

Focus



on Woodridge

Citizen's Leadership Academy Congratulates First Graduating Class



the class provided an in-depth education on many aspects of the Village, including a review of all units of local government within Woodridge, a comprehensive review of Village operations, an understanding of the relationships that exist between the citizens, Village Board, and staff, the Village's communication and transparency efforts, and future opportunities to serve the Woodridge community. As one participant stated, "I have a much better understanding of how things work in the Village in which I live." The program met on Tuesday nights at various locations within Woodridge. The Village plans to offer residents future opportunities to participate in the Citizen's Leadership Academy, as this program continues to grow. 🍁

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Fourteen Woodridge residents graduated from the first ever Citizen's Leadership Academy in August. Held over six weeks,

Mayor and Village Board Appoints Al Stonitsch Village Administrator

Mr. Al Stonitsch has been appointed the next Village Administrator of the Village of Woodridge. Mr. Stonitsch comes to Woodridge from the Village of Glen Ellyn, Illinois, where he has served as Assistant Village Manager for over four years. He has spent the last seventeen years working in local government, including previously serving the Village of Glenview, Illinois, for nearly thirteen years. Most recently, as the Assistant Village Manager in Glen Ellyn, he was responsible for the Village's Facilities Maintenance, Human Resources, Information Technology, Communications and Senior Services Divisions within the Village Manager's Office. During Al's tenure in Glen Ellyn, he also served as a key member of the Village's design/build team

for the new Glen Ellyn Police station facility and Civic Center space needs analysis. 🍁



What's Going on There? Find Out What Development is Occurring in Woodridge



Woodridge residents have several resources available to them to learn more about construction projects occurring throughout the Village. One resource is through the Village website, where individuals have an opportunity to sign up and receive information on upcoming Plan Commission cases by clicking on the Notify Me link found on the Village News page. (The Plan Commission is an advisory group of citizens that review development proposals before they are considered by the Village Board).

Additionally, an on-line map titled Current Development Projects can be found on the Village's website on the lower left side. Lastly, posts on Facebook and articles found in other Village outreach materials all help to keep you informed! How do you start? Just go to the Village's website at www.vil.woodridge.il.us and look these resources up! If you have any questions, contact the Community Development Department at (630) 719-4750. 🍁

Village Business Attraction Efforts

When vacancies occur in the Village's commercial centers and business parks, members of the Village's staff work closely with the property owners to pursue new tenants. There are several factors a business weighs before deciding whether to locate in a community or market area, many of which are beyond the Village's control. However, what the Village can contribute to this effort is a better

understanding of market demands for retailers and promoting locations that best fit their market criteria. The Village offers a helpful guide at www.vil.woodridge.il.us/storelocate which explains how businesses choose their locations and the attraction efforts conducted by the Village. These efforts serve to bring residents more shopping options, needed services and job opportunities. 🍁

Small Business Grant Program to Attract New Businesses



The Village is promoting a small business grant program aimed at attracting new businesses to Woodridge. The Small Business Grant Program intends to attract new Woodridge businesses seeking

to lease space in Woodridge shopping centers, as well as offer assistance to current businesses looking to expand. The objective of the program is to add new businesses to increase shopping center occupancies and local employment opportunities. Individuals interested in learning more about the Village's Economic Development efforts should visit www.vil.woodridge.il.us or contact Village Planner, Jason Zawila at (630) 719-2906 or by email at jzawila@vil.woodridge.il.us. 🍁

Roll Calls Provide Public with Opportunity to Meet Officers

The men and woman of the Woodridge Police Department thank the many individuals that attended the Community Roll Call series this summer. The Police Department hosted the roll calls at various locations to engage diverse members of the community including Horizons Senior Living Community, Waterbury Apartments (conducted in both English and Spanish), and certain neighborhoods due to interest in community watch programs.

The community roll calls provided a unique and rewarding experience for the participants. Based on regular meetings prior to when officers start their patrol shift, these public roll call events provided an opportunity for residents to meet officers and ask questions regarding public safety matters in their neighborhood. All told, the roll calls provided another valuable connection with the community and highlighted the important partnership that exists between the Woodridge Police Department and residents. Thank you to everyone who attended the roll calls over the course of the series! 🍁

DATES TO NOTE

OCTOBER 7TH

Last day of the year for
Brush Chipping Drop Off

OCTOBER 31ST

Halloween Trick or Treat;
3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER 1ST

Free Leaf Collection Begins

NOVEMBER 4TH

Coffee with the Mayor & Board

NOVEMBER 11TH

Veteran's Day

NOVEMBER 23RD – 24TH

Thanksgiving Holiday;
Village Offices Closed

Visit the Events link at www.vil.woodridge.il.us
for details on these events and more.

