



# Woodridge E-News

**April 9, 2021**

***Dear Trevor,***

  
VILLAGE OF WOODRIDGE

**Now Hiring**

FULL-TIME SUMMER SEASONAL  
EMPLOYMENT  
Public Works

For more information, please visit  
<https://www.woodridgeil.gov>

**The Village is accepting applications for both Fiscal Assistant I  
and Summer Seasonal Positions**

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## VILLAGE MEETINGS

### **Village Board Meeting**

April 15, 7:00 p.m.  
Werch Board Room  
5 Plaza Drive

### **Village Board Meeting**

May 6, 7:00 p.m.  
Werch Board Room  
5 Plaza Drive

### Water Bill Brief

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*Water Bill Brief*

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## **Seasonal Job Opportunities at the Village of Woodridge**

The Village is hiring for temporary, [seasonal positions](#) that begin in May or early June and last approximately three months. These positions are available in the Public Works maintenance crews and the work involves manual labor and is primarily outdoors. Duties include assisting streets, water, and sewer and fleet maintenance crews with daily operations. [Click here](#) for more information.

## **April 6, 2021 Consolidated General Election and Inauguration Parade Information**

The 2021 Consolidated Election occurred on Tuesday, April 6. The election results are in and the Village wants to congratulate those voted in to office. Mayor Gina Cunningham was reelected to a four-year term. Incumbent Trustees Kaleshia 'Kay' Page and Mike Krucek were reelected to four-year terms. Current Village Clerk Joseph Kagann was elected to a Trustee position for a four-year term. Write-in candidate Joe Heneghan was elected as the Village Clerk in a four-year term. Additionally, the advisory referendum seeking input on whether Woodridge should allow the retail sale of adult use recreation cannabis was 55% yes (1,055 votes) to 45% no (857 votes).

## **Celebrating Woodridge "Our Spirit and Our Strength" Mini-Parade Planned for Saturday, May 1**

On Saturday, May 1, a small-scale parade is being planned in conjunction with the 2021 Inauguration ceremony that will welcome the returning and newly elected Village, Park District, and Library officials to their positions. The parade route will kick off at 11:00 a.m. and will start near Woodridge Drive and 75th Street, head north on Woodridge Drive, east on Center Drive and end at Plaza Drive in Town Centre. The swearing in ceremony will take place at Kagann Plaza, just outside of Village Hall. The Village hopes that the parade will also offer our community a brief, yet fun, opportunity to celebrate the arrival of spring, and a renewed sense of hope that with each passing week, we will be one step closer to a sense of normalcy in our society as mass vaccination continues to progress. We invite you to join us and gather (safely, socially distanced, and wearing a face covering) along Woodridge Drive and Center Drive; enjoy the outdoors (let's hope the weather cooperates!) with your fellow neighbors; and let's share with one another a little of our Woodridge civic pride.

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## **Woodridge Begins Planning for Fourth of July Fireworks and Expanded Oktoberfest; Cancels the 2021 Woodridge Jubilee**

The Woodridge Park District and Village of Woodridge released a news release to share that planning has begun for Fourth of July fireworks 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. The Woodridge Jubilee festival, an annual family-fun filled community event held in mid-June, is canceled for 2021 due to the current Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity guidelines of the Restore Illinois Plan and the unknown future of any potential COVID restriction changes. [Read the full news release online.](#)

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### **DuSable Museum & Garfield Park Conservatory: Virtual Tours**

Take part in a lecture and virtual visit to the [DuSable Museum of African American History](#) on April 10 at 1:00 p.m., or get a preview of the propagation greenhouses and beehives of the [Garfield Park Conservatory](#) on April 17 at 1:00 p.m. Pre-register through the Woodridge Public Library via the links above.

