



Village of Woodridge
5 Plaza Drive
Woodridge, IL 60517
www.woodridgeil.gov

PRESORTED
STANDARD MAIL
US POSTAGE PAID
DOWNERS GROVE, IL
PERMIT NO. 66

Postal Residential Customer Local
Woodridge, IL 60517

MAYOR: Gina Cunningham
VILLAGE CLERK: Joe Heneghan
BOARD OF TRUSTEES:
Jennifer Anteliz
Joseph Kagan
Curtis Nekovar
Mike Martinez
Kaleshia "Kay" Page
VILLAGE HALL HOURS
Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



What's Inside?

p 01 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

2026 CITIZENS' POLICE ACADEMY

FROM THE OFFICE OF MAYOR GINA CUNNINGHAM

p 02 DATES TO NOTE

75TH STREET CORRIDOR TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT (TIF)

WOODRIDGE COMMUNITY RECOGNITION PROGRAM

p 03 WOODRIDGE WINTERFEST



The Woodridge Police Department is excited to debut two new squad pickup trucks. These vehicles were purchased to replace aging units in the current fleet and offer enhanced space and functionality. The larger design provides increased room for equipment and added comfort for officers as they serve the community.

STAY CONNECTED WITH E-NEWS!

Did you know that the Village of Woodridge publishes a weekly electronic newsletter delivered directly to your email? See what events are coming up, discover helpful resources, view job openings, and more! Use the QR code to sign up and begin receiving these e-mails.



ON WOODRIDGE FOCUS



Fall 2025

From the Office of Mayor Gina Cunningham



Dear Neighbors,

I hope this message finds you well and that your summer has been filled with cherished memories and joyful moments. I also hope you had a chance to enjoy some of the many festive events held in Woodridge this summer including our 40th Annual Woodridge Jubilee, National Night Out, Cone with the Cops, Coffee with the Cops, the first-ever Woodridge Rotary Duck Dash, Woodridge Park District Concerts in the Park, and the Woodridge Special Events Committee's Fourth of July Picnic.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the organizations, volunteers, and neighbors who made these events possible. Your time and dedication helped create wonderful experiences that brought our community together in the spirit of fun and celebration.

As we look ahead to fall, I hope you'll continue to come together with your neighbors at upcoming community favorites like Oktoberfest, our first-ever Trunk-or-Treat, and the always-popular Haunted Forest Walk.

We also have exciting developments on the horizon! Plans are underway for a new state-of-the-art Public Works Facility to be built adjacent to our new Police Department at 7215 Jane Avenue. Construction is expected to begin in 2026. Once completed, this facility will enhance our ability to provide high-quality services and support to the community.

Another major initiative underway is the Woodridge Growing Forward Comprehensive Plan. This forward-thinking plan will help guide future development in our Village. This is a well-thought-out, mindful, and much-needed process that we've been working on for more than a year. Guided by professional planning consultants and informed experts, this effort is helping us forecast what's to come so we can thoughtfully prepare for Woodridge's future.

Throughout this process, we've made it a priority to involve the community every step of the way, hosting 12 public engagement opportunities where residents, business owners, and community partners could share their ideas and insights.

There's still time to share your thoughts and get involved with the plan! I encourage you to visit www.woodridgecomplan.com to explore project details and provide your feedback as we work together to shape Woodridge's future.

Additionally, the Village is exploring the creation of a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District along 75th Street, as well as potential Business Development Districts. These potential redevelopment tools could help us stimulate economic growth. To learn more about TIF, please visit our TIF informational webpage at www.tinyurl.com/75StTIFWoodridge

Through our 2024 Community Survey and ongoing community engagement, we've heard loud and clear that neighbors want to see new development and thoughtful growth. As the landscape of retail and development continues to evolve, we are committed to exploring new initiatives such as the Comprehensive Plan, Business Development Districts, and TIF Districts to bring new businesses, opportunities, and amenities to Woodridge that our community will value and enjoy.

