



Woodridge E-News

July 2, 2021

Dear Trevor,



VILLAGE MEETINGS

Village Board Meeting
July 15, 7:00 p.m.
Werch Board Room
5 Plaza Drive

Village Board Meeting
August 5, 7:00 p.m.
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Dear Woodridge Neighbors and
Businesses,

More than one week ago today, a natural disaster profoundly impacted our community. As our community recovers and rebuilds, please know that we are working tirelessly to help our Woodridge community and neighbors through this devastating time. We are heartbroken about the loss in our community. We are here to support everyone affected now and in the weeks and months ahead.

As we have visited our tornado-impacted areas and spoke with our neighbors, we were touched by the welcoming spirit and kindness shared. We saw neighbors who lost their home to the tornado helping their neighbors who had also suffered losses at their home. A reporter mentioned that she was in Woodridge last week and saw our Woodridge neighbors' resilience, kindness, and helpful spirit. It's our Woodridge spirit of neighbors helping neighbors – it's what we do in Woodridge.



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The Village Board, the Village of Woodridge, and I are so grateful for our first responders, public works, our mutual aid partners, and all of the volunteers and outpouring of support from our residents and business community. Our restaurants have been providing meals throughout our community for those impacted, for all of our volunteers, and emergency responders, and we are so thankful. Last week, the Village put a call out for volunteers to help distribute informational flyers to tornado-impacted areas and check on their well-being. Within a short time, we had received dozens of volunteers to check on our neighbors. Overall, volunteers delivered more than 3,500 critical pieces of information by flyers to the people that needed it the most. Recently, volunteers worked in hot and humid weather to fill dumpsters with refuse. Without question, our neighbors will work and help each other, and no words can describe the gratitude and generosity of our community.

We are fortunate to have many agencies and non-profits committed to our tornado recovery and rebuilding efforts. Our disaster response partner, the American Red Cross, opened a [Multi-Agency Resource Center](#) (MARC) at Jefferson Jr. High with 39 relief agencies on June 26 and June 27. More than 1,000 neighbors received assistance, which included emotional support and truly compassionate care. And please, if you need any help, know that we are here to help you! Don't hesitate to reach out to the Village directly or any of the agencies listed on the Village Tornado Recovery website.

As Woodridge continues recovery operations, there is a lot that we can do to help each other.

1. Consider donating to the [Woodridge Rotary Tornado Relief Fund](#): The Rotary Club of Woodridge, a 501c3, is collecting donations to help those in our community impacted by the June 20 Tornado. Your contribution will be 100% tax-deductible. As a charter member of the Woodridge Rotary, I know first-hand the mission of this group – service above self – is to help Woodridge residents. Also, please consider donating to the [West Suburban Community Pantry](#) located in Woodridge. The Woodridge website has a [Neighbors Helping Neighbors Tornado Fundraisers page](#) that highlights initiatives where the proceeds will go to those affected by the tornado.
2. Volunteer – Please consider volunteering. The Village created a [Woodridge Tornado Volunteer Form](#) to assess the needs of the families affected by the tornado. Please complete this form if you are interested in volunteering your services. The Village will contact you as we determine what support is needed, when, and where.

Our recovery, rebuilding, and replanting is a fluid situation. Recently, the Village Board met and issued an emergency declaration to better allow the Village to address challenges in our recovery and rebuilding. Please know that we are dedicated to helping in any way that we can.

In Woodridge, we know that we're all in this **together – and we're stronger together!** Please continue reaching out to your neighbors and offering your kindness, helping hand, and support to help us get through these challenging times together. The spirit in Woodridge is strong and resilient. We know **Woodridge Strong** and **Neighbors Helping Neighbors!** On behalf of our Village Board, please take good care and stay strong. Thank you for all you do, and are doing, to help. It means so much!

A proud Tree City USA Community Since 1992,
Mayor Gina Cunningham

Tornado Debris Collection Updates

The Village has published a [dedicated debris/refuse management website](#).

Friday Pick-Up specifically for July 2, 2021

Groot will service all of Friday customers, including those in the affected areas, with the regular schedule and pick-up of recycling, household waste, and yard waste.

Note: Additional trucks will be deployed on Friday, July 2, focusing on storm debris collection.

Saturday Pick-Up specifically for July 3, 2021

The Village has coordinated with Groot to deploy additional garbage truck resources that will focus on storm debris removal within the affected areas of the regular Thursday route. Groot will deploy these resources on Saturday (7/3) to continue removing storm debris. Please note that not all storm debris will be removed at this time due to the size of the items, and what can feasibly fit into the garbage trucks. Please break down items as much as possible to assist in pick up. Items that are too large will be identified with an orange sticker and the Village will continue working with Groot to coordinate removal of larger storm debris items at a future date.

Neighborhood Cleanup of Smaller Tree Debris

Now that the large piles of tree debris have been removed from the parkway, the Village wants to remind residents who are cleaning up their property to rake and sweep smaller debris into yard waste bags for collection by Groot. Stickers are not needed for these bags and they will be collected for the Thursday/Friday impacted areas during the regular collection day, **specifically for Thursday, July 8 and Friday, July 9**. Please do not place any materials or bags in the street where the debris can clog storm sewers or create a hazard for motorists. Additional information can be found on the [Village's storm debris management webpage](#).

Village Offices Closed on Monday, July 5

The Village of Woodridge will be closed on Monday, July 5, 2021 in observance of Independence Day. Have a happy and safe Fourth of July!

Fourth of July Firework Show - 75th and Lemont Rd.

