



# The Villager

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**You can see your future from here.**



Michael J. McCormick

Mayor

### Why Become A Master Gardener?



Whether you have gardened all your life or know very little about gardening, taking the Master Gardener classes may be one of the best things for you to do.

It is a great way to make new friends, that come from all walks of life. They are people who "like to play in the dirt."

Once you take the classes, the real knowledge begins when you start working at one of the Master Garden projects, like the Village Garden located behind Village Hall at 6810 Godfrey Road.

Some of the volunteers are new and others have many years of experience. Either way, the learning never stops. I have been a Master Gardener for fifteen years and I am amazed as to how much I continue to learn. The mission of the University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener program is "Helping Others Learn to Grow."

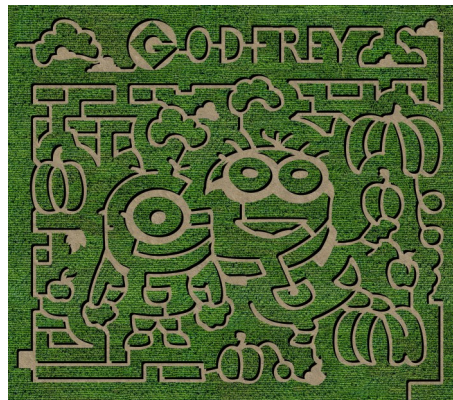
One of the ways that education is accomplished is a project with the Little Knights Daycare located in Godfrey. Working with the school, the members of the program introduce four and five year old children to the science, and the art, of gardening. Also every year, the food that is grown is donated to local food pantries. Typically almost 2,000 pounds (one ton) of produce is given to Alton Food Crisis and the Hope Center. Some of the food is from the Village Garden while some is donated by five of the individual member's private gardens.

If you are recently retired, maybe a new "empty nester", or someone looking for something to help the community, I highly recommend looking into the Master Gardener program. For more information:

<https://extension.illinois.edu/lmw/master-gardeners>; or call, 618-344-4230



By: Nancy Orrill, Master Gardener



*September 27 is the Fall  
Festival at Glazebrook Park*



**11 AM — Maze opens (cow train, wagon ride, jumping pillow, vendors and bounce houses, etc.)**

**1 PM — Corn shucking contest**

**3 to 5 PM — Live music by Back In The Saddle**

## Godfrey Good Neighbor—Jeff Weber



At the September 2nd meeting of the Godfrey Board of Trustees, Jeff Weber was honored as a Godfrey's Good Neighbor. And rightfully so, as Jeff's list of contributions to community is quite extensive.

Jeff graduated from the Alton School System and went on to receive a degree from the University of Missouri. He entered the service as a Commissioned Artillery Officer. As his military career advanced he served as an Infantry Officer and later

an Intelligence Officer.

Upon completing his military service, he returned home to Alton. Mr. Weber spent his career as owner and operator of Marcal Asphalt Company and Marcal Rope and Rigging Company for many years until he retired.

While meeting the demands of a business owner, Jeff found time to give back to the community in numerous ways. He served as President on the Alton School Board, the Junior Achievement of Illinois and the Nelson Foundation.

Mr. Weber served four terms as a Village of Godfrey trustee. He first served two terms. "As I believe in term limits, I did two terms, left for two years and then came back and served another two," said Jeff. In his role, he was very instrumental in facilitat-

ing many initiatives undertaken by the Village. In his tenure with the Village he served as chair for Building and Zoning and the Godfrey Sewer Department. He also acted as advisor to the Street Department.

Throughout the years, Mr. Weber has served on the following civic organizations:

- Alton/Godfrey Rotary
- Alton Memorial Hospital Foundation
- Marquette Catholic Finance Committee
- Alton City Cemetery Committee
- Alton Fireworks Commission
- Alton Expo Commission
- Junior Achievement Of Mississippi Valley
- Committee for Growth
- Chairman Lincoln-Douglas Restoration Project

He was also a volunteer for the Red Cross. For fifteen years, Jeff served one day per week for the USO of Missouri.

Other recognitions of Mr. Weber are:

- Jaycees Distinguished Citizen Of The Year
- Rotary Paul Harris Award

Jeff lives in Godfrey with his wife, Sue.

Jeff was nominated by Mayor Mike McCormick. "Jeff has served the Village for many years, but his service to the Village is a drop in the bucket compared to what he has done for the community throughout the years," said the Mayor.

