



Woodridge E-News

October 15, 2021

Greetings!



This beautiful rainbow appeared over the Woodridge Police Department & Public Works Facility at 1 Plaza Drive on Friday, October 8.

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Plan Commission
October 18, 7:00 p.m.

Werch Board Room
5 Plaza Drive

**Board of Police
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October 20, 6:30 p.m.
Training Room, 2nd Fl.
5 Plaza Drive

Village Board Meeting
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COMMUNITY RECOGNITION Awards

Recognize a neighbor or organization today!

Content due: November 11, 2021



Community Recognition Awards – Recognize Your Neighbor or Organization!

Each year, Woodridge recognizes people and organizations that positively impact the community during the Community Recognition Dinner. Due to the pandemic, the Community Recognition Awards are taking a new approach this year!

Would you please submit written stories, photos, or videos to recognize a Woodridge neighbor, organization agency, or business that demonstrated acts of kindness this year?

Example include:

- Acts of neighborly care
- Someone going above and beyond
- Deeds of doing good

The content is due by Veteran's Day, Nov. 11. The Village will create a website recognizing our neighbors for helping each other during such a challenging year.

Please visit this website to submit content today: 2021
[Community Recognition Awards](#)



Halloween 2021 Trick-or-Treating Information

We all have one "ghoul" this Halloween on Sunday, Oct. 31: a safe and fun holiday for everyone. Please keep in mind that Woodridge trick-or-treating hours are from 3 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Woodridge understands that there are varying comfort levels about trick-or-treating this year during the pandemic. To help all of our neighbors have a spook-tacular and safe Halloween, the Village recommends:

If your residence is participating in trick or treating: turn on your porch

light

If your residence is not participating in Trick-or-Treating: turn off your porch light or post the "Please, no Trick-or-Treaters" sign in a visible location. The sign is available on the Woodridge website for download.

The IL Department of Public Health issued updated [COVID-19 Guidance for Halloween and Fall Festivities](#). The guidance says:

Trick-or-treating outdoors in small groups is best, but if outdoors is not an option, there are steps people can take to make indoor trick-or-treating safer. Those handing out tricks or treats indoors should open doors and windows as much as possible to promote increased ventilation and wear a mask. It is also important for everyone handing out or receiving treats to wash their hands.

Alternatives to door-to-door trick-or-treating can include setting up tables in a parking lot or other safe outdoor area where individually wrapped treats can be set out or holding an outdoor costume parade for kids along with a parent/guardian.

DuPage County Redistricting Committee Seeks Resident Input on Proposed County Board District Maps

Members of the public can provide feedback online at www.dupageco.org/RedistrictingFeedback where they will also be able to see the proposed maps. The County Board will also have in-person open house forums from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Oct. 14, 15, and 18 in the County Board Room, located on the third floor of the JTK Administration building, located at 421 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton.

LIHEAP Energy Assistance

DuPage County offers a Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) to assist people in need with their utility bills. This program helps people in low-income households pay for home energy services such as natural gas, propane and electric service. Emergency furnace assistance is also available. LIHEAP is accepting applications now through Tuesday, May 31, 2022. Participants must meet specific criteria to qualify.

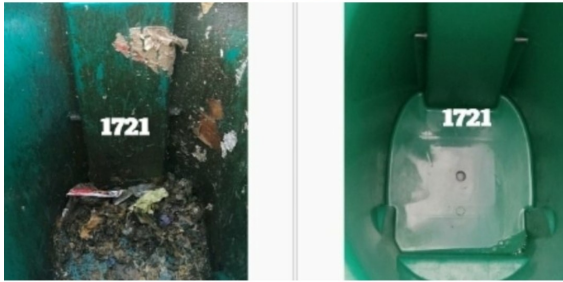
For more information, including where you can apply, DuPage County residents may call 630-407-6500, 800-942-9412 or visit [the LIHEAP website](#). For a complete listing of LIHEAP's local administering agencies and additional information about the program, visit the [IDOC Utility Bill Assistance website](#) or call the toll-free hotline at 877-411-WARM.



