



## THE WOODRIDGE AREA

### MAP LEGEND

- (1) Langdon School  
20th and Franklin Sts., N.E.
- (2) Woodridge Public Library Branch.  
18th and Hamlin Sts., N.E.
- (3) Burroughs School and Public Health Clinic.  
18th and Monroe Sts., N.E.
- (4) St. Francis Parochial School.  
Rhode Island Avenue between 20th and Mills Avenue, N.E.
- (5) Woodridge Elementary School and Playground.  
Central Avenue and Carlton Avenue, N.E.  
(Where the Woodridge Civic Association meets)
- (6) Woodridge Post Office  
Rhode Island Ave. between Mills Ave. and Thayer St., N.E.
- (7) Post Office Substation No. 62.  
21st and Bunker Hill Road, N.E.

Four digit number in each square indicates the square number

## HOUSING INFORMATION

Here, in brief, is what the District Housing Code requires and what District inspectors check. Use this list to check your home.

### MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

**Foundation and Structural Parts** — safe and firm at all points.  
**Exterior Walls**—free of holes, cracks, face secure; rodent and wind and rain proof.  
**Interior Walls**—sound, free of cracks or breaks; surfacing tight.  
**Floors** — sound, level, free of holes, cracks or splinters.  
**Windows and doors** — weather proof, easily operable, sound glass, rodent proof.  
**Floor** — free of leaks or sag; surfacing tight; drains clear.  
**Stairways and Steps** — firm, easily cleaned, safe, evenly spaced, balustrade protected, free of tripping hazards.  
**Porches** — firm, sound, protected by balustrades.  
**Chimneys** — adequately supported, straight; free from obstruction, leaks, overloading.  
**Flue Opening** — all unused openings sealed; provided with flue-cracks or thimbles.  
**Gutters and Downspouts** — properly connected; free of holes, obstruction; sound.  
**Wood Surfaces** — properly painted or covered with other preservative.  
**Brick, Stone or Masonry Surfaces** — joints sound.  
**Walkways** — good repair; free of holes; safe.

**Dampness** — all walls, floors and ceilings free of dampness.

**Drainage** — yard graded to cause all water to flow away from the building.

**Sheds and Fences** — free of rat harborage, any accumulation of refuse; safe, in good repair.

**Receptacles** — adequate number of approved receptacles are provided for the separate storage of ashes, garbage and refuse. Garbage containers must be made of metal.

**Bathrooms** — floors and wall bases waterproof, non-porous, free of cracks and joints tight.

### USE AND OCCUPANCY

**Dwelling Occupancy** — each dwelling unit must contain: 130 square feet of floor area in habitable rooms for the first occupant; 90 additional square feet of floor area in habitable rooms for each of the next six occupants; 75 additional square feet of floor area in habitable rooms for each additional occupant.

**Sleeping Room Use** — the total habitable floor area minimum for: 1 occupant — 70 square feet; 2 or more occupants — 50 square feet for each occupant thereof. Rooms must not contain any furnace, domestic water heater, gas meter, or a space heater using an open flame unless the space heater is flue connected.

**Privacy** — Dwellings unit: common space is accessible without necessity of going through another habitation.

## YOUR HOME IS YOUR CASTLE (continued)

As a general rule, if you do use the services of an architect, he will be able to recommend a qualified artisan and will generally make sure that the work is done to specifications.

The services of an architect are not always necessary in various home repair and improvement. You may be capable of fully explaining and designing the work which you wish to do. How do you go about selecting a contractor to perform this work? The Better Business Bureau is a source of information regarding companies who may have been the subject of complaints by dissatisfied customers.

Once you select the contractor be sure that every detail (work to be performed, material to be used, time within which work is to be completed etc.) is spelled out in the contract. DO NOT rely on a verbal assurance of the contractor or his representative that this or that will be done or taken care of. Protect yourself, PUT IT IN WRITING. Beware of contractors who are too anxious to secure a substantial part payment prior to commencing the work. If they need the money to buy the supplies and materials, the chances are slim that they are reputable contractors.

When the contract is drawn, read each and every word before signing it. Ask questions. If it is not clear, have it re-written. It is preferable to have the contract mailed to you at home. This will give you an opportunity to read it carefully before deciding if it includes every item previously stipulated.

If it involves substantial money and numerous details, by all means consult an attorney. Have him examine the contract to assure that you are getting what you want. The chances are the fee charged by your attorney will not be a large one. It will be well worth it. An attorney may be required to charge more to help you after you decide that you have been "gypped".

You will recall that a few years ago a local newspaper ran a series of articles exposing the various schemes used by the "shady" home repair operators in the Nation's Capital. Be sure that the person with whom you deal is a licensed businessman. Check with the Department of Licenses and Inspections of the District Government.

There are numerous honest capable home improvement and repair companies in the area. Choose your artisan with care. Your home is your castle, Protect it!

**DO YOUR PART — HELP KEEP WOODRIDGE CLEAN**

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## YOUR HOME IS YOUR CASTLE

One of the major aims of the Woodridge Civic Association is to encourage homeowners to improve their homes.

Perhaps, with a very few exceptions, the purchase of a home is the largest and perhaps most important single investment made by the average resident of any community. It is, therefore, very important that we protect this investment by maintaining a constant vigilance in keeping our homes in proper repair. This is not only satisfying to the individual homeowner, but to his neighbors as well, who share in the gratification of living in a well manicured community.

In addition to all of these considerations, there are certain basic responsibilities required by the District of Columbia Government under the housing code. In 1955, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia passed the first comprehensive code which affects every house in the city. After this code was adopted, the inspectors of the Housing Division began a systematic check of numerous areas of the city to assure compliance with the minimum standards of safety as set forth in the code. In brief, the code requires each home owner to properly maintain and keep his property in good repair.

In 1964 the commissioners added Article 280 to the housing regulations which authorized the issuance of collateral notices. This authorized the Director of Licenses and Inspections Department to issue "tickets" or notices to post collateral with the Central Violations Bureau within 72 hours after receipt in certain cases where warning notices to correct violations have been issued, and within the time limit allowed on the original warning notices. Collateral in these ranges from \$10 to \$25 according to the type of violations, and like the familiar automobile traffic tickets, double if not paid within the hours allowed. The collateral list includes violations that can be easily corrected and those which are obvious violations.

Almost simultaneously with the adoption of the housing code, the home repair and improvement companies began a systematic launching of a massive advertising program designed to capitalize on this "bonanza." Newspaper advertising, telephone solicitation and door to door salesmanship are but a few of the techniques utilized by these companies.

While home improvement and repairs are important, it is just as important that the homeowner use care in selection of the company that he engages to perform the services needed.

First of all each homeowner should carefully consider just what it is he wants to do to his home. Once this is decided, if it involves a major or structural change, he should consider the advisability of engaging the services of a duly qualified architect to plan the job. In the long run, if the improvements are substantial, the architect's fee may be a most important investment. Once you have decided with your architect what is to be done and how, the big job remains to selecting a company to do the work.

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### FACILITIES and UTILITIES

**Water Heaters** — properly connected, capable of producing sufficient hot water at a temperature not less than 120 degrees F.

**Plumbing** — a kitchen sink, and bath facility must be provided and connected to both hot and cold water. Handbasin and commode required.