To stay informed about these projects and more, I invite you to stay connected through Woodridge's weekly E-News, our social media channels, the Village website, and the electronic message boards found around town.

Celebrating & Growing Forward Together,

Mayor,

Village of Woodridge



2026 CITIZENS' POLICE ACADEMY

The Woodridge Police Department will begin accepting applications for the 2026 Citizens' Police Academy this October. This free, 10-week program gives residents a behind-the-scenes look at police operations and builds community partnerships. Starting in February, classes meet Wednesdays from 6 – 8 p.m. at the Police Department's Community Room (7215 Janes Ave). Sessions include lectures and hands-on scenarios led by department experts, covering topics like DUI enforcement, SWAT, evidence collection, and more. Class size is limited to 20 people, and spots are filled on a first-come, first-served basis (pending background check).





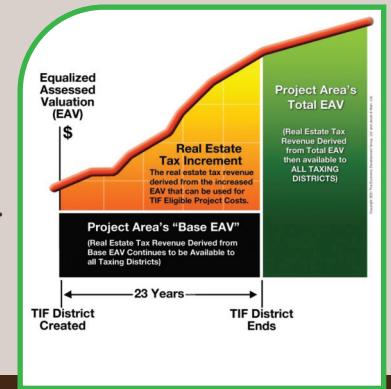
GROOT REFUSE & RECYCLING SERVICE REMINDERS

The Village of Woodridge would like to share a few important updates and reminders regarding Groot refuse and recycling services:

- PRICE INCREASE:** Beginning September 1, 2025, monthly flat-rate fees for refuse collection will slightly increase as part of the annual adjustment outlined in the service agreement. New rates are as follows: \$19.70 to \$20.49 for residents with 33-gallon refuse toters, \$23.70 to \$24.65 for residents with 65-gallon refuse toters, and \$25.70 to \$26.73 for residents with 95-gallon refuse toters.
- YARD WASTE & LEAF PICKUP:** Yard waste, including leaves, will be picked up through December 15. You may use 35-gallon Kraft paper bags or unlined rigid containers for yard waste. Brush should be bundled no longer than 4 feet, no wider than 2 feet, and weigh under 50 pounds. Unlimited yard waste collection is included with your Groot service. For leaves, place in biodegradable paper bags up to 50 pounds. The bags may contain only leaves. Groot will not pick up leaf bags with comingled landscape waste, such as sod, brush, or grass clippings.
- CLEAN UP DAY:** Each household's annual Clean Up Day will take place during the week of October 6, 2025. During the week of October 6-10, on your regular collection day, you can dispose of an unlimited amount of refuse, including furniture, carpeting, bulky items, and general junk. Please ensure all items are properly bundled, bagged, and prepared for pick-up as you would on any regular collection day. Note that building materials, railroad ties, tires, and hazardous waste are excluded from this program. Additionally, electronic items (anything with a plug) cannot be collected as part of the Clean-Up Day program due to landfill restrictions.

75TH STREET CORRIDOR TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT (TIF)

On July 17, the Village Board held a public meeting to discuss the potential creation of a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District along 75th Street. The meeting aimed to inform the community about what a TIF District is and review the proposed boundary for the area. TIF is a redevelopment tool used by municipalities to encourage economic growth and reinvestment in areas that are underutilized, blighted, or in need of improvement. It is not a new tax, but rather a method for allocating future increases in property tax revenues to help fund public infrastructure, redevelopment projects, or other enhancements within the designated area. To learn more about TIF and how it works, visit the Village's FAQ page at: <https://tinyurl.com/75StTIFWoodridge>



WOODRIDGE COMMUNITY RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Every year, the Village of Woodridge recognizes people and organizations in the community that have provided positive contributions within Woodridge. Nominations are now being accepted for the 2025 Community Recognition Program for the following categories: citizen, business, association, advisory board or commission member, employee, and youth (ages under 21). Nominations are reviewed by the Woodridge Intergovernmental Council, which recommends candidates to the Village Board for consideration. Nominations must be received by September 19, 2025. Please visit our Village website for more information and to submit your nomination.



