



Woodridge E-News

November 20, 2020

Dear Trevor,



Dear Neighbors:

The Woodridge Police Department has investigated a recent incident that occurred involving high school students from School District 99. The incident specifically involved the dissemination of a hurtful and racist social media post that included violent imagery. As Mayor, I know hearing this is disturbing. I feel the need to share with our community my extreme disappointment. I strongly condemn this offensive conduct.



Any type of disrespectful, discriminatory behavior has no place in our community, and is inconsistent with our community's values. In fact, the Village Board of Trustees and I recently passed a [Resolution Celebrating the Diversity of our Community and Affirming the Village's Commitment to Diversity, Equality,](#)

[Equity, and Inclusion for All](#). Our Resolution importantly reinforces the critical role that we all have in ensuring that Woodridge remains a welcoming, respectful community for all of our neighbors and our families.

I thank the students who brought this matter to our attention, and ask all of us, as neighbors, to reflect on our core values and what makes our community strong and welcoming. I encourage all parents to take some time to talk with your children about being kind and caring of others. We can all look out for our neighbors and treat everyone with kindness and respect. We know that our actions and words matter. This Thanksgiving and Holiday Season, let's try to be more neighborly and make everyone feel welcome and 'at home' in our community.

My Kindest Regards and Thanks,

Gina Cunningham
Mayor

VILLAGE MEETINGS

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

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

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Village Hall Closed Starting Monday, November 23

The State of Illinois Tier 3 Resurgence Mitigations went into effect on November 20 and on Monday, November 23, the Village Hall will be closed to the public. The Village encourages business be conducted remotely either via phone, e-mail, or the Village's new, easy to search, webpage www.woodridgeil.gov. Additional information on the Tier 3 Resurgence Mitigations, Village operations, and more can be found on the [Village's COVID webpage](#).

Note: Village offices will be closed on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Final Week For Leaf Collection And Modified Pickup Days Due To Thanksgiving

Due to Thanksgiving, the following schedule will apply:

- The Thursday, November 26 pick-up will occur on Friday, November 27.
- The Friday, November 27 pick-up will occur on Saturday, November 28.

The Village and Groot offers free bagged leaf collection on your first four regular collection days during the month of November. **Next week, the week of November 23, is the final week for free bagged leaf collection.** This program is available to all single family residences within the Village's incorporated limits. An unlimited number of

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leaves placed in biodegradable paper bags may be placed at the curb for collection without stickers. The bags may be a maximum of thirty-three (33) gallons in capacity and weigh up to fifty (50) pounds. The bags may contain only leaves. Sod, brush, grass clippings, and other landscape waste cannot be commingled under this leaf program and will not be picked up.

Groot can be reached at (888) 485-0900 for additional program details.

Village's Facility Needs Project Moves Forward With Approval Of Design Build Contract

The Mayor and Village Board voted to approve a design-build contract with Harbour Construction and Studio GC Architecture at the November 19, 2020, Village Board Meeting. The scope is to complete the initial design phase for the new Woodridge Police Department station, new Public Works Salt Dome and Cold Storage Facilities, and renovate the current police department/public works facility at 1 Plaza Drive. This is an exciting next step in the Village's long term facilities needs project. [Read the full press release online.](#)

FY2021 Budget Approved

On November 19, the Village Board approved the FY2021 Budget. The total budget across all funds is \$61.4 million against revenues of \$46.5 million, which is balanced by a planned spend down in reserves. The budget maintains core services despite a decline in revenues from the COVID-19 pandemic. The planned installation of UV disinfection systems and virtual meeting modifications to Village meeting rooms are just a couple of ways the Village has responded to the ongoing pandemic. The Village is excited to be moving forward with a much needed Police Facility, improvements to 1 Plaza Drive, and Salt Dome and Cold Storage buildings. Phase 1 of this project is scheduled to be completed in 2021 at an estimated cost of \$5.5 million. For more information on the FY2021 Budget, please visit the [Village's website](#).



Save The Date!