### RESPONSIBILITY

Owner of premises which is not required to be licensed (single family homes and two family flats) is responsible for the use and occupancy of the premises; advising the tenants in writing of the permitted occupancy in each unit of the premises; interior and exterior structural and safety maintenance and structural changes to the premises which are required by the regulations; adequate protection against rodents, insects and vermin; cleanliness and sanitation of those portions of the premises which are vacant, used as common space, and are not under the exclusive control of a tenant.

**Occupant**, is responsible for: The Use and Occupancy of the premises. Conformity to Code provisions regulating occupancy. Extermination of rodents, insects and vermin when the infestation is confined to your dwelling unit. Providing adequate receptacles for and the proper storage of trash, garbage and ashes on or within the area exclusively under his control; Proper use and care of facilities and utilities exclusively under his control; Cleanliness and sanitation of the area exclusively controlled by you.

Licensee or manager or agent for a licensed, (rooming houses, tenement houses, apartment houses, etc.) is re-

sponsible for: The use and occupancy of the premises; advising the tenants in writing of the permitted occupancy in each unit of the premises; interior and exterior changes to the premises which are required by the regulations; adequate provision, proper installation, maintenance and operation of facilities, services and utilities including heat. (Heating unit installation and repair are excepted.)

The District Government is required: To enforce the provisions of the Housing Code without bias; to inspect and where applicable require such standards of housing as to promote and protect public health, safety, welfare and morals of the community. To inspect your premises at reasonable hours, after obtaining your permission to enter. To provide all inspectors with identification and require them to identify themselves properly. To notify the responsible parties in writing of existing violation, stating clearly the nature of the violations and the section or sections of the regulations violated. To give a reasonable time within which violations must be corrected. To make available the means for the granting of variances in cases of excessive structural or mechanical hardship and to constitute a Board of Appeals and Review to consider such request and to hear any appeal of an error alleged to be contained in any order, requirement, decision, determination or refusal. To acquaint the public with the penalties for violation of the Housing Regulations, which provide that any person who fails to comply with any provision of the Regulations, upon conviction, is subject to a fine not to exceed \$300.00, or imprisonment not to exceed 10 days. Each and every day that a violation continues after expiration of the time for compliance is considered a separate offense and the penalties are applicable to each separate offense.

Complete copies of the Housing Regulations may be purchased at the Licenses and Permits Division, Room 108, District Building. Cost, approximately \$5 with amendments for 1 year.

SUPPORT THE WOODRIDGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION

# A LAWN CARE CALENDAR

## THIS FALL

Practice good garden sanitation. Rake leaves clean annual and perennial beds. Sow new lawns, reseed old ones. Fertilize and lime lawns where tests show this to be necessary. Dig and store summer bulbs. Plant fall bulbs. Clean house plant containers and take house plants inside the house. Prepare places for roses to be set out later.

## DURING THE WINTER

Concentrate on house plants. Follow regular program of watering, spraying, fertilizing. Order seed catalogues. Plan regular program of watering, spraying, and spring planting.

## NEXT SPRING

Reseed lawns where needed and plant new lawns. Spray and prune summer shrubs and trees. Give special attention to the pruning and spraying of fruit trees and vines.

## DURING THE SUMMER

Concentrate on lawn mowing. Keep weeds down. Fertilize annual plants, fertilize lawn grasses, spray trees, shrubs and summer bulbs. Prevent dry lawn by watering properly.

Pick faded roses and other blooming plants, thereby producing more flowers and extending the blooming season. Mulch plants to prevent evaporation and help keep the roots cool. Treat soil for insects. Enjoy your flowers outside and make flower arrangements for the house.

## DO YOU GRUMBLE OR COMPLAIN?

Two residents of a neighborhood passed through a street littered with trash and obviously in need of cleaning and repair. The first resident mentioned the condition to a man he happened to meet and remarked how "they" don't sweep and maintain streets since "we" moved here. He went on about his business and thought or did nothing more about the street.

The second resident passed through the same street, noted the condition requiring the action of certain agencies and: he arrived at a convenient telephone, called the responsible agencies and reported the condition.

Four days later the street was cleaned and repaired as a result of the second resident's call. The first resident was grumbling and he got no improvement. The second resident was complaining and responsible city officials were pleased to adjust the complaint. Complaining is justified and a good way to get action. Grumbling produces no positive action.

If you enter a complaint, keep a record of your complaint. Allow a reasonable time for adjustment, and if still no action, call to the attention of your Civic Association. Keep a record of your calls in the memoranda section of this book. Many agency officials have indicated a desire to work with your Association.

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# AVAILABLE PUBLIC SERVICES

## EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICE

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## LANDLORD-TENANT CONSULTANT SERVICE

D.C. Welfare Dept., Municipal Court Building, 4th and E Sts., N.W., NA 8-6000, Ext. 2048. Hours: 8:15 A.M. to 4:45 P.M.

## LEGAL AID BUREAU

805 G St., N.W., NA 8-1161. Hours: 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. Weekdays 10 A.M. to 12 Noon Saturdays. Free legal service in civil cases for persons unable to pay. \$1.00 registration fee.

## CHILD WELFARE DIVISION AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE DIVISION

1291 Taylor St., N.W., RA 3-9560. Applicants for public assistance must be D.C. residents for 1 year before applying. Adoption service and foster children care service. Admissions to Junior Village for destitute children.

## EMPLOYMENT HELP

D. C. Unemployment Compensation Board

451 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., NA 3-6000, Ext. 1243. Must have worked within past 18 months, be able and available for work to receive compensation.

## U.S. Employment Service

6th and Pa. Ave., N.W. EX 3-2420  
8:15 A.M. to 4:45 P.M.

## RECREATION SERVICE

D.C. Recreation Department  
3149 16th St., N.W., AD 4-2050.  
Hours: 8:30 A.M. to 5 P.M. Complete city-wide listing of recreational facilities open to public. See Woodridge Area Recreational Facilities elsewhere in this handbook.

## AID TO HANDICAPPED

D.C. Dept. of Vocational Rehabilitation  
819 9th St., N.W., NA 8-6000, Ext. 1267. Hours: 8:15 A.M. to 4:45 P.M.  
Aid to handicapped persons.

## UNMARRIED MOTHERS AID

Ionita R. Whippier Home  
2501 20th St., N.E., CO 5-5817. Hours 9 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Weekdays. Unmarried mothers' home.

## JUVENILE PROBLEMS HELP

Commissioner's Youth Council — Area Board "S-T"  
This organization of area residents and representatives of area organizations is interested in all of the problems of youth. It meets on the 4th Thursday night in each month at 8 P.M. at the Woodridge Library. The public is invited to attend the meeting and is encouraged to bring any problem concerning youth of this area to the meeting.

S-T Board Chairwoman, Mrs. Louise C. Albert, LA 6-6986.

## Odd Jobs Pool

Area S-T operates this service for the youth and public. Teenagers 14 to 18 years old are invited to register free of charge for odd jobs. Persons having odd jobs are urged to call the pool for a teen ager. Rate 75c per hour. Telephone LA 6-2121 (Tatf Center) or the answering service. ST 3-3470.

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## WOODRIDGE AREA FACILITIES (cont'd.)

### AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Hours: 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. Week-days.

