



E-NEWS

Village of Woodridge

March 4, 2022

Greetings!



Service Anniversary: Pam Ward, 20 years, Administrative Assistant, Police Department



Promotion: Introduction of New Fiscal Operations Manager, Traci Marrocco, Finance Department



Introduction of New Employee: Andrea Ayala, Budget Analyst, Finance Department

The Village Board meeting yesterday included service anniversaries and promotions.

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VILLAGE MEETINGS

Plan Commission
Meeting Canceled
March 7, 2022, 7:00 p.m.
Werch Board Room
5 Plaza Drive

Village Board Meeting
March 17, 2022, 7:00 p.m.
Werch Board Room
5 Plaza Drive

Board of Police



Dear Woodridge Neighbors and
Businesses,

The war in Ukraine is heartbreaking.

Commissioners

March 28, 2022, 6:30 p.m.
Training Room, 2nd Fl.
5 Plaza Drive

Village Board Meeting

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

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Even though the war is far from Woodridge, international conflicts cause anxiety in our community and throughout the world. The Chicago area has the second-largest Ukrainian-American community in the nation with more than 50,000 people identifying as having Ukrainian ancestry. Please join me in sending our thoughts, prayers, and donations, if you're able, to help those

impacted by the war in Ukraine.

At our Village Board meeting last night, the Finance Department introduced us to Andrea Ayala, budget analyst. We learned that her family lives throughout Ukraine. In fact, her uncle flew from the USA to Ukraine four days before the invasion. She continues to keep in touch with her family, and thankfully, they are doing well. Her experience shows us the reaches of international conflicts. While our community is Woodridge Strong, our neighbors, colleagues, and others are undeniably impacted by world events such as this. Together, we stand with and in support of our friends and neighbors affected by the war in Ukraine

We are both Woodridge neighbors and global citizens, and we join together with our hearts, hope, and help. If you can, please consider supporting the aid/relief efforts through [USAID](#) approved reputable relief organizations. USAID is an independent agency of the federal government responsible for administering civilian foreign aid and development help. USAID vetted these relief organizations and said, "They are working on the ground and can make the most difference and save the most lives."

Thank you and please take good care. My kindest regards.

Mayor Gina Cunningham

Proud Mayor of the Village of Woodridge
A Tree City USA Community since 1992

Link: [USAID Ukraine Crisis Donations](#)

Now hiring: Full-Time Summer Seasonal Employment: Public Works



Full-time positions, 40 hours per week. Hours are Monday-Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Salary is \$18.00 per hour. Work involves manual labor and is primarily outdoors. Duties include assisting streets, water, and sewer and fleet maintenance crews with daily operations. Uniforms and personal safety equipment and on the job training provided by the Village. For more information, please visit the [Woodridge Human Resources website](#).

Board Brief: March 4, Village Board Meeting

The Woodridge Village Board held a meeting Thursday, March 4, 2022, at Woodridge Village Hall. View the [agenda](#). The Village posted the meeting video on the [Village YouTube channel](#).

Village of Woodridge YouTube Channel

Public Works Employees of the Year 2021: Ryan Perez & Omero Quiroga Honored at Village Board Meeting



Congratulations to Omero Quiroga, maintenance worker II and Ryan Perez, maintenance worker II, who Woodridge jointly named as the 2021 recipients of the Public Works “Tony Fowler” Outstanding Employee of the Year Award! They were both honored at the March 3, 2022, Village Board meeting.

Pictured(left/right): Ryan Perez, maintenance worker II, Christopher Bethel, director of public works, and Omero Quiroga, maintenance worker II.



Reminder: Holiday Light Recycling Ends March 25

There's still time to recycle your holiday lights! Are you unsure what to do with that tangled mess of string lights? Through March 25, 2022, Elgin Recycling is collecting holiday lights to recycle.

Please, do not put lights in plastic or paper bags or boxes... only the lights for the bins. Thank you!



