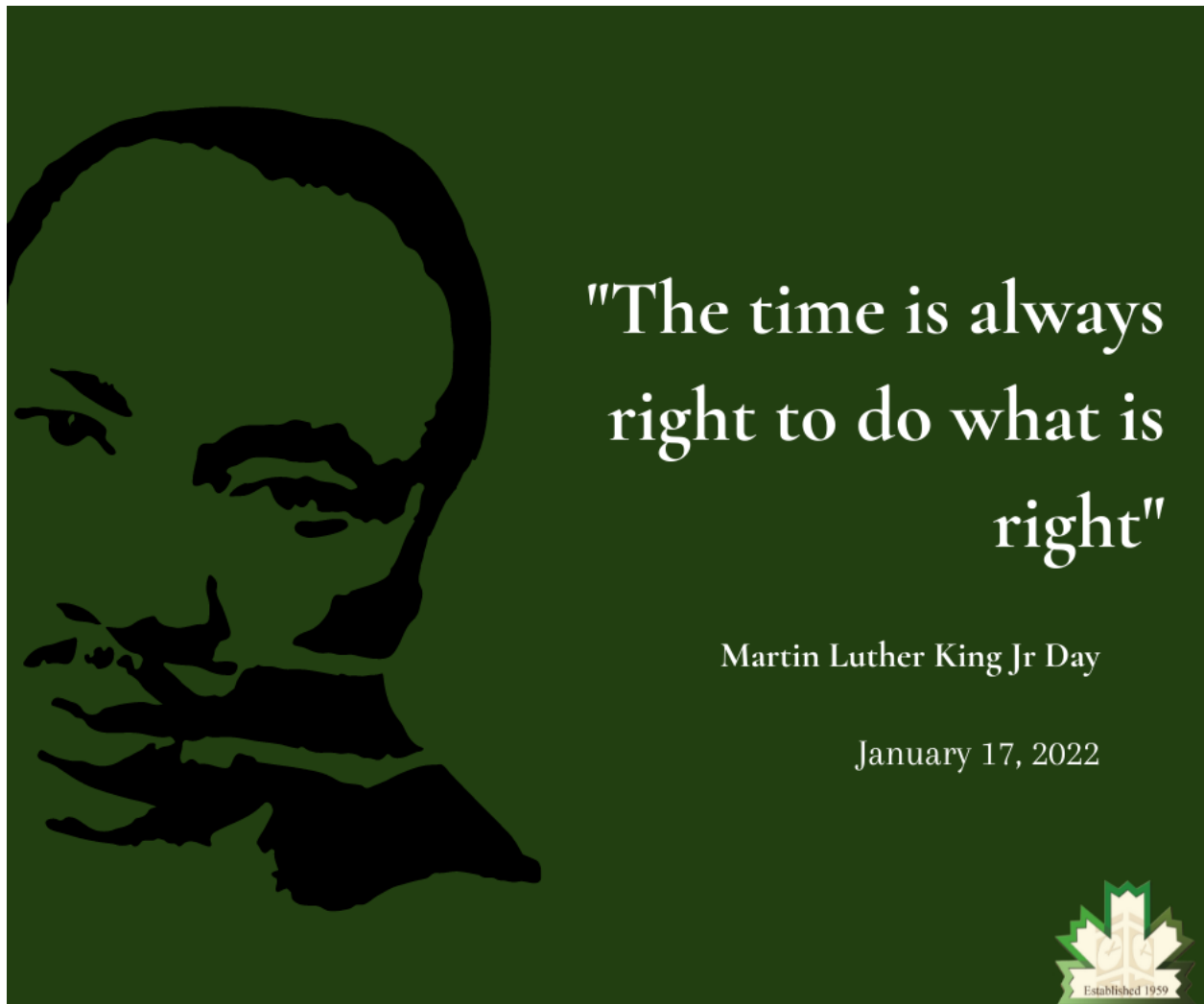




Woodridge E-News

January 14, 2022

Greetings!



Martin Luther King Jr. Day

On Monday, January 17, we celebrate the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. He envisioned a world where everyone can reach their full human potential. On Thursday, January 13, the Woodridge Public Library hosted "In the Belly of the Beast: King in Chicago" that highlighted Dr. Martin Luther King's time in Chicago & his impact on the city as well as on our nation's history.

College of DuPage will recognize the life and legacy of [Dr. Martin Luther King Junior with a virtual presentation](#) featuring students and remarks from President Dr. Brian Caputo, members of the staff and faculty. The 2022 College of DuPage Dr. Martin Luther King virtual presentation will take place on Monday, Jan. 17, 8 a.m. and will air on the College of DuPage Facebook Page throughout the day.