John Burroughs Elementary, 18th & Monroe Sts., N.E.  
 Miss Marie A. Turner, Principal, NA 8-6000, Ext. 2578  
 Langdon Elementary, 20th & Franklin Sts., N.E.  
 Mrs. Elinor Waller, Principal, NA 8-6000, Ext. 2164  
 Woodridge Elementary, Carlton & Central Aves. N.E.  
 Miss Gertrude H. Sellers, Principal, NA 8-6000, Ext. 2620  
 Taft Junior High, 18th & Perry Sts., N.E.  
 Harold H. Henegar, Principal, NA 8-6000, Ext. 2634

### AREA PAROCHIAL SCHOOL

St. Francis Sales School, 2019 R.I. Ave., N.E.  
 Mother Saint Stephen, Principal, LA 9-5394

### AREA CHURCHES

There are numerous churches in the area representing many faiths and denominations. The Civic Section in front of the Telephone Directory yellow pages lists many of the churches located in this area. The National Capital Area, National Council of Churches, 1751 N Street, N.W., DE 2-3132, may supply information on others not found in the yellow pages. A list of the better known churches is given here. (Other

ers desiring a listing should contact Chairman of Handbook Committee)

Avondale Baptist Church  
 1860 Michigan Ave., N.E.  
 Church of God of Prophecy  
 2964 Mills Ave., N.E.  
 Church of Jesus of Latter Day Saints  
 2715 22nd St., N.E.  
 McKendree Methodist Church  
 S. Dakota Ave. and Lawrence St., N.E.  
 Michigan Park Christian Church  
 18th and Taylor Sts., N.E.  
 Mount Nebo Baptist Church  
 2008 Evarnts St., N.E.  
 Randall Memorial Baptist Church  
 3200 22nd St. N.E.  
 St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church  
 2021 R.I. Ave., N.E.  
 Second New St. Paul Baptist Church  
 Mills Ave. and Franklin St., N.E.  
 Seventh Church of Christ, Scientist  
 Jackson St. and 22nd St., N.E.

Sherwood Presbyterian Church  
 22nd and Varnum Sts., N.E.

Simms Methodist Church  
 22nd between Evarnts and Franklin Sts., N.E.

Washington Church of the New Jerusalem  
 28th and Douglas Sts., N.E.

Washington, D. C. Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Woodridge Unit  
 3126 S. Dakota Ave., N.E.

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 Mon., Wed., and Thurs. 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
 Tues. and Fri., 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
 Sat., 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Summer Hours (June thru August)  
 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays.  
 Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This center has indoor facilities, gyms, auditorium and playrooms which can be used by groups. Special classes of instruction can be arranged in a variety of activities by contacting a staff worker.

### LANGDON PARK PLAYGROUND

20th and Franklin Sts., N.E., LA 9-6277

### Staff:

Gerald Dixon, Director; Mrs. Katherine Johnson, Bruce Martin

### Hours:

9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Summer Hours (June thru August)

9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday 9 a.m.

Weekdays: 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturdays: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sundays: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Here is a list of recreation facilities in the Woodridge area operated by the Dept. of Recreation. Most of these facilities are open to all without charge. Beginners are especially invited to participate in the sports and other activities. Instruction in various activities can be arranged by contacting a staff worker. Persons visiting any recreation facility for the first time should introduce himself or herself to the staff worker in charge to check out equipment, and learn its use. Equipment so checked out must be returned.

The Department distributes a publication called "Do you know" which lists all of the activities public and commercial, within the city open to the public. Your name can be added to the mailing list for this monthly publication for one dollar per year.

### TAFT RECREATION CENTER

18th and Otis Streets, N. E., LA 6-2121

### Regional Office Staff:

David A. Brown, Regional Director  
 Mrs. Ina B. Schneider, Assistant Regional Director

### Staff:

Stewart Payne, Director; Mrs. Francis Kidd, Kenneth Morris

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## WOODRIDGE PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITIES

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Activities offered after school daily:

For Elementary Children:

Kick ball, dodge ball, quiet games, pool, paddle tennis, shuffleboard, low organized games, paper craft.

For Teenagers:

Basketball, volleyball, touch football, tennis, softball, baseball, arts and crafts, chorus, dramatics.

### WOODRIDGE PLAYGROUND

Carlton Ave and Central Ave., N.E. NA 8-6000, Ext 2620

Summer Hours (June thru August)

10 a.m. to 6 p.m., weekdays

Pre-school Operation (October thru May) 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

### MONTHLY ACTIVITIES AT ALL CENTERS:

#### OCTOBER

Opening Pre-School, first week of October—9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Monday thru Fridays. Activities for 3 to 5 year olds. Halloween Special Program

#### NOVEMBER

Tap and Ballet Lessons  
Boys and Girls Bowling Program begins (call staff for place)  
Taft Center open nights— Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.  
Indoor Basketball Leagues—Girls and Boys  
Ping Pong and other Table Games

Ceramic and Craft Activities  
Second Children's Theatre Production  
Cooking and Ballroom Dancing Instruction

#### DECEMBER

Special Hours during school Christmas vacation period: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mondays thru Fridays.  
Special Christmas Program  
Basketball Tournament

#### JANUARY

Checker Tournament

Third Children's Theater Production

FEBRUARY  
Inter Playground Basketball Tournament for Boys and Girls

Ping Pong Tournament  
Gymfest (Individual Competitive Activities)

#### MARCH

Model Airplane Contest  
Spelling Bee Contest  
One-Act Play Festival

#### APRIL

Library Week Programs  
Easter Week and Easter Monday programs including, Girls' Track Meet  
Special Easter Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on days when no public school classes are held.

#### MAY

Pre-School Group activities close  
Bicycle Rodeo (Boys and Girls 17 and under)  
City-Wide Junior Arts Festival  
End of Dance Class instruction  
Track meet for Boys  
Walter Johnson Baseball League Opening late in May.

## WOODRIDGE AREA FACILITIES

AREA LIBRARY Woodridge Branch—18th St. and R.I. Ave., N.E.

NA 8-6776 — Hours 9 A.M. to 9 P.M. Monday thru Saturday. Closed Sundays and Holidays. Card required to borrow; may be obtained at Woodridge Branch by any person who lives, works or attends school in the District.

AREA POLICE STATION — Precinct Number 12 — 1700 R.I. Ave., N.E.

NA 8-4000, Ext. 362 — Captain Boyd T. Willard, Commanding Officer

AREA POST OFFICES — Woodridge Station — 2211 R.I. Ave., N.E.

LA 9-9197 — Hours: 8 A.M. to 6 P.M. Weekdays, 8 A.M. to Noon Saturdays.

Substation Number 61 — (Banker Hill Pharmacy) 2011 Banker Hill Rd. LA 6-6500 — Hours: 9:30 A.M. to 12 Noon and 1 P.M. to 6 P.M. Weekdays, 9:30 A.M. to 12 Noon Saturdays. Money orders not sold after 5:45 P.M. Weekdays and 11:45 A.M. Saturdays.

NEAREST PUBLIC HEALTH CLINICS (D. C. Dept. of Health)

All services free to those unable to pay.

Child Health: Burrourchs School, 18th and Newton St., N.E. 629-2579.

Handicapped Children: Gales Child Health Center, 65 Mass. Ave., N.W. 629-4773

D. C. General Hospital, 19th and C Sts., S.E. LI 7-9200

Maternity: 65 Mass. Ave., N.W., 629-4773  
Parkside, 701 Kenilworth Terr., N.E. 399-6900 (Monday only)

Mental Health: Adult Mental Health, 3246 P St., N.W. 629-3205  
Child Guidance, 3785 Grant St., N.E., 629-4671

Pediatrics (Body Lice) Child Guidance, 3246 P St., N.W. 325 N. Carolina Ave., S.E. 629-2496

Tuberculosis (Free) Northwest Central Clinic, 1325 Upshur St., N.W., TU 2-9630

Vaccination: Barret Bldg., 144 Q St., N.W. 629-3384

Veneral Disease (Free) Northwest Central Clinic, 1325 Upshur St., N.W., TU 2-9630

NEAREST HOSPITALS  
24 hour emergency service, fee for service.