### Godfrey Seeks To Recognize Good Neighbors In The Community

Do you know an individual who has gone above and beyond as a neighbor in our community? Has the person, through selfless acts of kindness, made Godfrey a better place? If so, you can be the one to help in recognizing them for their deeds.

The nomination form can be found at [www.godfreyil.org](http://www.godfreyil.org). The form should be completed, saved as a PDF file and emailed to [jmager@godfreyil.org](mailto:jmager@godfreyil.org). The undertakings of the nominated individual will be considered. If "Good Neighbor" status is determined, the person will be presented with a certificate of appreciation and featured in the Village of Godfrey newsletter and on the Village's electronic sign.

	Weight
Contributes to the welfare of others	40
Individual's efforts are on a pro bono basis	30
Is an educator, civic leader, non-profit leader, long-time community volunteer	10
Brings community together	5
Exhibits leadership qualities	5
Extended exhibition of active citizenship	5
Nominees should be able to document the results of their individual involvement through published reports and/or testimonials	5
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For more information, contact:

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On August 22nd, Top Shelf Beer, Wine and Spirits had a Ribbon Cutting, sponsored by the Riverbend Growth Association, to celebrate the opening of its new store at 6529 Godfrey Road. This is the company's second location with the original store located in Effingham, Illinois. The business has a full line of quality beverages. They will be hosting wine tasting events and do offer a line of fine cigars.

Hours are:  
 Monday thru Thursday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
 Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.  
 Sunday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.



Godfrey's Dog Park at Glazebrook is now open. Information and registration forms can be found at [www.godfreyil.org](http://www.godfreyil.org) under "Helpful Forms" on the left side of the page. There are two separate enclosures, one for large and one for small breeds. In the few weeks the park has been open there are over seventy registrations. For additional information contact Godfrey Park and Recreation at 618-466-1483.

A note of thanks to the following in preparing these newsletters:  
 Mayor McCormick, Judy Peipert, Sharon O'Neal and  
 Karen Sinks



The Great Godfrey Maze will be open Friday, Sept. 19th and ends Nov. 2nd. Operating hours are:  
 Friday 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.  
 Saturday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.  
 Sunday Noon to 6 p.m.

The Fall Festival is set for Saturday, September 27 from 11 AM. to 5 PM. This will include food trucks, live music, yard games, and the maze will be operating that day as well. The day will be a good opportunity for families to have some fun at an affordable price.

The Haunted Maze will occur on Fridays and Saturdays, October 3rd through the Nov. 1 (Closed 10/31). Hours of operation will be dusk to 10 PM.

2025 Maze Admission

Adults (12 & Up) \$7.00  
 Children (6-11) \$5.00  
 Children 5 & Under FREE

Maze & Haunted Maze

Adults (12&Up) \$9.00  
 Children (6-11) \$7.00  
 Children 5 & Under FREE

Individual Attractions

Cow Train \$2.00  
 Jumping Pillow \$2.00  
 Wagon Rides \$2.00  
 Inflatables \$15.00  
 Corn Crib Free (11 & Under)

Combo Pricing

Adults (12 & Up) \$12.00  
 Children (6-11) \$10.00  
 Unlimited Combo \$20.00

Souvenirs

Souvenir Shirt 1 for \$20.00 / 2 for \$35.00  
 Past Year's Shirts 1 for \$3.00 / 2 for \$5.00  
 Glow Glasses  
 Flashlights \$3.00  
 Scout Patch \$2.00  
 Glow Necklace \$1.00  
 Glow Sticks \$1.00  
 Glow Bracelets \$0.50

## Godfrey Business of the Month — TK Carpet Gallery



Established in April, 1982 by Joe and Vicky Neeley, T K Carpet Gallery provides Godfrey and the surrounding areas with a comprehensive arrangement of affordable and professional flooring installation along with cleaning services. T K Carpet Gallery provides superior quality flooring removal, installation, repairs and refinishing. The company name was derived from sons, Tom and Kevin.

Have a pet? They will have carpets looking, feeling, and smelling like that four-legged friend was never even there. Struggle with allergies? T K Carpet Gallery has the equipment to remove the dirt, dust and allergens that are buried deep in the carpet. Regardless of the size of the job or the toughness of the stains, cleaning services will ensure that carpets are as clean as the day they were installed.

