



# Woodridge E-News

**October 8, 2021**

## ***Greetings!***



A Woodridge Public Works staff member waters a newly planted tree. Woodridge is proud to be named a Tree City USA community by the Arbor Day Foundation for more than 30 years.

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## **VILLAGE MEETINGS**

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

Werch Board Room  
5 Plaza Drive

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

**Village Board Meeting**  
October 21, 7:00 p.m.  
Werch Board Room  
5 Plaza Drive

**Village Board Meeting**  
November 4, 7:00 p.m.  
Werch Board Room  
5 Plaza Drive

### **Water Bill Brief**

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## **Woodridge Reforestation Update**

**Woodridge Drive Debris Site** – The Village completed the total clean-up of the temporary debris storage site from the tornado and the first sprouts of grass are now visible from the restoration. Free mulch for residents to use on their properties is available at this location, just north of 75th Street.

**Parkway Tree Stump Removal** – The Village and its contractor recently completed the stump grinding and restoration of the over 375 locations where parkway trees were lost.

**Parkway Tree Replanting** – The Village has placed its order with several nurseries for approximately 200 trees that will be planted in various parkway locations in mid to late October, both in and outside the tornado impact zone. The Village's certified arborists and its GIS consultant are in the process of refining the final planting locations to assure an appropriate plan for the diversity of the trees species being planted. The Village is planning for additional tree planting efforts in 2022 to continue replacing lost trees. Please note there are limitations on where a tree can be planted, as it cannot go exactly where the previous existing stump was located, as it would restrict the growth of the new trees' roots.

**Private Property Tree Replanting** – The Morton Arboretum will be donating 100 trees in spring of 2022 to Woodridge residents who lost private trees due to the tornado. The Village has also recently submitted an application to the National Arbor Day Foundation requesting their support to provide additional trees that can be planted by homeowners who lost trees due to the tornado.

For residents who will be moving forward with planting new trees on their property right away, the Morton Arboretum as resources residents can review regarding appropriate species selection and proper planting guidance at <https://mortonarb.org/>. Before digging, always make sure to call JULIE at 811 (or [online](#)) to make sure there are no underground utilities in the area you plan to dig.

The Village will be sharing more information on all of these important reforestation and restoration efforts as work progresses.



## Now Hiring: Budget Analyst

The Budget Analyst position performs administrative and analytical duties in the areas of budget preparation, data analysis and process improvement. This position is responsible for assisting in the development, analysis and monitoring of the Village's budget. This full-time, in-office position operates independently under the supervision of the Fiscal Operations Manager.

For more information and to apply, please visit the [Woodridge Human Resources website](https://www.woodridgeil.gov).



## Woodridge 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony Now Airing on WCTV Channel 6

The Woodridge Police Department, Lisle-Woodridge Fire Department, and Lisle Police Department held a September 11, 2001, Remembrance Ceremony at Kagann Plaza. The event featured Elise Floss singing the National Anthem, an invocation by Pastor Garret Bova, remarks by Mayor Cunningham and Mayor Pecak (Lisle), Amazing Grace by Chief Cunningham on the bagpipes, 21 gun salute by the Woodridge Police Department and VFW Post 1578, and "Taps" by Mike Cooper. The video is available on WCTV Channel 6 or the [Woodridge YouTube channel](#).



## Gas Station Safety Tips

The Woodridge Police Departments is sharing these safety tips to help prevent carjackings and motor vehicle thefts.

As always, call 911 if you see anything suspicious or are concerned about your safety.

## Health Department Urges Residents to Get Vaccinated for Flu as COVID-19 Cases Remain High

The DuPage County Health Department (DCHD) is urging residents to protect themselves, their families, and those around them by getting vaccinated against influenza (flu). This is important for individual and community health as the County enters flu season while also experiencing a surge of COVID-19 caused by the Delta variant.

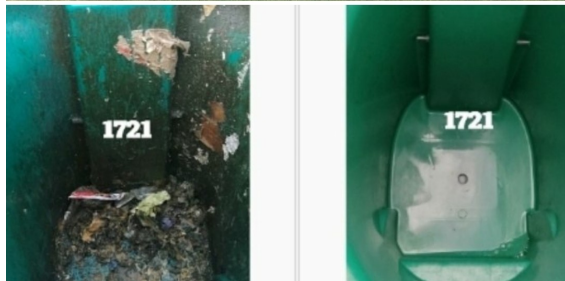




The flu is a highly contagious respiratory illness which attacks the nose, throat, and lungs. Common symptoms include fever, headache, tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, nasal congestion, and body aches. This potentially serious disease may lead to hospitalization and sometimes even death.

"The best protection we have against the flu is the flu vaccine. Call your health care provider or local pharmacy to get yours today and help lower your risk of co-infection with flu and COVID-19," said Karen Ayala, Health Department Executive Director.

Link: full [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.

## 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.



## Pace 2022 Budget Hearings Announced

Pace will hold eight public hearings on its proposed 2022 Operating and Capital Budget Programs, 2022-2024 Financial Plan for Operations, and 2022-2026 Capital Plan. Four meetings will be held virtually and four will be held in person. All meetings will be live streamed with closed captioning at

[www.pacebus.com/streaming](http://www.pacebus.com/streaming). The proposed budget includes a fully funded operational budget for fixed route and paratransit services, a robust capital plan, and no fare increase.

If approved, the budget will fund \$7 million for new fixed route service, \$5 million for regional partnerships with transportation network companies, and an additional \$3 million for demand response service.

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## #Thanknature Fundraiser October 14

Nature has given us inspiration, places to keep our bodies and minds healthy, and helped us find our inner light. What do you want to #thanknature for?

### Event details:

Thursday, October 14, 2021

5:30pm to 8:00pm at The Conservation Foundation's McDonald Farm 10S404 Knoch Knolls Road, Naperville

Please RSVP by Friday, October 8th to Abby Beck at [beck@theconservationfoundation.org](mailto:beck@theconservationfoundation.org) or 630-428-4500, Ext. 135.



#Thanknature Fundraiser



## Pumpkin Smash 2021 to Compost Old Jack-o-Lanterns

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. It is held each year the Saturday after Halloween. Don't Trash it, Smash it! SCARCE and the cities of Wheaton and Elmhurst hosted the first pumpkin collections in 2014, diverting 9.31 tons of pumpkins from landfills and helping to improve composting laws in Illinois. By 2020 the Pumpkin Smash grew to over 45 sites across the

state, collecting more than 159 tons of Pumpkins! This is the Pumpkin Smash closest to Woodridge:

- ☐: Camp Greene Wood, 3155 71st St., Naperville, IL 60540
- ☐: 9 a.m. - noon
- ☐: Saturday, Nov. 6

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## IN AND AROUND WOODRIDGE

**Virtual Program: Mysterious Creatures of IL:** The Woodridge Library will feature paranormal expert Chad Lewis for an entertaining evening of bizarre tales and weird stories of strange creatures in Illinois, on Wednesday, October 13 at 7:00 p.m. [Register](#) for a Zoom link to attend this virtual event.

### 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.

**Woodridge VFW Post 1578 Brat Fest:** VFW Post 1578 will hold its Annual Brat Fest on Sunday, October 17th 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.

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