



# E-NEWS

Village of Woodridge

April 21, 2023

*Greetings!*



**Happy Earth Day!**

The Village of Woodridge celebrates Earth Day April 22, 2023.

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## **VILLAGE MEETINGS**

**Board of Police  
Commissioners Meeting**

**Calling all Woodridge Volunteers, We Need Your  
Help!**

Calling all Woodridge Volunteers, we need your help! The

April 24 at 6:30p.m.  
2nd Floor Training Room  
5 Plaza Drive

**Plan Commission Meeting**  
May 1 at 6:30p.m.  
Werch Board Room  
5 Plaza Drive

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

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Woodridge Special Events Committee is looking for volunteers to help at the Village's 2023 4th of July Picnic at Castaldo Park. Community involvement is important to the success of this special Woodridge event.

Woodridge has had a long standing tradition of celebrating the 4th of July at Castaldo Park. The Woodridge Special Events Committee's 4th of July Picnic began on July 4, 1968 as part of the State of Illinois' Sesquicentennial (150th) Anniversary. The Village's 4th of July Picnic was last held in 2019. We are excited that this event is coming back to our community this year!

Your help as a volunteer makes events like this possible and fun! This busy event is fun for the whole family. We cannot make events like this happen without the generous support from neighbors and friends in our community. If you are interested in helping, please contact Marilyn Ristic at (630)963-1975 or [hmristic@comcast.net](mailto:hmristic@comcast.net) no later than June 4th.

Thank you so much on behalf of our Woodridge Special Events Committee!



### **Board Brief**

April 20 Mayor and Board of Trustees - Regular Board Meeting | [Agenda](#)

Please visit the [Woodridge YouTube channel](#) watch the video.

### **April 20, 2023 Proclamations**





At the April 20, 2023 Woodridge Village Board Meeting, Mayor Gina Cunningham proclaimed April 28, 2023 as "Arbor Day" and the week of May 1 through May 7, 2023 as "Municipal Clerks Week." To view these proclamations, please visit the the April 20 [Village Board Meeting page](#) and click on the agenda.



## Job Openings at the Village of Woodridge

The Village of Woodridge Police Department is seeking qualified candidates for the position of Lateral Police Officer.

The Woodridge Police Department is a professional, progressive law enforcement agency consisting of 51 sworn officers (one Chief, two Deputy Chiefs, seven Sergeants, and 41 patrol officers). The department is proactive and works to identify and resolve issues to improve the quality of life within our community. We are a community policing department seeking to build relationships with the community we serve.

To apply, use the QR codes on the graphic for a quick link or visit the Village's [new online employment portal](#).

## Restore LGDF and Invest in Communities

Help restore the Local Government Distributive Fund ("LGDF"). These funds have been allocated to local governments for more than 50 years, but in 2011 the General Assembly reduced the amount returned to municipalities and counties from 10% to 6%. As a result, local governments across Illinois have lost out on more than \$8 billion that could be used to train police officers, buy equipment for first responders, pay down public safety pension obligations and more.

Cities, counties, and villages across Illinois are banding together to ask Illinois lawmakers to restore local funds that allow municipalities to invest in things like infrastructure, public safety and community services. Click [here](#) to learn more about the #InvestInCommunities effort and take action by reaching out to your state legislators.

This graphic demonstrates Woodridge's lost revenue due to a reduction in LGDF.

## VILLAGE OF WOODRIDGE LOCAL GOVERNMENT DISTRIBUTIVE FUND TOTAL LOST REVENUE: \$21,377,727

In 2011, the General Assembly reduced the percentage of income tax revenue that is allocated to local governments, promising that these cuts would be a temporary shared sacrifice. Over a decade later, LGDF is still not restored. In Woodridge, our lost revenue totals \$21,377,727.

### FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SAFETY & INFRASTRUCTURE

In Woodridge, Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) revenue is invested in the infrastructure and public safety services that our residents rely on every day.

- 90% of LGDF is allocated to the General Fund; 10% to the Capital Projects Fund
- Due to reductions in LGDF, the Village has been forced to utilize its reserves to maintain the level of service residents expect.
- In 2022, cannabis use tax and video gaming revenue made up only 7.4% of the difference between our current and promised LGDF funding levels.
- Between 2011 and 2022, the State's total income tax (IT) receipts increased by 174%.

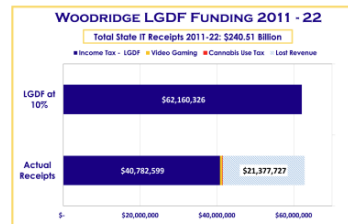


### BY THE NUMBERS

- LGDF revenues fund 18% of the Operating Budget.
- To address budget deficits, the Village must consider raising taxes or reducing services.

