



E-NEWS

Village of Woodridge

March 11, 2022

Greetings!



Doughnut Co. partnered with the Woodridge Police Department for Coffee with a Cop today. Coffee with a Cop builds upon the Woodridge Police Department's community outreach initiatives. There was no meeting agenda, speeches, or specific topics. Just informal conversations about what matters to Woodridge community members.

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VILLAGE MEETINGS

Village Board Meeting
March 17, 2022, 7:00 p.m.
Werch Board Room
5 Plaza Drive

Board of Police Commissioners
March 28, 2022, 6:30 p.m.
Training Room, 2nd Fl.
5 Plaza Drive

Village Board Meeting
April 7, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

LGDF — Local Share of State Income Tax Revenue: A Critical Investment

Werch Board Room
5 Plaza Drive

Water Bill Brief

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You can help amplify
the message to restore
LGDF funding by
contacting your state
senators and state
representatives.



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Woodridge and other Illinois communities risk of losing LGDF funding as part of the State of Illinois's budget deliberations. The Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) is a designated portion of state income tax revenues. Cities and counties currently receive a percentage of total state income tax revenues through this fund on a per capita basis. In 2020, Woodridge received **\$3,582,923** from LGDF.

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 place of a local income tax. In 1993, the General Assembly decided 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, Illinois has reduced the LGDF share from 10 to just 6.06 percent. At a time now when Illinois is receiving record revenues, the forced subsidy of state services by municipalities should end. Municipal services affect every resident in Illinois, and it is important to restore the original 10 percent allocation of income tax revenue.

Together with communities across Illinois, Woodridge is asking legislators to restore the LGDF to the 10 percent of income tax proceeds. As a part of this, you can help amplify the message to restore LGDF funding by contacting your state senators and state representatives.

Share your support for HB 4169 and SB 3010 to restore LGDF funding to our municipalities. LGDF is a critical source of funding for our community. Illinois should not only stop reductions to LGDF, but increase payments to previously promised levels, which could prevent increases in property and other taxes. Help us #RestoreLGDF today by [contacting your State Senator and Representative](#).

Approaching Woodridge Scholarship Deadlines

The Village of Woodridge compiled existing scholarship opportunities for students, including the Jim Stewart VFW Memorial Scholarship, 2022 Junior Woman's Club Scholarship, 2022 Woodridge Rotary Club Service Above Self Scholarships, and 2022 Woodridge Rotary Club Scott Urban Music Scholarship, and the recently added 2022 Kiwanis Club of Woodridge Scholarship.

Some of the scholarships have deadlines by the end of the month. [Click here for more information, links to applications, and deadlines.](#)

Now hiring: Full-Time Summer Seasonal Employment: Public Works



Full-time positions, 40 hours per week. Hours are Monday-Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Salary is \$18.00 per hour. Work involves manual labor and is primarily outdoors. Duties include assisting streets, water, and sewer and fleet maintenance crews with daily operations. Uniforms and personal safety equipment and on the job training provided by the Village. For more information, please visit the [Woodridge Human Resources website](#).

Kindergarten Pre-Registration for Woodridge 68



Do you have a student eligible for kindergarten attendance for the 2022-23 school year? If so, mark your calendar for Woodridge School District 68's kindergarten pre-registration to be held on Wednesday, April 6 from 3:30-7:00pm. Register at your child's [home elementary school](#).

Children currently enrolled in the blended preschool program need not attend, but will need to complete returning student registration. Children must be five years of age on or before September 1, 2022, and the student's birth certificate must be presented.

More detailed information is available by clicking the 'Registration' button on the [district website](#) or going directly to [woodridge68.org/registration](#).

WSCP Seeking Volunteers

**SUPPORT WEST SUBURBAN
COMMUNITY PANTRY'S MISSION:
REGISTER TO VOLUNTEER TODAY!**



Did you know that volunteers spent 16,566 hours assisting the [West Suburban Community Pantry](#) (WSCP) in 2020? That's incredible! From stocking shelves to helping customers, volunteers power the WSCP mission.

Right now, WSCP is struggling to meet the community's need for meals. [Learn how you can donate time to help.](#)

Woodridge Park District Job Fair March 19



Need a part-time or summer job? Attend the Woodridge Park District Job Fair on Saturday, March 19 at the ARC! You can interact with Park District staff, submit your digital application, and share your resume. In addition, some staff will be conducting on-site interviews and/or scheduling interviews for a later date.

