



Woodridge E-News

April 23, 2021

Dear Trevor,



The Village of Woodridge, Woodridge Park District, and Jewel/Osco COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic at the ARC was a success with over 750 shots administered to people in the community and throughout DuPage County.

VILLAGE MEETINGS

Village Board Meeting

May 6, 7:00 p.m.
Werch Board Room
5 Plaza Drive

Village Board Meeting

May 20, 7:00 p.m.
Werch Board Room
5 Plaza Drive

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Celebrating Woodridge "Our Spirit and Our Strength" Mini-Parade Planned for Saturday, May 1

On Saturday, May 1, a small-scale parade is being planned in conjunction with the 2021 Inauguration ceremony that will welcome the returning and newly elected Village, Park District, and Library officials to their positions. The parade route will kick off at 11:00 a.m. and will start near Woodridge Drive and 75th Street, head north on Woodridge Drive, east on Center Drive and end at Plaza Drive in Town Centre. The swearing in ceremony will take place at Kagann Plaza, just outside of Village Hall. The Village hopes that the parade will also offer our community a brief, yet fun, opportunity to celebrate the arrival of spring, and a renewed sense of hope that with each passing week, we will be one step closer to a sense of normalcy in our society as mass vaccination continues to progress. We invite you to join us and gather (safely, socially distanced, and wearing a face covering) along Woodridge Drive and Center Drive; enjoy the outdoors (let's hope the weather cooperates!) with your fellow neighbors; and let's share with one another a little of our Woodridge civic pride.

Celebrate Diversity Month

April is Celebrate Diversity Month, a time to honor and recognize our neighbors' many cultures, traditions, traits, and experiences. During this Celebrate Diversity Month, let's take the time to learn about new cultures so that we may all gain a better understanding of each other.

In October 2020, the Village Board passed the resolution "Celebrating the Diversity of Our Community and Affirming the Village's Commitment to Diversity, Equality, Equity, and Inclusion for All." The resolution recognizes the importance of continuing to build upon Woodridge's diverse, inclusive, and equitable community in order to ensure a vibrant, prosperous, and healthy Woodridge for generations to come.

By celebrating our diverse cultures, traits, and experiences, we all can gain a deeper understanding of each other and create an even stronger community.



StoryWalk® at the Woodridge Library

The Woodridge Public Library will feature an outdoor StoryWalk® from May 7 through May 16. Signs with pages from a children's storybook will be set up along a path in the Plaza, allowing families to walk from sign to sign reading the story. Invite mom or grandma to join you for a Mother's Day stroll and story! No fees or registration required: see [details](#).

Giving DuPage Days Begins April 26

Looking for a way to support your local community? Giving DuPage Days will take place from April 26 to 30 with a goal to raise \$300,000 for more than 100 local nonprofit organizations serving DuPage County. During the COVID-19 pandemic, countless residents turned to community organizations for services. Giving DuPage Days is a countywide event to create awareness and raise funds for organizations that:

- Provide food to insecure populations
- Advocate for abused, neglected children
- Create housing solutions and services
- Teach educational and literacy programs
- Serve seniors in our community
- Deliver access to healthcare & medical support services
- Empower people with disabilities
- Offer programs for children and youth
- Foster pets and sheltering animals

To learn more, visit www.givingdupageday.org, or email givingdupage@dupageco.org.

Small Business Association Released Information and Guidance on the Restaurant Revitalization Fund

The American Rescue Plan Act established the Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF) to provide funding to help restaurants and other eligible businesses keep their doors open. This program will provide restaurants with funding equal to their pandemic-related revenue loss up to \$10

million per business and no more than \$5 million per physical location. Recipients are not required to repay the funding as long as funds are used for eligible uses no later than March 11, 2023. Program details, documents, and an application can be [found on the SBA website](#).

Seasonal Job Opportunities at the Village of Woodridge

The Village is hiring for temporary, [seasonal positions](#) that begin in May or early June and last approximately three months. These positions are available in the Public Works maintenance crews and the work involves manual labor and is primarily outdoors. Duties include assisting streets, water, and sewer and fleet maintenance crews with daily operations. [Click here](#) for more information.

Woodridge Begins Planning for Fourth of July Fireworks and Expanded Oktoberfest; Cancels the 2021 Woodridge Jubilee

The Woodridge Park District and Village of Woodridge released a news release to share that planning has begun for Fourth of July fireworks and the 2021 Oktoberfest celebration in September. The most recent Oktoberfest, in September 2019, honored the 50th anniversary for the Woodridge Park District and the 60th anniversary for the Village of Woodridge. The Woodridge Jubilee festival, an annual family-fun filled community event held in mid-June, is canceled for 2021 due to the current Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity guidelines of the Restore Illinois Plan and the unknown future of any potential COVID restriction changes. [Read the full news release online](#).

National Work Zone Awareness Week, April 26-30 #Orange4safety

National Work Zone Awareness Week (NWZAW) is an annual spring campaign held at the start of construction season encourages safe driving through work zones. NWZAW was created to raise public awareness of work zone hazards and the importance of work zone safety. Motorists are encouraged to slow to posted speed limits, eliminate distractions while driving and be watchful for roadway workers and their equipment. This year's theme is "Drive Safe. Work Safe. Save Lives." [More information online](#).

Spring Is Here - Native Plant Updates

Many home gardeners would like to add native plants to their garden, but are unsure how to start or what plants will be most successful. Native plants can be low maintenance and look beautiful. If you're interested in learning more about native plants, check out these resources:

- [Native Plant Sale at Forest Preserve District of DuPage County](#)
 - [Woodridge Gardening Club Plant Sale](#) - proceeds benefitting the West Suburban Community Pantry
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ComEd Tree Trimming

ComEd is out and about [tree trimming around power lines](#). You might see ComEd's subcontractor in the area. ComEd states this work is preventative in nature and that trees or branches that have potential to interfere with power lines will be trimmed by trained, qualified arborists.

IN AND AROUND WOODRIDGE

"Signs of Spring" Nature Photography Contest: Celebrate the arrival of spring by photographing the magical transformation of nature! The Woodridge Public Library is hosting a "Signs of Spring" photo contest. Submissions will be accepted from May 1 through May 31; winning photos will be displayed on the library's website and winners will receive a gift card. See [contest](#) guidelines.

Save the Date - Woodridge Rotary Club Large Recycling Event: The [annual Recycling Extravaganza](#), hosted by the Woodridge Rotary Club, will take place on Saturday, May 8, from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at Cypress Cove Family Aquatic Park - at the corner of 83rd and Janes Avenue in Woodridge. Detailed information on what can be recycled can be accessed through the hyperlink above.

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