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Dealing With Yard Waste



As a courtesy, the Village of Godfrey is now providing a drop-off location for yard waste for Godfrey residents. The site, located at 1433 Stamper Lane, will be open and accepting yard waste on Tuesdays and Saturdays beginning August 8th from 9:00 am – noon. Located to the west of Glazebrook Park, residents can enter the fenced area where an employee will then verify residency and assist in unloading the bagged yard waste from the vehicle before proceeding around the circular drive and exiting back onto Stamper Lane.

All yard waste (leaves, grass clippings, foliage, small branches, etc.) must be bagged in brown recyclable yard waste bags found at area hardware stores. Village of Godfrey yard waste stickers must be applied to each bag. These stickers are available for purchase for \$1.75 at St. Peter's Hardware in Alton and at Godfrey Village Hall in the Clerk's office. There is no limit to the number of bags that can be dropped off. No unbagged items will be accepted, and limbs

cannot exceed 4 inches in diameter and must be broken into smaller pieces in order to fit inside the bags.

At the time of drop-off, individuals will be asked to provide a valid IL driver's license or state ID showing Godfrey residency. If the person dropping off is doing so on behalf of a Godfrey resident, they must have a photo of the resident's driver's license/state ID AND a utility bill with matching address.

The hours and availability of drop-off may vary as the needs of the community are assessed. The drop-off site will be monitored via surveillance cameras and an attendant MUST be on duty at the site for drop-off. If misuse or dumping should occur, this service can be discontinued at any time and no refunds for purchased stickers will be given. For questions, call Village Hall at 618-466-3324.

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You can see your future from here.



Michael J. McCormick

Mayor

Each month you can go to 'www.gotogodfrey.com' and register to win a \$100 gift card to one of our premier establishments around town. There is no obligation for registering; and, you have an opportunity to express your opinion on what you think would make Godfrey even better. The featured business for August is Godfrey BP. Register now!

for Youngsters Another Summer Program Starts Tuesday at Monti

Sure proof that summer is half gone, the mid-way point in the annual YWCA-sponsored program for youngsters of six years or more at Monticello College has been reached, and enrollment for another four weeks of fun and games on the Monti campus will be held Tuesday, along with the usual day's activities.

Since June 18, 60-120 young people have taken part in playground activities offered each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 o'clock in the morning until 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Those taking swimming lessons, including life-saving courses, have numbered 175, and 90 have participated in two daily dips, which last until 5 o'clock. Evening dips for family groups are scheduled from 6:30-8 o'clock.

Godfrey Civic Assn. Helps
Although there is a charge for the swimming program, tennis and archery lessons, no other fees are asked. Godfrey Civic

Association underwrites the cost of playground supervision.

Mrs. Fred Haper has been teaching nine half-hour swimming and hour-long life-saving classes. Miss Barbara Malcom has been life guard.

Literally everything under the sun, and also a few tree-shaded pastimes, are available at Monti. Activities are scheduled according to age groups. Those in attendance take their lunches with them, and a lunch hour is held from noon to 12:45. Watermelon occasionally is served as a special treat.

Volunteer Workers
Helping to make the program successful are several teen-age volunteers, who assist in any way requested. These include the Misses Janice Wright, Carolyn Wright, Mary Meng, Janice Coagland, Margo Wayne, Kerron Peterson, Beth Haper and Sandy Penning.

The last half of the program, opening Tuesday, runs through Thursday, Aug. 8.



A Godfrey resident was going through the closet of a passed love one and came across this old binder full of printed and handwritten notes detailing early activities of the Godfrey Township Civic Association. This is a piece that might have been in the old "Alton Evening Telegraph."

Looking at the picture, it appears the kids are standing at the old entrance of what is now Baldwin Hall at Lewis and Clark Community College and is the current location of the Enrollment Center

Back in the early 1970's that pool was filled in with sand and concreted over. So, the old pool is still there. I know that because at the time I was a student worker in the maintenance department and worked on that project.

By; Jim Mager

Some People Are Just Mean!



Remember on that last week in July when we had the heat wave with temperatures getting into the triple digits. On July 27, Animal Control Officer, Susie Stephan rescued this ferret.

The fact that she rescued the ferret is not the story. Susie loves animals of all types and has gone beyond the call of duty to save many. No, the sickening story is this....., on a day when temperatures were reaching 100 degrees, someone had thrown this ferret, and its cage, into a dumpster and left it! Susie retrieved it, cleaned it up and removed hundreds of fleas from him.

This is the kind of work and care of animals that Godfrey's animal control officer does on a regular basis. Thanks, Susie!

Check out www.visitgodfrey.com

Getting To Know Village Staff – Jim Lewis , Director of Public Works



“On call seven days/24 hours per day to manage conditions which demand an immediate response (storm cleanup, winter conditions, etc.” This is a clause in the job description for Jim Lewis, Director of Public Works. Now that’s job dedication!

Jim’s job is to carry out the Board’s vision for improvement and maintenance for all of Godfrey’s infrastructures and properties. These assets include streets, roads, buildings and parks. In his job, he reports to the Mayor and works closely with the Trustees and the community at large. In fact, for some residents, he is the face of Godfrey.

Mr. Lewis grew up in Godfrey and has been a resident his entire life. In his early days he was employed by, then, Laclède Steel. Serving in various capacities for 29

years, he rose to the Mechanical Manager of the melt shop.

With the closing of Laclède twenty-two year ago, Jim came to work as Godfrey’s Park Supervisor. In 2009, he was promoted to the Director of Public Works. He has eleven employees reporting to him, eight in the street department and three in parks.

