



# E-NEWS

Village of Woodridge

**August 12, 2022**

*Greetings!*



### **Village Employee of the Quarter: Officer Bernard**

The Employee Recognition Committee selected Officer Bernard of the Woodridge Police Department as the employee of the 3rd Quarter 2022. A fellow officer nominated Officer Bernard for his willingness to help others as a team player. The Village Board will recognize Officer Bernard at a future Board meeting for his accomplishment.

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### **VILLAGE MEETINGS**

**Village Board Meeting**  
August 18, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

**Village of Woodridge names Kimberly Clarke as  
Community Development Director**

Werch Board Room  
5 Plaza Drive

**Board of Police  
Commissioners Meeting**  
August 22, 2022, 6:30 p.m.  
Training Room, 2nd Fl.  
5 Plaza Drive

**Village Board Meeting**  
September 1, 2022, 7:00  
p.m.  
Werch Board Room  
5 Plaza Drive

**Plan Commission**  
September 19, 2022, 7:00  
p.m.  
Werch Board Room  
5 Plaza Drive

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The Village of Woodridge has announced the addition of Kimberly Clarke as community development director. She will provide oversight and leadership for the Community Development Department in this position. The Community Development Department manages Woodridge's balanced growth by attracting businesses, enforcing village codes, ensuring quality construction for all developments, providing support to the Plan Commission, and more. Woodridge conducted a nationwide search for the community development director position and ultimately invited five applicants for an initial first-round interview. Clarke will start her new role with Woodridge on September 6.

"Kimberly has a track record and passion for public service and for helping shape the quality of life in the communities in which she has served, which makes her a great fit to lead our Community Development Department," said Al Stonitsch, village administrator. "Her demonstrated leadership experience, development expertise, and understanding of Woodridge will serve our community well in the years to come."

Clarke most recently served as community development director for the Village of Tinley Park, and she has more than 17 years of community planning experience. Prior to Tinley Park, she served as the zoning administrator for the City of Countryside and also as Community Development Director in Shorewood. Early in her career, she spent six years working for the City of Lockport, starting as an assistant city planner, and then Lockport promoted her to director of community development.

"I am thrilled to have been selected to join the leadership team of Woodridge," said Clarke. "The community has a diverse economic base, quality neighborhoods, dedicated stakeholders and residents that have made Woodridge a desirable community."

Clarke has a bachelor's degree in geography and another bachelor's degree in management, both from Illinois State University. She has an MBA with a certificate in managerial leadership from Northern Illinois University. She is a member of the American Planning Association and the Illinois Economic Development Association. Clarke was born and raised in Darien and currently lives there with her husband and two young daughters.



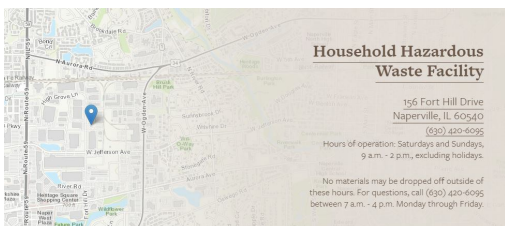


## WCTV: Special book signing event and interview video

Woodridge WCTV Channel 6: [This interview](#) features Jo Fredell Higgins, author of a book about the history of Woodridge. The video includes the Special Book Signing and Ice Cream Social at Woodridge Village Hall on July 30, 2022. The Special Book Signing event included:

- Welcome by Al Stonitsch, village administrator
- Presentation of the Colors, Woodridge Police Honor Guard
- Invocation, Fr. Norbert, St. Scholastica Church
- Introduction of Author Jo Fredell Higgins (Mayor Emeritus Bill Murphy)
- Author's Remarks, Jo Fredell Higgins
- Closing and Invitation to Book Signing in Lobby (Mayor Gina Cunningham)

Purchase 'Images of America: Woodridge' online



## Hazardous waste disposal impacted by fire at IEPA's waste processing plant

This list includes which items the Household Hazardous Waste Facility in Naperville can and cannot accept

Due to a fire at the IEPA's waste processing plant, the Household Hazardous Waste facility made some operational changes. As a result, effective immediately and until further notice, Naperville's Household Hazardous Waste facility can only accept a limited list of items. Many common items normally accepted such as pesticides, fertilizers and cleaning solutions cannot be accepted at this time. Notice will be posted when restrictions are removed. Please call 630-420-6095 with questions. The household hazardous waste drop-off site is located at 156 Fort Hill Dr. in Naperville.

