



# E-NEWS

Village of Woodridge

**October 28, 2022**

*Greetings!*



Introducing the Woodridge Police Department Volunteer Corp

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## **VILLAGE MEETINGS**

**Board of Police  
Commissioners**

October 24 at 6:30 p.m.  
Werch Board Room  
5 Plaza Drive

## **Woodridge Village Board Resolution Urges Legislators to Address Issues with the Implementation of the SAFE-T Act**

The Village Board unanimously voted for [Res-2022-86](#) at the October 20 Village Board meeting. This resolution urges the legislature to address issues with the pending January implementation of the Safe T Act. Woodridge will send the resolution to area public safety partners legislators and the

**Village Board Meeting**  
November 3 at 7:00 p.m.  
Werch Board Room  
5 Plaza Drive

**Plan Commission**  
November 7 at 7:00 p.m.  
Werch Board Room  
5 Plaza Drive

**Village Board Meeting**  
November 17 at 7:00 p.m.  
Werch Board Room  
5 Plaza Drive

**Water Bill Brief**

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Governor's office. Highlighted below are three resolution excerpts:

SECTION ONE: The Village of Woodridge encourages our legislators to work with key stakeholder groups, including the DuPage County State's Attorney's Office, the Illinois Chiefs of Police Association, and the Illinois Municipal League, and all community stakeholders to rectify remaining concerns with the SAFE-T Act; including, but not limited to, limiting police officer discretion to make arrests, and mandating pre-trial detention standards that impose significant restrictions on law enforcement that may compromise public safety, and the imposition of unfunded mandates that affect units of local government, such as the Village.

SECTION TWO: The Corporate Authorities encourages our fellow residents, businesses and civic groups to read more about this Act, and to contact their State legislators, and ask that they revisit certain provisions of the Act that will pose significant risks to public safety

SECTION THREE: This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

**A Resolution Supporting Continued Efforts to Address Public Safety Concerns with the SAFE-T Act**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Woodridge (the "Village") is a home rule municipality in accordance with the Constitution of the State of Illinois of 1970;

**WHEREAS**, the Village has the authority to adopt resolutions and to promulgate rules and regulations that pertain to its government and affairs that protect the public health, safety and welfare of its citizens;

**WHEREAS**, providing a safe, secure, and welcoming community for all Woodridge residents and businesses is a priority of the Village;

**WHEREAS**, in Woodridge, law enforcement is the foundation to protecting lives, property, and businesses;

**WHEREAS**, the Woodridge Police Department is a leader in policing, police training, policy and practice, accountability and transparency;

**WHEREAS**, the Village encourages public comment and stakeholder involvement to ensure all perspectives are considered in the further development of legislation;

**WHEREAS**, on January 22, 2021, the Illinois Safety, Fairness and Equity-Today Act ("SAFE-T Act") was signed into law, which established significant changes impacting many aspects of the criminal justice system, including pre-arrest diversion, policing, pretrial detention, sentencing, and corrections;

**WHEREAS**, the Village directly worked with the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police and the DuPage County State's Attorney's Office, and also worked in partnership with the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference to review and discuss public safety concerns regarding the Safe-T Act after its initial release, and during consideration of subsequent trailer bills;

**WHEREAS**, the Village supports certain provisions of the Safe-T Act and has already implemented elements including police body cameras and "use of force" training;

Pictured is page 1 of the Woodridge Res-2022-86. The full resolution is available [here](#) starting on page 66.

## **ICYMI: Trick-or-Treating in Woodridge: Monday, Oct. 31, 2022**

We continue to have one "ghoul" this Halloween: a safe and fun holiday for everyone. Please remember that Woodridge Halloween trick-or-treating hours are from 3 p.m. – 7 p.m.

If a home is planning to participate in trick-or-treating, please turn on your front porch lights so that families know it is OK to visit your home.

If your home is NOT participating, please ensure your outdoor porch lights are off. The Village of Woodridge wishes you a happy and safe Halloween!



Collection Day of the Week:	Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Friday
Leaf Collection Days:	Nov. 7, 14, 21, & 28	Nov. 1, 8, 15, & 22	Nov. 3, 10, 17, & 25*	Nov. 4, 11, 18, & 26*

## Free Bagged Leaf Collection in November

The Village and Groot will offer free bagged leaf collection during November on your first four regular collection days. This program is available to all single-family residences within the Village's incorporated boundaries.

Please note that the first Monday of November falls in the second week of November. The asterisks indicate a delay in the collection day due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

## Job Openings at the Village of Woodridge



**Now HIRING**

Auxiliary part time seasonal snow plow drivers

**\$30/HOUR**

To apply, visit the Woodridge Human Resources website  
www.Woodridgeil.gov

Did you know that Woodridge snowplow drivers drove more than 4,000 miles last winter? Woodridge Public Works designed the snow plan with residents in mind, focusing on making roads available for safe travel during and after a snowfall. Snow plow drivers are an essential part of the Village's snow plan.

