



# Woodridge E-News

December 10, 2021

## Greetings!



*Santa Comes To Woodridge*

Santa and Mrs. Claus visited Woodridge on Saturday, December 4. The event, hosted by the Woodridge Special Events Committee, is a Woodridge tradition. Additional [event photos](#) are available courtesy of the Woodridge Special Events Committee.

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## VILLAGE MEETINGS

### **Village Board Meeting**

December 16, 7:00 p.m.

Werch Board Room

5 Plaza Drive

### **Board of Police**

### **Commissioners**

December 20, 6:30 p.m.

Training Room, 2nd Fl.

5 Plaza Drive

### **Village Board Meeting**

January 20, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

Werch Board Room

5 Plaza Drive

### **Board of Police**

### **Commissioners**

December 20, 6:30 p.m.

Training Room, 2nd Fl.

5 Plaza Drive

## Water Bill Brief

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## **ICYMI: Two Woodridge News Releases Related to Woodridge Country Club Townhomes Notice to Vacate**

### **1) Village of Woodridge Working to Connect Country Club Townhomes Residents with Case Managers**

- Woodridge created a direct help phone line [630-719-2496] on December 3, 2021, to assist Woodridge Country Club Townhome residents that received a notice to vacate letter from their Townhome Association

- The Village is working in partnership with Woodridge Neighbors Helping Neighbors (a tornado relief initiative) to connect people needing assistance to case managers

- Mayor Gina Cunningham emphasizes Woodridge is a compassionate community that believes in helping each other as illustrated through the wonderful work of Woodridge Neighbors Helping Neighbors

--> Read the full [news release](#)

### **2) Woodridge & Woodridge Neighbors Helping Neighbors Reserve Immediate Temporary Housing for Displaced Woodridge Country Club Residents**

- A water line burst at Woodridge Country Club today [note- news release is from Dec. 9], and MC Properties notified the residents they would need to vacate their homes immediately

- Through the generosity of Woodridge Neighbors Helping Neighbors, immediate temporary housing was reserved at a Willowbrook hotel for up to 30 days

- Dollars raised from tornado relief fundraisers will help cover the cost of the hotel stay for displaced residents

--> Read the full [news release](#)



## **Reminder: Leaf Collection Program Update**

Stickered Leaf Collection Through December 15 ☐

Although the free leaf collection has ended in November, leaf collection with stickers will continue through December 15. There will not be leaf collection on December 16 and December 17. For more information about yard waste, please visit the [Woodridge yard waste website](#).



## Partnering on Rental Assistance Program

DuPage County and the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) will relaunch an emergency rental assistance program on Dec. 6 for residents who are behind on their rent due to COVID-19.

Eligible DuPage County households may qualify for up to \$25,000 in emergency rental assistance for payments from June 2020 through April 2022. Applications will be available at [illinoishousinghelp.org](https://illinoishousinghelp.org).

Details, including a list of documents needed to apply for the program, are available at [illinoishousinghelp.org](https://illinoishousinghelp.org). Residents can also call (866) 454-3571 for more information.

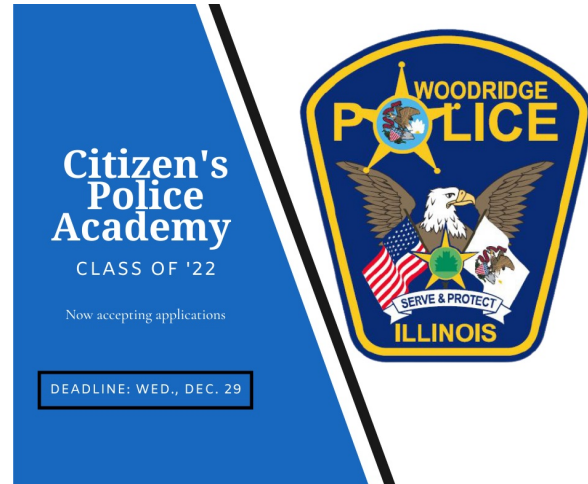


## Woodridge Police Department Citizen's Police Academy Accepting Applications

The [Woodridge Police Department Citizen's Police Academy](#) is back! The Academy is eight weeks long and meets every Wednesday from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. at Woodridge Village Hall (5 Plaza Drive) from January 19 – March 9, 2022.

Academy participants gain a working knowledge of practices, policies, and procedures of the Woodridge Police Department. There is NO COST to anyone who participates in the Academy.

[Class of 2022 Citizen's Police Academy application](#)



## Officer Harvey Swearing-In Ceremony at Woodridge Police Department

Officer Harvey was sworn in as a Woodridge Police Officer on Thursday, December 9, by Clerk Heneghan at the Police Department. Officer Harvey is a lateral hire from another Illinois municipality and will start his field training this weekend. Welcome to Woodridge, Officer Harvey!