Providence Hospital (Private) 1150 Varnum St., N.E. — LA 6-2000

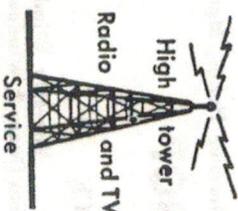
D. C. General Hospital (Public) 19th & C Sts., S.E. — LI 7-9200  
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Article IV  
Section III.

An elected officer shall not be eligible to serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.

Article V  
Section II correct word "approved" (next to last time)

Article VI

Section 1. change June to November



## USEFUL INFORMATION (cont'd.)

### Trucks

Not allowed to park in residential neighborhood except when loading or unloading. Call to attention of Police Precinct, Number 12.

### Trees

Maintenance of trees on public space — Contact Highway Dept. Tree Division.

### Uncovered Vehicles

Handling trash or garbage — report to Police Precinct. NA 8-400, No. 12 Precinct. Regulations require that vehicles handling same be covered.

### Water Leaks

On private property or public spaces — report to Water Operations Division NA 8-6000 Ext. 891.

### Zoning

Purpose is to control land usage. Most of Woodridge zoned for residential use only.

Further information and violations — NA 8-6000, Ext. 2140

Association's Committee on Zoning interested in violations and complaints. See "Standing Committees" in this handbook.

### Weeds

Regulations require weeds be kept not more than 4 inches in height. Violations — On residential property — Housing Division.

On commercial property — Health Dept., Bureau of Community Hygiene. In Parks and Public Space — National Capital Parks.

### Urban Renewal

The city's program to attack blight and to improve housing and neighborhoods is called Urban Renewal.

The Woodridge Civic Association cooperates with the D. C. Office of Urban Renewal in disseminating information as to plans and programs for this area. Certain meetings are devoted to this effort. Members in the active files of the Association are notified in advance of such meetings. Add your name to the file.

### D. C. GOVERNMENT NUMBERS:

#### CORPORATION COUNSEL'S OFFICE

NA 8-6000  
"Court of General Sessions Branch"

By Name of Person  
629-2020

#### FIRE MARSHAL PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.:

Bureau of Community Hygiene, 401 3rd St., N.W. 629-3423  
Information Office, Room 119, Municipal Center 629-3641  
Dog Pound, S. Capital & I Sts., S.E. 629-2791

#### HIGHWAY DEPT.:

Electrical Service Division 629-4601  
New Light 629-3466  
Street Division 629-4491 or 4793  
Tree Division 629-4434  
SANITARY ENGINEERING DEPT.:  
Sanitary Division 629-4584  
Mt. Olivet Incinerator 629-3221  
Sewer Division 629-4415 or 4417  
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Buildings Condemnation's Board 629-4717

Housing Division, Supt's Office Room 119, Dist. Bldg. 629-3235  
Housing Division, Field Office 34 F St., N.W. 629-4635  
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# WOODRIDGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION

### ARTICLE I — NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Woodridge Civic Association, Inc.

### ARTICLE II — PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be to express the opinions of the citizens of this community; to work for the betterment of this area to inform the citizens of this community of the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.

### ARTICLE III — MEMBERSHIP

Any person, 18 years of age or over, of good moral character, and having property, commercial occupational, or residential interests within the boundaries of this Association may become members upon payment of the annual dues.

### ARTICLE IV — OFFICERS

**SECTION I.** The Officers of the Association shall be a president, a first vice president, a second vice president, a recording secretary, a financial secretary, a corresponding secretary, a treasurer, a historian, a parliamentarian, and a reporter, whose duties shall be such as pertain to their respective offices.

**SECTION II.** All officers shall be elected by a plurality vote for a term of one (1) year or until their successors are duly elected and qualified: Provided that the historian, the parliamentarian, and the reporter shall not be elected, but shall be appointed by the president.

**SECTION III.** An elected officer shall not be eligible to serve more than two (2) consecutive terms, nor shall an elected officer be eligible to serve in the same position until the lapse of a calendar year.

**SECTION IV.** Any elected officer may be recalled and the office declared vacant for any reason by a majority vote of members present and voting: Provided that a quorum, as defined in the By-Laws, is present, and further provided that a month's notice of such proposed action is given at the regular meeting of the Association immediately before such action is taken. (Adopted 12-3-63)

### ARTICLE V — EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**SECTION I.** There shall be an executive committee composed of the elected officers of the Woodridge Civic Association and the delegates to the Federation of Civic Associations, Inc. The president shall be chairman of the executive committee.

**SECTION II.** The executive committee shall have the authority to act for the Association during the period of recess or adjournment. Any action of the executive committee shall be reported to the Association at its next regular meeting. Provided, that any action taken by the executive committee may be modified, rescinded or proved by the Association."

### ARTICLE VI — MEETINGS

**SECTION I.** The annual meeting of the Association shall be held in the month of June of each year at which time it shall elect its officers.

**SECTION II.** In the event of a vacancy in any elective office, the executive committee may select a member to fill such vacancy until a successor shall have been elected by the Association and duly qualified.

**SECTION III — The Association**  
shall hold a regular meeting each month from September through June of each year. And the Association shall notify all active members of such meetings by card or letter through the mail.  
(Adopted 11-5-63)

The Association shall be in recess from the last meeting in June until the first meeting in September, inclusive."

**SECTION IV.** A special meeting of the Association may be called by the president upon five (5) days written notice to the members thereof, and a special meeting shall be called by the president in like manner upon request of not less than fifteen (15) members.

**ARTICLE VII — AMENDMENTS**

This Constitution may be amended by two-thirds (2-3) vote of the members present at any regular meeting of the Association: Provided that written notices of the proposed amendments shall have been first read at a regular meeting of the Association and the membership notified at least thirty (30) days prior to the regular meeting of the Association at which the proposed amendment is considered.

**BY-LAWS**

**ARTICLE I — MEETINGS**

**SECTION I.** The regular monthly meeting of the Association shall be held at 8:00 P.M. on the first Tuesday during each meeting month.

**SECTION II.** Meetings shall be held at such places as may be designated by the president or determined by the Association.

**ARTICLE II — QUORUM**

Eleven members shall constitute a quorum for carrying on the business of the Association and the action taken shall be binding upon all of the members of the Association.

**ARTICLE III — DUES**

The annual dues of each member shall be one dollar (\$1.00) payable in advance or at the annual meeting of the Association, and no member is eligible to vote until his annual dues have been paid.

**ARTICLE IV — COMMITTEES**

**SECTION I.** Standing committees shall be the executive committee and such other committees as the Association may from time to time establish.

**SECTION II.** Special committees may be appointed by the president as he deems necessary or which the Association may determine necessary to carry out the business of the Association.

**ARTICLE V — RULES OF ORDER**

"Robert's Rules of Order" shall govern in all proceedings of the Association in the absence of any other rule to the contrary that shall be adopted by the Association.

**ARTICLE VI — AMENDMENTS**

These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2-3) vote of the members present at any regular meeting of the Association: Provided that the By-Laws may be temporarily suspended in like manner at any regular meeting of the Association.

