



# Water Bill Brief

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## From the Desk of Mayor Gina Cunningham



### The Village's Newly Formed Human Relations Advisory Committee: We Need Your Help.

Last October, the Village Board and I unanimously approved Resolution #2020-81, "Celebrating the Diversity of our Community and Affirming the Village's Commitment to Diversity, Equality, Equity, and Inclusion for All". As part of that Resolution, the Board and I approved the creation of an ad hoc Village Human Relations Advisory Committee whose purpose would be to help: (i) deepen the Village's understanding of diversity, equality, equity, and inclusion, and (ii) facilitate meaningful community connections, conversations, and dialogue around diversity on behalf of the Village.

As we draw closer to a time now where more of us are feeling comfortable to gather in person, it is the opportune juncture to coordinate the formation of this new Committee so that we can rightfully begin this important work as a Village. The Board and I are seeking volunteers of diverse backgrounds who are interested in dedicating their time to the Human Relations Advisory Committee. If you are interested in serving our Village in this important capacity, please submit a Letter of Interest and summary of your qualifications that you believe makes you an ideal candidate to serve on the Committee. Please send your Letter of Interest and resume to my attention at: Mayor Gina Cunningham, 5 Plaza Drive, Woodridge, IL 60517 or via e-mail [gcunningham@woodridgeil.gov](mailto:gcunningham@woodridgeil.gov).

### Woodridge Begins Planning for Fourth of July Fireworks and Expanded Oktoberfest; Cancels the 2021 Woodridge Jubilee Celebration and 4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic at Castaldo Park

The Woodridge Park District and Village of Woodridge recently released announced that planning has begun for the Fourth of July fireworks display and the 2021 Oktoberfest celebration in September. The most recent Oktoberfest, in September 2019, honored the 50th

anniversary for the Woodridge Park District and the 60th anniversary for the Village of Woodridge.

Regrettably, however, this year's Woodridge Jubilee festival, which is our annual family-fun filled community event held in mid-June, along with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic in Castaldo Park, have been canceled. We made this difficult decision due to the current public health guidelines of the *Restore Illinois Plan*, and the unknown future of any potential COVID restriction changes.

### May 1<sup>st</sup> Inauguration Welcomes Village Board to New Term

On Saturday, May 1, we proudly celebrated the Village Board's inauguration. At the ceremony, the Village congratulated incumbent Trustees Kaleshia 'Kay' Page and Mike Krucek, who were reelected to four-year terms; current Village Clerk Joseph Kagann, who was elected to a Trustee position for a four-year term; and write-in candidate Joe Heneghan, who was elected as the Village Clerk to a four-year term. I am humbled and privileged that I joined my fellow Board members at the May 1<sup>st</sup> inauguration, and proudly accepted the Oath of Office to continue as your Mayor for another four-year term. On behalf of all the newly elected officials, I would like to extend my appreciation to all of our neighbors for their continued support.

### Community Vaccination Clinic

I also would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the Woodridge Park District, Village of Woodridge staff, and numerous volunteers who helped make our community's second local vaccination clinic, held on April 23, a wonderful success. In partnership with Albertson's/Jewel-Osco, the Park District and the Village collaborated to administer over 1,000 doses of the Pfizer vaccine at the Woodridge Park District's ARC facility on Janes Avenue. The follow up second dose for eligible patients is scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup>. Way to go to all involved! #WoodridgeProud #WoodridgeStrong!

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## Kindness Matters

From time to time, I have the privilege of getting to meet and speak to young boys and girls from our local scout troops. In one of my recent conversations with a local troop, I had a wonderful encounter with Adam Faik, from Cub Scout Pack 511. He asked me if I would be interested in helping him address bullying within our Village, to which I quickly replied, "Absolutely. How can I help?" He asked me to share the following quote with our community: ***"Words have great power that could make or break others...so please be careful with them."*** He was an impressive young boy, who simply asks us all to be kind and look out for one another. Kindness does matter, and let us all help Adam spread kindness towards others in our Village!

Warmest Regards,

Gina Cunningham, Mayor

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## Update to Groot Waste and Recycling Services

The Village wishes to remind residents of a few items of note related to Groot refuse collection services, including:

- Yard waste collection began on April 1 and will continue through December 15.
- Refuse and yard waste stickers will incur a ten-cent (\$0.10) increase on the anniversary of the fourth year of the current contract, June 1, 2021. The new cost of a sticker will be \$3.80.
- Clean-up week is scheduled for the fall, during the week of October 4, 2021.

## Woodridge Water Quality Report

Residents can view the most current Water Quality Report at [woodridgeil.gov/waterqualityreport](http://woodridgeil.gov/waterqualityreport) to learn more about their drinking water. This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water.

## Water Billing Returns to Normal Schedule

Back in November 2020, as the State experienced a resurgence in COVID-19 cases, and the Governor increased restrictions, the Village took action to provide relief to residents and businesses by suspending water disconnections and water late fees once again. Now that the State has returned to Phase 4 of the Governor's *Restore Illinois* plan, the Village has resumed normal water billing processes. Effective now, any unpaid balances after the due date will be subject to late fees. Delinquent accounts may be subject to disconnection. Those that are experiencing financial difficulty as a result of the pandemic are encouraged to call Water Billing at (630) 719-4909 to arrange a payment plan.

## 2021 Road Resurfacing

Infrastructure reinvestment is vital in maintaining the integrity and safety of Woodridge's roadways. Crews will resurface many sections of road under the 2021 Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Road Improvement Project, with the work typically including spot curb/gutter repairs, spot sidewalk repairs, and the removal and replacement of the asphalt roadway. The MFT work for 2021 includes resurfacing planned for roadways in the Summerhill subdivision, the area of Meadowwood Avenue, as well as sections of Roberts Drive, Kincaid Drive, Martin Drive and Langley, Carpenter, Koloff, and Martin Courts. The specific roadway sections under construction are available on the Village website at [www.woodridgeil.gov](http://www.woodridgeil.gov). The construction projects will result in better driving conditions, enhanced safety, and improved road appearance.

## 2020 Economic Development Report

The 2020 Economic Development Report is now available on our website! Despite the difficulties and hardships faced by all of us in 2020, the report finds much to celebrate, including the opening of new businesses such as 7-ELEVEN, and the expansion of Woodridge favorites like Skeleton Key Brewery and Starbucks. The full report is available at [www.woodridgeil.gov/EDReport](http://www.woodridgeil.gov/EDReport).