



# Woodridge E-News

October 30, 2020

*Dear Trevor,*



Congratulations to Woodridge Planner Phil Green (right) who was named Employee of the Quarter. Phil was nominated for his professionalism, his positive attitude, and his commitment.

Pictured with Village Administrator Al Stonitsch

## VILLAGE MEETINGS

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

## **Village Now Accepting Applications For Multiple Positions**

The Village of Woodridge is currently accepting applications for Community Service Officer, Part-Time Office Associate (Administration), Part-Time Office Associate (Finance) and Information Technology Coordinator. Please [click here for the Human Resources](#)

**Village Board Meeting**  
November 19, 7:00 p.m.  
Werch Board Room  
5 Plaza Drive

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

**Quick Links**  
Village of Woodridge  
Website

Village Board  
Meeting Agendas,  
Minutes, and Video

Village Meetings & Events

Current News

Village Staff Directory

Transparency Webpage

[webpage](#) which has more detailed position descriptions and a link to the employment application.

### **DuPage County COVID-19 Resurgence Mitigations**

On Friday, October 23, DuPage County had 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 establishment or [click here](#) for the Illinois Gaming Board website.

### **For Businesses**

The following resources are available to local businesses:

- 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.

---

### **Employee of the Quarter - Phil Green**

Phil Green, Planner, was nominated by a fellow employee for his role in the Village, as he assists with inquiries regarding zoning and the zoning process, reviews development applications, and is an active member of the American Planning Association. Additionally, he is involved in the community, was the Chair of the 2020 Census Complete Count Committee, and is well regarded amongst his colleagues. The nominating employee stated, "He is professional, creative, witty, personable and diplomatic - just to name a few of his qualities." Congratulations Phil on being the Village's Employee of the Quarter!

---

## Leaf Collection Begins November 2

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

---

## Village Offices Closed November 11

On Wednesday, November 11, Village offices will be closed during the Veterans Day holiday for an in-service day. Village offices will reopen Thursday, November 12, at 8:00 a.m. For more information related to the Village of Woodridge, including information on how to pay your water bills online, visit [www.woodridgeil.gov](http://www.woodridgeil.gov) or call (630) 852-7000.

---

## Halloween 2020

Woodridge understands that there are varying comfort levels about trick-or-treating this year. To help all of our neighbors have a spook-tacular and safe Halloween, the Village designed green and red signs for residents to download, print, and place on their windows, doors, or other visible areas. The sign is for trick-or-treaters to identify whether you are welcoming them or prefer to sit trick-or-treating out this year.



For those interested in participating in trick-or-treating: please keep your porch or outdoor light on and display the [green "Welcome, Trick-or-Treaters" sign](#). For those not interested in participating in trick-or-treating: please keep your outdoor lights off and display the [red "Please No Trick-or-Treaters" sign](#). Should either the Illinois Department of Public Health or the DuPage County Department of Public Health issue guidance about Halloween, the Village will help publicize their messaging.

Woodridge encourages people who choose to participate in trick-or-treating activities to follow the 3Ws (wear a mask, wash your hands, watch your distance). Also, maintain a safe distance from other trick-or-treating groups and wait to approach a home until the previous group has left. Woodridge does recommend trick-or-treating hours to be from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. to help keep the community safe – mainly due to the increased number of pedestrians.

We all have one ghoulish this October 31: for everyone to enjoy a spooky and safe Halloween!

---

## 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.

---

## Pumpkin & Slime Contest Winners Announcement

From nearly 200 entries in the 2020 Pumpkin Coloring Contest at the Woodridge Library, four prize winners were randomly selected to receive big jack-o-lantern buckets stuffed with art supplies, and several pumpkin designs were awarded ribbons and gift cards. The winners of the first-ever library slime contest have been awarded a year of slime supplies! Entries, including "scary," "funny," "gross," and "most creative" ribbon winners, can be seen on the [library's website](#). Congratulations and Happy Halloween to all the participants!

---

### **DuPage County Stormwater Management Leaf Removal Tips**

DuPage County Stormwater Management, in partnership with the Conservation Foundation, has created a series of stormwater education and outreach materials including this [helpful leaf removal video](#).

---



### **DuPage County Household Hazardous (Chemical) Waste Event**

DuPage County is hosting a household hazardous waste event on Saturday, November 14, between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at the DuPage County Fairgrounds, 2015 Manchester Road, in Wheaton. The entrance is at the County Campus. Accepted items will include used oil, antifreeze, and auto fluids; lawn and garden chemicals; paint thinners; cooking oil; and more. [Additional information as to what will be / not be accepted can be found online.](#)

---

### **Donate to Toys for Tots at Village Hall**

Since 1977, U.S. Marines have been looking after America's needy children at Christmas through their Toys for Tots program. Support the Toys for Tots program by donating a new, unwrapped toy (no stuffed animals). A drop-off box will be placed inside Village Hall, and toys can be dropped off ~~starting Monday, November 16 through November 11 at Noon.~~ The toys will be donated to needy children in DuPage County. For more information, call John Sucansky at (630) 985-2620.

**UPDATE – as of November 2020 – this program has been canceled for 2020.**

---

### **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.

---

## IN AND AROUND WOODRIDGE

**Daylight Savings Time Ends on Sunday:** Don't forget to set your clock back one hour on Sunday, Nov. 1 when Daylight Savings Time ends!

**SCARCE Pumpkin Smash Events:** Recycle your Halloween pumpkin in this annual effort by communities to divert pumpkins from landfills by providing locations for residents to drop-off jack-o-lanterns to be composted. It is held each year the Saturday after Halloween and this year it will be on Saturday, November 7. [Click here for more information including locations and times.](#)

**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.

---

Village of Woodridge  
5 Plaza Drive Woodridge, IL 60517  
630-852-7000  
[woodridgeil.gov](http://woodridgeil.gov)