## Woodridge Special Events Committee Seeking Volunteers

The Woodridge Special Events Committee (WSEC) is a non-profit, volunteer group; no one is paid, all time is donated. The WSEC works closely with both the Village of Woodridge and the Woodridge Park District. The Committee's purpose is to provide "Special Events" for Woodridge residents, something the group has been doing for the last 50 years. Several current WSEC members are charter members of the organization!



WSEC has sponsored and provided support to include the Village Fourth of July Picnic, the Annual



Santa Comes to Woodridge, supporting the Magic Lights Tree Trimming at Brookfield Zoo, and ticket selling at the Village Jubilee.

The committee meetings are held once a month September through June (no summer meetings) from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Woodridge Village Hall on the 4th Wednesday of each month. If you are interested in joining this fun community group, please contact Marilyn Ristic at 630-963-1975.

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## **Water Assistance Program for Low-Income Households**

To help low-income families unable to pay water and sewer bills avoid shutoffs, Governor JB Pritzker and DCEO recently announced the new \$42 million Low-Income Household Water Assistance Plan (LIHWAP), under the Help Illinois Families (HIF) initiative. To apply for these programs or water assistance, visit DCEO's website [helpillinoisfamilies.com](https://helpillinoisfamilies.com), or contact the hotline service providing real-time assistance in over 30 languages at 1-833-711-0374.

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## **COVID-19 Cases and Hospitalizations Increase Locally**

DuPage County - The DuPage County Health Department (DCHD) is urging residents to continue to take action to protect themselves and the community against the spread of COVID-19. This is the result of significant increases in COVID-19 cases and related hospitalizations in DuPage County, and across the U.S.

As of Tuesday, December 7, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported 3,351 COVID-19 cases in DuPage County over the last seven days, which represents an increase of 126% from the previous week. There were also 190 individuals hospitalized in DuPage County related to COVID-19 illness, which represents a 52% increase (or 65 additional patients) since last Tuesday, November 30. Positivity rates have also been steadily rising and are now at 6.26%.

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## **IN AND AROUND WOODRIDGE**

The Village of Woodridge, Woodridge Park District, and Woodridge Library have numerous events to help get you into the holiday spirit! This graphic shows events that make up the 12 Days of Christmas in Woodridge from December 2 - December 22, 2021.

12  
DAYS OF

# Christmas

IN WOODRIDGE

Get into the holiday spirit with a variety of family and age-specific programs at the Woodridge Park District, Woodridge Library and Village of Woodridge.

## MAKE A WINTER WREATH

Teens & Adults  
December 2 | 7 pm  
Woodridge Library

## SANTA COMES TO WOODRIDGE

Family  
December 4 | 11 am  
St. Scholastica Parish  
Activity Center  
Hosted by Woodridge  
Special Events Committee

## REINDEER CRAFT

Take Home Kit for Kids  
Week of December 6  
Woodridge Library

## SANTA'S NICE LIST

Ages 1-10  
Register by December 6  
Woodridge Park District

## HOLIDAY REINDEER

Ages 3-12 w/ parent  
December 7 | 6:30 pm  
Woodridge Park District

## DADDY/ DAUGHTER GIFT CLASS

AGES 3-11 w/ parent  
December 9 | 6 pm  
Woodridge Park District

## HOLIDAY GAME NIGHT

Ages 3-6 w/ parent  
December 10 | 6 pm  
Woodridge Park District

## HOLIDAY SING-ALONG SATURDAY

Family  
December 11 | 11 am  
Woodridge Library

## GRINCH FEST

Family  
Week of December 13  
All day, each day  
Woodridge Library

## HOLIDAY SING-ALONG

Ages 6 & younger w/ parent  
December 17 | 10:30 am  
Woodridge Park District

## GRINCH BINGO

Kids  
December 20 | 4 pm & 7 pm  
Woodridge Library



[www.woodridgeparks.org](http://www.woodridgeparks.org)



Village  
of  
Woodridge

[www.woodridgeil.gov](http://www.woodridgeil.gov)



[www.woodridgelibrary.org](http://www.woodridgelibrary.org)



TOYS FOR TOTS  
COLLECTION

Ends December 10

Drop off donation at  
Village Hall, 5 Plaza Drive

### Grinch Fest! at the Woodridge Library Dec.13 - 20

Find games, crafts, photo ops and prizes during **Grinch Fest**, taking place December 13 through 20 in the Children's Department of the Woodridge Public Library. Wear green! Teens take home an anti-Grinch kit! Spot the Grinch! The Grinch will be visiting the library and giving out treats. See details and **Grinch Sighting** schedule [online](#).

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