

Woodway Whisper

Summer Newsletter

T o w n o f W o o d w a y , W A

Mayor's Message

H a p p y B i r t h d a y D e a r W o o d w a y ! !

On a chilly afternoon last March, over two hundred residents gathered at Rosary Heights to celebrate our community's 50th year as an independent Town. A "Welcome to Woodway" sign greeted folks as they entered the event. The reception rooms were filled with spring flowers, historical documents, and pictures chronicling Woodway's development.



Mayor Nichols and Elaine Jorgensen

On behalf of the town, I honored long time resident Mrs. Elaine Jorgensen who along with her husband, Hans, spearheaded the campaign to petition Snohomish County to approve Woodway's incorporation. As the saying goes: "After that, the rest is history."

The Town was honored with gifts from both the Korean Consulate General Chanhon Kwon and Mr. Kevin Hendrickson. As a special gift to the residents, all attendees were given a

book of Woodway's history recently completed by Town staff.

There were special moments that afternoon, including a poem written by resident Dr. John Wright commemorating Woodway and its unique qualities (the full text is on page 8), a 50's trivia contest, and champagne toasts provided by three of our previous mayors, Harry Nilsen, Jeannette Wood, and Ross Wood.

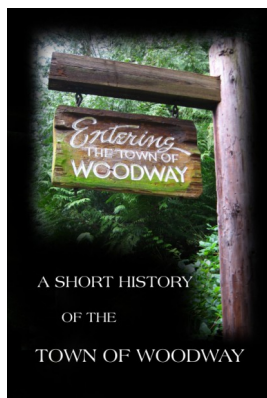
After the celebration as I was packing away my vintage mink wrap (folks were encouraged to wear 50's vintage clothing), I concluded that Woodway continues to be a special place and that its people respect and enjoy their community. It was a great celebration!



Town Administrator Eric Faison and Mayor Nichols at the 50th Celebration

Woodway History Book

If you have not received your copy of "A Short History of the Town of Woodway," please stop by Town Hall to pick one up, or call to make other arrangements.



Save the Date! for the Woodway Town Fair

The Annual Woodway Town Fair will be held on Saturday August 23, 2008 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bring your family for food, friends, and fun!

Baby Gift Found

If you know a baby named Samantha, please contact Town Hall at 206.542.4443. A baby gift was found, and we would like to get it to the right family.

Coming Soon to Woodway: Fiber Optics Verizon's "Fiber-To-The-Premises" Project



What It Means To Woodway Residents

Verizon is committed to providing its King and Snohomish County customers with the latest telecommunications services. "Fiber-To-The-Premises," or FTTP, is our most ambitious effort ever in that regard.

- FTTP will provide our customers with the highest-speed data services available anywhere (between 5 and 30 megabits per second) at competitive prices.
- FTTP will also provide improved service quality and network reliability to local customers as well as the potential for providing many new and exciting services in the future.
- King and Snohomish Counties are the first areas in Washington to receive Fiber-To-The-Premises. The FTTP service package, known as FiOS, will only be available to customers within Verizon landline service areas.
- Current services will continue to be available. For those customers who want to keep what they have, no change is necessary and rates will not be affected.
- Contractors for Verizon have already begun installing fiber-optic cable in selected areas of King and Snohomish County. This construction is being done only after Verizon and our contractors have obtained the necessary permits from the local city and county governments.
- Generally, Verizon's new fiber network will be placed in the public right of way under streets and sidewalks, where Verizon already has copper facilities. In instances where existing underground pathways are not available and need to be created, our contractors will use the latest in conduit installation techniques, "directional boring," to minimize construction impact.

If you have questions or concerns regarding Verizon's "Fiber to the Premises" (FTTP) construction project in Woodway, contact Verizon's Customer Relations Department at: 1.888.828.2015 or Town Hall at 206.542.4443. More information about Verizon's FiOS is available at www.verizonfios.com.

Thank You Sunrise Senior Living!

Sunrise Senior Living has made a generous donation to help support the upcoming Woodway Town Fair. We whole-heartedly appreciate their support! Below you'll find a brief introduction to their communities; make sure you stop by their booth at the Fair and say hi.

