



# E-NEWS

Village of Woodridge

**August 25, 2023**

*Greetings!*

## **Woodridge Warhol Food Drive**



Look for the Andy Warhol themed soup can barrels around Woodridge! The Village of Woodridge, the Woodridge Public Library, and the West Suburban Community Pantry are teaming up to bring a community food drive to the citizens of Woodridge running from August 7 - September 10.

Donation locations include: **Woodridge Village Hall** ( 5 Plaza Dr.), **The Woodridge Public Library** ( 3 Plaza Dr.), **Fred C. Hohnke Community Center** ( 2600 Center Dr.), **The Woodridge Park District ARC** (8201 Janes Ave.), **Woodridge Jewel-Osco** (2317 75th St.), **Skeleton Key Brewery** (8102 Lemont Rd. # 300), **Robert F. Girgis, DDC, LTC. Orthodontist** ( 7350 Janes Ave.)

### **VILLAGE MEETINGS**

**Board of Police  
Commissioners Meeting**

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**Citizen's Leadership Academy**



August 28 at 6:30 pm  
2nd Floor Training Room  
5 Plaza Drive

**Village Board Meeting**  
September 7 at 7:00 p.m.  
Werch Board Room  
5 Plaza Drive

**Human Relations  
Advisory Committee  
Meeting**

September 12 at 6:00 pm  
2nd Floor Training Room  
5 Plaza Drive

**Plan Commission Meeting**  
September 18 at 7:00 p.m.  
Werch Board Room  
5 Plaza Drive

### **Water Bill Brief**

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# CITIZEN'S LEADERSHIP ACADEMY



**TUESDAY NIGHTS  
FROM 6:30-8:30 PM  
9/19/23-10/24/23**



**VILLAGE OF  
WOODRIDGE**



The Citizen Leadership Academy provides an in-depth education on many aspects of the Village, including a review of all units of local government within Woodridge, a comprehensive review of Village operations, the Village's communication and transparency efforts, and future opportunities to serve the Woodridge community. A previous participant stated, "I have a much better understanding of how things work in the Village in which I live."

*\*With one Monday Session on 9/25 instead of Tuesday*

Contact Andie Trucco  
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for more information

Learn about the Village of Woodridge and how local government functions at the Citizen's Leadership Academy! This is a free community education program where participants will meet 6 times from September 19 through October 24 (Tuesday nights). To join, contact Andie Trucco at [atrucco@woodridgeil.gov](mailto:atrucco@woodridgeil.gov).

## **Welcome to Woodridge, Officer Neal Hosper!**



Congratulations and welcome to Officer Neal Hosper who was recently sworn into the Woodridge Police Department!

## **Now Hiring Lateral Police Officers**

The Woodridge Police Department is now accepting applications for the position of Lateral Police Officer. Starting salary (DOQ) up to \$93,808. Join a professional, progressive law enforcement agency consisting of 51 sworn officers (one Chief, two Deputy Chiefs, seven Sergeants, and 41 patrol officers).

[Click here](#) for more information and to apply.



## Heat Safety Facts & Tips from the State of Illinois



Heat is one of the leading weather related killers in the United States. Yet, anyone can overcome and avoid heat related injuries.

Here are some heat related facts & tips to keep in mind:

- In July 1995, extreme heat contributed to more than 700 deaths in the Chicago area
- Heat-related illnesses includes heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke
- Stay well hydrated but avoid alcohols, sugary beverages, and caffeinated drinks
- Consume at least 1.5 to 2 quarts of fluids daily
- Wear loose, lightweight, and light-colored clothing
- Closely monitor children, the elderly, and those who need special care during intense heat
- Do not leave children or pets in a closed vehicle, even for short periods. On a hot day, temperatures inside a closed vehicle can soar to 140°F - 190°F within 30 minutes
- If outside, stay in the shade or under awnings as much as possible
- Keep lights in your home low or off, keep shades drawn, and avoid using the oven
- Keep rooms well ventilated with air conditioners or fans
- If you don't have AC or fans, keep your windows open
- Take periodic cool baths or showers. Use cool wet towels to cool off
- Exposure to AC, even a few hours a day, will reduce the risk for heat-related illness
- Visit cooling centers, public pools, and air-conditioned stores and malls

Looking for a cooling center? [Click here.](#)



### Village Offices & Library Closed for Labor Day

Village of Woodridge Offices will be closed on Monday, September 4 in observance of Labor Day. Offices will re-open on Tuesday, September 5 at 8:00 am.

The Woodridge Public Library will also be closed on September 4. Outdoor book returns will remain open as well the the 24/7 [download stream](#) where library card holders can download books or movies.

### Reminder: Labor Day Garbage Pickup

A friendly reminder that garbage, recycling, and yard waste pickup will be delayed by one day for residents who typically have a Monday and Tuesday pickup day due to Labor Day.