**USEFUL INFORMATION (cont'd.)**

- Lot Lines**  
D. C. Surveyor makes survey — Fee Charged — Further information call Information Office.
- Mosquitoes and Flies**  
In sewer catch basins — report to Sewer Division.  
On Public Space — report to Sanitation Division.  
On private residential property — Housing Division.  
On commercial property — Health Department.
- Loud Mufflers**  
Disturbing peace — violators must be caught in act — Police Dept. responsibility — Contact Precinct, Commanding Officer (No. 12).
- Rodents (Rats, etc.), Fleas and Ticks**  
On residential property — Housing Division.  
On commercial property — Health Dept. Bureau of Community Hygiene.  
In public park — National Capital Parks.
- Dilapidated Sheds and Fences**  
On residential property — Housing Division.  
On commercial property — Health Dept. Bureau of Community Hygiene.
- Sewers, Public**  
Repairs and service — Notify Dept. of Sanitary Engineering, Sewer Division.  
**Sidewalk**  
Unlawful to litter. Use receptacles. Repair — Notify Highway Dept. Street Division.  
Installation — Further information call Highway Dept.  
Mud washing onto sidewalk from private property — Notify Police Precinct, Precinct Number 12.  
Mud washing onto sidewalk from public property — Notify Highway Dept.  
**Snow or Ice on Sidewalk**  
Abutting property owner or occupant is responsible for removal. Dangerous conditions — not removed within reasonable period should be reported to Police Precinct, "Number 12."  
**Street and Public Alleys**  
Repair — Highway Dept., Street Division.  
**Cleaning** — Sanitary Division  
Unlawful to litter. Us street receptacles. Littering violation from building operations should be reported to Police Dept., Precinct No. 12.  
**Street, Sidewalk and Alley Obstruction**  
Leaning fences, low hanging limbs — Report to Police Dept., Precinct No. 12  
**Street Lamps**  
Repair and Installation of new lamps — Call Electrical Service Division. Ext. 695.  
**Traffic Lights**  
Repair — Call Electrical Services Division, Highway Dept.  
Installation of new lights require a survey. Report request to Civic Association.  
**Trash**  
Regulations require metal containers with top for storage or other approved containers.  
Burning without a permit is prohibited. Nearest incinerator — 1250 Mt. Olivet Road, N.E.  
Complaints about removal from residential places — Contact Housing Division.  
From commercial places — Contact Dept. of Health, Bureau of Community Hygiene. (Continued)

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## USEFUL INFORMATION

**Dogs**  
Where to call for help when you encounter these situations  
Registration tags and immunization required.  
Further information from Police Precinct Station  
Must be kept on leash and clean.  
Biting dog — notify Police Sanitation Officer — number 12 precinct.  
Barking dog — Corporation Counsel's responsibility. Name and address of owner must be supplied to Counsel.

**Fire Hazard**  
Further information and removal report to Fire Marshall.

**Housing Business**  
Zoning regulations prohibit such in most of Woodridge.  
Occupancy permit required. Further information Occupancy Section, Dept. L & I. Licenses required. Further information License Bureau, Dept. L&I.  
Violations — Notify Police Precinct Licenses Officer.

**Housing Code**  
Affects every house in city where persons live. For a condensed copy of the code information on, or to report violations contact Housing Division, Dept. of Licenses and Inspections.  
Leaves  
Only those leaves on parkings permitted by law to be raked and piled on the curb or in the gutter. This permitted only during autumn. Leaves from private property by law to be bundled in large burlap bags and left on the property at regular pick up point for trash collector. For large amounts call for special service — Sanitation Division. (Continued)

**Animals**  
Dead animal pick-up — Sanitation Division.  
Live animals such as dogs or cats —  
D. C. Pound  
**Animal Welfare**  
These organizations are interested in dogs and other stray animals or pets.  
D. C. Dog Pound, S. Capital and I Sts., S.W.  
Tail Waggers' Association, 71 O St., N.W. NO 7-5731  
Clinic: Monday thru Friday 3 to 6 p.m. — No charge.  
Washington Animal Rescue League, 71 O St., N.W. NO 7-5730.

**Wild Animals**  
Certain animals must not be destroyed. New regulation permits destruction of some animals. Further information from: D. C. Corporation Counsel's Office, General Sessions Branch.

**Bicycles**  
Police Dept. registers by serial number. Get form at Precinct Station  
Lights required.  
Must not ride on pavement unless a sidewalk bike.  
Regulations prohibit more than one person riding.

**Abandoned Automobiles**  
May not be left on public streets or ways. Notify Police Precinct No. 12.  
**Abandoned Dilapidated Buildings**  
Commercial or residential report to Board for Condemnation of Unsanitary Buildings.

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## THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS

The District of Columbia was established as the seat of the national government by Article 1, Section 8, of the Constitution of the United States. That Article reads in part: "The Congress shall have power . . . To exercise exclusive legislation in all cases whatsoever, over such District (not exceeding ten miles square) as may, by cession of particular States, and the acceptance of Congress, become the seat of the Government of the United States . . ." Under that authority the Congress in effect acts as a combined city council-state legislature for the District, since the District, uniquely, performs State, county, and municipal functions.

The President of the United States appoints the three-member Board of Commissioners. The two civilian members of the Board are appointed by the President upon the advice and consent of the Senate; the third member is an officer detailed by the President from the Corps of Engineers of the U.S. Army. The Bureau of the Budget, as a staff arm of the President, plays an important role in the administration of the District in such matters as a limited review of the District budget, the channeling of proposed legislation to the Congress, the implementation of Presidential directives affecting the District, and advising on major organizational changes proposed by the Commissioners. In July 1962, the President created the post of Presidential Advisor on National Capital Affairs, the principal duty of which is to act as liaison between the President, the Congress, the D.C. Board of Commissioners, and the various governments throughout the metropolitan area on matters of policy, legislation, problems and needs of the national capital area.

As a result of the ratification of the 23d Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, District residents have a voice in the election of the President and the Vice President of the United States. The District of Columbia has three votes in the Electoral College.

The District has no Congressional representation. However, in both the Senate and the House of Representatives, there are Committees on the District of Columbia, composed of Senators and Representatives from various States who act in the interest of the District of Columbia and at the same time maintain and protect the "federal interest" that is inherent in the national capital. The Congress authorizes and appropriates each year to the District a federal payment. The primary purpose of the payment is to compensate for the fact that the Federal Government, as the principal employer and land user in the District, is tax-exempt, thus depriving the city of major sources of tax revenue that are common to other cities. Also, as the Nation's Capital, the District is subject to many unusual requirements. However, the main source of revenue for the operation of the District of Columbia continues to be the District taxpayer, who pays taxes equivalent to those in the adjacent jurisdictions of Maryland and Virginia.

## THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Board of Commissioners is composed of three members. Two members are appointed by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, from among persons who, at the time of their appointment, are citizens of the United States, and have been actual residents of the District of Columbia for three years next before their appointment and have, during that period, claimed residence nowhere else. The third member is detailed by the President of the United States from among the officers of the Corps of Engineers of the United States Army, having the rank of captain or higher and having served at least fifteen years in the Corps of Engineers. (continued)

# OUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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The civilian Commissioners are appointed for a term of three years and until their successors are appointed and qualified. The detail of the Engineer Commissioner is at the pleasure of the President, usually for a period of two to four years, and during such service the officer so detailed is not required to perform any other duty.

The Board of Commissioners is authorized by law to provide for its own internal organization. One of the three Commissioners is chosen President of the Board at their first meeting, and annually and whenever a vacancy occurs.