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Village Board Meeting
January 20, 2022, 7:00 p.m.
Werch Board Room
5 Plaza Drive

Board of Police Commissioners
January 24, 2022, 6:30 p.m.
Training Room, 2nd Fl.
5 Plaza Drive

Plan Commission
February 7, 2022, 7 p.m.
Training Room, 2nd Fl.
5 Plaza Drive

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Village Board Meeting and Adult Use Cannabis Workshop

The Village Board will hold a Workshop to discuss the reconsideration of the current local ban on adult-use cannabis, including sales, manufacturing, and cultivation. This Workshop discussion will be held on Thursday, Jan. 20, 2022, immediately following the Regular Meeting of the Village Board at 7:00 p.m. No formal action will take place at this Workshop. Click [here](#) for the agenda item.

The Mayor and Village Board value community input and public comment. Due to the current surge in COVID-19 cases, the Board Meeting & Workshop will be a virtual meeting with an opportunity for public comment.

The opportunities for the public to view and/or participate in the meeting are as follows:

- [Sign up to speak to the Village Board via Zoom](#). Please note that comments are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker.
- Watch the Livestream of the meeting through the YouTube link that will be available on the [Village of Woodridge website](#) on the day of the meeting.
- E-mail comments to PublicComment@vil.woodridge.il.us by 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting
- Call 630-719-4901 and leave a voicemail with your comment by 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting

Please visit the Village's [Public Comment website](#) page for more information about public comment protocols.

Background

In 2019, Illinois passed the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act. On Jan. 1, 2020, Illinois became the 11th state to legalize recreational cannabis. The Village Board held a number of meetings, solicited public input, and received information regarding adult-use cannabis. The Village Board passed an ordinance on Thursday, Dec. 5, 2019 prohibiting cannabis-based businesses from operating within the Village of Woodridge.

In 2020, the Village Board passed an ordinance to place an advisory referendum question on the ballot to gather input from the electorate as to whether adult-use cannabis business establishments should be allowed in Woodridge. The April 6, 2021, consolidated general election referendum results show that 55.40% of the Woodridge electorate was in favor of allowing adult-use cannabis business establishments, while 44.6 percent were opposed.

Please visit the [Village's Adult-Use Cannabis webpage](#) to view the timeline of events, which includes links to related materials and a listing of FAQ's.

Woodridge Welcomes Officer Boda and Officer Nicholas

The Woodridge Police Department welcomed two new police officers on Monday, Jan. 10. Village

Clerk Joseph Heneghan swore in Officer Luke Boda and Officer Sean Nicholas. They will start the police academy next week down in Champaign, Ill.



Garbage Schedule: Regular Garbage Collection Next Week

Groot's garbage collection schedule remains unchanged next week and is not impacted by the Martin Luther King Day holiday on Monday, January 17.



Now Hiring: Planner in the Community Development Department

Join our team! The Village of Woodridge is hiring a Planner in the Community Development Department. The Village of Woodridge seeks talented people in accordance with our mission to achieve a high quality of life by providing superior services in a fiscally responsible manner.

Please visit the [Woodridge Human Resources website](#) for more information.



Woodridge Junior Woman's Club Scholarship Application 2022

Do you know any high school seniors living in Woodridge? If so, please share this scholarship

opportunity from the Woodridge Junior Woman's Club.

Scholarship Description:

This scholarship recognizes Woodridge high school seniors for their community service contributions, as well as scholastic achievement.

Community service includes:

volunteer work for community organizations, service-oriented school organizations, individual efforts to help others and improve the local community, and activities connected with service-learning programs in the school district, among others.

This is a one-time \$500.00 scholarship payable to the educational institution after proof of enrollment to a post-secondary educational institution.

Other Information:

Scholarships will be paid directly to the educational institution upon enrollment.

Scholarship winners will be announced in April 2022.

All decisions made by the scholarship committee will be final.

Please mail your completed application, letters of reference, and a copy of your transcript by the deadline date of March 18, 2022 to:

Woodridge Junior Woman's Club
Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 5221
Woodridge, IL 60517

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Ann Frank at 630-890-1585 or Email: mafrank1234@gmail.com

The scholarship application is available [here](#).

Reminder: Community Development Launches New Permits FAQ Website

Have you ever wondered why you need a final inspection? If a permit is required to install new windows? What is a play of survey?

The answers to these questions and more are available on the new Community Development [Permits FAQ website](#).



