



Woodridge E-News

February 19, 2021

Dear Trevor,

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Selected Quotes

Local Student Aamari Taylor Shared Selected Quotes, along with an original poem "Imagine", in honor of Black History Month

VILLAGE MEETINGS

Village Board Meeting
March 4, 7:00 p.m.
Werch Board Room

Celebrating Black History Month

Village Board Honors Black History Month

Mayor Gina Cunningham introduced a local student, Aamari Taylor, during the February 18, 2021 Village Board Meeting in honor of Black History Month. [Aamari shared words of positivity](#) from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Abraham Lincoln,

5 Plaza Drive

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Water Bill Brief

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Amanda Gorman, and also shared an original poem titled, "Imagine".

Village Board Issues Proclamation

On Thursday, February 4, Mayor Gina Cunningham read a Proclamation that designated February 2021 as National Black African American History Month. [Click here to read the full Proclamation.](#)

The Messenger Public Library of North Aurora Hosting Dr. Robert Moorehead

Dr. Robert Moorehead, associate professor of sociology at College of DuPage, will present "Systemic Racism in America: Understanding Our Racial Past and Present" on Monday, February 22 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. [Register online for this event](#) hosted by The Messenger Public Library of North Aurora.

Woodridge SUPER Plunge Team

The Woodridge SUPER Plunge team will be participating in the [annual SUPER Plunge event](#) that occurs over a 24-hour period and includes brave men and women taking 24 icy dips (once every hour!) in frigid water. This year you can cheer on the team as it will be hosted locally, in a pool set up at 1001 75th Street, by Jameson's. The event takes place February 26 to 27. The Woodridge team continues to raise money for Special Olympics through their brave efforts for the more than 21,000 Special Olympics Illinois traditional athletes and more than 11,000 Young Athletes with and without intellectual disabilities who train and compete throughout the year. [View the roster and show your support here.](#) Shout out to Woodridge Team members Chris Bethel and his daughter - the #1 fundraising team in state!

COVID Vaccination Information and Links

Currently the State of Illinois is in Phase 1B for the vaccination. Find [more information here](#), including the **updated** eligibility list for those in Phase 1B (starting 2/25). Below are links to online appointment sites; however, DuPage County has a phone line as well (630) 221-7030.

Relevant Appointment Links - please note, these are all links to different systems to register for or search for vaccination appointments.

- [DuPage County Vaccination Registration Form](#)
 - [National Website to search for local vaccinations sites](#)
 - [State of Illinois Vaccination Location Map](#)
 - [Walgreens Appointments](#)
 - [Jewel-Osco Appointments](#)
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DuPage County Transportation Capital Plan Released with Hobson Road Sidewalk Project

DuPage County recently released a capital improvement plan with transportation projects identified. In Woodridge, [a sidewalk is planned on Hobson Road](#), from Woodridge Drive to Janes Avenue. Find more information, including a [full roster of projects online](#).

Fire Hydrant Snow Clearing Reminder

If you have a fire hydrant in your yard, or near your home, please take some time to clear it of ice and snow. This will make the hydrant easier to find and access, in the event of a fire. The recommendation is to remove snow and ice at least three feet in each direction from the hydrant, along with clearing a path from the hydrant to the street. The Lisle-Woodridge, Darien-Woodridge, and Lemont Fire Protection Districts thank you in advance.



March Water Bill Brief Now Online

Access the current water bill brief during months you do not receive a water bill to read timely, relevant information. The [March 2021 Water Bill Brief](#) is now online, or accessible through the link above in the left hand column.

Village Winter Weather Pretreatment Techniques

The Village began using liquid anti-icing and de-icing treatments over a decade ago in order to improve the efficiency of snow and ice operations and has continued to adjust those operations and use new products. Over the past few years, the Village of Woodridge has begun using a new application material for pretreating Village streets, prior to certain snow events. In the days preceding the snowfall, Public Works vehicles lay down a liquid that is comprised of chlorides, such as rock salt and brine for ice melt, and carbohydrates/sugars which help suppress the freeze point and increase the ice melt capacity of rock salt and brine. These sugars, while helpful, might emit an odor akin to chocolate, molasses, syrup, or coffee which can be noticeable to people in the area of a recently treated road. However it is those same sugars that assists in snow melt, as evidenced in the photo below. If you have questions on liquid treatments the Village's Public Works Department can be reached at (630) 719-4753.