Step into a Sunrise Assisted Living community and you can't help but feel at home. They stop at nothing to make your experience warm and inviting, from their homelike exterior architecture, to their comfortable community areas and choice of suites to their exceptional outdoor gardens and landscaping. Look around and you'll notice fresh flowers throughout the residence, and you may even spot their dog or cat. And of course, there are always the friendly smiling faces of their staff to ensure that each day spent there is a welcome one. Seattle area Sunrise communities proudly offer Assisted Living, Memory Care, and Nursing Care.

Visit www.SunriseSeniorLiving.com for more information and to find a Sunrise near you.



Letter from Paramount Petroleum

To all of our Woodway neighbors, Paramount Petroleum strives to be a good neighbor. If you encounter any odors you believe may be coming from our facility, we encourage you to please call either of the numbers below; or if you wish, call me directly at 206.546.0503. The faster we receive such information, the faster we can investigate the matter. We appreciate your assistance.

Thank you all,

Brian Wuellner, Facility Manager
Paramount Petroleum Corporation
20555 Richmond Beach Drive N.W., Seattle, WA 98177
206.542.3121 or 1.800.562.9294

Stormwater Utility Update

The Public Works Department and PACE Engineering have been working this spring to get the design work completed for several of our storm water capital projects, which we are planning to complete either late this summer, or in early fall. The Town Council voted to move the Wachusett conveyance and catch basin project up on the priority list so that it could be completed this year in conjunction with the Town's plans to overlay Wachusett Road.

The table below summarizes the various projects identified for 2008. Please note that the Stormwater Comprehensive Plan, completed in 2005, determined the preliminary budget for each of these projects. Actual costs may be higher depending upon the final contracted bid amount.

Twin Maples	Completed in 2007	\$50,000 *
Woodhaven ROW Improvement	Mayor has suspended planning efforts due to neighborhood issues	\$73,000
Woodhaven Conveyance Project	Spring 2009	\$103,000
Wachusett Conveyance + Catch Basins	August 2008	\$135,000
North Deer & Algonquin	To be scheduled	\$29,000
Woodway Park Road	In design phase	\$220,000
Makah Road & Chinook Road	In design phase	\$175,000

*Estimated budget for engineering design and construction costs

Stormwater Utility Bills

Thank you Woodway residents for your timely payment of your utility bills. We appreciated your cooperation. You'll find your next stormwater bill for the first six months of 2008 included with this copy of the Whisper. Please give this bill your attention so our clerks do not have to issue late payment fees.

August 23rd is Woodway Fair Day

Now that it is FINALLY summer, we can all start looking forward to our Community Fair celebration. This year, the Fair has new hours: 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Bring your family and get ready for some low key, Woodway kind of fun.

All of the usual favorites will be in full swing + some new attractions:

- A tasty lunch of salad and bratwursts
- Lots of homemade cookies
- Live music provided by a Dixieland Band
- Pony rides, bouncy house, face painting, woodworking, and art projects
- Magic shows presented by our own resident magician, Adam Quinn



- Bike parade led by a band + the Edmonds Fire Department
- Pie baking contest
- Community booths and information

Come by Town Hall to enjoy the festivities and rub elbows with members of your Woodway community!

Z o n i n g C o d e C h a n g e s

Setback restrictions have been an important element in preserving Woodway's open space and maintaining privacy between property owners. This past spring, the Council researched whether our codes needed to be revised to allow certain structures in the setback areas. Over the years, several requests had been made to our Building Department to specify what type of structures might be allowed and under what conditions.

The Council engaged in extensive discussions and sponsored two public hearings to gain input on this issue. Our existing code for game courts became the framework for the revisions. Below is a short summary of the changes. Please contact Town Hall for a complete copy of the updated ordinance.

1. All areas of Town are allowed to have hives and houses for beneficial pollinating insects (example: honeybees, bumblebees, orchard mason bees). These hives and structures are allowed anywhere on your property including the setbacks.
2. The following structures or projections are the only things allowed in any of the setbacks in Town. This applies to all of the zoning areas.
 - Fences, fence walls, and fence gates in compliance with the Town's Zoning codes
 - Utility poles, vaults, irrigation sprinklers, and well heads
3. One and two acre lots are allowed to have a play structure (including a tree house) in the setbacks with certain distances established between the property line and the exact location of the play structure.

