



Woodridge E-News

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Greetings!



Woodridge Snow and Ice Removal: Salt Brining

While the most common technique to remove ice is with road salt, the Village of Woodridge supplements its road salting operations by utilizing snow and ice control equipment. Referred to as a brining system, this anti-icing equipment allows for the application of liquid salt brine onto roads prior to a snow event. This helps prevent a bond from forming between the snow and/or ice and the roadway, resulting in a situation where the snow and ice either melts, or is easier to plow away. A benefit of utilizing this system is a reduction of salt material and labor costs.

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VILLAGE MEETINGS

Board of Police Commissioners

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

Village Board Meeting
February 3, 2022, 7:00 p.m.
Werch Board Room
5 Plaza Drive

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

Water Bill Brief

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Video: Village Board Meeting and Adult Use Cannabis Workshop

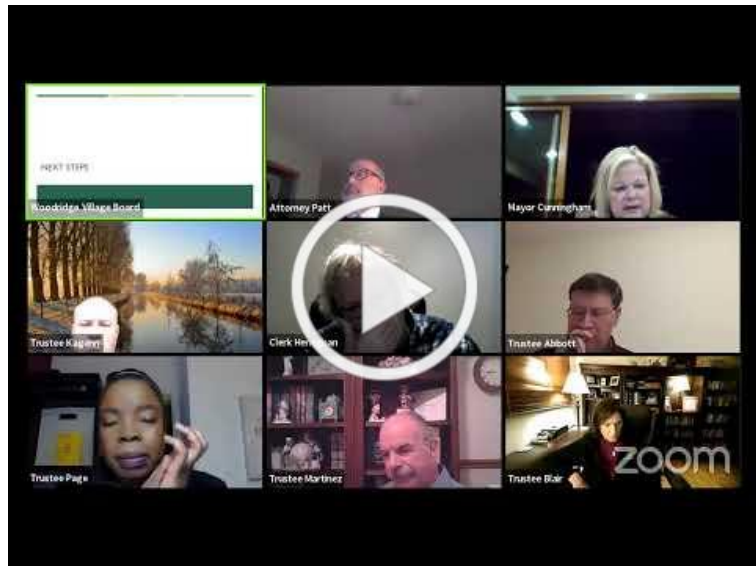
The Village Board held a Workshop yesterday to discuss the reconsideration of the current local ban on adult-use cannabis, including sales, manufacturing, and cultivation. No formal action took place at this Workshop. Agenda packet: [Mayor and Board of Trustees Workshop Meeting 1/20/22](#).

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. For information about how to submit a public comment, please visit the [Woodridge Public Comment](#) website.



LGDF HELPS FUND SERVICES!

- Public Safety
- Road Repairs and Maintenance
- Community Events
- Snow Removal
- Flood Prevention

**Urge lawmakers to restore the Local
Government Distributive Fund**

#RestoreLGDF



DID YOU KNOW ?

Until 2011, 10% of Illinois total income tax collections came back to municipalities through LGDF to fund critical and core services. Today, only 6.06% comes back to municipalities.

#RestoreLGDF



Help Our Community Restore Local Funding

Woodridge is joining communities across the state in urging Springfield to restore local funding for essential services and to fulfill the State's agreement with municipal governments. The Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) is a portion of Illinois income taxes, paid by our local residents and businesses, that are collected by the State and redistributed back to municipalities on a per capita basis. LGDF helps fund services that our residents rely on.

From the inception of Illinois' income tax in 1969, the General Assembly agreed to allocate 1/12 of income tax revenue back to Illinois municipalities in lieu of a local income tax. In 1993, the General Assembly agreed to increase the allocation to 10 percent to ensure that municipalities have a reliable source of funding to invest in our communities. However, since 2011, the State has reduced the LGDF share from 10 to just 6.06 percent.

Woodridge should be able to rely on predictable funding levels and consistent distribution of funds each year. State legislators have an opportunity to restore LGDF in 2022, which could help reduce the reliance on property and other taxes without increasing income taxes for our residents and businesses.

You can help by making your voice heard in Springfield! Please contact your State Senator and Representative and let them know that you support restoring promised LGDF funding this year. Contact information for your local representatives can be found at bit.ly/MyILRep.

Jim Stewart VFW Memorial Scholarship

School District 99

Woodridge Memorial VFW Post 1578, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, has established a scholarship with the intention of assisting one or more high school students in their pursuit of continuing education. This scholarship was named after former Post Commander Jim Stewart, an Iraqi war veteran, who was very active with many of the VFW causes. Jim died in 1999 after a battle with pancreatic cancer. The applicant must demonstrate the spirit of what Comrade Stewart believed in – namely his patriotic and community based principles.

Eligibility – The applicant must be a descendant of a VFW-eligible veteran. That is, he or she must be a son or daughter, granddaughter or grandson, great-granddaughter or great-grandson, or brother or sister of a veteran who is/was eligible for membership into the VFW. That veteran need not be a current member, however. Proof of eligibility is required (DD Form 214). The applicant must be graduating from either Downers Grove North or Downers Grove South High School (CSD 99) in the current year with plans to pursue a higher education. This refers to schooling beyond the high school level, whether academic, vocational, or technical, taken at any state accredited institution of learning or training. A maximum of two \$1,000.00 scholarships will be awarded for the 2021-2022 school year.

The Application Form is available at www.woodridgevfw.net/scholarships as well as the VFW Eligibility Form.

Deadlines – The deadline for student applications is March 25, 2022 with the announcement of the winners made by April 15, 2022.

Questions – Address any questions to woodridgevfw@gmail.com or leave a message on the Post answering machine at 630-910-1578. Be sure and leave a return phone number with your message.



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DuPage County Announces Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program

Wheaton – DuPage County Community Services is accepting applications for the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) to assist income-eligible households with their water and wastewater

fees.

Residents can call to set up an appointment beginning Jan. 24; the program will begin Feb. 1 and runs through Aug. 31, 2023, or until funds are depleted. Applications will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis by appointment only. Income-eligible homeowners and renters may receive one-time assistance to help with water and wastewater bills, reconnection of water service, and water bill arrearages.

Households must have a past-due bill of at least \$250 and be at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level to receive a benefit from the LIHWAP program.

The 30-day income guidelines are based on federal poverty guidelines, which are: \$2,147 for a single individual household, \$2,903 for a household of two, \$3,660 for three-member households, and \$4,417 for a household of four. To find limits for households with five or more members, please visit <https://www.dupageco.org/lihwap>.



Flashback Friday: The First Woodridge Police Department Squad Car



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

IN AND AROUND WOODRIDGE

Virtual Program: Historic Instruments of Illinois

Join American roots musician and folklorist Chris Vallillo on Thursday, January 27 at 7:00 p.m. for a virtual program for the Woodridge Library. Vallillo will discuss Illinois instrument building as he performs period music on over a dozen historic instruments. [Pre-register](#) to receive a Zoom link to attend online. This event is hosted in partnership with the Illinois Humanities Road Scholars Speakers Bureau.

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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