Please visit the Woodridge HR website for a flyer and application

**NOW HIRING**

ENTRY LEVEL  
**POLICE OFFICERS**

STARTING SALARY: \$65,000  
CURRENT TOP SALARY: \$109,116  
APPLY BY OCT. 6



ilsoolutions.com

Join the Woodridge Police Department team! The Woodridge Police Department is now hiring entry-level police officers. We're looking for good people to provide dedicated service to make a positive difference in the Woodridge community.

With great benefits and a starting salary of \$65,000, and a current top salary of \$109,116, the Woodridge Police Department provides the professionalism of a leading law enforcement agency. The application deadline is October 6, 2022. For more information, please visit the [Village of Woodridge HR website](http://www.Woodridgeil.gov).

VILLAGE OF WOODRIDGE

**Now Hiring**

CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE

For more information, please visit  
www.woodridgeil.gov

The Village of Woodridge is seeking applications for the full-time (forty hours per week) customer service representative position. This position provides extensive customer service and is the first point of contact for visitors and callers to Village Hall. The Customer Service Representative is a key position and ensures residents, contractors, employees and the general public have positive experiences interacting with the Village Hall.

**OCTOBER IS CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH**




## October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month

Cyberattacks are malicious attempts to access or damage a computer or network system. Cyberattacks can lead to the loss of money or the theft of personal, financial and medical information. These attacks can damage your reputation and safety. Some cyber safety tips include:

- Do not click on links in texts or emails from people you don't know. Scammers can create fake links to websites.
- Remember that the government will not call, text or contact you via social media about owing money.
- Keep in mind that scammers may try to take advantage of financial fears by calling with work-

- from-home opportunities, debt consolidation offers and student loan repayment plans.
- A password manager and two methods of verification.

For more information, please see <https://www.ready.gov/cybersecurity>



## Library's Pumpkin Contest Winners Announced

The 4th Annual Mini-Pumpkin Decorating Contest at the Woodridge Public Library saw over 300 households take part, with families working as a team to create charming and creative pumpkin designs. Congratulations to the Grand Prize-winning Cahill/Montana family whose "Pinocchio" pumpkin wowed the judges.

Pumpkins can be viewed [online](#), including winning entries by the Trauscht family (*Funniest* "Wilson" pumpkin), Grivas family (*Spookiest* "Bat" pumpkin), Drolenga family (*Most Creative* "Oscar" pumpkin), and Mikel family (Kid Award "Mummy" pumpkin).



Illinois Environmental  
Protection Agency

## Illinois EPA Electric Charging Infrastructure Funding Opportunity

Driving a Cleaner Illinois is the Illinois EPA's grant program developed to distribute funding for various types of diesel emission reduction projects.

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency will fund a portion of the eligible costs associated with new commercial grade Direct Current Fast Charging (DCFC, also known as Level 3) charging stations for light-duty electric vehicles to be located at publicly accessible charging station locations in the three priority areas outlined in the Beneficiary Mitigation Plan (BMP). For more information, please visit the [Illinois EPA website](#).



## DuPage County to Abate \$5 Million in Property Taxes

The DuPage County Board voted Tuesday to provide financial relief to residents who may be struggling with rising costs by abating \$5 million in property taxes.

County Board member Jim Zay proposed the property tax abatement during a County Board meeting in September after a presentation about the County having a surplus of \$40 million due to better-than-expected sales tax revenues and cost-control measures.

"The County has received hundreds of millions of dollars in federal COVID-19 relief funds and increases in sales tax revenue, while our residents are dealing with rising costs due to inflation and declines in the stock market," Zay said. "We need to provide any help we can to our residents."

The abatement will be a one-time reduction in the County's Corporate Fund property tax levy. The County's tax levy will be \$65.16 million, which is the lowest level since 2006.



## Ill. Tollway Invites Public to Comment on Tentative 2023 Budget

The Illinois Tollway introduced a balanced Tentative 2023 Budget with \$1.55 billion of revenue that includes \$426.5 million for annual maintenance and operations on the 294-mile system and provides funds to support \$1.47 billion in capital spending, including funding for the 12th year of the agency's 15-year, \$14 billion capital



As part of the Illinois Tollway's 2023 Budget process, the general public is invited to visit the Illinois Tollway's website [www.illinoistollway.com](http://www.illinoistollway.com) to review the Tentative 2023 Budget book or view a recording of the presentation to the board. The public may also attend public hearings on Thursday, November 17, at 9 a.m. at Illinois Tollway headquarters in Downers Grove or at 6 p.m. at Markham Village Hall, 16313 S Kedzie Parkway, Markham.

In addition, written public comments also may be submitted online via the Tollway's website [Illinois Tollway website](http://IllinoisTollway.com), emailed to [info@getipass.com](mailto:info@getipass.com) or mailed to Communications Department, 2700 Ogden Avenue, Downers Grove, IL 60515 by November 30.

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### Upcoming Election Information

The DuPage County Election Division also has information on how to acquire a mail-in ballot and information on early voting locations. For those planning to vote in-person on Election Day, November 8, you can use the [Community Portal website](http://CommunityPortal.com) to search for your address and determine your precinct and polling location under the "government representatives" tab.