Tree houses can not be over 15 feet in height, not lighted, no larger than 120 square feet in area, properly screened (and approved by the Town's building official). The location of the tree house must not create a straight line of sight between the tree house and the interior of a residence on any adjoining property.
4. Riding arenas are allowed only on the two acre lots and have certain restrictions regarding distance between the arena and the property line. The arena (if covered) can not exceed 25 feet in height and must be screened from neighboring properties (as approved by the Town's building official).
- Light poles that are in compliance with Town codes
- Mail boxes
- Rockeries and retaining walls not exceeding four feet in height unless supporting a cut in the grade
- Driveways, sidewalks, and grade level steps
- Landings at doors not more than 18 inches above grade
- Bird houses and bat houses not exceeding eight cubic feet in volume

V o l u n t e e r s N e e d e d f o r t h e F a i r

Woodway youth (13+ years) who want to have fun and *earn community service credits* can volunteer to help with set up and supervising children's activities the day of the Fair. If you are interested, contact Town Hall at 206.542.4443.

AND We Also Need "YOUTHFUL type" Volunteers

Every year we have several adults who help out with the various activities associated with the Fair. If you are interested in serving food, supervising an activity, assisting with art projects, etc. please contact Heather Frank at 206.546.2476 or Town Hall at 206.542.4443. Remember: "Extra hands make for light work."



F R E E D O C U M E N T S H R E D D I N G E V E N T

Saturday, August 23,
2008

9 a.m. to Noon
TOP Food & Drug
Parking Lot

21900 Hwy 99

Edmonds

For more information,
please visit
www.townofwoodway.com

Public Works News

Wachusett Paving Project

As part of the Snohomish County overlay program, the Town has contracted to pave portions of Wachusett Road this summer. Access to properties along Wachusett will be coordinated with those residents impacted. Although specific dates for the paving have yet to be determined, we anticipate that this project will be scheduled for late August or early September. When paving commences, your patience and cooperation will be greatly appreciated. If possible, please choose an alternate route during construction. Thank you!

Beautification Committee

Thanks to the Beautification Committee for the beautiful

hanging baskets located throughout town. Beautification Chairwoman, Elaine Jorgensen, worked with Molbak's to create baskets that flourish all summer long. The Public Works crew hung the baskets and will provide the water. They truly add to the beauty of the Town, thanks again to the Committee.

Summer Activities

With spring winding down and summer beginning, the public works crew has been spending more time working in close proximity to the roadways. With the grass being mowed, line-trimmers in use, and flower beds being weeded, the crew is often close to traffic. When you see them out there please be careful when passing, and give them a wave.

Meet Your New Council Members

Mike Quinn

Mike Quinn is currently employed at the Microsoft Corporation in Redmond, Washington, where he has worked for 14 years. Mike has held a number of finance and operations roles at Microsoft, and is currently the General Manager for the World Wide Original Equipment Operations (OEM) team, managing teams located in the US, Europe, and Asia. Mike began his career at Microsoft in the finance and accounting department in 1994. Also during his career at Microsoft, he and his family spent 3 years working and living in Dublin, Ireland. Prior to joining Microsoft, Mike held various managerial and controller positions in finance and accounting within the

pharmaceutical and bio technology industries; these companies included American Hospital Supply (California), Kendall



Pharmaceuticals (California and Texas) and Genetic Systems (Seattle). Mike graduated from Seattle Pacific University in 1985 with a major in finance. Additionally, Mike holds an MBA in finance from West Coast University in Southern California.

In his spare time, Mike enjoys spending time with his wife Kris and their 4 daughters, mainly running between various sporting and school events. Additionally, Mike enjoys playing soccer, running, golfing, skiing, and his most recent hobby, beekeeping.

Kevin Fiske

I was born in the Midwest, grew up primarily in Indiana. I went to Culver Military Academy for four years, graduated, and then went to Indiana University. My father was a successful businessman, wore suits every day of his life. I was more into the outdoors and somehow decided to be a Forester. Not really knowing much about the field, I headed west. I graduated from University of Idaho with a B.S. in Forestry. My love of nature, mountains, and adventure called. I have climbed Mt. McKinley



in Alaska and most of the major local peaks.