Attorney General Raoul Encourages IL Residents to be Cautious of Pop-Up COVID-19 Testing Sites

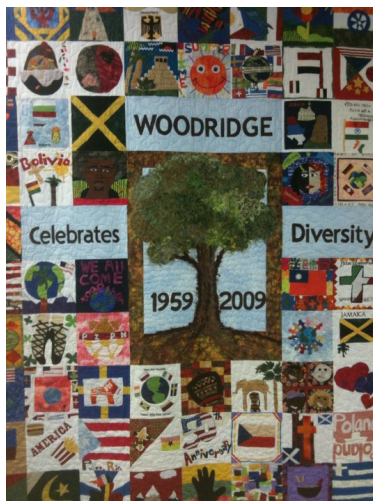
Chicago — As the omicron variant continues to spread, increasing the number of positive COVID-19 cases throughout Illinois, Attorney General Kwame Raoul today issued guidance regarding “pop-up” COVID-19 testing sites and price gouging of at-home rapid tests.

A nationwide shortage of COVID-19 tests and available testing appointments has led many Illinois residents to turn to what are known as “pop-up” testing sites. These testing sites are not licensed or regulated by any government agency, and the Attorney General’s office cannot confirm the legitimacy of individual pop-up testing locations. The Attorney General’s office is offering guidance and encouraging people to exercise caution before visiting any testing site.

“The omicron variant has compelled many residents to seek COVID-19 testing in order to protect themselves and their families. The increased need for testing has also resulted in testing shortages, leading people to visit so-called ‘pop-up’ testing locations,” Raoul said. “It is important for people to know that these sites are not licensed or regulated by a government agency, and they should ask questions before visiting a pop-up testing location – or try to utilize a state-sponsored testing site.”

Attorney General Raoul recommends that people first try to utilize a state-sponsored testing site to the extent possible. Individuals can contact their health care providers for testing or testing center recommendations.

Flashback Friday: Diversity Quilt, 2009



Woodridge celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2009, and children in grades 4-8 in Woodridge School District 68 and St. Scholastica School participated in a diversity quilt project. The quilt features flags and faces from Bolivia, India, Jamaica, Poland, Pakistan, Greece, and more.

Making the Quilt:

First, the children drew their designs on paper. These designs were entered into a contest where a panel of five judges selected the 71 designs for the quilt. The children then received fabric and scrap fabric to make their finished quilt squares. Experts at Pieceful Heart Fabrics then sewed the quilt squares together and then sent to a long arm quilter for finishing. The quilt is now on display at the Woodridge Public Library.

Got a flashback photo? [Send it to us](#), and it could be featured in the next issue.

IN AND AROUND WOODRIDGE

Baroque Showcase

Presented By: Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra | January 15, 2022 | Mayslake Peabody Estate | 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM

Join the Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra to hear wonderful renditions of:

Handel: Sonata from Il Trionfo del Tempo e Della Verita
Bach: Brandenburg Concerto no 5 in D major, BWV 1050
Vivaldi: Concerto Grosso in D Minor (Op. 3, No. 11, RV 565)
Telemann: Overture-Suite in C major, TV 55 no C 3 "Wassermusik."

Virtual Tax Return Program

Learn about changes for the 2021 tax returns with local tax expert Judi Strauss during a virtual program hosted by the Woodridge Library on Wednesday, January 19 at 6:30 p.m. [Pre-register](#) to receive a Zoom link to attend online.

Adopt a Stuffed Animal Reading Buddy

Woodridge Public Library | January 17, 2022 – January 23, 2022

Warm up with a cup of hot cocoa and read to your stuffed animal reading buddy.

1. Choose your stuffed animal.
2. Fill out an adoption certificate.
3. Promise to read to your new friend for 15 minutes every day!

*The stuffed animal is yours to keep forever! Animals have been donated but are in great condition but feel free to give them a bath when you get home. No registration, drop in anytime for this free opportunity.

Jigsaw Puzzle Exchange

Bring a gently used, complete 300 piece or more jigsaw puzzle to the Woodridge Public Library

on Saturday, January 15 from noon to 3:00 p.m. and [exchange](#) it for a used, but “new to you” puzzle of your choice.

Open House - St. Scholastica Catholic School – January 30 following 10:00 a.m. mass – 7700 Janes Ave. in Woodridge

You’re invited to join [St. Scholastica School](#) for their open house. St. Scholastica welcomes new families interested in the school. It’s a great opportunity for families to learn about St. Scholastica School and all they have to offer. The open house is for parents and students of all grades K-8.



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