



Woodridge E-News

May 7, 2021

Dear Trevor,



Brush Drop- Off Site

MAY 8, 2021 | 9AM – 12PM

71st Street, just west of Woodridge Drive

VILLAGE MEETINGS

**Brush Drop-Off Site - May 8th with COVID
Restrictions**

Village Board Meeting

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

Village Board Meeting

June 3, 7:00 p.m.
Werch Board Room
5 Plaza Drive

Water Bill Brief

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Water Bill Brief

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The Village will still be hosting the brush drop off program on 71st Street, just west of Woodridge Drive, for the normal date on May 8th.

The following operations will be unchanged:

- The site is open from 9am - 12pm. Please note no additional cars will be allowed to join the line after 12pm, but all vehicles in line at that time will be accepted, even if it goes beyond 12pm.
- The price is \$5 for the first carload (\$3 for same day returning car) and \$10 per pickup truck, van or trailer.
- Branches up to 8" in diameter are accepted.
- Proof of residency is required.

Due to COVID-19, please note the following changes to the standard program:

- **Please bring exact change** - you will be asked to insert your *cash/check* directly into a payment drop box on the site. Village staff will be unable to provide any change.
- **You will need to unload your own vehicle** - you will be directed to drive into the site to where you will unload any brush. Due to social distancing requirements, Village staff will not be available to assist in unloading material.

Please be patient - with the changes in access and unloading, it is anticipated that the event will run slower than normal and wait times for access into the site will be extended.

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Mayor Cunningham proclaimed May 2021 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month during the [Thursday, May 6 Village Board Meeting](#). The focus of this month is to celebrate and pay tribute to the contributions generations of Asian/Pacific Americans have made to American history, society, and culture. [Read the full proclamation here.](#)

Woodridge Rotary Club Large Recycling Event

The [annual Recycling Extravaqanza](#), 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 found on the [event flyer](#).

Village Accepting Applications for Temporary Office Help

The Village of Woodridge is seeking [temporary office assistance](#) on a part-time, 30-hour per week basis, in the Public Works Department. This position performs a variety of routine clerical and administrative duties for the department and coordinates the department's service request process. Applicants must be 18 years old to apply. More information on the [Village's Human Resources webpage](#).

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.

Interested in Serving our Woodridge Community? Please Consider Serving on the Village's New Human Relations Advisory Committee

Last October, Mayor Cunningham and the Village Board unanimously approved [Resolution #2020-81](#) "Celebrating the Diversity of our Community and Affirming the Village's Commitment to Diversity, Equality, Equity, and Inclusion for All." As part of that Resolution, they approved the creation of an ad hoc Village Human Relations Advisory Committee ("the Committee") whose purpose would be to help: (i) deepen the Village's understanding of diversity, equality, equity, and inclusion, and (ii) facilitate meaningful community connections, conversations, and dialogue around diversity on behalf of the Village and all of our Woodridge neighbors.

Anticipated Time Commitment

- Monthly meetings – approx. 1-2 hours/month.
- Occasional evenings or weekends, as needed, for community outreach meetings or events
- Committee Term Length: 1-2 years (estimated)

Qualifications/How to Apply:

The Mayor and Board are seeking community members of diverse backgrounds who are interested in dedicating their time to the Committee. If you are interested in serving our Village in this important capacity, please submit a Letter of Interest and a summary of your qualifications that you believe make you an ideal candidate to serve on the Committee.

There are two ways to apply:

1. Mail or email: Please send your Letter of Interest and resume to the attention of: Mayor Gina Cunningham, 5 Plaza Drive, Woodridge, IL 60517 or via e-mail gcunningham@woodridgeil.gov.
2. Online application: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7NWJZWL>

First review of applications will begin on May 14.

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](#).

Health Department Partners with Local First Responders to Vaccinate Homebound Residents

The DuPage County Health Department (DCHD) is partnering with the DuPage County Fire Chiefs Association, Region 8 Emergency Medical Service System (EMS), and local Fire Departments to expand current efforts to vaccinate homebound individuals in DuPage County. This partnership will help ensure that any homebound individual who cannot safely leave their residence is able to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

To support the homebound vaccination program, DCHD is maintaining and coordinating a list of homebound individuals who have registered for COVID-19 vaccine as well as providing the necessary vaccine and supplies to perform this critical work. Any individuals, age 16 years and older, who are homebound or have difficulty getting to a vaccination clinic are eligible for the program and may register at www.dupagehealth.org/covid19vaccineregistration, or call (630) 682-7400 for assistance.

Getting Back on the Road? Reminders to Keep Yourself and Others Safe

As the weather gets warmer and the COVID restrictions loosen, the Village wants to remind drivers to be attentive and safe, while highlighting some rules of the road.

- School is still in session and it is illegal to pass a stopped bus with its stop sign arm out and red lights flashing.
- Many people have picked up biking and walking during the pandemic. Drivers should be aware of others on the road especially walkers and students in crosswalks. Bikers and walkers at night should wear light colored and reflective gear.
- Woodridge is made up of many neighborhoods with residents and families out and about. Please follow all posted speed limits, especially in residential areas. If you don't know the speed limit in Woodridge or it isn't posted, you should drive 25 MPH.

Other relevant information includes the Illinois Secretary of State [Driving Rules of the Road](#) and [Bicycling Rules of the Road](#)

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](#).

Call Before You Dig and What Do Those Different Flags Mean?

Have you noticed more small flags in your neighborhood? That's another sign of spring. After you have notified JULIE, each utility member is responsible to locate and mark their own underground lines with paint or flags within two working days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays). [See what those different little flags mean in your yard](#).

Also, remember to call 8-1-1 to have JULIE locate underground utilities.

May 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 [May 2021 Water Bill Brief](#) is now online, or accessible through the link above in the left hand column.

Help Protect Basic Services in Our Community - Restore Local Government Distributive Fund Payments

The Village of Woodridge has joined 275 municipalities throughout the area in urging Springfield to restore local revenue payments. The Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) is generated from income taxes paid by local residents and businesses and collected by the State before it gets redistributed back to municipalities.

LGDF funds help pay for essential services, such as police services, road repairs and maintenance, garbage collection and flood prevention.

The State promised 10 percent of total income tax collections to municipalities on a per capita basis through the fund in lieu of a local income tax. But in recent years, the State has reduced the LGDF share from 10 to 6.06 percent.

Now, Springfield is considering taking additional money from LGDF this year, which would make local governments even more reliant on property taxes when they are challenged to balance their own budgets and maintain essential services.

We encourage you to contact your State Senator and Representative and let them know that you: 1) oppose further LGDF cuts; and 2) support restoring LGDF payments to the full 10 percent level that had been promised.

Restoring LGDF dollars to our community will help relieve the property tax burden and help ensure that basic services remain in place moving forward.

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.

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