



# Woodridge E-News

January 7, 2022

**Greetings!**



## Community Recognition Awards



### 2021 Woodridge Community Recognition Awards

The [Community Recognition Awards](#) recognizes individuals or groups who significantly contributed to the Woodridge community. This year, community members submitted nominations and included photos, videos, and narratives in their own words.

A brief message from Mayor Gina Cunningham: "As we reflect on a year filled with every emotion, unimaginable hardships, and great loss, may we continue to show our kindness and share our neighborly care for each other. And, may we celebrate our strong connections and our community! Happy and Best New Year's Wishes to you and your family."

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## VILLAGE MEETINGS

### **Specially Called Village Board Meeting**

January 13, 2022, 6:00 p.m.  
Werch Board Room  
5 Plaza Drive

### **Plan Commission**

January 17, 2022, 7 p.m.  
Training Room, 2nd Fl.  
5 Plaza Drive

### **Village Board Meeting**

January 20, 2022, 7:00 p.m.  
Werch Board Room  
5 Plaza Drive

### **Board of Police Commissioners**

January 24, 2022, 6:30 p.m.  
Training Room, 2nd Fl.  
5 Plaza Drive

### **Water Bill Brief**

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DuPage Foundation Grants  
\$20,000 to West Suburban  
Community Pantry to Help  
Woodridge Families  
Displaced by Tornado



## **DuPage Foundation Grants \$20,000 to West Suburban Community Pantry to help families from the Woodridge Country Club**

DuPage Foundation recently granted \$20,000 to West Suburban Community Pantry (WSCP) to help families from the Woodridge Country Club complex who were displaced on December 9 due to uninhabitable conditions from lingering tornado damage. The funds were granted from DuPage Foundation's Emergency Fund to support a case manager and budget consultant to determine and manage the needs of the affected families.

Seeking emergency assistance, Village of Woodridge Mayor Gina Cunningham reached out to Barb Szczepaniak, DuPage Foundation vice president for programs, to inquire if there were resources available for the displaced families through the Foundation's Emergency Fund. The Village was already working with WSCP to provide case management for victims of the tornado, and needed additional help as the Country Club complex crisis unfolded.

"The long-term recovery from a tornado can take months, even years," said WSCP Executive Director Laura Coyle. "Our neighbors in Woodridge continue to experience setbacks that are detrimental to their ability to rebuild their lives. We are so grateful to the DuPage Foundation for their support, enabling crucial case management for these families. With this generous gift, we will be better able to connect families in need with the resources available in the community."

[Full DuPage Foundation News Release](#)

## Launches New Permits FAQ Website

Have you ever wondered why you need a final inspection? If a permit is required to install new windows? What is a play of survey?

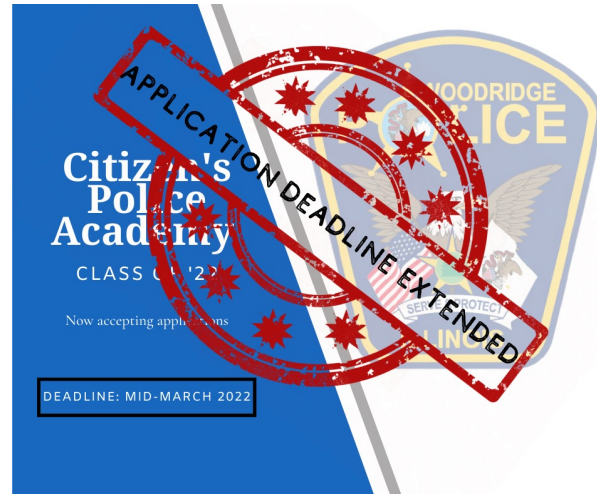
The answers to these questions and more are available on the new Community Development Permits FAQ website.



## Citizen's Police Academy Class of 2022: Application Deadline Extended & New Academy Dates

Due to the spike in COVID-19 numbers, the Woodridge Police Department is extending the Citizen's Police Academy application deadline through mid-March 2022. The deadline was originally December 29, 2021.

Also, the Academy will now be from March 23 – May 11, 2022 (eight weeks). Please note the time will still be from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. We will contact those that have already applied to the Academy Class of 2022 with more information.



To learn more about the Citizen's Police Academy, and to download the application, please visit the Woodridge [Citizen's Police Academy website](#).

## Reminder: Christmas Tree Recycling

Groot Inc. will take live Christmas trees up to 6 feet tall at the curb for free – no sticker is required. The trees must be free of ornaments, lights, and other decorations. Please note that wreaths and evergreen garland are excluded from the Christmas Tree Recycling Program. After the Christmas Tree Recycling Program, residents may dispose of Christmas trees using a garbage sticker.



Pickup days: January 10, 11, 13, 14

## The Town Centre Sled Hill Is Now Open

The new sled hill, located just west of Jefferson Jr. High's new athletic field complex, was closed last winter in order to properly establish the hillside turf, but it's now ready for snow and sledders!

The 22-foot hill will be open during daylight hours when conditions allow for sledding. Parking spaces are located immediately north of the sled hill thanks



to an intergovernmental agreement between the Park District, Village, School District #68 and Library to add additional parking within Town Centre.

For more information, please visit the [Woodridge Park District website](#).



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## State of Illinois Digital Vaccine Card

Did you know that Illinois residents 18 and older can check their COVID-19 vaccination records online? The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) [Vax Verify portal](#) also offers digital vaccination cards you can add to your Apple Wallet. The Vax Verify portal is helpful in the case of a lost vaccination card.

According to an IDPH news release, "the verification system follows best practices to protect confidential health information. In order to download proof of vaccination, residents will go through a brief, one-time identity verification process to gain access to their immunization history. The State of Illinois utilizes Experian as its identity verification service provider. After the verification process, individuals can see their own record in the Illinois Comprehensive Automated Immunization Registry Exchange (I-CARE)."

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## DuPage County Public Hearing & Housing Information Session

*DuPage County Public Hearing - 2022 Action Plan & 2021 Action Plan Substantial Amendment*

A virtual public hearing for the 2022 Draft Action Plan and 2021 Action Plan Substantial Amendment will be held on January 19, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. The overall goal is to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities principally for low- and moderate- income persons. This is open to the public and everyone is virtually invited. Additional information on how to attend this meeting, as well as the Agenda and Action Plans, is available on the [Public Hearing page DuPage County IL](#).

*DuPage County Offers Housing Information Session*

The DuPage Housing Authority and the DuPage County Continuum of Care will host a webinar for owners or managers of rental properties from 6 to 7 p.m. on Jan. 19 to learn about resources that may be available to them. Please register for the meeting at this [Zoom link](#).



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## Flashback Friday: Woodridge Idol, 2008



Got a flashback photo? [Send it to us](#), and it could be featured in the next issue.

## IN AND AROUND WOODRIDGE

### King in Chicago: Virtual Program

King in Chicago will be presented virtually by the Woodridge Public Library on Thursday, January 13 at 7 p.m. During an entertaining and live lecture, Clarence Goodman will explore Dr. King's legacy and his role in the civil rights movement, nationally and close to home. [Pre-register](#) for a Zoom link to attend this free program online.

### Open House - St. Scholastica Catholic School – January 30 following 10:00 a.m. mass – 7700 Janes Ave. in Woodridge

You're invited to join [St. Scholastica School](#) for their open house. St. Scholastica welcomes new families interested in the school. It's a great opportunity for families to learn about St. Scholastica School and all they have to offer. The open house is for parents and students of all grades K-8.



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