### KEY FIGURES

- \$4,642,072 annually for public safety pensions in 2022.
- \$149,788 to implement police body cameras, and \$26,000 annually for data storage.
- \$200,000 for body camera replacement in 2025.



### WE ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT TO RESTORE LGDF.



## Woodridge Garden Club Plant Sale

The Woodridge Garden Club is having a plant sale on Saturday, May 6 from 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Duffy Pavilion located at 8201 Janes Ave.

**WOODRIDGE GARDEN CLUB  
PLANT SALE**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 6 | 8:00 AM-5:00 PM**

**LOCATION:**  
**DUFFY PAVILION (OUTSIDE OF THE ARC),  
8201 JANES AVE. WOODRIDGE, IL 60517**

Plants will be sold, rain or shine.

**PRICES**

- » Perennials in ½ gallon pots and smaller: \$4
- » Perennials in 1 gallon pot: \$6
- » Bushes/trees in larger pot: \$10.00

Cash only | Proceeds after costs will go to a charitable cause  
(costs include pots, potting soil, peat, supplies)

**TYPES OF PLANTS**

Bushes: Forsythia, Red Twig Dogwood, Lilac, Hydrangea, Spirea,  
Arrowwood Viburnum, Bridal Wreath Trees: Ginkgo, Grasses: Reed Grass  
Perennials: Aster, Columbine, Coral Bells, Daylilies (various), Ferns, Hostas  
(various), Bearded Iris, Bee Balm (Monarda), Peonies, Phlox, Sedum,  
Ground Covers: English Ivy, Vinca Minor, Yellow Archangel.

**QUESTIONS?**  
Contact Woodridge Garden Club member  
Pam Alexander at (630) 985-1184

## Woodridge Rotary Club's 14th Annual Recycling Extravaganza

Please save the date for the Woodridge Rotary Club's 14th Annual Recycling Extravaganza taking place on Saturday, May 13, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Cypress Cove Aquatic Park.

Woodridge Rotary Club presents...

Partial funding through a grant from the County of DuPage

# 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Recycling Extravaganza

**Saturday, May 13, 2023  
8:00am – 11:00am**

**Cypress Cove Aquatic Park  
8301 Janes Avenue, Woodridge, IL 60517**

\*See reverse side for a full list of accepted items.  
**Help keep these items out of our landfills!**

Don't have any recycling but still want to help out?

Woodridge Rotary will be accepting donations at this event that will be used for helping local and international organizations such as:

- West Suburban Community Pantry
- Family Shelter Services
- Hopes Front Door
- Rotary International

# ACCEPTED ITEMS

» **SLAGER RECYCLING**  
TVs and Monitors, Pricing below:  
• \$25 for 21" & under • \$35 for over 21"

» **Miscellaneous Items, Free**  
• VCR, DVD players, camera's, computers, copiers, electric keyboards, microwaves, mice, modems, printers, projectors, audio and video equipment, scanners, radios, non-wood speakers, stereos, telephones, zip drives, cords and chargers.  
Only cash and credit cards accepted

» **GOODWILL**  
• Record, clothing, boots, shoes, linens, curtains, blankets, hand and power tools, plates, pots and pans, sports equipment  
\*All items should be in good working order.

» **EARTHPAINT.ORG**  
• **Recycle single color paint cans, Pricing below:**  
**LATEX PAINT**  
\$2.99 per quart • \$5.99 per gallon  
\$19.99 per 5 gallons  
**OIL BASED PAINT AND STAINS**  
\$5.99 per quart • \$9.99 per gallon  
\$24.99 per 5 gallons  
• Small butane containers/camping fuel, Propane tanks, Helium tanks, Butane and isobutane.  
• Grout, adhesives, joint compound and spackle  
• Any type of aerosol cans accepted at no charge

» **Batteries, pricing below:**  
Automotive batteries • \$5/each  
Alkaline household batteries • \$1.50/lb

» **NOT ACCEPTING**  
• Light Bulbs, Household Hazardous Waste, Fire Extinguishers, Large Appliances (Refrigerator, Dryers, Stoves, washes), Scrap metal

» **VFW**  
• American Flags

» **SHRED FIRST**  
**Document Shredding**  
• 3 boxes/bags per car  
\*It is suggested to come early with shredding, when the truck is full no more can be accepted

» **WORKING BIKES**  
• Bicycles and bicycle parts

» **SCARCE**  
• Inkjet cartridges, buttons, keys, musical instruments, school supplies, music CDs, office supplies, art supplies, crayons, functional games and puzzles and books. All of these items should be in good shape. Also eyeglasses and hearing aids. SCARCE IS NOW ACCEPTING SMOKE DETECTORS!

