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# Unity in the Community - I ♥ Woodridge Week

Use blue lights, ribbons, and more to celebrate Woodridge and our community! As noted in Mayor Cunningham's report during the June 18 Village Board Meeting, residents are encouraged to decorate their home, yard, or balcony with red, white, and blue from Friday, June 26 through Monday, July 6. The Village will be awarding a Woodridge restaurant gift card to a Woodridge resident as a prize for the best-decorated home. Enter your photos online.

This celebration ties into the 4th of July weekend us. Let's show our community togetherness and thank all of our community heroes; first responders, police, fire, veterans, and the women and men in active military service. We hope everyone has fun and gets involved - let's celebrate Woodridge!

# COVID-19 Information and Updates

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#### **Village Meetings**

### Village Board Meeting

July 16, 7:00 p.m. Werch Board Room 5 Plaza Drive

### Village Board Meeting

August 6, 7:00 p.m. Werch Board Room 5 Plaza Drive

#### **Water Bill Brief**

Click on the image below for the current edition of the monthly **Water Bill Brief** 

### Village Offices Closed on Friday, July 3

The Village of Woodridge will be closed on Friday, July 3, 2020 in observance of Independence Day.

### **Updates Regarding Phase 4**

Reopening of Village Buildings With the upcoming transition to Phase 4 under the Restore Illinois Plan, the Village Hall and Police/Public Works buildings will be reopening to the public on July 6. Over the past month, Village offices have been open to the public on an appointment basis with official Village business primarily being transacted via phone or online, as applicable. If your preference is to continue to conduct your Village business remotely, we encourage you to do so. Otherwise, walk-in visits will be permitted starting on July 6. Please note, anyone entering the building is required to wear a face covering over your mouth and nose and adhere to social distancing guidelines. Please do not enter the building if you are feeling unwell. We thank you for your cooperation and patience as we transition together. Visit the website for more information.

#### **Phase 4 - What Does This Mean**

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity released an informative <u>reopening business and returning people to work website</u> as it relates to Phase 4.

### Specially Called Plan Commission Meeting - Monday, June 29 Prairie Ridge Retirement Community

On Monday, June 29, 2020, at 7:30 p.m., the Woodridge Plan Commission will hold a specially called meeting to consider the following case:

Prairie Ridge Retirement Community - Southeast
Corner 75th Street & Route 53: Cameron General
Contractors has requested a Rezoning, Comprehensive Plan
Amendment, Special Use Permit for a Planned Unit
Development, and Preliminary PUD Plan and Plat approval for
the project known as Prairie Ridge, a senior independent
living facility, proposed for Route 53 & 75th Street. This
meeting is a continuation of the Plan Commission's
consideration that began at the March 2, 2020 meeting.

To ensure due process and transparency, a dedicated webpage has been created for the project, offering background information, plans and documents, and a specially recorded video presentation from the applicant to allow for increased public comment during the time of COVID-19. That website can be found here:



### **Quick Links**

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### Sign Up for Electronic Water Bills

Signing up for electronic water bills is as easy as sending an email by clicking here indicating that you would like to sign up. Electronic notifications will include an account summary and a link to the online system where you can view your account history. Sign up now!

<u>Village Staff</u> <u>Directory</u>

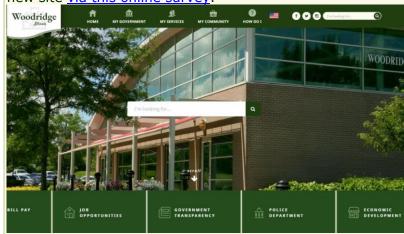
Village Board Meeting Video On

#### www.woodridgeil.gov/prairieridge

For more information on the upcoming Plan Commission consideration, please contact the Community Development Department at 630-719-4750.

### Visit the Village's New Website

The Village has been diligently developing and creating a new website for the Village of Woodridge. The new website layout was selected for its ease of use, navigability, presentation of information, and ability to be much more mobile friendly. Along with the new layout, the Village is excited to announce the creation and rollout of a new web address <a href="https://www.woodridgeil.gov">www.woodridgeil.gov</a>. We are excited for the launch of this new site and the ability to stay connected to our community! We're also seeking feedback - share your comments on the new site via this online survey.



# Recently Released Business Related Relief Opportunities

Governor JB Pritzker joined members of the Black, Latino and Asian Caucuses of the state legislature and small business owners to announce a package of state grant programs to support communities and businesses impacted by the pandemic and recent civil unrest. The package includes more than \$900 million across more than ten programs and four state agencies to help working families and small businesses who have been hit the hardest by COVID-19's economic impacts, which was compounded by recent property damage and civil unrest. Click here for more information.

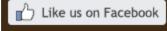
**DCEO Grant Opportunity:** The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) will launch the first round of Business Interruption Grants (BIG) by providing \$60 million to businesses experiencing losses or business interruption as a result of COVID-19 related closures. The BIG Program is

### WCTV Ch. 6 and On-Line

The Village airs videos
of Village Board
meetings
at 8:00 a.m., noon and
8:00 p.m. every day on
WCTV Channel 6. Video
can also be accessed
by visiting the Village's

### transparency webpage

or by <u>clicking here</u> to visit the web portal.





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available for up to 3,500 businesses that experienced a limited ability to operate due to COVID-19 related closures. Click here for eligibility and information. The program will begin accepting applications on Monday, June 22.

Choose DuPage Small Business Grant: In an effort to assist small businesses and independent contractors impacted by COVID-19, <u>DuPage County</u> in conjunction with <u>Choose DuPage</u> is providing grants to use for employee retention payroll, utilities, and rent. <u>Visit the Small Business Relief Grant Program website for additional information</u>.

