



Woodridge E-News

October 9, 2020

Dear Trevor,



The final brush drop off of the season is on Saturday, October 10.
More details below.

VILLAGE MEETINGS

Village Board Meeting
October 15, 7:00 p.m.
Werch Board Room
5 Plaza Drive

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

Brush Drop-Off Site - October 10 with COVID Restrictions

The Village will host the final brush drop off program of the season on Saturday, October 10. The location is on 71st Street, just west of Woodridge Drive.

The following operations will be unchanged:

- The site is open from 9am - 12pm. Please note no additional cars will be allowed to join the line after 12pm, but all vehicles in line at that time will be accepted, even if it goes beyond 12pm.
- The price is \$5 for the first carload (\$3 for same day returning car) and \$10 per pickup truck, van or trailer.

Water Bill Brief

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- Branches up to 8" in diameter are accepted.
- Proof of residency is required.

Due to COVID-19, please note the following changes to the standard program:

- **Please bring exact change** - you will be asked to insert your *cash/check* directly into a payment drop box on the site. Village staff will be unable to provide any change.
- **You will need to unload your own vehicle** - you will be directed to drive into the site to where you will unload any brush. Due to social distancing requirements, Village staff will not be available to assist in unloading material.

Please be patient - with the changes in access and unloading, it is anticipated that the event will run slower than normal and wait times for access into the site will be extended.

Blue Jeans for the Homeless Collection Box at Village Hall

The Village of Woodridge is still collecting donation items in support for Blue Jeans for the Homeless, an organization with a mission **to provide to those in need**. There is a drop box located in the lobby at Village Hall, 5 Plaza Drive, through Friday, October 23. Items requested include new or gently used blue jeans (preferably men's sizes), hygiene products, new underwear, new socks, winter clothing, blankets, hand warmers, and first aid kits. If you would like to make a monetary donation or would like more information, please [visit their website online](#).



World Mental Health Day Saturday, October 10

This year's World Mental Health Day, is on October 10, and comes at a time when our daily lives have changed considerably as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Many people have faced challenges over the past months and World Mental Health Day is an opportunity to check in on yourself and your loved ones. Some local resources available include:

- The Illinois Department of Human Services is the State Mental Health Authority and is responsible for assuring that children, adolescents and adults have access to public-funded mental health services. [More information here](#).
- NAMI DuPage, whose mission is to provide support, advocacy and education in order to improve the quality of life of individuals with mental illnesses and their families, has many resources located [on their webpage](#).

- The free program, [Call4Calm](#) allows Illinois residents to talk to a mental health professional for free. To participate text TALK or HABLAR to 552020. In addition, people can seek guidance on other critical issues by texting keywords (e.g., “unemployment,” “food,” or “shelter”) to receive additional info in response.
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“Focus on Nature” Photo Contest Winners Announced

Congratulations to all the talented winners and participants who submitted over 500 images in the Woodridge Public Library’s *Focus on Nature* photo contest. [Winning photographs](#) were chosen in 10 categories with photos that included a majestic owl, a bold coyote, a well-loved bridge in Woodridge, and glorious sand dunes. All entries can be viewed [online](#).

Winners include: Courtney Peterson, Wyndie Giles, Denise Klingbeil, Henry Ristic, Bonita Palma, Glenn Afryl, Katie Richards, Scott Seifrid, Timothy Patrick, and Mary Jo Fedele. Congrats!

Voter Registration Options

Those seeking to register to vote may still [register online](#) through 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, October 18.

If you miss the online registration deadline, 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, only at the DuPage Fairgrounds. Early voting at other locations throughout DuPage County can be [found online](#) and starts 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

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 October 31: for everyone to enjoy a spooky and safe Halloween!

A Reminder Regarding Political Signs

As the November election draws near, the Village is issuing a reminder regarding the use of campaign signs. In residential areas, homeowners can have any number of campaign signs as long as the total sign area (including both sides of a sign) does not exceed 32 square feet. In commercial areas, the same restrictions apply provided total sign area does not exceed 100 square feet.

Regulations pertain to the total permitted sign area for all political signs (it is not per candidate), and there is no time limit on how long signs can remain. Campaign signs are not permitted in the parkway, which is typically the grassy area between the sidewalk and the street curb. Visit the [Village Code](#) or contact the Community Development Department at (630) 719-4750 for further information.

Woodridge Resident Ryan Gustis In The News: Woodridge resident Ryan Gustis created The Backpack Project which helps those in need by filling backpacks with essentials such as socks and toiletries. The Chicago Sun-Times recently [published an excellent article](#) about how the Backpack Project continues to help the homeless community and in what manner The organization adjusted its operations during the pandemic. The Backpack Project continues to exemplify the generosity of the Woodridge community. For more information about The Backpack Project, email packthekindness@gmail.com, or search on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter for @packthekindness.

Sleeping Beauty Facebook Live Storytime: Join the Woodridge Storytime group on Facebook for a special bedtime story on Monday, October 12 at 7:00 p.m. [Pre-register](#) with the Woodridge Public Library by October 11 so your child can cuddle up and enjoy this live storytime with Sleeping Beauty that's full of singing, engaging storytelling, and games.

Haunted! Local Myths & Legends with the Woodridge Public Library: On Wednesday, October 14 at 7:00 p.m., Kathi Kresol, paranormal investigator, historian, and founder of *Haunted Rockford*, will delight and scare with chilling tales of local haunted areas in Woodridge and DuPage County during a virtual program; open to teens and adults in search of a fright and local history. [Pre-register](#) through the Woodridge Library at least 30 minutes prior to the program.

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