#### *A Reminder Regarding Political Signs*

As the November election draws near, the Village is issuing a reminder regarding the use of campaign signs. In residential areas, homeowners can have any number of campaign signs as long as the total sign area (including both sides of a sign) does not exceed 32 square feet. In commercial areas, the same restrictions apply provided total sign area does not exceed 100 square feet.

Regulations pertain to the total permitted sign area for all political signs (it is not per candidate), and there is no time limit on how long signs can remain. Campaign signs are not permitted in the parkway, which is typically the grassy area between the sidewalk and the street curb. Visit the [Village Code](http://VillageCode.com) or contact the Community Development Department at (630) 719-4750 for further information.

#### *Early Voting & Grace Period Registration*

Please see this list below for DuPage early voting locations. All of the sites are 100 percent ADA complaint.

## EARLY VOTING / GRACE PERIOD REGISTRATION

The Early Voting program allows any eligible DuPage County voter to vote before Election Day.

All sites are 100% compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

El programa de Votación Temprana le permite a los electores en el Condado de DuPage, que reúnan los requisitos necesarios, votar antes del día de la elección.

Todos los centros cumplen al 100% con los requerimientos de la Ley para Americanos con Discapacidades.

### TEMPORARY LOCATIONS / CENTROS TEMPORALES

October 24 – November 5, 2022 / 24 de Octubre – 5 de Noviembre de 2022

Monday - Friday (Lunes - Viernes): 8:30 am - 7:00 pm / Saturday (Sábado): 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

**Burr Ridge Police Department:** 7700 County Line Rd, Burr Ridge, IL 60527

**College of DuPage - IRC Building:** 425 Fawell Blvd, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

**Downers Grove Park District - Lincoln Center:** 935 Maple Ave, Downers Grove, IL 60515

**Glen Ellyn Civic Center:** 535 Duane St, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

**Itasca Park District - Water Park:** 100 N. Catalpa St, Itasca, IL 60143

**Woodridge Park District Community Center:** 2600 Center Dr, Woodridge, IL 60517

### PERMANENT LOCATIONS / CENTROS PERMANENTES

October 24 – November 7, 2022 / 24 de Octubre – 7 de Noviembre de 2022

Monday - Friday (Lunes - Viernes): 8:30 am - 7:00 pm / Saturday - Sunday (Sábado - Domingo): 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

**Addison Township Office:** 401 N. Addison Rd, Addison, IL 60101

**Bartlett Community Center:** 700 S. Bartlett Rd, Bartlett, IL 60103

**Bensenville Police Department:** 345 E. Green St, Bensenville, IL 60106

**DuPage County Fairgrounds:** 2015 W. Manchester Rd, Wheaton, IL 60187

**Elmhurst City Hall:** 209 N. York Rd, Elmhurst, IL 60126

**Fox Valley Mall:** 195 Fox Valley Center Dr, Aurora, IL 60504

**Hinsdale Village Hall:** 19 E. Chicago Ave, Hinsdale, IL 60521

**Islamic Center of Naperville:** 25W530 75th St, Naperville, IL 60565

**Lisle Police Department:** 5040 Lincoln Ave, Lisle, IL 60532

**Naperville Municipal Center:** 400 S. Eagle St, Naperville, IL 60540

**Oak Brook Village Hall:** 1200 Oak Brook Rd, Oak Brook, IL 60523

**Safety Village of Darien:** 7400 Cass Ave, Darien, IL 60561

**Stratford Square Mall:** 152 Stratford Dr, Unit C24, Bloomingdale, IL 60108

**West Chicago Voting Facility:** 157 W. Washington St, West Chicago, IL 60185

**Westmont Public Library:** 428 N. Cass Ave, Westmont, IL 60559

**Yorktown Center:** 203 Yorktown Shopping Center, Lombard, IL 60148

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**Flashback Friday:** Halloween 2020 - A Tiger King inspired costume outside of Village Hall





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

Click here to purchase the book 'Images of America: Woodridge' for \$23.99 or at Village Hall for \$16 during regular business hours while supplies last.

## IN AND AROUND WOODRIDGE



### Library Trick or Treating

Kids are invited to put on their costumes and make the Woodridge Library the first trick-or-treating stop of the day on Monday, October 31. Stop by to get a treat, go on a scavenger hunt, pose for a photo with the *Happy Pumpkins* photo backdrop, and take a costume walk as

you trick or treat from department to department. Drop in during regular library hours, no registration is required.

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### Pumpkin Smash at DGS

**Saturday, November 5, 2022**

The 2021 Pumpkin Smash composted over 242 tons of pumpkins. Help us compost more in 2022!

**Downers Grove South High School** 1436 Norfolk Avenue Downers Grove Illinois 60195

**Hours:** Sat, Nov 5th 9 a.m. -12 p.m.

Have feedback regarding Woodridge E-News? [Click here!](#)

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