### Library Building Reopening July 6 with Precautions

The Woodridge Library building reopens July 6 with COVID-19 safety measures in place. Anyone entering the building must wear a mask and follow social distancing guidelines. The building is reopening with its normal hours. Due to space capacity mandates, extended visits will not be possible. Visitors may come in and get books, DVDs, other materials, and use library resources. See the <u>library website</u> for details of the safety measures and available services.

### **July 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 <u>July 2020 Water Bill Brief</u> is now online, or accessible through the image in the left hand column.

### Water Billing Returns to Normal Schedule

The Village Board took action, back in April 2020, to provide relief to residents and businesses by suspending water disconnections and water late fee penalties. As the state and community reopens, the Village wants to remind you that as of July 1, water billing will return to normal processes. Beginning with your next billing cycle (July bills due July 23 and August bills due August 20) any unpaid balances will be subject to late fees. Late notices will be mailed and delinquent accounts may be subject to disconnection. Those that are experiencing financial difficulty as a result of the COVID pandemic can call Water Billing at 630-719-4909 to arrange a payment plan.

### **Summer Reading & Dine Woodridge**

Summer reading is in full swing, online, at the Woodridge Public Library. Kids can register online, then read and complete fun missions right in their own backyard! Kids get

cool virtual badges now, and in August they can collect any accumulated prizes - a book, lanyard, buttons and entries for big prize baskets! Adults & teens can also join and read for a weekly chance at \$25 gift cards to local restaurants, winners choose their prize at <a href="mailto:dinewoodridge.com">dinewoodridge.com</a>. Nine lucky winners have already chosen prizes from Ike & Oak Brewery, Aurelio's, Clara's and Carrabbas. <a href="Register online">Register online</a>, read and review today for chances to win.

# **DuPage County Community Resource Information System**

DuPage County has a comprehensive website, their Community Resource Information System (CRIS), which features many helpful resources. There are links to help our residents that provide information in many areas including housing and utilities, food, transportation, legal, health, and many more. Visit <a href="www.dupagecris.org">www.dupagecris.org</a> for more information and to discover local resources.

# Information on Door-to-Door Soliciting in Woodridge

With solicitors being allowed to resume starting, Friday, May 29, the Village wanted to share some information on door-todoor soliciting in Woodridge. The Village of Woodridge conducts a background screening on all solicitors before they are issued a registration. Approved commercial solicitors (soliciting for purchases) are restricted to solicit between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and are not permitted to solicit on Sundays. Commercial solicitors must possess a valid Village solicitor ID badge. Anyone that comes in contact with a solicitor that does not have a Village-issued ID badge, is attempting to speak with you although a "No Solicitors" sign is displayed, or is soliciting outside of the allowed hours should call 9-1-1. Always ask to see a solicitor's ID badge before speaking with them. If it's not a valid Village-issued ID, please note their description and call 9-1-1. If you would like a "No Solicitors" sign, please contact the Village and we can have one sent to you. Also, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, if you choose to open the door for a solicitor, it is recommended to continue to follow the social distancing guidelines of six feet when conversing.

### Woodridge CVS To Host Drive-Thru COVID Testing

CVS Health will open 17 new COVID-19 test sites across Illinois on Friday, May 22 at select CVS Pharmacy drive-thru locations including the CVS at 8645 Woodward Avenue in Woodridge. Self-swab tests will be available to individuals meeting Centers for Disease Control and Prevention criteria,

in addition to age guidelines. Patients must register in advance at CVS.com to schedule an appointment and will be required to stay in their cars and directed to the pharmacy drive-thru window where they will be provided with a test kit and given instructions, and a CVS Pharmacy team member will observe the self-swab process to ensure it is done properly. More information is online.

### Refuse, Recycling and Landscape Waste Contract - Groot Industries

The Village wants to remind you of some information as it relates to Groot and the Groot contract. Currently, the Village is in the third year of a five-year contract with Groot Industries to provide a volume based, sticker collection program for single-family residential (and multi-family residential of four units or less). Stickers are increasing ten cents (\$0.10) to \$3.70 per sticker for year 3 (June 1, 2020 to May 31, 2021) and are used for both refuse and landscape waste. Residents also have the option to subscribe to a monthly contract for cart service with Groot by contacting Groot at (888) 485-0900. Additionally, residents should call Groot with any issues related to missed pick-ups, concerns, or questions. If you would like to speak to someone at the Village regarding Groot operations, please call (630) 719-2905. Please visit the Village's website for more information on the program and to find locations on where to purchase stickers.

### **Get Hired IL**

The State of Illinois recently announced the creation of a "Get Hired IL" website to connect those who have lost their jobs due to the COVID-19 pandemic with employers who are currently hiring. The <u>state's website</u> provides a place for both job seekers and employers to register, and additional information about upcoming virtual job fairs.

### IN AND AROUND WOODRIDGE

**Library Curbside Pickup Service to Continue:** Woodridge Library cardholders can get library items through a "contactless" process. This service is open now and will continued to be offered even after the building reopens on July 6. Request books and DVDs online or call to get a curbside order started today: Adult & Teen, 630-487-2577, or Children 630-487-2578.

Registering Now: Live Chats with Local Experts
See the <u>events calendar</u> at Woodridge Public Library to register for upcoming virtual programs, hosted by excellent local speakers, including: Genealogy Roundtable on June 28,

Caring for Your Pet in a Pandemic on July 7, Explorers Wanted: Mission to Mars with NASA Solar Ambassador Philip Green on July 14, The Best Stargazing Sights You Can Discover From Your Backyard This Summer with Naperville Astronomical Association on July 16, Virtual Book Discussion, If You Lived Here You'd be Home by Now on July 28.

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