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### **Village Board Approves Future Police Department / Public Works Facility Site Plan**

In March 2021, the Village Board was provided an update on the Village's ongoing facilities improvement project. As part of Phase I, the Village Board provided direction to move forward with the Master Plan site option, placing the Police Department on the western portion of the property, while nestling the Public Works salt and cold storage buildings closest to I-355. The targeted estimated budget for this project is \$30.6 million, and will be primarily financed with GO bonds. The next step will be to proceed with full building design and site development, as well as issuance and approval of the bond financing. Under the current project timeline, the Village expects to break ground in Spring 2022. A video recap of Village Board presentation and discussion is on the [Village's YouTube page](#), and the staff reports are [available here](#). The Village has also created a [project webpage](#) where you can learn more about the project's status as well as the history of the Village's long-term facility needs.



### **Woodridge School District 68 Back to In-Person School Starting Wednesday, April 7 - Safety Reminders**

Woodridge School District 68 returned to in-person learning, 5 days a week, starting on Wednesday, April 7. As such, please remember these key school safety reminders. Expect an increase in traffic and remember it is unlawful to pass stopped school buses. Please watch your speed in school zones, and note that schools zone speed limits may change in hours and rates; and remember to stop when directed to do so by school crossing guards.

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### **Yard Waste Reminders: Collection Began April 1 and No Leaf Burning Allowed**

Yard waste collection officially resumed on April 1 and continues through December 15. Residents can dispose of yard waste at the curb on their normal refuse collection day. One sticker is required for every 33 gallon unlined container or yard waste paper bag. Brush should be packaged in bundles no more than 4 feet in length and 2 feet in diameter. Each bundle must have a yard waste sticker attached and cannot weigh more than 50 pounds. Also, as a reminder, the Village does not allow residents to burn leaves or other yard waste. Please dispose of yard waste properly.

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### **April Water Bill Brief Now Online**

Access the current water bill brief during months you do not receive a water bill to read timely, relevant information. The [April 2021 Water Bill Brief](#) is now online, or accessible through the link above in the left hand column.

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### **ComEd Tree Trimming**

ComEd is out and about [tree trimming around power lines](#). You might see ComEd's subcontractor in the area. ComEd states this work is preventative in nature and that trees or branches that have potential to interfere with power lines will be trimmed by trained, qualified arborists.

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### **Woodridge Seeks Applications for Board of Police Commissioner Vacancy**

There is currently a vacancy for a commissioner on the Village of Woodridge's [Board of Police Commissioners](#). Mayor Gina Cunningham is seeking interested individuals to fill this vacancy. Woodridge residents who are interested in being considered for the appointment should submit a letter and a current resume to the attention of Mayor Gina Cunningham, Village of Woodridge, Five Plaza Drive, Woodridge, IL 60517. Please note the deadline to submit your materials is April 22, 2021.

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### **Public Feedback Sought on Proposed Energy and Conservation Goals in Will County**

The Resource Recovery and Energy Division of the Will County Land Use Department is seeking feedback from Will County residents and workers on proposed County energy and conservation goals. The [four-minute survey](#) asks for input on goals pertaining to energy resources, water conservation, recycling, educational efforts and local transportation. Responses will influence the goals that are ultimately included in [Will County's 2021 Energy & Conservation Plan](#), currently in its draft phase.

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### **DuPage County Animal Services Announces Upcoming Webinars**

DuPage County Animal Services will host their first round of Zoom webinars for 2021 beginning this month! All webinars will be held from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. and topic include learning about ways to protect animals, myths about suburban wildlife, figuring out what pet is right for you, and many more. [Please click here to register for a webinar](#).

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### **Kindergarten Pre-Registration for Woodridge 68**

Do you have a student eligible for kindergarten attendance for the 2021-22 school year? If so, mark your calendar for Woodridge School District 68's kindergarten pre-registration to be held on Wednesday, April 14 from 3:30 to 7:00 p.m. Register at your child's [home elementary school](#).