[View available jobs here](#)

Reminder: Holiday Light Recycling Ends March 25



There's still time to recycle your holiday lights! Are you unsure what to do with that tangled mess of string lights? Through March 25, 2022, Elgin Recycling is collecting holiday lights to recycle.

Please, do not put lights in plastic or paper bags or boxes... only the lights for the bins. Thank you!

ComEd: Arbor Day - Customer Tree Giveaway



ComEd will be having an annual energy-saving trees giveaway soon! The website ArborDay.org/ComEd will go live on March 21. The saplings are first come, first serve!

These freebies are low-growing, utility-compatible species. ComEd advises those interested in the Customer Tree Giveaway to follow them on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for the latest information.

DuPage County Offering Utility Assistance

DuPage County Community Services is accepting applications for two programs that provide funds for income-eligible residents who need help paying water and energy utility bills.

Heating and Energy

[Applications for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program](#) (LIHEAP), which can be used to assist households with their natural gas, propane, and electric bills, are being accepted through May 31.

Water and Wastewater

[Applications for the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program](#) to assist income-eligible households with their water and wastewater fees will be accepted through Aug. 31, 2023, or until funds are depleted.

DuPage Transportation Capital Program

Road construction season will soon be underway! The DuPage County Division of Transportation announced its 2022 Capital Program on March 1, focusing on maintaining and improving the County's infrastructure.

The 2022 Highway Capital Program proposes nearly \$53.5 million in federal and County funds to maintain existing infrastructure, while also implementing projects to improve safety and relieve congestion. Fifty-three lane miles of DuPage County highway are due to be patched and resurfaced under the plan. These projects will improve rideability and extend the service life of existing pavement. For additional information and to view a full list of the DuPage County transportation projects, visit dupageco.org/dot/construction.

DuPage County, SCARCE to Host 16th Annual Sustainable Design Challenge

DuPage County and SCARCE are now accepting project registrations from local high school students for the 16th annual Sustainable Design Challenge. Scheduled for April 5, the Sustainable Design Challenge encourages students to construct building and landscape models using environmental and water-friendly design practices.

Registration will be open through March 25. Schools may opt to participate in person or virtually. For in-person participation, safety measures will be enforced, and judging will be held in shifts. For information on participating in this year's challenge, visit scarce.org/sustainable-design-2.

Flashback Friday: 2008 Cultural Fest - Weber Irish Dancers



Do you have a flashback photo? [Send it to us](#), and it could be featured in the next E-News issue.

IN AND AROUND WOODRIDGE

Drum Tao

- Presented By: College of DuPage
- Dates: March 12, 2022
- Location: McAninch Arts Center at College of DuPage
- Time: 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM
- Price: \$49 (A) | \$40 (B)

You loved them via Facebook Livestream – now finally see this invigorating performance in person!

More than 8 million spectators across the world have experienced TAO's modern, pulsating, high-energy performances. Combining highly physical, large-scale Japanese drumming with contemporary costumes, precise choreography, and innovative visuals, the performers create an unforgettable production. Purchase tickets here.

Pot O'Gold Craft Kit for Kids

Starting March 14 pick up a free St. Patrick's Day craft "Pot O'Gold" kit, perfect for kids in preschool through third grade, at the Woodridge Public Library: while supplies last.

Guide to Spring Tree Planting: Virtual Program

The Woodridge Library will host ISA-certified arborist Debbie Fluegel on Tuesday, March 15 at 7:00 p.m. With experience helping communities recover from wind events and other disasters as part of the Illinois Urban Forest Strike Team, she will focus on proper planting, questions to ask at the nursery, and care issues for local homeowners. [Pre-register](#) to receive a Zoom link to attend this virtual program.

Virtual Raptor Show

See owls, hawks, and other birds up-close in this virtual program from *Wings and Talons* raptor handlers on Saturday, March 26 at 11:00 a.m. [Pre-register](#) for this kid-friendly program through the Woodridge Public Library and you will receive a Zoom link to attend online.

Have feedback regarding Woodridge E-News? [Click here!](#)

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