My career has taken me all over the world. Japan, Korea, Taiwan, and most of Europe. I worked for a Japanese company for over 15 years, but I am independent today. I do consulting work and buy occasional public timber sales. I like my independence and I like what I do. My wife and I love Woodway. I'm very happy to be on the Town Council. I'm still learning the ropes and hope to contribute to our community in a very positive way.

Notes From Your Police Chief

As we begin to finally experience warmer weather and residents open doors and windows, I am reminding residents of the Town's false alarm ordinance. Nearly 10 years ago the council considered the costs of having the police department continually respond to false alarms. After careful consideration, the council passed an ordinance that calls for a fee of \$250.00 to be assessed on the second and subsequent responses to false alarms within any 6-month period of time.

After your first false alarm, you will receive a letter that will remind you to either have your alarm serviced or to take steps to correct whatever caused the initial false alarm. Please read the letter and take whatever steps you can to avoid the fine, the stress, and our response to further alarms at your residence.

Have a great summer,

Chief Hansen

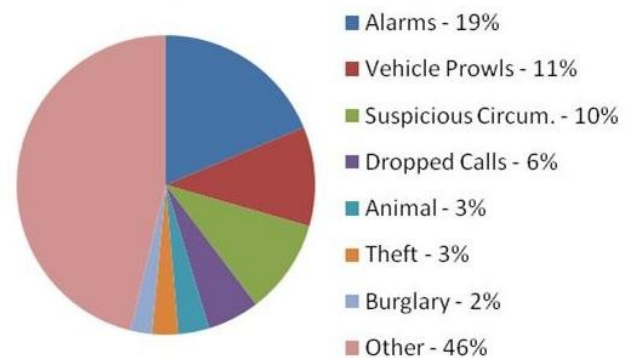
We have compiled the police department statistics for 2007; the numbers show that Woodway is definitely not a crime-ridden community. The "Other" portion of the calls in the pie chart are a conglomeration of reports where we assist other neighboring agencies, arrests, or investigations as a result of traffic incidents or domestic related contacts, to name a few of the categories within this section of the chart.

Besides the "Other" calls, the largest number of police responses is for residential false alarms. We also have a growing number of "hang-up" or "dropped" calls. Town residents could reduce the unnecessary responses to these types of calls by:

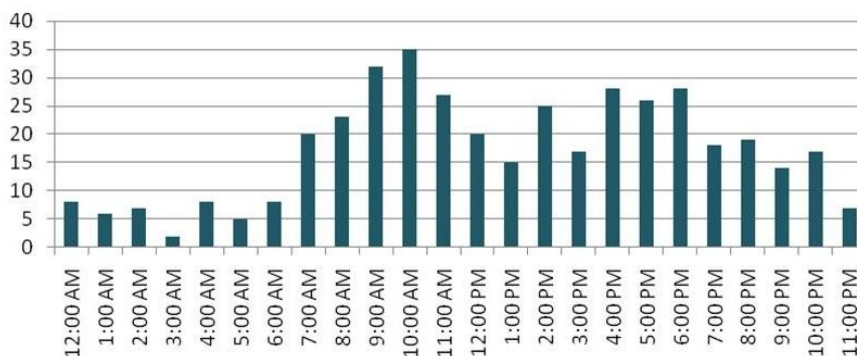
1. Carefully reviewing alarm procedures with all members of their family and anyone else who may have access to the home. Have alarms checked and serviced regularly.
2. Remember that once a caller has dialed 911, even if they change their mind prior to speaking with a 911 operator, the call will be traced, and an officer will be dispatched. With hang-up or dropped calls, the dispatcher will attempt to call back and will need to ask several qualifying questions. Please, stay on the phone and explain the reason for the dropped call. Doing this will prevent an officer from being needlessly dispatched.

Alert: Notice that vehicle prowls account for 11% of calls within Woodway. Residents could reduce this number and the loss from theft in these cases if they would remove all "theft attractive" items from their vehicles (iPods, GPS, wallets, purses, etc.). Think prevention; if you do not remove it, someone else may do it for you!

2007 - Type of Call as a Percentage of Total Calls
(excludes traffic stops)



911 Calls by Hour of the Day
(excludes traffic stops)



We were also asked to provide information on when crimes occur during the day. The chart to the left reflects when our dispatch center received reports of crimes, but may not reflect when the crimes actually occurred. This is due to the fact that people report crimes when they discover them, not necessarily while they are occurring. We encourage all residents to use the best prevention practices to deter opportunities for crime. We also encourage residents to call 911 when they see something out of the ordinary in their neighborhood.