*Naperville's Household Hazardous Waste facility can only accept the following items :*

- automotive fluids
- extinguishers
- flammables: gasoline, kerosene, oil, transmission fluid, anti-freeze (think of things in a garage)
- fluorescent bulbs, CFL bulbs
- paints and stains (oil-based only)
- peanut oil (cooking oils)
- prescription and over the counter meds
- propane tanks
- solvents and strippers
- thermostats
- mercury
- automotive (lead acid) batteries

*This is what CANNOT be accepted temporarily:*

- pesticides
- fertilizers
- aerosol cans
- asbestos materials
- batteries (marine, sump pump and non-alkaline)
- Household cleaners, drain openers and pool chemicals
- Unknown hazardous substances

The Household Hazardous Waste facility in Naperville is open and available to all residents of Illinois. Household hazardous waste items are materials purchased for cleaning or maintaining a home. Business waste is not accepted. The Household Hazardous Waste Facility is open every Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. No appointment is necessary, and there is no fee for using the facility. A full list of what is/is not accepted is available at [www.naperville.il.us/hhw](http://www.naperville.il.us/hhw). Please check the list before bringing items to the facility, which may see increased wait times due to these changes.

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## Road construction update: 87th Street at Woodward Avenue

### *Project Location(s)*

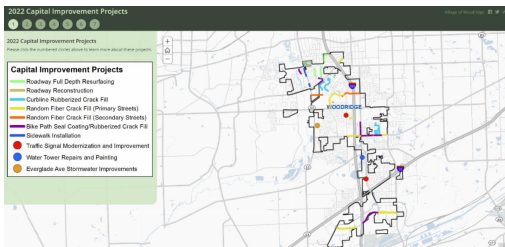
- County Highway 31: 87th Street/Boughton Road (from the Costco entrance to east of Havens Drive)
- County Highway 56: Woodward Avenue (from 87th/Boughton to 700' north)
- Woodward Avenue (non-County Highway portion) (from 87th/Boughton to Union Street)

### *Short Description of Work*

The project includes pavement widening in order to provide an additional left turn lane in the northbound, eastbound, and westbound directions (since there are already single left turn lanes, they will become dual left turn lanes) and additional right turn lanes in the eastbound and westbound directions at the 87th/Boughton and Woodward intersection. Work also includes a new traffic signal at this intersection, traffic signal modifications at the Costco entrance, storm sewer improvements, sidewalk improvements, lighting modifications, and retaining walls.

This project is a joint effort between DuPage County and the Illinois Department of Transportation. For information, please visit the [DuPage County Road Construction website](http://DuPage County Road Construction website).

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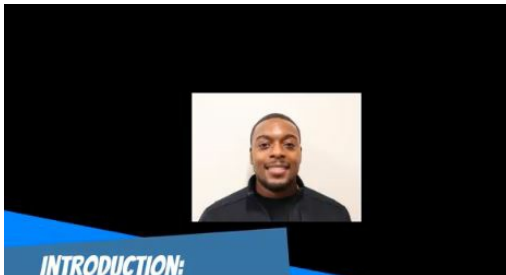


## 2022 Road maintenance & improvement projects

Woodridge continues to engage in several road maintenance and improvement projects that will result in better driving conditions, enhanced safety, and improved aesthetics of roadways and neighborhoods.

[Learn more about 2022 road projects](#)

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## Officer Harvey introduction

Get to know Officer Harvey in this brief [video](#).

