not had leadership!

Issue II - SCHOOLS

All first and second grade school children in all four public schools are scheduled to go on 1/2 day schedules in September of '69. Why?? The School Board states that there are not enough classrooms. We, the taxpayers, cannot tax ourselves anymore for the building of the schools. We have reached the legal limit by State Law.

Why do we have this problem? Have we had good leadership and planning? Unity and the incumbents will glibly try to answer for this by blaming the previous administrations, but remember, the incumbent Mayor has been in office for the last nine years, except for approximately six months when he quit. Where was the leadership? What has Unity and its incumbents done to help, except elect two members to the School Board? Where is the Leadership?? Where is the planning? We are sure Unity will have plenty of excuses that they will put forth as reason for this situation, but in all honesty we as residents must ask why! We should not accept excuses! Woodridge First will do something for the schools and so pledge in their platform.

Issue III - PARKS

We have already read, with interest, their twisted excuse for not having a Park District, which they had promised to have in their 1965 Platform. This also will be explained by the citizens who worked on this

project. Woodridge First pledges to bring a referendum to the people for a "yes or no" vote on a Park District in 1969. Under our "experienced" leadership of the last 9 years, why do we have to wait just before a mayoral election to get a promise of playground equipment? What has happened over the last ten years? Was there no thought given to the children? Is this the result of "experienced" leadership? Let Unity twist the facts on their answers to this one. Where are the results? This can't be twisted! Why was the money donated to the Village by the Home Owners Association not used on playground equipment last September? It has been reported that it has been stored in a warehouse since last September and we will see equipment in the parks the first week in April--just before election. Could this be planned political expediency to influence the voters on April 15, 1969?? We can only wait to see. Unity will twist the facts on the answers to this one, too.

MR. ALEXANDER

by Jim Cihlar

I want to commend you, George, on your excellent memory, a memory so excellent that it can recall a statement that was never made!

However, I don't hold that against you, because I understand why some people have to make up childish stories for their own personal gains; but why should they take good intentions of people and drag those intentions through a political mud-puddle?

When I was chairman of our group for a Park District, it was strictly our intentions to offer our candidates to the residents of the Village, candidates whom we thought would fill the qualifications of Park Commissioner. Candidates who knew how important a Park District could be to our Village and the children of our Village, and most of all George, people who could think and make a decision for themselves and by themselves.

Now, as for not contributing one iota before hand, How Could I?? I only moved into the Village in February of 1968! But, does this mean that I or anyone else who is new in the Village should forsake any interest they have in helping to improve our Village? Should we, the new residents, just be spectators?

Oh, by the way George, I'd like to ask you a few questions -- Why did you insist on any candidate running for Park Commissioner to pick up their petitions at your house instead of acquiring them from the Village Clerk's Office in the Village Hall? Was it because you wanted to screen them? It surely couldn't have been to update them on the progress of the Park District, because if that was the reason, why did you always say you had nothing to report on that subject when asked at several of the Village Board meetings held before the hearing?? One more thing, George -- How come some of your candidates dropped from your slate when they discovered they were going to have competition (much to their bewilderment)?? We only wanted to give the residents a choice!! What about you George?! Now, George, tell it like it was. That is if you haven't forgotten!!!

VOTE WOODRIDGE FIRST PARTY
APRIL 15, 1969

HONEST GOVERNMENT BY THE
PEOPLE, AND FOR THE PEOPLE

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