November 28

#ShopSmall

#ShopLocal

#ShopWoodridge

Shop Woodridge On November 28 and During This Holiday Season

The holidays are right around the corner! As you begin your holiday shopping, remember to shop local stores and keep your tax dollars at home where they can go to work for you. Woodridge is home to many dynamic retailers, restaurants, service providers and specialty stores including family-owned businesses, national retailers, and entrepreneurial enterprises. And don't forget, Saturday, November 28 is Small Business Saturday. #ShopWoodridge

Library Closed - Switching to Curbside & Book Drop Service Only

The Woodridge Public Library will closed public access to the building on 11/20 in response to mitigation measures announced by Governor Pritzker to help prevent the community spread of COVID-19. Books, movies and other items will be available for checkout through the Curbside Pickup Service, with extended hours. Outdoor book drops will remain open, and patrons are asked to continue to use these book drops to return items when they are due. Details are available [online](#) and library staff can be reached by phone or email.

Thanks For Helping Pack The Pantry!

Woodridge residents helped to pack the West Suburban Community Pantry at the recent drop-off event at 5 Plaza Drive! The Pantry is still accepting donations during [Harvest Week](#). Harvest Week brings together the community to gather donations that stock the Pantry for the winter months. Thanks to everyone who participated!



BNSF Railroad Work Road Closure Update

The Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad crossing work at Lemont Road is anticipated to be completed by Friday, November 20, pending any unforeseen issues. BNSF is targeting November 25 as a date of completion for the crossing at Joliet Road. Thank you for your patience through these projects.

ComEd launches a new program, Helping Hand

ComEd's program, Helping Hand, provides immediate aid to eligible customers most in need during the pandemic. The Helping Hand program will provide their most in-need customers a one-time grant of up to \$300 towards a past due balance. The program is available until funds are exhausted. [Please see their website for more information](#). Any customer who is experiencing hardship or difficulty with their electric bill should call ComEd at 1-800-334-7661.

What to Do with Your Used Cooking Oil? Recycle it!

Frying a turkey this Thanksgiving? Have oil from frying other foods? SCARCE is offering a cooking oil collection on Saturday, November 28 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. [Click here for more information](#) including local drop-off locations.

RTA Survey on Transportation Choices

The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) is [conducting a survey](#) about transportation choices in consultation with its Service Boards — Pace, CTA, and Metra. Your answers will help

the RTA and Pace improve your transit system. RTA's survey is separate from the Pace COVID-19 Passenger Survey and we appreciate your participation in both efforts. Those who complete a survey by November 30, 2020 will be eligible to win one of five \$100 Visa gift cards. The RTA states that answers will remain confidential and will only be used for the study.

IN AND AROUND WOODRIDGE

Santa Comes to Woodridge on December 5: "[Santa Comes To Woodridge](#)" on Saturday, December 5 from 11:00 a.m. to Noon in this **drive by** event at the St. Scholastica Parish, 7800 Janes Avenue in Woodridge. This program allows for cars to drive by, drop off letters to Santa, and receive a free gift bag (limited to 200). This event is sponsored by the Woodridge Special Events Committee.

Kids & Pirates Day Off with the Woodridge Public Library: What are pirates and kids to do with a day off school? Join a live and virtual pirate storytime on November 23 at 1:00 p.m., for a swashbuckling event full of treasure hunting, storytelling, and scallywag games. [Register](#) for the Woodridge Facebook Live Group before the storytime date to attend. Can't attend the live program? Go to the Woodridge Library [YouTube](#) page to find recorded storytimes.

Teens Day Off Zoom Games: Teens, ages 12 to 18, can virtually play Pictionary, Hangman, and other fun drawing and guessing games on Monday, November 23 at 3:00 p.m. in a relaxing and fun Zoom hangout with the Woodridge Public Library; [pre-registration](#) is required, at least 30 minutes in advance.

The Bookish Life of Nina Hill: Virtual Discussion - The Woodridge Public Library invites residents to [pre-register](#) for a virtual discussion on Tuesday, November 24 at 7:00 p.m. Copies of *The Bookish Life of Nina Hill* are available to [download](#) or at the Circulation Desk of the library for [cardholders](#).

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