Town Council Corner

General Government: Mayor Nichols reported that the 2005/2006 accountability audit conducted by the State Auditor's Office did not result in any findings. Heard a presentation by Port of Edmonds Executive Director Chris Keuss regarding the plans for the Edmonds Crossing project and the waterfront area in Edmonds. Proclaimed April as Public Education Month. Approved proclamations of appreciation for Dr. John & Brenda Bush, Dr. John Wright, Gwen Johnson, and the Adrian Dominican Sisters at Rosary Heights. Heard a presentation by Snohomish County Councilmember Mike Cooper on upcoming items that will have an impact on areas around Woodway. Heard a Presentation by Caldie Rogers, President, Greater Marysville Tulalip Chamber of Commerce about the Military Family Friendly Employment Partnership Alternative. Adopted Resolution #08-328 declaring Woodway to be Military Family Friendly. Approved Ordinance #08-488 changing employees' deferred compensation plans from ING to ICMA.

Public Works & Lands: Mayor Nichols and staff met with Woodhaven residents regarding the stormwater project on their street. Heard update on the planned stormwater projects;

approved recommendations for project prioritization. Heard formal letter of complaint from Town to DOE regarding oil leaks from Allied Waste trucks. Heard report on Right-of-Way violation by Pt. Edwards. Approved Ordinance #08-490 adding a penalty for late payment of stormwater bills.

Land Use & Planning: Held a public hearing on structures in the setbacks. Worked with the Post Office to change city/town name for the 5 houses on Richmond Beach Drive from Shoreline to Woodway. Approved Ordinance #08-489 amending the allowed structures in setbacks. Discussed possible ordinance addressing RV's in setbacks.

Public Safety: The City of Edmonds notified the Town of the 2008 fire costs: the fees will increase 6%; the budget included a 5% increase. Approved an Interlocal agreement with Edmonds for Police Vehicle Maintenance.

Building & Municipal Services: Discussed the current fee schedule and possible updates. Discussed whether a permit should be required for water heater replacements. Discussed current business license policies.

Planning Commission Update

Over the last three months, the Planning Commission has been working with Margaret Clancy of ESA Adolfsen to update the Environmentally Sensitive Areas Ordinance (Section 16.10 of the Woodway Municipal Code). This section is being updated to comply with state rules and to ensure that our resources are being adequately protected when development occurs.



Woodway Planning Commission

Plans for a Woodway Playground

Several Woodway families have been assisting the Mayor in planning for Woodway's first playground. The overall concept is to install safe equipment that will provide activities for children ages 3 -9 years of age. The playground will have two sections offering age appropriate equipment. Further, it is our goal to provide children with a recreational experience that will enhance their awareness of and appreciation for nature, especially our Woodway Reserve.

Be sure to stop by the informational booth at the Town Fair to see what is being planned. It is our goal to present the site plan to the Town Council in August and schedule installation for September.

All Welcome at Council and Planning Commission Meetings

A reminder to Woodway residents that everyone is welcome at the Town Council meetings, regularly scheduled for the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month, and at the Planning Commission meetings, regularly

scheduled for the 1st Wednesday of the month. If you have thanks, comments, or concerns, there is a public comment period during every meeting. We look forward to seeing you soon!

ENTERING THE TOWN OF WOODWAY

Read at the 50th anniversary celebration of the
Town of Woodway's incorporation.

Sunday, March 16, 2008, at Rosary Heights

You may enter from the east where,
returning home on a hot day,
you are greeted by a cool embrace
easing through Algonquin's curve,
or from the north by an up-hill grade
enfolded by a lush evergreen
and deciduous canopy that spreads
soothingly through mind and body
or you may enter from the south
where, confronted by urban forests,
you are called to care about nature,
reminded of the connected life.
But from the west only fog horns,
train whistles, views of Puget Sound,
the Olympic mountains and rain
riding the Chinook enter—enter
as blessings to the fertile mind.