Mr. Lewis feels that with increased costs of labor, materials and equipment, managing and staying within budget is one of his biggest challenges. Godfrey has one of the lowest property tax rates of all the surrounding communities. Additionally, there have been recent cuts to the Motor Fuel Tax (MFT). “We continue to strive for improvement and efficiency while paying close attention to the budget,” said Jim.

One of the things that Jim enjoys about his job is interacting with the residents. He says, “I like being able to help people and seeing the infrastructure improvements that have been made under Mayor McCormick.”

Mr. Lewis feels that Godfrey is a very nice town and enjoys the quality of life it provides. In fact, he lives in the same place where he grew up. In his free time he

spends his time putting in a large garden and enjoying classic cars.

Jim can be reached at:
 Village of Godfrey Department
 of Public Works
 Phone: 618-466-3133

Commercial Property Enhancement Grant

Businesses located in the Godfrey Business District are eligible to take advantage of the “Commercial Property Enhancement Grant” program.

Funding: First \$5,000 – maximum grant is 50%; and, \$5,001 and above is 25% of eligible expenses. The grant limit is a maximum of \$20,000 per project.

Eligible Expenses: Significant facade renovations, signage, awnings, doors, windows. Landscaping if it follows Godfrey Ordinance No. 15-2007. Parking lots if brought up to ADA compliance and Village codes. All appropriate permits must be secured.

The grant must be approved prior to commencement of work.

For information:
 Jim Mager, Economic Development
 618-466-3325

Godfrey 311
 Electronic 311
 Smartphone App

Easily report potholes, broken street lights and other problems.

Call or email local officials, the police department, city offices and others.

Access activity calendars, receive village alerts and more.

Village Department Contacts:

Mayor Mike McCormick	618-466-3324
Clerk Susan Robbins	618-466-3381
Richard Beran, Engineer	618-466-4319
Tony Cain, Building and Zoning	618-466-1206
Jim Lewis, Street Department	618-466-3133
Chris Logan, Park and Rec	618-466-1483
Jim Mager, Economic Development	618-466-3325
Susie Stephan, Animal Control	618-466-5211
Police Non-Emergency Dispatch	618-692-4433

“Anger; the feeling that makes your mouth work faster than your mind.”

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The roar of an engine, the stretch of road laid out before you, the wind in your hair and the sun on your face. Where can you find that kind of experience? Try Ted's Motorcycle World. Since 1966, Ted's has been serving up the feel of the open road. Original owner, Ted Burelson, and a staff of two employees manned the store until 1974 when consistent growth mandated the workforce be increased.

The business continued to prosper and Ted made the decision to take on a Honda franchise as well, beginning with 1981 model year bikes.

In February of 1997, Bill Stewart joined the staff at Ted's as General Manager and Melinda worked in the office. In December of 1999, when Ted announced his decision to retire, Bill and Melinda opted to purchase the business. They and their team have helped Ted's Motorcycle World continue to realize steady growth. In August of 2003, a bigger and better, 46,000 square foot facility was opened. In 2008, Bill and Melinda took on BRP (Bombardier Recreational Products) who manufacture the Can-Am ATVs and the three-wheel Spyder.

Ted's retains a workforce of 30 plus long-term employees dedicated to meeting the needs of the weekend warrior who rides a

Featured Business of the Month: Ted's Motorcycle World

Harley-Davidson or Honda motorcycle to the farmer who needs a side by side to handle the chores around the farm or ranch.

The highly trained and factory-certified technicians provide quality motorcycle parts installation, maintenance and repair services year-round. Service staff undergo yearly, stringent training sessions to maintain their certification with Harley-Davidson, Honda and Can-Am. Ted's 20-bay motorcycle service department is staffed with technicians that have a combined 190 years of motorcycle maintenance and repair experience. Most of the employees live within a twenty-minute commute.

Ted's works to create a welcoming atmosphere that results in a niche of loyal and returning customers. In general, the company draws from a fifty mile radius. Still, one Minnesotan traveled to Ted's and bought three side by sides for his farming operation. There was another customer who had moved to Florida and returns to Ted's for his motorcycling requirements. "Relationships don't stop after the sale," says Dustin Thacker, Marketing Manager.

Unlike many big Harley-Davidson dealers, Ted's has enhanced its niche by offering multiple brands and motorsport offerings. The company also carries a used inventory that is second to none among their direct competitors. The sales staff does a great job of having out "feelers" and units are often sold before they even hit the showroom floor.

Harley-Davidson Corporation is celebrating their 120th year. With that milestone, the

corporation is aggressively backing dealerships that offer special events. Ted's is no stranger to putting on special events throughout the year. They strive to have regular motorcycle showcases, test drive days, open houses and customer appreciation days. Each year, they host a KSHE Blood Drive.

Check out Ted's Facebook and Instagram pages where new products are showcased, events are announced, and photos of customers with their new bikes are featured.

Ted's is located at: 4103 Humbert Road.
Tues—Thurs 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Fri & Sat 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
618-462-3038
<https://www.tedsmotorcycleworld.com/>



Oh, and one more thing.....

A shout out to both Jim Lewis and Susie Stephan for everything they do for the Village. Yeah, I know what they do is their job, but they do their jobs really well. As much as I like my job as the economic developer, I don't want to be on call 24 hours a day. Heck, I don't even work full-time, LOL.

I don't own a motorcycle. I'd probably kill myself if I did. Still, I do have occasions to go into Ted's from time to time. I always marvel at the "machinery." Talk about shiny objects! Having a motorcycle dealership the caliber of Ted's in our community is an asset. Even if you don't ride, stop in and see them -- make a fashion statement and buy a piece of clothing.....

Finally, a one-fingered piece sign to the person who threw the ferret in the dumpster!



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