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## Kiwanis Club of Woodridge honors scholarship winners

The Kiwanis Club of Woodridge welcomed Downers Grove South Key Club Scholarship winners and parents to join to a special lunch on August 9. Hannah Martin will study architecture at the University of Minnesota Cities and Kaitlyn Steffgen will study communications at University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. The Kiwanis Club of Woodridge awarded Hannah and Kaitlyn the





scholarship due to their commitment to service in Key Club, leadership ability, and excellent academic record.

Pictured clockwise from left: Cindy Wunderlich, Jim Hoff, Eric Alwin, Hani Awad, John Karesh, Kathy Hejnicky, Hannah's mom, Hannah Martin, Kaitlyn Steffgen, and Kaitlyn's mom. Congratulations to the scholarship winners!

## VILLAGE OF WOODRIDGE PLAN COMMISSION MEETING CANCELATION

**THE AUGUST 15, 2022 MEETING OF THE PLAN COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF WOODRIDGE HAS BEEN CANCELED. THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE PLAN COMMISSION IS SEPTEMBER 19, 2022, 7:00 P.M. AT THE WOODRIDGE VILLAGE HALL, FIVE PLAZA DRIVE.**



### West Nile Virus activity in DuPage County prompts health advisory

An increase in mosquito samples throughout the county testing positive for West Nile virus (WNV) has the DuPage County Health Department (DCHD) reminding residents to protect themselves from mosquito bites and the risk of contracting WNV.

The key factors in determining the degree of West Nile Virus activity are temperatures and rainfall. In hot, dry weather, mosquitoes that carry West Nile virus (primarily *Culex* mosquitoes) breed in areas with stagnant water, such as street catch basins, ditches, birdbaths, flowerpots, and buckets, where the mosquitoes multiply rapidly.

“As people spend more time outdoors enjoying the end of summer, DCHD is reminding everyone to protect yourself and your family from mosquitoes and West Nile virus,” said Karen Ayala, Health Department Executive Director.



### ICYMI: DuPage Monarch Project – join the bio blitz

Monarch butterflies begin their astonishing migration south in late summer and will be flying through DuPage during the last week of August. [DuPage Monarch Project](#) is sponsoring [The Pollinators of DuPage BioBlitz](#) Aug 20 -28 to learn where monarchs are stopping and which flowers they're feeding on. Monarchs require large amounts of nectar during the journey and knowing which flowers they prefer helps improve the conservation areas planted for them.

How do I participate in a blitz? Download [iNaturalist](#) on a smartphone, make a few [practice observations](#) of plants, bees and butterflies, then head out to a favorite garden, park or preserve and discover the pollinators of DuPage.

Everyone is invited to participate. It's free, easy and fun! Take a walk in a park and save a monarch butterfly! Pollinators of DuPage BioBlitz Cataloging the pollinator insects of DuPage Aug 20 – 28

<https://dupagemonarchs.com/>

**Flashback Friday:** John Perry, former Woodridge village administrator, models a plastic Public Works helmet for kids in July 2007.



Do you have a flashback photo? [Send it to us](#), and it could be featured in the next E-News issue.

## IN AND AROUND WOODRIDGE

### **Virtual Program: Unlocking Every Child's Potential**

The Woodridge Library is partnering with the Glenbard Parent Series to connect Woodridge parents with free, live, virtual events from world-class speakers, including a [program](#) from Dr. Dana Susking, author of *Thirty Million Words: Building a Child's Brain*, taking place on Tuesday, August 23 at 7:00 p.m. Mark your calendar, the complete schedule of 2022-2023 parenting programs is now [available](#).

### **Live Music: Songs of Pete Seeger**

Register online or call 630-487-2581 to reserve your seat for a live music concert "The Music and Influence of Pete Seeger" on Sunday, August 21 at 2:00 p.m. at the Woodridge Public Library.  
<https://www.woodridgelibrary.org/music-pete-seeger-live-folk-concert>

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