The Executive Office of the Board of Commissioners comprises the individual offices of the three Commissioners, including their immediate staffs and the Office of the Secretary and his staff.

## SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Prepares agenda for, and attends in person or by deputy all regular and special meetings of the Board of Commissioners and makes the official records of such meetings.

Prepares and, after approval by the Commissioners, issues Commissioners' Orders, proclamations, resolutions, directives, administrative issuances to heads of departments, and statements to the public and press.

Maintains the official records of Board actions in the form of books of minutes, orders, letters sent, and approved legal opinions.

Administers oaths of office to key District officials and attests to the authenticity of official records. Serves as sole custodian of the Seal of the District of Columbia and is responsible for its proper use.

Arranges for the publication of official notices to newspapers, and maintains the records essential to proof-of-publication when required in judicial proceedings. Is responsible for the publication of all regulations affecting the general public and for the maintenance of such regulations in a form readily accessible to the public.

Issues, renews, and revokes Notary Public Commissions, and certifies notarial qualifications on documents to be introduced in evidence in courts of foreign jurisdictions.

Maintains a record of bills introduced in Congress affecting the District of Columbia and, at the end of each session, prepares a compilation with suitable index of all such laws passed by Congress. Maintains mailing lists of citizen and other groups interested in the civic affairs of the District. Handles for the Commissioners a wide variety of complaints and inquiries made by the public by letter, telephone, or personal visits in such manner that will best conserve the time of the Commissioners.

Makes arrangements for official ceremonies for visiting dignitaries, notables, and officials of domestic and foreign governments, and private organizations. Renders informational and other services to the general public. Maintains a follow-up system to insure compliance with Commissioners' decisions and directives by heads of all departments and offices of the District Government.

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**Junior Civic Association** — Organizes young people's groups such as recreational groups, dramatic teams, civic projects, etc.  
Chairman — Carroll Harvey, 2012 Perry St., N.E., LA 9-1309

**Program** — Arranges interesting program for each monthly meeting.  
Chairman — Simon Douglas, 1900 Randolph St., N.E., LA 6-2773

**Recreational** — Promotes recreational activities of the Association; maintains liaison with D. C. Department of Recreation; represents Association at hearings and conferences concerned with recreation.  
Chairman — Raleigh Kay, 3100 24th St., N.E., LA 9-1674

**Zoning, Sanitation & Public Works** — Maintains intelligence and keeps the Association informed on current and proposed D.C. Government activities in the area of public housing; street changes; public construction (sewer, school, hospital, etc.) urban renewal and redevelopment; zoning and sanitation regulations, changes and violations; represents the Association at hearings and conferences relating to these subjects.

Chairman — Lewis S. Terry, 1831 Shepherd St., N.E., LA 6-4137

## OUR JUNIOR CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Appeals to male and female residents of the Woodridge area, ages 14 to 20 years, the high school and early college group.

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Members of D. C. Federation of Junior Civic Associations.

Meets every second and fourth Wednesday, September thru June each year at 7:30 p.m. Winter meetings held at Taft Recreational Center, 18th and Perry Streets, N.E.

**ACTIVITIES FOR 1963 - 64 included:**

- Male and female basketball teams (week nights)
- Bowling league participations (Saturday mornings)
- Acted in two dramatic presentations
- Participated in two city-wide panels on the United Nations
- Participated in the Civic Responsibility Week activities and parade

**MEMBERSHIP COST:** 50c per year per person

President: Kieth Bacon, LA 6-1506

Junior Advisor: Camille Ford, LA 9-2609

Adult Advisors: Carroll Harvey, LA 9-1309; Mrs. Samuel T. Berryman, LA 9-0145; Mrs. Cornelius Cherry, LA 6-8636; and James McCain, LA 6-6227

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## 2nd VICE PRESIDENT

Mrs. Juanita K. Morgan, 2705 30th St., N.E., 347-3276

## RECORDING SECRETARY

Mrs. Barbara Vatron, 3223 Vista St., N.E., 529-7815

## CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Miss Evelyn F. Greene, 2000 Shepherd St., N.E., LA 9-4959

## TREASURER

Anthony H. Pierce, 4217 20th St., N.E., LA 6-7919

## HISTORIAN

William H. Simons, 1917 Randolph St., N.E., LA 6-4869

## PARLIAMENTARIAN

Charles T. Greene, 3229 Chestnut St., N.E., LA 9-2163

## REPORTER

Lynwood Pettie, 1921 Upshur St., N.E., LA 6-7286

## DELEGATES TO THE FEDERATION OF CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS

The President of the Association

Simon Douglas, 1900 Randolph St., N.E., LA 6-2773

Lewis S. Terry, 1831 Shepherd St., N.E., LA 6-4137

Dorsey Evans, 4435 20th St., N.E., LA 9-9259

William A. Jones, 2616 22nd St., N.E., 529-1615.

## STANDING COMMITTEES

**Civil Protection** — Deals with matters concerning civil liberties and rights; maintains a vigil on the Courts and Police Department; represents Association at hearings on related legislation.

**Chairman:** Julius F. Martin; 4007 19th St., N.E. — NA 8-6000 Ext. 504 (8:30 a.m. to noon weekdays)

**Education** — Concerned with educational matters of the community; maintains liaison with area principals and PTAs and represents Association at hearings before D.C. Board of Education and other governmental bodies.

**Membership** — Promotes membership campaign; maintains membership records.

**Chairwoman:** Mrs. Juanita K. Morgan, 2705, 3rd St., N.E., 347-3276.

**Area Captains** — To conduct membership campaigns in area indicated.

**Area 1** — Boundaries: Rhode Island Ave. to South Dakota Ave. to Bladensburg Rd.; Bladensburg Rd. to New York Ave., 18th St. to Rhode Island Ave.

**Captain:** Mrs. Juanita K. Morgan, 2705 30th St., N.E., 347-3276

**Area 2** — Boundaries: Rhode Island Ave. to Eastern Ave. to Bladensburg Rd.; Bladensburg Rd. to South Dakota Ave.; South Dakota Ave. to Rhode Island Ave.

**Captain:** Mrs. Hiawatha Morris, 3108 35th St., N.E., 526-6327

**Area 3** — Boundaries: 18th St. and South Dakota Ave. to Rhode Island Ave.; Rhode Island Ave. to Eastern Ave.; Eastern Ave. to Randolph St.; Randolph St. to Bunker Hill Rd.; Bunker Hill Rd. to 18th St.

**Captain:** Mrs. Barbara Harvey, 2012 Perry St., N.E., LA 9-1309

**Area 4** — Boundaries: Bunker Hill Rd. and 18th St. to Michigan Ave.; Michigan Ave. to Eastern Ave.; Eastern Ave. to Randolph St.; Randolph St. to Bunker Hill Rd.

**Captain:** Mrs. Julette Day, 4430 20th St., N.E., 529-8343

**Area 5** — Boundaries: 18th St. and South Dakota Ave. to Rhode Island Ave.; Rhode Island Ave. to 18th St.; 18th St. to South Dakota Ave.

**Captain:** John Newsome, 3602 South Dakota Ave., N.E. LA 9-1571

**Handbook** — Prepares and distributes the handbook and revisions.

**Chairman:** Joseph T. Watkins, 2226 Perry St., N.E., LA 9-0989

## CITIZENS COUNCIL FOR DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The original Citizens Advisory Council was created in 1952 and consisted of 9 members. In 1962 it was renamed the Citizens Council for the District of Columbia and expanded to 25 members. The purpose of the Council remained the same—to increase citizen participation in the municipal government and to act in an advisory capacity to the Commissioners on matters affecting the general public.