DATES TO NOTE

SEPTEMBER 1, 2025

Labor Day
Village Offices Closed

SEPTEMBER 26 & 27, 2025

Woodridge Oktoberfest

WEEK OF OCTOBER 6, 2025

"Clean Up Day"

OCTOBER 31, 2025

Halloween Trick-or-Treating
3 p.m. – 7 p.m.

NOVEMBER 11, 2025

Veterans Day
In-Service Day
Village Offices Closed

NOVEMBER 27 & 28, 2025

Thanksgiving Holiday
Village Offices Closed

View the Village of Woodridge Calendar at www.woodridgeil.gov for details on these events and more.

WATER BILLING PORTAL FOR RESIDENTS

Last year, the Village launched a new water billing portal for residents and businesses. We invite you to explore the Village's water billing portal at www.woodridgeil.gov. This updated, user-friendly platform allows you to manage payments, view bills, review account history, enroll in autopay, customize notifications, and more. Please have your Account # and Customer # available, which can be found on your water bill.

Important information:

AUTOPAY

Please consider enrolling in autopay to avoid late charges on your account. Log-in to your account and click "Enroll in autopay" to set up your autopay via credit/debit card, or bank EFT.

PAY-BY-PHONE

To make payments by phone, call our automated line at 877-609-8976 and have your Account # and Customer # ready.

E-BILLING

To avoid delays and undeliverable mail, we encourage you to sign up for e-billing. Visit the "Contact Preferences" page on the new portal to select your billing preference, or email us at epay@woodridgeil.gov.

WOODRIDGE Winterfest

The Village of Woodridge is excited to welcome back Woodridge Winterfest! Join us for a magical celebration on Saturday, November 22, from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM at 5 Plaza Drive/Kagann Plaza. Experience a spectacular evening filled with holiday cheer, including a dazzling 20-foot Christmas tree lighting ceremony, festive photos with Santa, a vibrant maker's market, delicious treats from food trucks, festive holiday music, a children's craft area, and meet-and-greet opportunities with beloved characters like Anna & Elsa from Frozen.

This festive event is proudly brought to you by the Woodridge Special Events Committee, the Woodridge Volunteer Corps, the Woodridge Park District, the Woodridge Public Library, and the Village of Woodridge.



SEASONAL SNOW PLOW DRIVERS

Openings will soon be available at the Village of Woodridge for part-time snowplowing. Hours vary according to need, and the Village provides supplies and training. Applicants must be at least 18 years old and hold a valid Illinois driver's license. Look for applications available on the Village website at www.woodridgeil.gov beginning in late September.



WOODRIDGE TRUNK-OR-TREAT



Join the Woodridge Public Library and the Village of Woodridge for our first-ever Trunk-or-Treat event on Saturday, October 25, from 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. in the Woodridge Public Library parking lot (3 Plaza Drive)! Dress up in your favorite costume and stroll from one festively decorated vehicle to the next, collecting treats in a safe, family-friendly community celebration. Don't miss out on the fun!

DIWALI FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS CELEBRATION

Celebrate Diwali with the Village of Woodridge Human Relations Advisory Committee (HRAC) on Sunday, October 26 from 2:30 pm until 5:30 pm at Bobak's Signature Events located at 6440 Double Eagle Drive in Woodridge. Listen to live music, view the lighting ceremony, hear from inspiring speakers, and more! This event is free of charge and open to all.



PLEASE KEEP DRAINS FREE OF LEAVES

Raking leaves onto the street can clog storm drains and increase the risk of flooding. To help ensure our stormwater systems function properly, residents are requested to avoid pushing leaves into the street. Homeowners who do so may be subject to fines. The Village's street sweeping program will take care of leaves that fall naturally onto the street.