14<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL RECYCLING EXTRAVAGANZA | SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023 | 8AM - 11AM

## WSCP 10th Annual Drive to End Hunger Golf Outing

Join the West Suburban Community Pantry (WSCP) for their 10th Annual Drive to End Hunger Golf Outing.

Enjoy a day of golf, networking, and fun while raising funds to feed our neighbors in need. Sponsorships and Registration are NOW OPEN! Early Bird pricing ends on June 6, 2023.



**Illinois Department of Transportation**

## IDOT Traveler Opinion Survey

IDOT is asking the public to provide feedback on the state's transportation system and IDOT's performance through its Traveler Opinion Survey ([available via this link](#)). The survey, conducted in partnership with the University of Illinois Springfield, is an opportunity for individuals to give their input on a wide range of topics. This year's survey is seeking feedback on road conditions, ice-and-snow removal, planning priorities and more. The deadline to participate in the survey is Monday, May 8.

## Adam Forker Named New DuPage County Health Department Executive Director

The DuPage County Board of Health is pleased to announce Adam Forker, MPH will become the new Executive Director of DuPage County Health Department (DCHD) effective July 1, 2023. Forker is currently the Deputy Director of Business Operations overseeing Human Resources, Finance, Billing, Quality and Compliance, Health Promotions, Intake, and Client Access functions for the organization.

Forker is a dedicated professional with vast experience leading public health initiatives such as the design and implementation of services to ensure residents have access to care through health insurance; and was instrumental in operationalizing the DCHD COVID-19 mass vaccination clinic which provided life-saving



vaccinations to more than 100,000 individuals.

Forker succeeds Karen Ayala, MPH, as Executive Director, who has led the agency for the last 10 years and is retiring on June 30, 2023. Over the next month, Forker's selection will be formally approved through the Illinois Department of Public Health and then by the DuPage County Board of Health. He will work with Ayala over the course of the next 10 weeks to assure a smooth transition for the agency.

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### Free Mulch Pile on Woodridge Drive

With warmer spring weather approaching, Woodridge Public Works staff prepped the free mulch pick up site on Woodridge Drive (just north of 75<sup>th</sup> Street) and its now open for free mulch pick up by residents.

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### Woodridge School District 68 New Registration Process

Returning Student Registration is now open for Woodridge School District 68. Woodridge 68 has a new registration process that is more streamlined and user-friendly. Registration will be done in PowerSchool Enrollment, not Skyward Family Access. For more information, please visit [Woodridge 68 registration page](#).



[NEW registration process](#)

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### 2023 Scholarship Opportunities

The Village of Woodridge is excited to highlight existing scholarships for graduating students available in the Woodridge area. For more information, please visit the Village's [2023 Scholarship Opportunities website](#).

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**Flashback Friday:** A Winston Hills Price Information Sheet from November 16, 1968

	
PRICE INFORMATION SHEET	
ADAMS	\$27,900
ADAMS SPECIAL	
LOWER LEVEL	
UNFINISHED	\$27,000
CONCORD	
1 CAR GARAGE	\$30,100
CONCORD	
2 CAR GARAGE	\$31,000
DEVONSHIRE	
1 CAR GARAGE	\$25,900
DEVONSHIRE	
2 CAR GARAGE	\$27,400
ESSEX	
1 CAR GARAGE	\$27,900
BASEMENT	\$30,500
ESSEX	
2 CAR GARAGE	\$28,400
BASEMENT	\$31,000
FAIRMONT	\$30,500
FAIRMONT	
BASEMENT	\$32,500
DOWN PAYMENT DETERMINED BY INDIVIDUALS QUALIFICATIONS	
PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE	
<i>Please feel free to ask your salesman</i>	
<i>any questions regarding interest rates and down payment.</i>	
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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

### Right to Read Monday

The Woodridge Public Library, along with libraries across the United States, is observing April 24, the Monday of National Library Week, as Right to Read Day. Celebrate your freedom to read: stop by the library and check out a book, and throughout National Library Week, WPL patrons can choose a "Read" or "I Love my Library" bookmark. [E-book](#) checkouts and downloads are also encouraged. No library card? Make Monday the day! Bring current I.D. with a Woodridge address to the library for a [free card](#).



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