Parents are encouraged to complete the [online portion](#) of pre-registration beginning Wednesday, April 7 and prior to the event on April 14. Children currently enrolled in the blended preschool program need not attend, but will need to complete returning student registration. Children must be five years of age on or before September 1, 2021, and the student's birth certificate must be presented.

More detailed information can be found by clicking the 'Registration' button on the [district website](#) or going directly to [woodridge68.org/registration](#).

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## **ComEd Adds \$9 Million in Bill Assistance and Extends Payment Plans to Help Customers Struggling with Electric Bills**

On March 18, 2021, ComEd [released a news release](#) stating that ComEd is increasing financial assistance funding by \$9 million to help customers regain their financial footing due to many Illinois families continuing to be adversely affected by economic challenges resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. The package includes a bill payment assistance program, enhanced payment arrangement options, and special reconnection programs for eligible customers. Each of these programs will be offered for a limited time. [More information available online.](#)

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## **DuPage County Public Hearing To Obtain Input on 2019 Action Plan Substantial Amendment #5 on Wednesday, April 14**

DuPage County received approximately \$6.7 million in Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus Act Funds and is proposing a 5th Substantial Amendment to its 2019 Action Plan. The amendment is summarized in a document which can be viewed on the [DuPage County Community Development website](#). A virtual public hearing to obtain input for the 2019 Action Plan Substantial Amendment #5 will be held on Wednesday, April 14, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. Information on accessing a [link to the virtual public hearing meeting can be found here](#). The 30-day public comment period begins April 5, 2021 with written comments accepted until 4:30 pm on May 5, 2021. Comments by interested citizens and organizations can be made via mail to 421 N County Farm Road, Room 2-800, Wheaton, IL 60187 or [via email](#).

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## **DuPage County Health Department Accepting Applications for Contract Tracers Through workNet DuPage**

DuPage County Health Department through [workNet DuPage](#) is accepting applications for individuals to work remotely as a contact tracer and assist with the COVID-19 crisis. Positions are anticipated to last through December 2021 and the pay is \$21/hour. Contact tracing jobs through workNet DuPage are grant funded. To be eligible, candidates must have directly or indirectly lost employment or wages due to COVID-19 and individuals on furlough can qualify. Customer service skills and a working knowledge of computers is required. Interested individuals should email [covidjobs@worknetdupage.org](mailto:covidjobs@worknetdupage.org) for additional information.

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## **IN AND AROUND WOODRIDGE**

**Gardening with Native Plants:** Attend the virtual program, *Easy Care Native Plants*, on Thursday, April 15 at 7:00 p.m. Presented by a Master Gardener with the University of Illinois Extension department, low maintenance native grasses, shrubs and trees will be highlighted; [pre-register](#) with the Woodridge Public Library for a Zoom link to join.

**Senior Housing: Woodridge Library Program:** A local advisor will discuss the current state of housing options for seniors during a virtual program, Senior Housing 101, with the Woodridge Public Library on Tuesday, April 20 at 7:00 p.m. [Pre-register](#) to receive a Zoom link to join online, or to join by phone.

**2021 Virtual Mustang Trot 5K Run/Walk:** The 2021 Mustang Trot will be a virtual event that has you complete a 5k run/walk anytime between April 10-18, 2021. All participants will be asked to complete a Google Form after they complete their 5k run/walk, which will include the option of uploading pictures of their timing device as well as anything fun they did while running/walking (i.e. wearing a costume, doing something unique, etc.). Race organizers will be in contact with participants the week of April 19 to recognize winners! This virtual 5K is

sponsored by the Downers Grove South Key Club to benefit [DuPagePads](#). [Click here for more information including how to register](#).

**Save the Date - Woodridge Rotary Club Large Recycling Event:** The [annual Recycling Extravaganza](#), hosted by the Woodridge Rotary Club, will take place on Saturday, May 8, from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at Cypress Cove Family Aquatic Park - at the corner of 83rd and Janes Avenue in Woodridge. Detailed information on what can be recycled can be accessed through the hyperlink above.

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