



Water Bill Brief

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During the Thursday, June 18, 2020 Village Board Meeting, I made the following comments:

Over the last several weeks, the Village Board and I have received a number of thoughtful written messages from you, our concerned neighbors, in response to the local and nationwide calls for social justice reform and in response to social unrest across our nation. As Mayor, I want you to know we hear you- we hear your questions and your concerns and, we're listening. Please know the Village Board and I greatly appreciate all of who have taken the time to share your personal feelings, stories, as well as ideas on how we should continue to move forward as a Village. We know that we are all in this together.

One of the long-standing core values of our Village is diversity, and it continues to be one our defining strengths - and, one we continue to work on and one that needs our greater attention. To demonstrate our continued commitment to our Village's core values, the Village Board and I will be reviewing the following action items over the coming weeks, months and beyond:

1. Creation of a Village Board Resolution celebrating the diversity of our community and affirming our village's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion – within all of our initiatives and as our priority.
2. The Village Board and I will discuss creating a Village Diversity Task Force/Commission or a permanent Community Relations Advisory Board whose mission would include, but not be limited to:
 - (i) helping our Village deepen our understanding of diversity, equity, and inclusion, for all - including our youth!
 - (ii) facilitating community conversations around issues of race, cultural awareness, and social justice, and
 - (iii) advising the Village Board on developing programs, policies, and initiatives to bring about lasting improvements/ changes to our Village -- for our future.
3. Exploring Village investments in memberships to national organizations who help cities across the nation develop leading policies, practices, and programs in the area of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.
4. Under the leadership of Chief Brian Cunningham, our Police Department regularly reviews and trains on our law enforcement policies and procedures. Part of this ongoing practice includes contracting with a nationally recognized firm to ensure that our policies are: a) continually evaluated and trained on, b) consistent with federal, state, and local laws, c) reflect nationally recognized standards and best practices. Since the tragic death of George Floyd, our Police Department undertook an immediate, complete policy review. From that review, Chief Cunningham is reviewing some recommended amendments to our policies that he will be reviewing with the Village Board and myself.
5. Also, beginning later this month, our Police Department will be holding weekly "Lunch Time Conversations" with the public via the Zoom web platform. This virtual community outreach effort will be designed to facilitate meaningful community conversations and engagement around law enforcement topics, such as community policing, Woodridge Police Department arrest policies and procedures, and social justice reform topics.
6. The Village will also be exploring additional opportunities to further enhancement of our Police Department's transparency with the public. The Department is in the process of creating a new webpage that will have our law enforcement policies and practices posted on our Village's website for public viewing.

The Village Board and I will be reviewing, discussing and creating other initiatives as well, but I thought it was important to share with you what action steps we are already working on.

In closing, I would like to make special mention to our residents and businesses for the outpouring of support and kindness that you have demonstrated to our Police Officers. Over the last several weeks in particular, our Police Department has received numerous letters, e-mails, phone calls, and walk-in visitors who have specifically took the time to convey their appreciation for our Police Officers'/Police Department's professionalism and dedication to protecting life, property, and free speech in the Village of Woodridge. Thank you again so much for your kindness and support of our Police Officers- it means so much to all of us!

Please take good care. Be safe and continue following the Governor's Executive Orders and Recommendations. Please wear a mask when you are out in public; follow safe social distancing guidelines and stay 6 feet apart, wash your hands throughout the day, and, if you are not feeling well, please stay home. Thank you so much. We're all in this together!

Kindest Regards,

Mayor Gina Cunningham



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Shop Local, Dine Local

To you it might “just” be a gift for a friend, a date night for your special someone, or a quick snack on your way to work, but to your community it means the world when you shop local. For every dollar you spend at a Woodridge business, 67 cents stays within our community. That all adds up to a big impact on the lives and livelihoods of your neighbors. So next time you’re in need of that special something, think close to home. Shop local, shop Woodridge. And don’t forget to visit www.dinewoodridge.com for Woodridge dining options!



Village Hall, Police Department, and Public Works Open To Public

The Village Hall and Police/Public Works buildings reopened to the public on July 6. If your preference is to continue to conduct your Village business remotely, we encourage you to do so. Please note, anyone entering the building is required to wear a face covering over your mouth and nose and adhere to social distancing guidelines. Please do not enter the building if you are feeling unwell. We thank you for your cooperation and patience as we transition together.

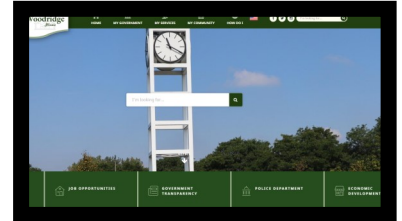
Woodridge Library Has Reopened

The Woodridge Public Library reopened in July. Residents are now able to come in and get books, DVDs, other materials, and use library resources. Visitors should be aware that, due to mandated building capacity limits and COVID-19 safety precautions, extended visits won’t be possible during the initial phase of the reopening. The library will share details of safety measures and available services on the library website, www.woodridgelibrary.org.

Visit the Village’s New Website

www.woodridgeil.gov

The Village has been diligently developing and creating a new website for the Village of Woodridge. The new website layout was selected for its ease of use, navigability, presentation of information, and ability to be much more mobile friendly. Along with the new layout, the Village is excited to announce the creation and roll-out of a new web address www.woodridgeil.gov. We are excited for the launch of this new site and the ability to stay connected to our community!



Woodridge Water Quality Report

Residents can view the most current Water Quality Report at www.vil.woodridge.il.us/waterqualityreport or 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

The Village Board took action, back in April 2020, to provide relief to residents and businesses by suspending water disconnections and water late fee penalties. As the state and community reopens, the Village wants to remind you that as of July 1, water billing will return to normal processes. Beginning with your next billing cycle (July bills due July 23 and August bills due August 20) any unpaid balances will be subject to late fees. Late notices will be mailed and delinquent accounts may be subject to disconnection. Those that are experiencing financial difficulty as a result of the COVID pandemic can call Water Billing at 630-719-4909 to arrange a payment plan.

The Village of Woodridge will be closed on Monday, Sept. 7 in observance of Labor Day