Residents are encouraged to plan their Fourth of July fireworks viewing / celebration in Woodridge! The show will take place near the corner of 75th St. and Lemont Rd. on Sunday, July 4. The best views of the fireworks will be from the parking lots along 75th Street.

Holiday Garbage Pick Up Reminder - Monday and Tuesday Delayed One Day

Due to the Fourth of July holiday, the Monday, July 5 garbage and recycling pick up will occur on Tuesday, July 6 and the Tuesday pick up will occur on Wednesday, July 7. [Information on the refuse and recycling program can be found online.](#)

Village of Woodridge Encourages Donations to the Rotary Club of Woodridge Tornado Relief Fund

As Woodridge residents continue to recover from the recent tornado, the Village of Woodridge encourages people that have the means to donate to the Woodridge tornado recovery efforts. The Woodridge Rotary Club is accepting monetary donations that they will distribute directly to the Woodridge community. The Woodridge Rotary is a not-for-profit organization with the resources and commitment to ensure that the funds remain in Woodridge to those in need. "As a charter member, and now honorary member, of the Woodridge Rotary Club, I am so impressed by their dedication to the community," said Mayor Gina Cunningham. "The donation link is live on the Village website. The Woodridge Rotary will ensure that the funds raised will go towards those that need it the most in Woodridge. I am confident that the money will go directly to Woodridge residents in need – neighbors helping neighbors." To donate, people may [visit the website here](#) and indicate Tornado Response in the "Comment" field.

Mosquito Spray in Woodridge on Thursday, July 1

The Village of Woodridge conducted a full town mosquito spray through Clarke Mosquito on Thursday, July 1. The spray was aimed at the adult mosquito population emerging from the storms that have occurred over the past 2 weeks.

Overnight Street Parking Restrictions Waived During Holiday Weekend

Starting on July 2 through July 6, overnight street parking is allowed. Please feel free to park on Village of Woodridge streets after parking restrictions are lifted on Friday, July 2 at 2:00 a.m. Please note that parking restrictions will resume on Tuesday, July 6 at 6:00 a.m. There is no need to obtain overnight parking permission on occasions when the restrictions are lifted.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors Tornado Fundraisers

Are you interested in learning more about fundraisers in the area where the proceeds will go to those affected by the June 20 tornado? The two current fundraisers include the Woodridge Strong - Yard Sign Fundraiser and the Woodridge Strong - Rainbow Cone Fundraiser. Visit the Village website [Neighbors Helping Neighbors Tornado Fundraisers website](#) for more info. The Village will update the website with more information about fundraisers as it becomes available.

DuPage County Community Resource Information System

DuPage County has a comprehensive website, their Community Resource Information System (CRIS), which features many helpful resources. There are links to help our residents that provide information in many areas including housing and utilities, food, transportation, legal, health, and many more. Visit [DuPage CRIS](#) for more information and to discover local resources.

Free Summer Meal Program

Woodridge School District 68 is hosting a free summer meal program for all school-aged children 18 years old and younger. Meals can be picked up on Tuesdays & Thursdays now through July 29 between 10:00am-Noon at Meadowview School (2525 Mitchell Drive) or William F. Murphy School (7700 Larchwood Lane). Families can pick up meals at either of these schools, regardless of which school students attend.

Meal packs will include three boxed breakfasts and three boxed lunches, including milk, that meet all nutritional requirements of the USDA National School Breakfast and Lunch Programs. [Menus and nutritional information](#) are posted in the Food Services section of the [district website](#).

Families will only need to indicate how many children are in the household when picking up meals; no student names or ID numbers will be collected. There is no charge for these meals, regardless of pay status (free, reduced, or paid).

Woodridge Water Quality Report

Residents can view the newest Woodridge Water Quality Report on the Village's Website at woodridgeil.gov/waterqualityreport. The report is prepared for the calendar year 2020 and includes valuable drinking water information that contains testing results by the Village of Woodridge and the City of Chicago, the source of Woodridge drinking water. Water quality questions can be directed to 630-719-4753.

Lisle-Woodridge Fire District Accepting Applications for Fire District Board of Trustees (BOT)

Are you interested in serving your community? The Lisle-Woodridge Fire District Board of Trustees seeks a community-minded person to serve on the Fire District Board of Trustees (BOT). The BOT have the power to supervise, control, regulate and manage the Fire District and to make and enforce all necessary ordinances, and rules and regulations for the proper management of the Fire District. The DuPage County Board Chairman appoints members of the Board of Trustees. Trustees serve three (3) year terms and require reappointment by the County Board Chairman. Interested candidates are required to complete the [DuPage County Application Form for Appointment](#). The deadline for applications is August 1, 2021.

IN AND AROUND WOODRIDGE

Library Closed July 4 and July 5: The [Woodridge Public Library](#) will be closed all day on Sunday, July 4, and Monday, July 5 in observation of Independence Day. Outdoor book returns will remain open throughout the holiday weekend.

Mason Jar Cooking Program: A chef shares secrets for perfect summer salads and other easy-to-prepare meals that can be stored in a mason jar during a virtual program, hosted by the Woodridge Public Library on Thursday, July 8 at 7:00 p.m. [Pre-register](#) to receive a Zoom link to join.

Dinosaurs of the West Presentation: [Pre-register](#) to attend a virtual program at the Woodridge Public Library at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 15 with dinosaur fossil hunter and paleontologist Jean-Pierre Cavigelli. J.P. Cavigelli will discuss his excavations, discoveries, and theories of the history of dinosaurs in America.

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