- If your usual pickup day is Monday (September 4), your garbage will be picked up on Tuesday (September 5)



- If your usual pickup day is Tuesday (September 5), your garbage will be picked up on Wednesday (September 6)
- No change to Thursday (September 7) and Friday (September 8) pickups



## Woodridge Remembers September 11, 2001



### September 11 Remembrance Ceremony

Every year, Lisle and Woodridge hold a Remembrance Ceremony to honor those who have been affected by the tragic events of September 11, 2001. The Woodridge community is invited to attend this ceremony alongside our Lisle neighbors. This year's ceremony will take place on Monday, September 11 outside Woodridge Village Hall (5 Plaza Dr.) at 8:30 am.



### Change Your Outdoor Lights to Honor Police & Firefighters this September!

As September 11 approaches, let's honor and show support for our Woodridge Police Officers & Fire Fighters from September 8 through September 17 by displaying blue and/or red light porch lights.



## DuPage County to Host Community Forums

DuPage County will host four community forums in September for residents to provide feedback as the County works to update its strategic plan. The forum will provide an opportunity for residents to discuss their budgetary and community priorities for the new strategic plan, which will guide the County for the next five years.

The four forums will be held:

- September 6 from 12 to 1:30 p.m.
  - West Chicago Public Library, 118 W. Washington St., The Meeting Room, West Chicago
- September 6 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.
  - Elmhurst Public Library, 125 S. Prospect Ave., Kossmann Room, Elmhurst

- September 7 from 12 to 1:30 p.m.
  - Wheaton Public Library, 225 N. Cross St., Meeting Room A, Wheaton
- September 7 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.
  - Lisle Public Library, 777 Front St., Meeting Rooms A and B, Lisle

## Remember to Clean Up After Your Pet

Please remember to consider your neighbors when walking your pet around the neighborhood and in our public parks. A friendly reminder from the Woodridge Park District that it is your responsibility to leash, curb and clean up after your pet. Neighbors caught leaving a mess behind in Woodridge parks are subject to a \$25 fine.



## Congressman Foster Meet & Greet

Join Chamber630 for a Meet & Greet with Congressman Bill Foster on Tuesday, August 29 at 3:00 pm in Downers Grove (Chamber630 Office, 2001 Butterfield Rd., Ste. 105). Register for this free event [here](#).

## Expand Your Opportunities Business Enterprise Program & Workshop

Join the Will County Center for Economic Development, the State of Illinois Commission on Equity & Inclusion, and the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity for their first in-person Business Enterprise Program (BEP) on Thursday, September 7 from 5 - 6:30 pm at the Joliet Public Library (150 N. Ottawa St., Joliet).

The workshop will provide an overview of the program including vendor eligibility requirements, benefits of certification, and the process to apply and become certified. The BEP Program is for Minorities, Females, and Persons with Disabilities. The workshop is part of the efforts to continue to drive procurement access for these groups of business owners. Being certified is reciprocal and can lead to additional procurement opportunities.

Learn more and register [here](#).

## EXPAND YOUR OPPORTUNITIES

### Business Enterprise Program Certification Workshop

#### FREE IN-PERSON WORKSHOP

JOLIET PUBLIC LIBRARY  
Ottawa Street Branch  
150 N Ottawa St., Joliet, IL 60432

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7  
5:00-6:30 p.m.





## T Lorén Studio

Did you know that T Lorén recently moved locations? Find them at 2301 63rd Street in their brand new beautiful studio space! This female-owned and energetic all-inclusive salon offers haircuts, styling, color corrections, scalp treatments, makeup services, and even on-location wedding services! Their new studio also includes Nails by Leo and spray tanning by Simply Tan. See their work on [Instagram](#), or learn more [here](#).



Do you have a Woodridge business that you would like to see featured on E-News? [Send it to us](#) and it could be featured in the next E-News issue!

## IN AND AROUND WOODRIDGE



### No School Movie Afternoon

Join The Woodridge Public Library on Friday, September 1 at 1:30 pm for a movie and a snack during a school-free afternoon. This event is open to children, teens, and families. Register online [here](#).

**Choose DuPage Webinar Event**  
*How to do Business with Argonne*



## HOW TO DO BUSINESS WITH ARGONNE NATIONAL LABORATORY

A Connect DuPage Event  
September 13, 2023

### National Laboratory

Join Choose DuPage and other local small business owners on September 13 at 10:00 am for a virtual event to learn how to approach and engage with Argonne National Laboratory. Attendees will gain an understanding of what and how they buy, while learning to use the 6-step process that could help your business succeed. [Click here](#) to register and learn more.



### Job Fair for Teaching Assistants

Woodridge School District 68 will be holding a job fair for a number of open paraprofessional (teaching assistant) positions on Thursday, September 21 from 4 pm - 6 pm at the school district administration building (7925 Janes Ave.) More information about working for the school district can be found [here](#).



### Autumn Opener

Join Woodridge Park District on Sunday, September 24 from 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm for the Autumn Opener at Castaldo Park. Featuring build-your-own scarecrow, a magic show, games, a trackless train, and more. See the full schedule of events [here](#).



### Woodridge Oktoberfest

Get your fill of German food, music and beer at the 4th annual Woodridge Oktoberfest taking place on September 29 & September 30 in the Cypress Cove Family Aquatic Parking Lot. The two-day fest is jam-packed with live music, food vendors, a variety of beers featuring several local breweries, a photo booth and fun activities including a beer stein holding contest, pretzel toss, and more. View the full schedule of events [here](#).

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