Helpful Water Tips For Cold Weather

With extremely cold temperatures upon us, please remember these steps to prevent frozen pipes. These tips can also help protect the local water team as they perform critical work for reliable, safe water service.

Residents should:

- Allow a small trickle of water to run overnight to keep pipes from freezing. Customers should consider collecting the water for later use such as watering indoor plants and more. The cost of a short-term trickle is much less costly than a repair to a burst pipe.
- Open cabinet doors to expose pipes. Opening cabinet doors exposes pipes to warmer room temperatures.

If in-home pipes freeze, residents should:

- Shut off the water immediately and not attempt to thaw frozen pipes unless the water is shut off. Freezing can often cause unseen cracks in pipes or joints.
- Apply heat to the frozen pipe by warming the air around it. Customers can use a hair dryer, space heater or hot water. Space heaters should not be left unattended, and customers should avoid using kerosene heaters or open flames.
- Once pipes thaw, water should be turned on slowly and pipes should be checked for cracks and leaks.

Residents are also reminded to keep snow cleared away from fire hydrants located near their residence.

Woodridge Community Scholarship Opportunities

The Village of Woodridge has compiled existing scholarship opportunities for students ranging from 8th grade through seniors in high school. Information on the Woodridge/Prologis, WSEC Joel Kagann, Rotary Club Service Above Self and Music, and Junior Woman's Club scholarships is now available. [Click here for more information, links to applications, and deadlines.](#)

DuPage County Stormwater Management Accepting Input on Water Quality Program

DuPage County Stormwater Management is currently accepting input on their [Countywide Water Quality Program](#). Comments will be accepted through February 28, 2021.

The Countywide Water Quality Program includes a partnership of DuPage County and 41 municipalities and townships working together to meet water quality goals. Included within this partnership, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency granted DuPage County Stormwater Management a countywide permit to meet federal water quality requirements, including:

- Public Education and Outreach on Water Quality Topics
- Public Involvement and Participation
- Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
- Construction Site Erosion and Sediment Controls
- Post-Construction Best Management Practices for Water Quality
- Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations
- Water Quality Monitoring Program

These requirements are detailed in the [DuPage County Stormwater Management Program Plan](#). There will also be an informational virtual meeting to discuss the DuPage County Countywide Water Quality Program on Thursday, February 18 at 9:00 a.m. [Register for the meeting here.](#)

Comments may be submitted via email to water.quality@dupageco.org or by mail to:
DuPage County Stormwater Management

Attn: Mary Beth Falsey
421 North County Farm Road
Wheaton, IL 60187

For questions or issues, please call DuPage County Stormwater Management at (630) 407-6673.

IN AND AROUND WOODRIDGE

Jack Benny- From Waukegan to Hollywood: Did you know comedian Jack Benny was born Benjamin Kubelsky in Chicago in 1894, and grew up in nearby Waukegan? Learn entertaining details about how he became a Hollywood icon during a virtual program on Thursday, February 25 at 7:00 p.m. [Pre-registration](#) with the Woodridge Public Library is required to receive a Zoom link.

Blood Drive: Join versiti Blood Center of Illinois on Thursday, January 25 from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Thornberry Woods Apartment Homes, 7501 Gladstone Dr. in Naperville. [Appointments can be made online](#). The COVID-19 Antibody Test will be performed on all blood donations. Eligible donors include those who received a vaccine on or before 2/22. Please wear a mask and photo ID required.

Weather Safety Program: On Wednesday, March 3 at 7:00 p.m., Professor Paul Sirvatka from the College of DuPage will talk about the nature and climatology of local weather threats, and discuss how you can be prepared and stay safe, during a free virtual program from the Woodridge Public Library. [Pre-register](#) for a Zoom webinar link.

Woodridge Rotary Leprechaun Open: Join the Woodridge Rotary Club at Top Golf Naperville on March 7 from Noon to 3:00 p.m. for the [Woodridge Rotary Leprechaun Open](#). Tickets are \$75 per person, include lunch and soft drinks, and can be [purchased online](#). Proceeds will benefit local charities and those in need. Prize for the best score, cash bar, and raffle are included in this event.

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