



# Woodridge E-News

September 25, 2020

*Dear Trevor,*



Welcome to Fall!  
The first day of Autumn was on Tuesday, September 22.

## VILLAGE MEETINGS

Village Board Meeting  
October 1, 7:00 p.m.  
Werch Board Room  
5 Plaza Drive

Village Board Meeting

## **2021 Budget Workshop September 29**

The second [2021 Budget Workshop](#) will be held in the Werch Board Room, located at Village Hall, 5 Plaza Dr. in Woodridge, on Tuesday, September 29, starting at 6:00 p.m. At the workshops, the Village Board will review and discuss the proposed Village budget for Fiscal Year 2021.

Please submit your public comment by e-mailing [PublicComment@vil.woodridge.il.us](mailto:PublicComment@vil.woodridge.il.us). You can also call (630)

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

**Water Bill Brief**  
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719-4901 and leave a voicemail with a comment. The Proposed 2021 Village Budget is available for inspection [on the Village's website](#), at the Woodridge Public Library and Village Hall.

### **UPDATED Voter Registration and 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. **UPDATE:** 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
- 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

For those Woodridge residents that are planning on voting in-person on Election Day, November 3, you can use the [Woodridge Community Portal website](#) to search your address and determine your precinct and polling location under the "government representatives" tab.

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### **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.

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### **Unlimited Refuse Disposal Allowed During "Clean-Up Day" October 5 – 9**

On your regular collection day during the week of October 5 to October 9, residents are able to dispose of an unlimited amount of refuse, furniture, carpeting, bulky items, etc. (previously called Amnesty Day). All items must be properly bundled, bagged, and otherwise prepared for pick-up as they would on any regular collection day. In addition, a sticker must be displayed for each of the first five (5) items (garbage cans included) that you would normally tag. Any

additional items will be picked up without stickers. No stickers are required of residents who use the toter service and are billed directly through Groot.

Building materials, railroad ties, tires, hazardous waste, and yard waste are not included in this program. Electronics are prohibited from landfills and cannot be picked up as part of the Clean-Up Day program. If you have any questions about Clean Up Day, please call 630-719-2905.

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### **Final Days to Respond to the Census! Deadline September 30**

If you haven't done so already, please respond to the census online at [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov), by phone, or with a census taker in your community by Wednesday, Sept. 30.

Census takers are our neighbors, hired from our community. Their goal is to help you and everyone in your home be counted in the 2020 Census. If the census taker who visits your home does not speak your language, you may request a return visit from a census taker who does speak your language.

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### **Village Halloween 2020 Update**

Like so much else this year, the feeling of uncertainty around popular events and traditions continues to linger. Woodridge is receiving many inquiries about Halloween and trick-or-treating. The Village understands the interest in Halloween and the desire to have trick-or-treating while following public health guidelines. Currently, neither the Illinois Department of Public Health nor the DuPage County Department of Public Health has issued guidance or restrictions about Halloween trick-or-treating. Should either of the agencies share public health information about Halloween, the Village will help publicize their messaging and comply with their public health guidance.

Until public health guidance is available, please note that trick-or-treating is a cultural practice and custom not regulated by the Village. Woodridge does recommend trick-or-treating hours to be from 3 p.m. – 7 p.m. to help keep the community safe – mainly due to the increased number of pedestrians. The Woodridge Police Department reminds trick-or-treaters annually to practice safe Halloween practices such as being highly visible (e.g., use flashlights or reflective tape), utilize sidewalks, and avoid wearing costumes that restrict vision. It is also important to respect neighbors who choose not to participate in Halloween and avoid approaching homes with their porch lights turned off.

We are several weeks away from Halloween; therefore, please continue to watch for updates.

[CDC Guidance](#) – The CDC considerations are meant to supplement—not replace—any state, local, territorial, or tribal health and safety laws, rules, and regulations with which holiday gatherings must comply.

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### **Business Interruption Grant (BIG) Program Second Round of Funding Now Available and Accepting Applications**

The BIG program is a \$636 million program developed by Governor Pritzker and the Illinois General Assembly to provide economic relief for small businesses hit hardest by COVID-19. Applications for a second round of funding are now live on September 17 with a total of \$220 million will be made available for small businesses of all types in Illinois. [More information, including how to apply, is now online.](#)

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## IDPH Announces Changes to Mask Guidelines for Bars, Restaurants

The State of Illinois recently announced revised guidelines for restaurants and bar establishments statewide to operate safely and help prevent the spread of COVID-19. These latest guidelines will require patrons to wear a mask during any interaction with wait staff, food service workers and other employees at bars and restaurants. Face coverings must be worn over the nose and mouth when patrons are approached and served by staff, including but not limited to when employees take patrons' orders, deliver food and beverages, and service tables. This guidance also applies to other facilities with food services areas such as indoor recreational facilities, museums and entertainment venues. [Full guidelines are available on the DCEO website.](#)



## 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.

## IN AND AROUND WOODRIDGE

**Virtual Solar Installation Tour in Woodridge, or all over Illinois:** The annual Illinois Solar Education Association Solar Tour is going virtual this year. Attendees have the opportunity to explore any of the over 30 solar homes and businesses across the state participating in this year's Illinois Solar Tour, including the home of James and Beth Galbreath in Woodridge. On Saturday, September 26, there will also be [ten live Zoom "tours"](#) scheduled for 10 a.m.-3 p.m. With 10 options available, the tours will offer the public a chance to engage and ask questions of solar owners and other enthusiasts. James and Beth Galbreath will be online at 1:00 p.m., sharing about both their own experience with solar energy.

**Secrets Uncovered: Director of IL State Archives Presents Brief History:** Director of the Illinois State Archives, David Joens will share rarely heard stories behind the most interesting historical documents in the Illinois State archives, during a live, virtual program at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 1. Hosted by the Woodridge Library, "A Brief History of Illinois from the IL State Archives," is open to the public, with [pre-registration](#), at least 30 minutes in advance, required.

**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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