



Woodridge E-News

October 23, 2020

Dear Trevor,



Starting Friday, October 23, mitigations have been placed on Region 8 which includes DuPage County and eliminates indoor dining, along with other restrictions. The Village encourages you to shop local, and dine local, either outside dining, curbside, or carryout. More below.

VILLAGE MEETINGS

Specially Called Study
Session
October 27, 6:00 p.m.
Werch Board Room
5 Plaza Drive

Village Board Meeting
November 5, 7:00 p.m.
Werch Board Room

DuPage County COVID-19 Resurgence Mitigations

Starting on Friday, October 23, DuPage County will have resurgence mitigations applied countywide, that will affect many local bars, restaurants, and events spaces. In brief summary, there will be no indoor dining, business hours, including for outdoor dining, are between 6:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. and indoor event capacity has been reduced to 25%. [Read a full list of all mitigations here.](#)

Also, under the new COVID mitigation restrictions, video gaming play is still allowed at licensed establishments. For further information, contact the local video gaming

5 Plaza Drive

Village Board Meeting
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establishment or [click here](#) for the Illinois Gaming Board website.

For Businesses

The following resources are available to local businesses:

- On Tuesday, October 27, the Mayor and Village Board will be convening a [specially called study session](#) to discuss a Village-sponsored restaurant relief grant program in order to provide temporary financial relief to Woodridge restaurants and pubs who have suffered significant financial hardship because of the COVID pandemic. This meeting is a continuation of the Board's discussion at the [October 15 Study Session on the same topic](#).
- The [DuPage County Board](#), through Choose DuPage, is currently reviewing a restaurant business financial relief program through the use of federal CARES Act dollars. While not yet finalized, please contact your local DuPage County Board Members or [Choose DuPage](#) for further details and updates.
- Business in impacted regions will receive priority processing for Business Interruption Grants (BIG). More information on the BIG grant, including how to apply, [can be found online](#).
- The [Illinois Restaurant Association Employee Relief Fund](#) offers a \$500 tax-free grant to impacted restaurant workers to help cover living expenses.

For Residents

Buy Local/Buy Gift Cards! Because of the indoor capacity restrictions, the upcoming winter season will prove challenging especially for our local eateries and pubs. One thing we can all do to help is to shop local by buying gift cards to our favorite Woodridge stores and restaurants. Importantly, these gift cards will provide an immediate cash infusion at a time when our businesses need it the most. Also, take care and take out! Consider offering your support to our local restaurants by ordering take out for your next meal.

Village Board Passes Diversity Resolution

During the Thursday, October 15, 2020 Board Meeting, the Village Board passed a resolution "Celebrating the Diversity of Our Community and Affirming the Village's Commitment to Diversity, Equality, Equity, and Inclusion for All". One outcome of this resolution is the future creation of an ad hoc human relations advisory committee. This resolution reaffirms the Village's values that we are a welcoming, inclusive, and equitable community. [View the full resolution online](#).

November 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 [November 2020 Water Bill Brief](#) is now online, or accessible through the link above in the left hand column.

All-Ages Pumpkin Coloring Contest

The Woodridge Public Library is holding a pumpkin coloring contest through October 29. Participants color an [entry sheet](#), take a picture of the completed artwork and email it to community@woodridgelibrary.org. Entries will be displayed in a virtual pumpkin patch; randomly selected winners will receive a jack-o-lantern bucket stuffed with art supplies. For more details visit woodridgelibrary.org.

Spooktober Spectacular at the Woodridge Library

Looking for safe fun this Halloween? The library has free, virtual programs and contests now available for an all-ages, including a pumpkin coloring contest, slime contest, virtual family Monster Mash party, DIY crafts and so much more. Find all of the details for Make & Take crafts and upcoming storytimes [online](#).



Public Hearings on the Proposed Pace 2021 Budget

Pace is presenting a budget that is balanced without any fare increase on fixed route or ADA Paratransit service. However, due to the impact of COVID-19, in Spring 2020, Pace suspended all service on 73 routes and reduced service on another 25 routes. Pace's proposed 2021 budget would maintain those suspensions and reductions indefinitely.

Under this proposed budget, no one would lose any service beyond what has already been suspended or reduced since the Spring. If the proposed budget is approved by Pace's Board in November, the level of service will remain the same until the availability of funding and return of commuter demand allows for a re-evaluation and possible reinstatement of service.

Pace understands people had previously relied on these routes, and the Pace Board of Directors does not take this proposal lightly. To provide your feedback on this proposal, including the virtual public hearing schedule, see [this page](#).

Grace Period Voter Registration

Grace period voting allows individuals to register or update their registration and vote or early vote at the same time. Grace period registration and voting takes place at the following:

- **October 7 through November 3** at the DuPage County Fairgrounds, 2015 Manchester Road, Wheaton

- **October 19 through November 2** at [designated early voting locations](#)
- **November 3** at [your polling location](#)

Please contact the DuPage County Election Division at 630-407-5600 for more information on [Grace Period Voting](#).

Local Election Packets Available at Village Hall

Individuals seeking to run for the office of Mayor, Village Clerk, Village Trustee or Library Trustee can pick up their local election packet at the Woodridge Village Hall. These packets contain the documents necessary for individuals to be placed on the ballot for the April 6, 2021 Consolidated General Election. The packets are available at the Village Clerk's Office, located at 5 Plaza Drive on the second floor. Petitions can be circulated beginning September 22, 2020 and need to be filed starting December 14 through December 21, 2020.

Upcoming Election Information

Due to COVID-19, the DuPage County Clerk is encouraging voters to cast a ballot before Election Day on November 3, either by mail or during early voting. Early voting is now taking place, in-person, at the DuPage Fairgrounds. Early voting at other locations throughout DuPage County can be [found online](#) and started on October 19, 2020.

The [DuPage County Election Division](#) has many voting resources, including information on:

- Registering to vote (additional information above)
 - Tracking your vote by mail ballot (Note: Ballots will not begin to be mailed out until Sept. 24, 2020. It may take four to five business days to receive a Ballot after that date)
 - Requesting a vote by mail ballot
 - Checking your voter registration status
 - Finding your polling place
 - Applying to be an election judge
 - Early voting locations
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IN AND AROUND WOODRIDGE

Kiwanis Club of Woodridge Fundraiser with Cold Stone Creamery: The [Kiwanis Club of Woodridge](#) is partnering with Cold Stone Creamery at 3520 7 Bridges Dr, Ste 102, Woodridge 60517 for a fundraiser! On Tuesday, October 27, 2020, from noon to 10 p.m., people can take out, pick up, or deliver from Cold Stone Creamery. Mention that you are supporting Woodridge Kiwanis before placing your order. The Kiwanis Club of Woodridge will receive 20 percent donated back to the organization! The RSVP goal is 25 for the event to take place, and the deadline is October 24. [Please RSVP today!](#)

English as a Second Language Virtual Conversation Group: An English as a Second Language (ESL) conversation group will be conducted by an experienced volunteer from Literacy DuPage each Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m. Meetings give intermediate and above adult learners from our local Illinois area practice speaking English in a relaxed, comfortable atmosphere. [Registration](#) is required and available online through the Events Calendar of the Woodridge Public Library.

Stress Management Presentation: Explore tools for stress management including routines, sleep hygiene, intentional productivity, functional meditation and deep breathing in a live, virtual presentation on Thursday, November 12 at 7:00 p.m. Hosted by the Woodridge Library, the presenter is an Adjunct Professor at Moraine Valley and a Certified Professional Organizer specializing in real-world solutions and action steps; [pre-registration](#) is required.

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