



E-NEWS

Village of Woodridge

April 28, 2023

Greetings!

HAPPY ARBOR DAY!



Happy Arbor Day!

In celebration of Arbor Day, The Village of Woodridge Public Works Team and ComEd visited 1st graders at Edgewood Elementary School (Woodridge School District 68) to talk about trees and staying safe around fallen power lines!

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VILLAGE MEETINGS

Plan Commission Meeting

May 1 at 7:00p.m.
Werch Board Room
5 Plaza Drive

Village Board Meeting

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

Human Relations Advisory Committee Meeting

May 9 at 6:00 p.m.
2nd Floor Training Room
5 Plaza Drive

Plan Commission Meeting

May 15, 7:00p.m.
Werch Board Room
5 Plaza Drive

Water Bill Brief

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Village Welcomes New Finance Director

The Village of Woodridge has announced the addition of John Harrington as Director of Finance, following the retirement of its previous Finance Director Nadine Alletto who retired in January and served the community for 10 years. John will be responsible for overseeing the Village's \$80.7 million operating budget, annual audits, investment of cash, collection of revenues, purchasing, accounts payable, payroll, and water billing. John is a Certified Public Accountant who has been serving the community of Minooka for the past 16 years as the Finance Director and Village Treasurer. Prior to serving the community of Minooka, Harrington worked as a controller at the Housing Authority of Cook County where he directed and supervised staff responsible for the daily operations of the accounting department for the Public Housing and Section 8 Program. He also has eight years of experience serving public accounting firms. Learn more about our new Director of Finance [here](#).



Woodridge Police Department Swearing In of New Police Officers

Congratulations to our new Woodridge Police Officers, Adalberto Villarreal and Jennifer Vojvoda. They were sworn in today and will start the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy (SLEA) on Monday.



Village Welcomes New Communications & Community Engagement Manager

The Village welcomes new Communications and



Community Engagement Manager Jamie Bonnema! Jamie most recently served as a Public Relations and Social Media Specialist for Magid Glove and Safety. Early in her career, she spent four years as the Director of Public Relations for Bremen High School District 228. Jamie has a bachelor's degree in Communications, with a focus in Public Relations and Advertising from DePaul University.

Jamie will oversee Village-wide communications and community engagement. She will coordinate media relations, print communications, as well as social media efforts. Jamie will work with members of the community to share community information and

enhance Village outreach efforts.

Plan Commission

American House Senior Living Proposal at Boughton Road & Woodward Avenue - Study

Session: American House is seeking preliminary discussion and feedback from the Plan Commission as they begin the design process for a senior living community on a vacant parcel at 2023 87th Street, located south of Boughton Road on the west side of Woodward Avenue. This study session is a presentation only and no vote will be taken

Calling all Woodridge Volunteers, We Need Your Help!

Calling all Woodridge Volunteers, we need your help! The 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 no later than June 4th.

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



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%.



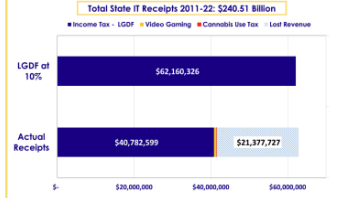
BY THE NUMBERS

- 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.

WOODRIDGE LGDF FUNDING 2011 - 22



WE ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT TO RESTORE LGDF.



The Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity B2B Grant for Creative Arts, Hotels & Restaurants

Gov. Pritzker Announces \$175 Million Available in B2B Grants for Restaurants, Hotels and Creative Arts Businesses. Applications open April 5 - May 10 at Illinois.gov/B2B; community navigators available to conduct outreach and provide technical assistance to hardest hit communities For more information, please visit: [DCEO's website](#).

DuPage County, SCARCE Hold 17th Annual Sustainable Design Challenge



Annual Sustainable Design Challenge

Students from several DuPage County high schools displayed their green building projects to the public at the 17th annual Sustainable Design Challenge on Tuesday, held at DuPage County's Administration Building in Wheaton.

