



# 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](http://www.dinewoodridge.com) for Woodridge dining options!



## Unlimited Refuse Disposal Allowed During Clean Up Days October 5 through 9

On your regular collection day during the week of October 5 to October 9, residents can 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, please adhere a sticker for each of the first five items (garbage cans included) that you would normally tag.

Groot will pick up any additional items 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 yardwaste 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, please call the Village of Woodridge at 630-719-2905.



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

## Woodridge Water Quality Report

Residents can view the most current Water Quality Report at [www.vil.woodridge.il.us/waterqualityreport](http://www.vil.woodridge.il.us/waterqualityreport) or [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.

## 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 25. Please contact Leslie Davies at (630) 719-4706 if you have any questions. Nomination forms can be found on the Village’s website [woodridgeil.gov](http://woodridgeil.gov).

## Voter Registration and Upcoming Election Information

The last day to register, in-person, at Village Hall for the November 3, 2020 election will be Tuesday, October 6. There are also options to register to vote, including online, through the DuPage County Election Division website, [www.dupageco.org/election](http://www.dupageco.org/election). The DuPage County also has information on how to acquire a mail in ballot and information on early voting locations. For those who are planning on voting in-person on Election Day, November 3rd, you can use the Community Portal website, [woodridgeil.gov/CommunityPortal](http://woodridgeil.gov/CommunityPortal) to search on your address and determine your precinct and polling location under the “government representatives” tab.