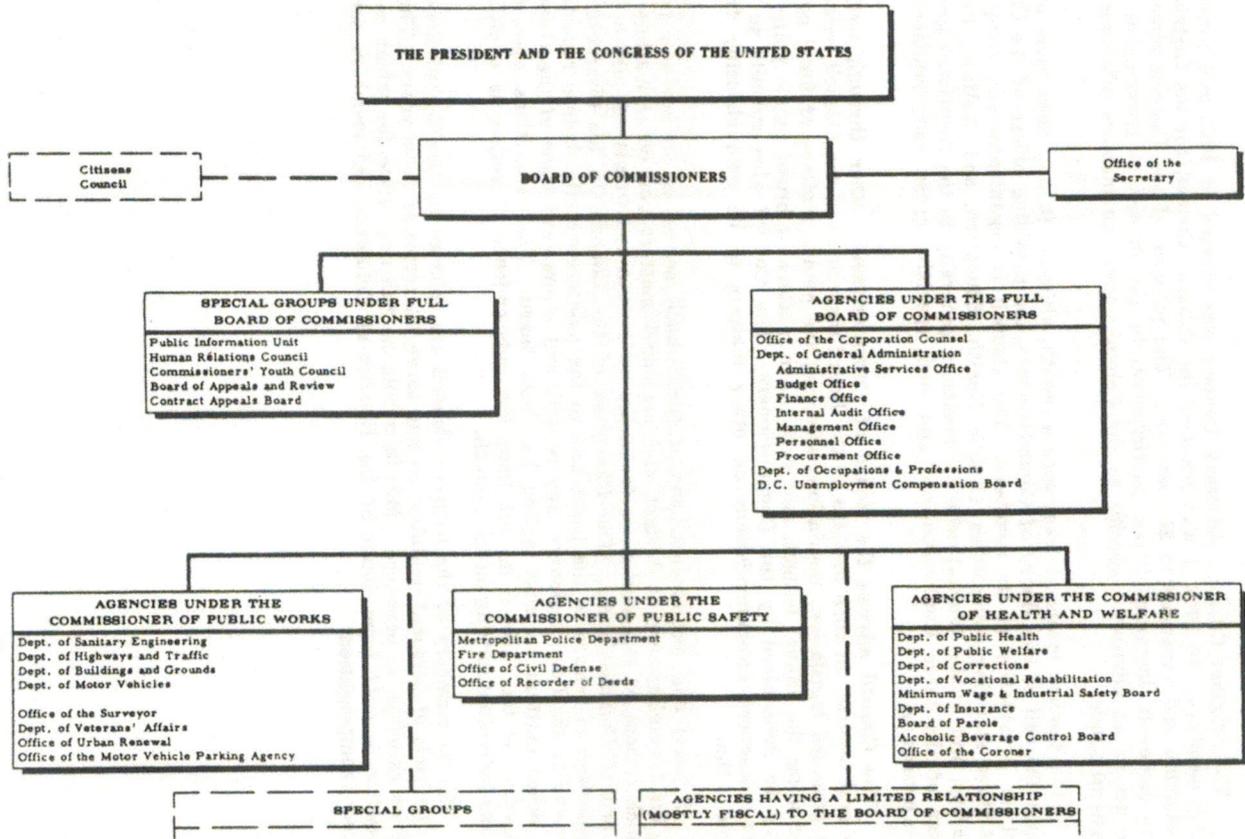
The Council meets at least once a month, although it may meet more often upon the call of the Board of Commissioners, the presiding officer of the Council, or a majority of its members. The Council is organizationally composed of three standing committees (Public Health, Education, and Welfare, Public Safety, and Public Works) which correspond generally to the functional groupings of the three Commissioners, and such special-purpose subcommittees as are necessary.

The Council advises the Board of Commissioners, either through written or oral reports, on such matters as the Board may refer to the Council, relative to proposed legislation, regulations affecting the public, matters of fiscal policy including the annual budget, and such other matters of broad public policy as may be determined by the Commissioners. The Council also submits to the Commissioners recommendations on other matters of its own choosing from time to time.

Reports and recommendations of the Council acting as an advisory body to the Commissioners on budget and personnel matters and other matters on which release of information is forbidden by statute and furnished only to the Board of Commissioners. The Chairman of the Council, in his discretion is authorized to release to the press and to the public generally, before reporting thereon to the Commissioners, any reports and recommendations of the Council on other matters on which action has been taken. The restrictions upon the activities of the Council do not limit the independence of action as a citizen of any individual serving on the Council.

The 25 members of the Citizens Council are selected by the Commissioners on the basis of personal qualification and serve for terms of three years. There are no ex-officio members. Members hold no full-time office for which compensation is paid from funds of the District of Columbia and members serve without compensation.

ORGANIZATION CHART OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



tive of the Rhode Island Avenue Citizens Association reported in 1943 that 4 were probably only about six non-whites among some nineteen or twenty thous persons. By 1950, however, sale of residential property in Woodridge to Negro had begun and by 1953 the new property owners and residents had formed the Woodridge Civic Association. By 1960 the census tracts (91 and 94), which embraces the present territory of Woodridge, were inhabited predominantly by Negroes.

Woodridge today is a relatively alert and progressive community. Its citizens rank high in property ownership, employment and educational attainment. Several of them hold high Federal and District Government positions and many are active in the civic, political and cultural life of Washington. They are rightfully proud of their progress and remarkably conscious of challenges to their civic responsibility.

### A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Woodridge Civic Association was organized during the spring of 1953. Due to racial barriers in Woodridge the early meetings of the Association were held at the Slowe Elementary School in Brookland.

The aims of the Association as expressed in its Constitution have been "to express the opinions of the citizens of Woodridge, "to work for the betterment" of the area and "to inform the citizens of this community of the rights and responsibilities of citizenship." Membership has been open to any person, 18 years of age or over, having property, commercial, occupational, or residential interests within the boundaries of the Association. ( See map for boundaries in the center of this book.)

One of the first important activities of the Association was an intensive campaign to obtain greater and more convenient educational and recreational facilities for Negro families of Woodridge who were being denied the use of nearby schools and playgrounds. Another early interest was the encouragement of scouting organizations in the area. The Association has continually opposed the location of liquor stores in residential sections, the lowering of zoning standards, and any decrease of important public services such as police protection, street maintenance, and sanitation service.

Meanwhile the Association has supported city-wide efforts to establish fair employment practices, combat juvenile delinquency, obtain home rule, and several other important civic enterprises. Its interest in the betterment of social conditions, locally and nationally, is shown by its recent subscription of life membership in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People..

The Woodridge Civic Association has had able and devoted leadership under the following presidents: Osborne Smallwood, 1953-55; Richard F. Ware, 1955-56; Julius W. Hobson, 1956-58; Charles T. Greene, 1958-1959; Samuel W. Howard, 1960-1962; Dorsey Evans, 1962-1964; William D. Curtis, 1964-present.

### FEDERATION OF CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS

The Woodridge Civic Association is one of several neighborhood organizations in Washington affiliated with a city-wide organization known as the Federation of Civic Associations. This Federation, organized in 1921, enables its member associations to cooperate in activities benefiting their particular neighborhoods and the city in general. It provides a forum for the expression and exchange of ideas concerning city problems. Moreover, in Washington it performs an important function as the voice of organized citizens.