Each year, DuPage County Stormwater Management sponsors the event, and SCARCE coordinates the Challenge. The contest encourages students to construct building and landscape models using environmentally friendly and water-conserving design practices. Participating high schools included Hinsdale South High School (Darien), Hinsdale Central High School (Hinsdale), Benet Academy (Lisle), Glenbard East High School (Lombard), Wheaton Academy (West Chicago), Lake Park High School – West Campus (Roselle), York Community High School (Elmhurst), and Chesterton Academy of the Holy Family (Lisle).

For more information about the Sustainable Design Challenge and past projects, please visit scarce.org/sustainable-design-2.



Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger® Food Drive

On Saturday, May 13th the National Association of Letter Carriers will be picking up food starting at 9:00 am from community residences. If you'd like to participate, please leave your food donation on your front steps and it will be picked up. Or, you can also leave donations at your local post office. All donations directly support non-profit charity food agencies in the community.

For more information, [click here](#).

Prince of Peace Garage Sale

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church on 75th Street in Woodridge, will again be hosting their garage sale!

The dates are as follows:

Thursday, May 18th from 8:30 am-2:00pm

Friday, May 19th from 8:30 am – 2:00pm

Saturday May 20 from 8:30- 12:00 pm



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)

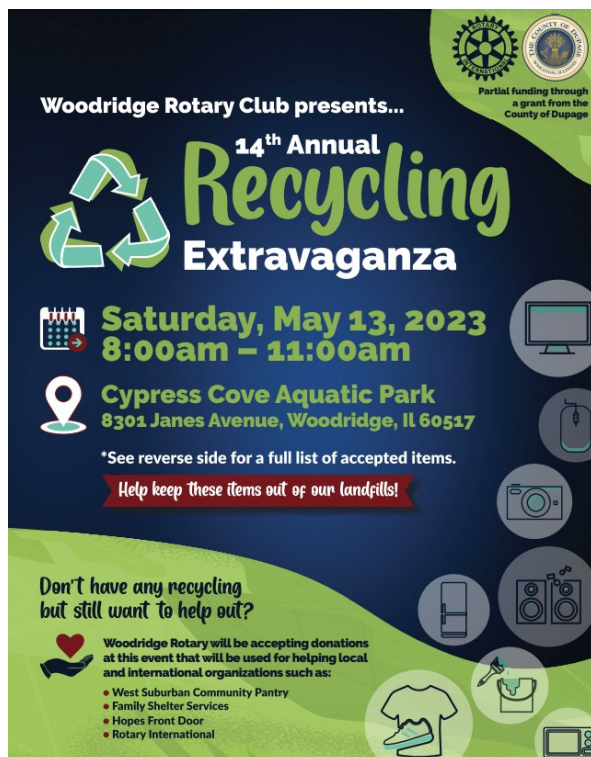
TYPES OF PLANTS

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
PARK DISTRICT

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...

14th 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!

14TH 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.



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 75th Street) and its now open for free mulch pick up by residents.

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



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](#).

FEATURED WOODRIDGE BUSINESS

The Salt Suite Grand Opening

The Salt Suite has officially opened a location in the Woodgrove Festival Shopping Center at 1001 75th Street 157A adjacent to the Hollywood Boulevard Movie Theater! Learn more about this local business by clicking [here](#).

Grand Opening!

We are so excited to be a part of the community!
We invite you to our Grand Opening Celebration!

Saturday, April 29th
12 noon - 5 pm


You're invited!

Raffles, refreshments, specials, and other fun!
Relax during your complimentary FIRST session and enjoy
the benefits of salt therapy!
Call (630)487-4242 to reserve your spot!

The Salt Suite Woodridge
1001 75th Street, Unit 157A
Woodridge, IL 60517

Do you have a Woodridge business that you would like to see featured on E-News? [Send it to us](#) and it could be featured in the next E-News issue!

IN AND AROUND WOODRIDGE

Woodridge Library Recycling Exhibit

May 2 - May 30

Explore an interactive recycling display in the lobby of the Woodridge Library, throughout May.

Visitors can test their knowledge and get questions about how to responsibly dispose of common household items answered. The exhibit is on loan from SCARCE, a non-profit book rescue and recycling organization.



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