Our founders were not Utopians,
nor were they Autocrats, but they had
a vision which they trustingly passed
into our hands. Although that vision
can be compressed to a simple phrase:
*preserve the rural character, keep
the lots large, the streets narrow, dark
at night and keep through buses out,*
behind these words lay their wisdom:
the possibility of building a life while
earning a living, a way of being,
a life with all five senses in play:

the red crest of pileated woodpeckers,
their drumming, the whinnying flight
of the flicker, its white rump, the owl
and eagle, the basket bark of cedar,
the insipid taste of salmon berries,
the wild huckleberry's tartness,
the fragrance of evergreen after rain,
licorice ferns rooted to maple bark
south of our iconic, concrete bridge,
the purple blush of alder in March,
its hanging catkins, the white blossoms
of Indian plum, the Oregon grape.

Woodway is as Woodway would be,
read the headlines heralding the 99
to 83 vote in favor of incorporation.

How crucial is *place* to one's life?
We are in the swirl of the present,
scurrying through this green town,
worried about the news, keeping
up to date, changing with the times,
while the beauty of Woodway is here,
at the center of our daily lives, giving
us space to think about ourselves
—human beings on this planet, and
what we ought mean to each other.
Yes,
Woodway is as Woodway would be,
but only by a narrow margin.

John L. Wright, MD
Algonquin Road resident since 1964



Residents participate in a 50's trivia contest.



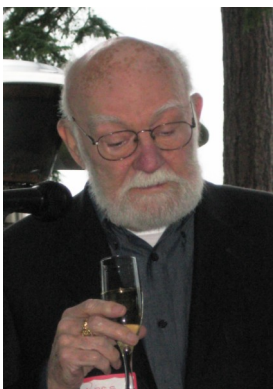
Mayor Nichols thanks Gwen Johnson, Chair of the Anniversary Committee, and the ladies who helped make the celebration possible. From left to right: Trish Rogers, Gwen Johnson, Val Rader, Mayor Nichols, and Brenda Bush.



Dr. John Wright wrote his first poem in 1988 at the age of 58. His three poetry collections, "Through an Old Wooden Bowl," "As Though Praying" and "The Beginning of Love" are available through the Edmonds Bookshop.



Resident Kevin Hendrickson, of Dogwood Lane, presents the Town with a map of Woodway Park, the original settlement of Woodway.



Former Mayors Ross Wood, Jeannette Wood, and Harry Nilsen toast the future and continued community spirit of Woodway.



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23920 113th Place West

Woodway, WA 98020

T o w n I n f o r m a t i o n

T o w n H a l l D i r e c t o r y :

Class	Code City
County	Snohomish
Population	1180
Business Hours	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Town Hall Phone	206.542.4443
Town Hall Fax	206.546.9453
Town Hall Email	townhall@townofwoodway.com
Website	www.townofwoodway.com
Public Works Dept Phone	206.542.0183
Public Works Dept Email	publicworks@townofwoodway.com
Police Dept Email	police@townofwoodway.com
Permit Email	permits@townofwoodway.com
Mayor	Carla A. Nichols
Council Meets	1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 p.m.
Planning Commission Chair	George Stead
Planning Commission meets	First Wed. of the month, 7:00 p.m.

T o w n H a l l S t a f f :

Town Administrator	Eric A. Faison
Clerk Treasurer	Joyce Bielefeld
Deputy Clerk/Permit Technician	Heidi K. Swenson
Public Works Director	Terrance R. Bryant, Jr.
Public Works Crew	Bryan Thomas
Town Attorney	Wayne Tanaka
Plan Checker/Bldg Official	Tom Phillips
Building Inspector	Scott Dorrance
Police Chief	Doug Hansen
Fire Marshall	John Westfall
Town Planner	Bill Trimm
Town Arborist	Elizabeth Walker
FIRE DEPARTMENT Edmonds	425.775.4545
POLICE-Town Hall (non-emergency)	206.542.4443
EMERGENCY	911

T o w n C o u n c i l M e m b e r s :

Bill Anderson, Kevin Fiske, Mike Quinn, Kent Saltonstall, Robert Schillberg

L o c a t i o n s o f t h e T o w n B u l l e t i n B o a r d s :

Town Hall Front Porch
Woodway Park Road at Algonquin
Chinook Road at 217th
Bella Coola west of Makah

Timberlane at 239th
114th West at 239th
Willowick Road, north side