COVID-19 Pfizer Booster Shots Widely Available across DuPage County

Following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) endorsement of the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' (ACIP) recommendations for a booster dose of the Pfizer – BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine, people who are 65 years and older, residents in long-term care settings, and people aged 50-64 years with underlying medical conditions are eligible for and encouraged to get their booster dose.

In addition, people aged 18-49 years with underlying medical conditions as well as people aged 18-64 years who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission based on their occupational or institutional setting are also eligible to receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine. Booster recommendations only apply to individuals who completed the two-shot series of Pfizer-BioNTech at least 6 months ago. Individuals who received Moderna or Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccines are not currently eligible for boosters and mixing vaccines is not recommended. Link: [news releases](#)



Kiwanis Club of Woodridge – Ecobin Garbage Can Cleaning

Are your Trash Bins stinky and full of bacteria?

If so, the Kiwanis Club of Woodridge is partnering up with Eco Trash Bin Clean, <https://ecotrashbinclean.com>, to steam, disinfect, and actually make your bins smell great!

Eco will be donating \$5 dollars back to Woodridge Kiwanis for each house that schedules a cleaning. The average price for 2 bins is \$35. The Woodridge Kiwanis engages in service projects and fundraisers for the benefit of children and their families in the local area and to support Kiwanis international projects.

How to Order a Cleaning: To receive the info needed for scheduling, text the code "Kiwanis" along with your town and your zip code to 630-352-8022 and you will receive a reply text back with all of the pricing and routing info for your area to schedule.



Pumpkin Smash 2021

The Pumpkin Smash is an annual effort by communities to divert pumpkins from landfills by providing locations for residents to drop-off jack-o-lanterns to be composted. Don't Trash it, Smash it! Ladders and hammers will be provided if you chose to drop your pumpkin or break it into smaller pieces. If you don't want to smash your pumpkin, you can also drop it off at the event.

☐: Camp Greene Wood, 3155 71st St., Woodridge, IL 60540 (Please enter gate #1)

☐ & ☐: Friday, Nov. 5, 6 – 8 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 6, 2 – 4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 6, 6 – 8 p.m.

website: <https://www.scarce.org/pumpkins/>

IN AND AROUND WOODRIDGE

Woodridge VFW Post 1578 Brat Fest: VFW Post 1578 will hold its Annual Brat Fest on Sunday, October 17 at Shanahan's Pub in Woodridge. All proceeds will go towards the VFW Scholarship Fund.

Once again, it's "All You Can Eat" for \$20 during the Bears - Packers football game. Along with the tasty Brats, the meal includes Sauerkraut, Spaetzle and Condiments. Seasonal draft and craft beers are on tap— Cash Bar. 50/50 Raffle. Dessert is included. Live Music by the Polka Pals from 3:00 til 5:30! Tickets are available by calling and leaving a message on the VFW phone — 630-910-1578 or contact any VFW Member.

Free Flu Shot Clinic for Uninsured People

Free flu shots will be available for people without health insurance, ages 10 and up, from Walgreens pharmacists at the Woodridge Public Library on Wednesday, October 20 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. See details and [pre-register](#) online.

Haunted Forest Walk

Wind your way through the haunted forest trail that is full of scary scenes and dark corners lurking with creepy creatures. The Saturday afternoon session will be more suitable for children 9 and under and the faint of heart (parental discretion).

Parking is available on Carleton Drive, at Village Hall and at the Woodridge Public Library on Plaza Drive. Drop-off location is on the west end of the Fred C. Hohnke Community Center parking lot, 2600 Center Drive, Woodridge. Purchase your tickets inside the Community Center and enjoy a hayride to Hawthorne Hill Woods. Visa and MasterCard are accepted. No refunds, no presale, pre-registration is not required. Ticket sales end at 3:00 pm for the matinee and 9:30 pm for the evening sessions.

DATES: Friday, October 22 & Saturday, October 23

TIME: Friday & Saturday: 6:30 – 10:30 PM | Saturday matinee: 1:00-3:00 PM

LOCATION: Hawthorne Hill Woods

FEE: \$8.00/person/evenings; \$5.00/person/afternoon

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