Come participate in a free program designed for young women interested in STEM!

Exelon Foundation STEM Leadership Academy

The Exelon Foundation is excited to announce that applications for the summer **2022 Exelon Foundation STEM Leadership Academy** are now open -- deadline for application submission is **Monday, 4/11!**

The 2022 [Exelon STEM Leadership Academy](#) is a **free**, week-long program for current 10th and 11th grade girls (class of 2023 and 2024) interested in STEM that live in Northern Illinois (ComEd service territory).

West Suburban Community Pantry Resumes Indoor Shopping

The West Suburban Community resumed indoor shopping on Feb. 26. Also available is the Virtual Food Pantry. How it works: place your grocery order a couple of days before you want to pick it up. You can choose from several pick up times and locations.

- [Virtual Food Pantry](#)
- Woodridge Patch article: [West Suburban Community Pantry Reopens For In-Person Shopping](#)

IHDA Announces Housing Relief Program

The Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) announced last week that applications for homeowners financially impacted by the pandemic will be accepted beginning in April through the Illinois Emergency Homeowner Assistance Fund (ILHAF) program. ILHAF will provide up to \$30,000 in free assistance per homeowner paid directly to the servicer, taxing body or other approved entity on behalf of Illinois homeowners impacted by COVID-19 to prevent mortgage delinquencies, defaults and foreclosures to keep Illinois families safe and secure while they regain their financial footing. Program information and updates are [available via this link](#).

COVID-19 Testing
No out-of-pocket costs

Self-collected, shallow nasal PCR test
Results within 1-2 days from receipt of the sample at the lab
Testing available to all ages

Book now at curative.com

DuPage County Fairgrounds Building 4
2015 Manchester Rd
Wheaton, IL

Sun • 8 am - 1 pm (closed 1st Sun of the month)
Mon - Fri • 8 am - 4 pm

  For more information about COVID-19, visit www.dupagehealth.org/covid19

There are many COVID-19 testing options available throughout DuPage County. The DuPage County Health Department currently partners with the Odeum Expo Center in Villa Park, and now also with Curative at the DuPage County Fairgrounds in Wheaton, to provide a drive-thru community-based testing site.

The DuPage County Health Department opened a new COVID-19 testing site earlier this week at the DuPage County Fairgrounds Building 4 (2015 Manchester Rd. in Wheaton).

The hours are M-F, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Sunday 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. (closed 1st Sunday of the month). The test is free, and results should arrive within 1-2 days from receipt of the sample at the lab.

Flashback Friday: 2007 Cultural Fest



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

DUPAGE COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND

425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

(630) 942-4000

Presented By: McAninch Arts Center at College of DuPage

Dates: March 7, 2022

Location: McAninch Arts Center at College of DuPage

Time: 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM

Price: \$7

Founded in 1969, [DuPage Community Concert Band](#) exists to embrace and express all of the beauty and glory we can share through playing great music. Concerts feature entertaining music for audiences, as well as stimulating the performer that is consistent with the representation and growth of the college and community band. Membership is open to high school graduates with windwood, brass, or percussion experience or to anyone who is otherwise qualified musically to register. Auditions needed for chair placement, but no one is refused membership.

Adult Puzzle Packs: New Take-Home Program for Adults

The Woodridge Library is giving away a variety of delightful puzzles and games for adults in new take-home [Puzzle Pack](#) kits, including word seeks, trivia sheets, fun facts, coloring, and other unique puzzles in an easy-to-read format. Stop by the library between March 9 and March 15 to get the first Puzzle Pack, no registration or library card required.

Virtual Program for Family History Research: The 1950s Census

Join genealogist Laura Kovarik as she discusses the soon-to-be-released 1950 U.S. Census in a virtual program, "Everything Old is New Again: Getting Ready for the 1950 U.S. Census," for the Woodridge Public Library on Wednesday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m. [Pre-register](#) to receive a Zoom link to attend.

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