Reminder

REMINDERS FROM THE VILLAGE OF WOODRIDGE

FREE LEAF COLLECTION BEGINS NOVEMBER 1ST

The Village and Waste Management are offering a free, bagged, leaf collection program that will take place 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 boundaries. During the program, an unlimited number of leaves may be placed in biodegradable paper bags and brought out to the curb for collection without stickers. The bags may be a maximum of thirty (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. 🍁



Woodridge Receives 4th Straight GFOA Budget Award

The Government Finance Officers Association recently announced that the Village of Woodridge has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the Village's FY2017 Budget! In order to receive the award, the Village must satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. As such, this budget award reflects the commitment of the Village Board and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. This is the fourth consecutive year the Village has received the award. The 2017 Budget is available on the Village website, www.vil.woodridge.il.us. To learn more about the budget award, visit www.gfoa.org. 🍁

NEED TO GET RID OF BRANCHES & BRUSH? WOODRIDGE HAS A DROP OFF SITE

Woodridge residents are able to drop off brush at a site on 71st Street just west of Woodridge Drive. Branches up to 5" in diameter are accepted. The site is open on the second Saturday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. through October. Cars dropping off materials will be charged \$5 for the first car load and an additional \$3 for each return trip made

that day. Trucks, vans, or trailers will pay \$10 for each load dropped off that day. Proof of residency is required. The chips generated by this program are made available to residents for free pick-up at the mulch pile on Woodridge Drive. The site is operated by the Village's Public Works Department and the Woodridge Park District. 🍁

UNLIMITED REFUSE DISPOSAL ALLOWED DURING AMNESTY DAYS - OCTOBER 2ND TO 6TH

On your regular collection day during the week of October 2nd to October 6th, residents are able to dispose of an unlimited amount of refuse, furniture, carpeting, bulky items, etc. 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 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 totter service and are billed directly through Waste Management. Building materials, railroad ties, tires, hazardous waste and yardwaste are not included in this program. Electronics are prohibited from landfills and cannot be picked up as part of the Amnesty Day program. If you have any questions, please call 719-4753. 🍁

LEAF IT FOR THE PAPER BAGS - A REMINDER ON OPEN BURNING RESTRICTIONS

The Village kindly reminds residents that it is unlawful to cause or allow the open burning of refuse, landscape waste or recyclable material, including leaves. Please respect your neighbors and your community by following these regulations, and note that escalating fines are in place for open burning. The first offense is \$50,

the second is \$100 and the third and each subsequent offense is a \$200 fine. If you suspect that leaf or other waste or refuse products are being burned, please contact the Police Department immediately by dialing 9-1-1 and requesting a police officer respond to your location. 🍁

Know Someone Deserving Recognition? *Submit Your Nomination for the Community Recognition Program!*

Every year, at the annual Community Recognition Award Ceremony in December, the Village of Woodridge recognizes people and organizations in the community that have provided positive contributions. Nominations are now being accepted for the following categories: citizen, business, association, employee, and youth (ages under 21). Nominations are reviewed by the Woodridge Intergovernmental Council who recommends candidates to the Village Board for consideration. Nominations must



be received by September 29th. Please contact Leslie Davies at (630) 719-4706 if you have any questions. Nomination forms can be found on the Village's website www.vil.woodridge.il.us. 🍁

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VILLAGE HALL HOURS

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The Village of Woodridge Wishes Everyone a Happy Halloween!

The Village of Woodridge wishes everyone a safe and happy Halloween! Please take note of the following tips from the Police Department to help make sure that everyone enjoys a "spooktacular" and safe Halloween:

- Be sure that children have adult supervision while they trick or treat
- Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks
- Put electronic devices down and keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street
- Examine candy closely and discard unpackaged edibles
- Report suspicious or destructive activity to the Police immediately – call 9-1-1

Woodridge Police Department Visits with Community During Open House

The Police Department hosted an open house in August that welcomed more than 200 enthusiastic visitors. The crowd - many of which included children, parents, and Woodridge Park District campers - toured the station, participated in police squad car demonstrations, learned how to collect fingerprints, watched a K-9 demonstration, threw baseballs to measure the pitch speed with a radar, and visited with police personnel - sharing in conversation and getting to know one another. The Police Department is truly appreciative that the open house provided an opportunity to further engage with residents and for the showing of support. 🍂



Village's Electric Aggregation Program Update

The Village is a member of the Will County Governmental League Electric Aggregation Group, which is a collection of municipalities brought together to levy their purchasing power in an effort to obtain lower electricity supply rates. The group recently was able to secure a rate of 7.190 cents/kWh with Homefield Energy and chose to enter into a one year agreement with the company. This supply rate will be effective

for the duration of the agreement and is lower than the current ComEd rate of 7.2766 cents/kWh, which is also expected to increase in May. Notices regarding this new agreement will go out in mid-September and will include information for those seeking to opt out of the program. Additional information will appear on the program will appear on the Village's website and in the electronic newsletter, E-News. 🍂