Representatives of the Woodridge Civic Association and other neighborhood organizations known as delegates to the Federation meet each month (October through June) in the Board Room of the District Building. Activities of the Federation are reported in local daily and weekly newspapers.



## A BRIEF HISTORY OF WOODRIDGE

Woodridge emerged as a suburban subdivision of the District of Columbia at the beginning of the twentieth century. Originally it encompassed only the area between Rhode Island ave., n.e., and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and between South Dakota ave. and Eastern ave. Its name was probably derived from the original physical features of the area. It was reported to have been a beautiful wooded region crowned by a ridge, perhaps the elevation at the present intersection of South Dakota and Rhode Island aves. Near this intersection (from 3115 Thayer st. to 24th st., n.e.) there is still a short street named Woodridge. The woodland atmosphere lingers in street names such as Myrtle, Walnut, Chestnut and Elm.

Since the 1930's business and civic groups have extended the limits of Woodridge to include adjoining communities or subdivisions once known as Langdon Sherwood, Ellaston Terrace, and Winthrop Heights. In this way Woodridge has come to consist of a large area bounded mainly by Eastern ave., Michigan ave., 18th st., New York ave., and Bladensburg rd. It embraces the 1900 Census tract No. 40 and the northern sector of tract No. 91 with population of about 12,000 persons.

The area that is now Woodridge, like most northeast sections of the District of Columbia, did not play a prominent part in the District's early life. For a century after the establishment of the City of Washington it remained largely an area of woodlands and farms without plans for urban development. It was far beyond the city's northern boundary, which long existed at Florida ave. (then called Boundary st.). Like other District areas beyond city limits, it was a part of the County of Washington and was governed until 1871 by the Levy Court, an institution borrowed from Maryland.

During the early years, however, this northeast area was sometimes the scene of historic events. In colonial days Queen's Chapel was built near where the Langdon School now stands. It was burned by hostile groups during the American Revolution, War of 1812, and Civil War. From this Catholic shrine originated the present Church of St. Francis De Sales on Rhode Island ave. and the name of Queen's Chapel rd. Along a road that has since become Mills ave., there were once the home and studio of Clark Mills, the sculptor of the famous equestrian statues of Andrew Jackson in Lafayette Square and George Washington in Washington Circle.

During the Civil War two of some fifty-six forts built to defend the National Capital were located in the Woodridge area. One of these, Fort Thayer, erected on a crest (151 feet) between the present Mills and South Dakota aves., provided protection from a wooded ravine through which the enemy might approach from the direction of the historic Baltimore Turnpike (now Bladensburg rd.) or Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. The present Thayer st. (near the Woodridge Post Office) used by Civil War soldiers as a military road, takes its name from this fort. Approximately 700 yards from Fort Thayer was Fort Saratoga on an elevation (187 ft.) now bounded by Jackson, 18th, Irving and 20th sts. Fort Place running one block northwest from 17th and Irving sts. is perhaps now the only remainder of the Civil War use of this vicinity. Armed each with seven guns and 11 mortar, these forts were minor works in the overall defenses of Washington, but they were considered to have strategic value as connecting links between the more important Forts Lincoln and Bunker Hill. Fort Lincoln situated about 1212 yards east of Fort Thayer, occupied a hill (218 ft.) overlooking two of the most important routes for the city, the B and O Railroad and the Baltimore Turnpike, and was the utermost of the commanding heights lying between these routes and the Anacostia River and its tributaries. Fort Bunker Hill, located about 1300 yards west of Fort Saratoga on the park site now at 14th and Otis sts., n.e., had a strategic position (elevation of 248 ft.) for defense of old Bunker Hill rd. (now mainly Michigan ave), a major thoroughfare from the north.

**To the Residents  
of the Woodridge Area,**

*Greetings*



Again, it is the pleasure of the Woodridge Civic Association to present to you the Woodridge Civic Handbook (third revision). We hope you will find it useful in providing needed information to help you live more satisfactorily in the community.

Our Association meets monthly with the purpose of improving living conditions in this area and to keep informed about civic affairs of the city. Success in these goals will depend upon the cooperation and assistance from all residents in the Woodridge area.

We hope that you will become familiar with the history of Woodridge, the history of our Association and with personalities living in the community. Try to support our advertisers, visit the churches, be active in the PTA's and be sure to register and vote. Our community is attractive and one of the finest. Let us strive to keep it that way by keeping the property in repair and clean (including the sidewalks and parking areas); providing proper controls for our children; making friends with neighbors and in other well known ways of civic responsibility. Our Association will endeavor to keep the city authorities apprised and alert to community needs and services.

We thank you for past support. Your membership in our Association is urged and your participation in community affairs is sincerely invited. As we take pride in ourselves, our neighborhoods, our entire community and all work together, we will achieve our goal for a clean, safe and congenial Woodridge community.

William D. Curtis  
President

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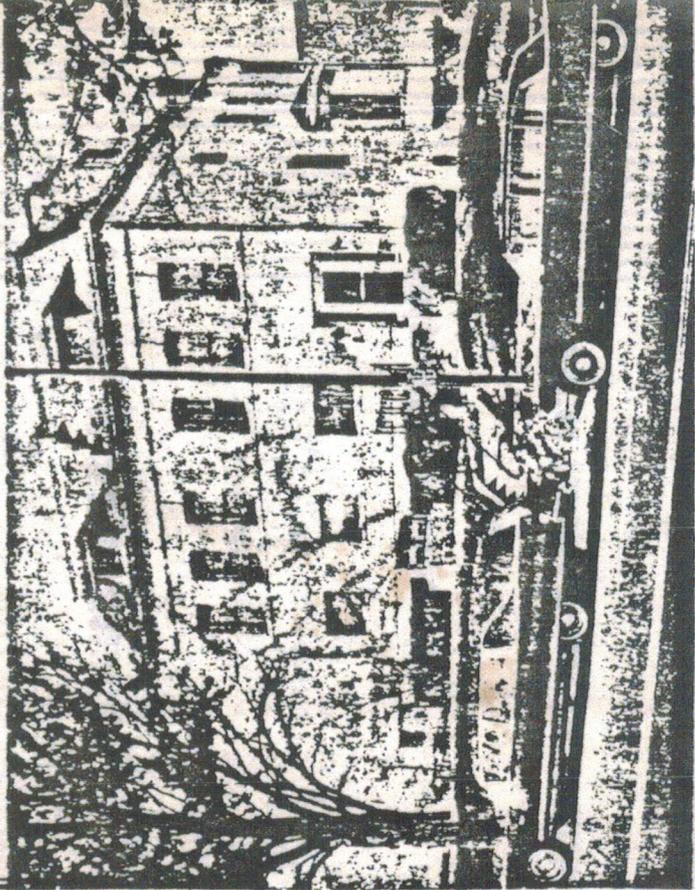
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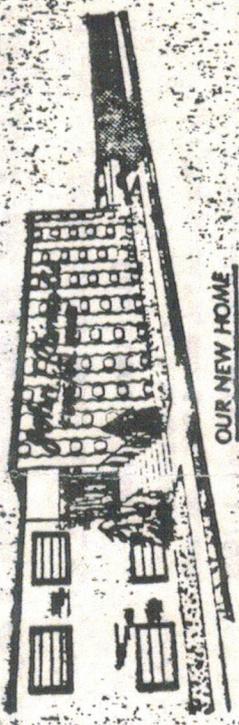
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