The company offers hot water extract cleaning for upholstery and area rugs. Hot water extraction cleaning is a method that uses hot water mixed with cleaning agents, which is injected into the fibers to remove dirt and stains. This process is often referred to as steam cleaning, although it primarily relies on hot water rather than steam for effective cleaning. They also offer tile and grout cleaning services.

T K Carpet Gallery provides a broad assortment of quality hardwood flooring, installation, repairs and refinishing. They

can also meet the needs for laminate or tile alternatives.

Luxury vinyl and ceramic tile delivered by T K Carpet Gallery provides style, comfort and durability together and with unparalleled quality. Vinyl is an affordable material which complements virtually anything. Vinyl flooring simulates the look and feel of much more expensive materials, such as tile, stone or hardwood, but it features a much lower price tag. With the company's digital designs capability, customers can generate natural-looking textures that will create superior visual depth.

Their team has the skills and experience necessary to provide turnkey removal and installations. If a job requires electrical or plumbing modifications, additional resources to ensure the project is a success are available. With years of proven performance, they have earned customer trust and built strong relationships.

Along with meeting the requirement of their residential customers, the company has long time relationships with many commercial customers that include medical offices, retirement homes, restaurants, schools and churches. Providing on-going products and services to these businesses and institutions is a consistent component for TK's business.

With more than 40 years in business, owner Tom Neely offers respect, trust, dedication, integrity and a commitment to exceeding the expectations of their customers. So, what else sets them apart from the competition? Neely says, "TK Carpet provides experience, expertise and service that have kept its customers coming back for the past four decades. It is important that you deal with a business that will be here in the coming years.

Tom takes a hands-on approach to operating the business. He personally goes to

measure the job and develops the estimates at no charge. In doing so, he is willing to create various bid scenarios that might best meet the needs of the customers. Once the customer has decided on TK Carpets doing the project, a deposit is submitted and materials are ordered. Usually in about two weeks, the project can be scheduled for installation.

The family business employs eight, with three experienced installers working with Tom to ensure work is completed in a timely manner. The employees are naturally on point with all work orders assigned to them, Neely notes, and they are dedicated to their work. "Every employee at TK Carpet learns from every experience," Neely says further.

Throughout its history, TK Carpet Gallery has endured some challenges along the way; most notably the passing of the company's founder and father, Joe. The business also experienced a major fire.

Over time there have been several changes to its physical location as well. More recently, improvements have included adding a sign on the rooftop to go along with their street side neon signage. In June of 2024, the company was recognized as the Riverbend Growth Association's Business of the Month.

Neely summarizes his reflection on these past four decades with these words: "We have both commercial and residential customers, and we are looking forward to serving our community many years to come."

For more information about TK Carpet Gallery and all its offerings, call (618) 466-0630 or stop in for a visit at their Godfrey location. You can also visit online at <https://www.godfreycarpet.com> and follow them on Facebook at [facebook.com/tkcarpetgallery](https://facebook.com/tkcarpetgallery).



### Village of Godfrey Adopts A Transient Merchant DO NOT KNOCK REGISTRY

All solicitors are prohibited from soliciting at any location listed on the Do Not Knock Registry or at any location with a sign posted prohibiting solicitation. Village of Godfrey Ordinance 14-2025 requires all solicitors to obtain a current Do Not Knock Registry list upon approval of a Transient Merchant License. The Do Not Knock Registry works similarly to a "Do Not Call" list; it prohibits solicitation at registered addresses. For your protection, only addresses will appear on the Do Not Knock Registry. If you would like to be added to the list, please complete the Application Form (available at [www.godfreyil.org](http://www.godfreyil.org)) and bring or mail to the Godfrey Village Clerks Office. Village of Godfrey Attn: Jacki Clayton, Village Clerk 6810 Godfrey Rd. Godfrey, IL 62035. Your Registration will become effective on the first day of the following month. All transient merchants will be given an updated list at the start of the month.

To report a violation, please call Madison County Sheriff's Department 618-692-4433. Violations of this section shall subject the licensee, solicitor, peddler or canvasser and/or their corporate entity to revocation of the license issued by the Village, denial of future license applications, a fine of not less than \$125.00 nor more than \$750.00, per occurrence, and potential additional civil or criminal penalties. If you have any questions on the Do Not Knock Registry, please call the Godfrey Village Clerks office 618-466-3381.