



E-NEWS

Village of Woodridge

December 2, 2022

Greetings!

SANTA COMES TO WOODRIDGE AND SEE MRS. CLAUS TOO

**Saturday December 3rd
From 11am - 1pm**



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Special Events
Committee



Santa Comes to Woodridge tomorrow, December 3rd. The Woodridge Special Events Committee is once again sponsoring the Annual Santa Comes to Woodridge event. Free Gift Bags will be given to the first 200 children to see Santa and Mrs. Claus.

The event will be held in the St. Scholastica Parish Activity Center at 7800 Janes Avenue in Woodridge from 11 am until 1 pm. Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive via Woodridge Police escort. As has been the practice for over 50 years - this event is FREE and letters to Santa will be happily accepted.

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VILLAGE MEETINGS

Plan Commission

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

Village Board Meeting

December 15 at 7:00 p.m.
Werch Board Room
5 Plaza Drive

Board of Police

Commissioners Meeting

December 19 at 6:30 p.m.
Training Room 2nd Floor
5 Plaza Drive

Human Relations

Advisory Committee

January 10 at 6:00 p.m.
Woodridge Library
3 Plaza Drive

Water Bill Brief

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Board Brief: December 1 Mayor and Board of Trustees -
Regular Board Meeting | [Agenda](#)

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



Woodridge Parkway Tree Planting

The Village has continued with its annual tree replanting efforts throughout the community, including the central area of Woodridge impacted by the Father's Day Tornado. In total, the Village has planted approximately 400 parkway trees, including 200 in the fall of 2021, along with another 200 parkway trees combined between the spring and fall of 2022, which was just recently completed.

The Village's tree planting efforts were assisted with supplemental grant funding as well. The Village received a \$15,000 Urban and Community Forestry Grant through a competitive grant program administered by the Morton Arboretum in partnership with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the USDA Forest Service, to help improve Illinois urban forestry. These matching grants provide opportunities for public entities to support any combination of tree planting, developing a management plan, or completing a tree inventory.

The Morton Arboretum is an internationally recognized outdoor tree museum and tree research center located in Lisle, Illinois. As the champion of trees, the Arboretum is committed to scientifically-informed action, both locally and globally, and encouraging the planting and conservation of trees for a greener, healthier, more beautiful world.

The Village of Woodridge has been named as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation for 31 consecutive years. This recognition is given to communities who invest in their tree canopy and have appropriate regulatory protections in place of their trees.



Village Board Continues Gas N Wash Agenda Items from December 1st to the December 15th Board Meeting

After holding a public hearing at the November 17th Board Meeting on the proposed Gas N Wash development at 12S355 Lemont Road and 12S381 Lemont Road, the Village Board of Trustees continued the related agenda items to the December 1st Board Meeting. On December 1, the Board voted to continue the items to the **December 15th** Board Meeting when all trustees are anticipated to be in attendance.

Plan Commission

U-Haul – 7300 Woodward Avenue: A public hearing will be conducted for a request for a major amendment to the Planned Unit Development to allow self-storage, truck and trailer rental, and outdoor storage of trucks and trailers for a U-Haul facility at 7300 Woodward Avenue, in the former Sam's Club building located in the Centerpointe shopping center.

Veltiste Cannabis Dispensary - 6310 Route 53 - to be continued to January 16, 2023: A public hearing has been noticed for a request for a special use permit to allow a cannabis dispensary at 6310 Route 53, in the former Suparossa restaurant located in Seven Bridges. The applicant is requesting a continuation of the hearing to the January 16, 2023 meeting.



The Village of Woodridge is seeking applications for Management Analyst in the Woodridge Police Department.

This is a full-time, forty-hour per week position. To apply, please visit the Village's [new online employment portal](https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/woodridgell/).



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.

To apply, please visit the Village's [new online employment portal](https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/woodridgell/).



What Should You Do With Your Light Strand that Doesn't Work? Recycle It!

Woodridge residents may recycle non-working holiday lights at Woodridge Village Hall, 5 Plaza Drive or Public Works building, 1 Plaza Drive. The Village is partnering with Elgin Recycling to offer this free service to residents from November 21, 2022, through March 3, 2023. Please - no CFLs.

Toys for Tots Donation Collection

Woodridge Village Hall, Police Department, and Public



Works are all drop-off sites for the 75th year of the Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots campaign! Toys for Tots will accept new, unwrapped toys for boys and girls from infants to age 12. Please avoid any stuffed animals, clothing, food, and gift cards. Monetary donations can be made via credit card [here](#).

Toys will be accepted until Friday, December 9th.



2023 Virtual DuPage Environmental Summit

Hosted by The Conservation Foundation, the topic for this year's annual DuPage Environmental Summit is "Electrifying DuPage County." Speakers will provide a deep dive into electric vehicles, batteries and other storage, solar and renewable energy programs, home electric tools and yard equipment. The summit is open to the public, and pre-registration will begin soon. For more information, please [visit here](#).



DuPage County Stormwater Management Accepting Presentation Proposals

DuPage County Stormwater Management is seeking proposals for presentations for its Water Quality Lunch 'N Learns, which are held in a monthly webinar format. The goal of the webinars is to connect like-minded people in preserving and protecting the quality of DuPage County waterways. Presentation proposals will be accepted through Friday, December 23, 2022. For more information,

please click [here](#).

HealthCare.gov

Healthcare.gov Open Enrollment Ends Soon

From now until January 15, you can purchase a health care plan or renew your coverage through the [HealthCare.gov](#) marketplace. If you want coverage that will start on January 1, 2023, the deadline to enroll is December 15, 2022.

Here are a couple important facts you need to know about enrolling in coverage or renewing your coverage:

- Already had coverage through [HealthCare.gov](#) for 2022? Make sure to head back to [HealthCare.gov](#) to shop and save by comparing options for 2023. In your area, there may be more plans to choose from and you may save by choosing a different plan for 2023. If you take no action, your current coverage will automatically renew for the new year.
 - Free help is available in signing up for coverage. If you have questions about signing up or want to talk through your options with a trained professional, call 1-800-318-2596. To find local help from a Navigator or certified application counselor, or to be contacted by a Marketplace-registered agent or broker, visit [here](#).
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Flashback Friday: Santa Comes to Woodridge 2009



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

Reindeer Party Night

Get in the holiday spirit! Register for the Woodridge Library's *Reindeer Party Night* on Friday, December 9 at 6:00 p.m. Families will play games, make some crafts and meet a dancing reindeer who is seven feet tall!



Cookie Day!

Make a sweet gift while you munch on cookies and sip hot cocoa at the Woodridge Public Library's *Cookie Day* family program on Saturday, December 17 from noon to 2:00 p.m. Decorate a real cookie with frosting and sprinkles, *and* decorate a cookie card: you'll have a sweet treat to gift to someone special. Register online.

**Library Opens at 1 p.m. December 9*

Due to a morning staff in-service, the Woodridge Public Library building will open at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, December 9. Outdoor book returns are open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.



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