



Woodridge E-News

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Dear Trevor,

WOODRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Now Hiring

Social Worker

Part-time (25-hour per week)

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

VILLAGE MEETINGS

Village Board Meeting
May 20, 7:00 p.m.
Werch Board Room
5 Plaza Drive

Village Accepting Applications for Part-Time Social Worker

The Village of Woodridge, a progressive and vibrant, family-friendly community located in south Central DuPage County is seeking a hands-on [professional Social Worker](#) who will work as a part of the Police Department in their efforts to provide high level law enforcement services to the residents and businesses of the community. This part-time, 25-hour per week social worker will provide services to Woodridge

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Water Bill Brief

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residents who have been referred through the Police Department or Village. The Social Worker reports to the Deputy Chief of Support Services. [More information online.](#)

Position Responsibilities include:

- Provides advocacy, clinical assessments, crisis intervention, referrals, youth services, community programming and training along with short term counseling for residents and victims. Will have an understanding of the juvenile station adjustment process.
- Possess the ability and aptitude to work in a paramilitary environment alongside police officers and a diverse community.
- Has the ability to clinically work with individuals, or groups providing crisis intervention, diagnostic group and short-term treatment services.
- Will demonstrate the ability to problem-solve and work creatively to address social and mental health challenges within the community. Demonstrates empathy and resilience when dealing with victims and their families is crisis intervention, support and referrals.

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Mayor Cunningham proclaimed May 2021 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month during the [Thursday, May 6 Village Board Meeting](#). The focus of this month is to celebrate and pay tribute to the contributions generations of Asian/Pacific Americans have made to American history, society, and culture. [Read the full proclamation here.](#)

DuPage County Offers Rental Assistance Program

DuPage County residents who are behind on their rent due to COVID-19 may be eligible for up to \$25,000 in emergency rental assistance from the Illinois Housing Department Authority (IHDA).

DuPage County is working with IHDA to help eligible DuPage households receive up to 15 months of assistance for payments from June 2020 through August 2021. Tenants must work with landlords to apply for the program, as grants are paid directly to the housing provider. [More information available here.](#) Applications will be accepted, beginning May 17 at <https://ilrpp.ihda.org>.

Eligibility requirements for the rental assistance program include:

- Household must have experienced a financial hardship directly or indirectly due to the pandemic.
- Household is behind on rent and/or is at risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability.
- 2020 household income was below 80 percent of the Area Median Income, adjusted for household size.

StoryWalk® at the Woodridge Library - Final Weekend

The Woodridge Public Library will feature an outdoor StoryWalk® through May 16. Signs with pages from a children's storybook will be set up along a path in the Plaza, allowing families to walk from sign to sign reading the story. No fees or registration required: see [details.](#)

Village Accepting Applications for Temporary Office Help

The Village of Woodridge is seeking [temporary office assistance](#) on a part-time, 30-hour per week basis, in the Public Works Department. This position performs a variety of routine clerical and administrative duties for the department and coordinates the department's service request process. Applicants must be 18 years old to apply. More information on the [Village's Human Resources webpage](#).

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.

Interested in Serving our Woodridge Community? Please Consider Serving on the Village's New Human Relations Advisory Committee

Last October, Mayor Cunningham and the Village Board 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, they approved the creation of an ad hoc Village Human Relations Advisory Committee ("the 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 and all of our Woodridge neighbors.

Anticipated Time Commitment

- Monthly meetings – approx. 1-2 hours/month.
- Occasional evenings or weekends, as needed, for community outreach meetings or events
- Committee Term Length: 1-2 years (estimated)

Qualifications/How to Apply:

The Mayor and Board are seeking community members of diverse backgrounds who are interested in dedicating their time to the Committee. If you are interested in serving our Village in this important capacity, please submit a Letter of Interest and a summary of your qualifications that you believe make you an ideal candidate to serve on the Committee.

There are two ways to apply:

1. Mail or email: Please send your Letter of Interest and resume to the attention of: Mayor Gina Cunningham, 5 Plaza Drive, Woodridge, IL 60517 or via e-mail gcunningham@woodridgeil.gov.
2. Online application: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7NWJZWL>

First review of applications will begin on May 14.

Health Department Partners with Local First Responders to Vaccinate Homebound Residents

The DuPage County Health Department (DCHD) is partnering with the DuPage County Fire Chiefs Association, Region 8 Emergency Medical Service System (EMS), and local Fire Departments to expand current efforts to vaccinate homebound individuals in DuPage County. This partnership will help ensure that any homebound individual who cannot safely leave their residence is able to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

To support the homebound vaccination program, DCHD is maintaining and coordinating a list of homebound individuals who have registered for COVID-19 vaccine as well as providing the necessary vaccine and supplies to perform this critical work. Any individuals, age 16 years and

older, who are homebound or have difficulty getting to a vaccination clinic are eligible for the program and may register at www.dupagehealth.org/covid19vaccineregistration, or call (630) 682-7400 for assistance.

Getting Back on the Road? Reminders to Keep Yourself and Others Safe

As the weather gets warmer and the COVID restrictions loosen, the Village wants to remind drivers to be attentive and safe, while highlighting some rules of the road.

- School is still in session and it is illegal to pass a stopped bus with its stop sign arm out and red lights flashing.
- Many people have picked up biking and walking during the pandemic. Drivers should be aware of others on the road especially walkers and students in crosswalks. Bikers and walkers at night should wear light colored and reflective gear.
- Woodridge is made up of many neighborhoods with residents and families out and about. Please follow all posted speed limits, especially in residential areas. If you don't know the speed limit in Woodridge or it isn't posted, you should drive 25 MPH.

Other relevant information includes the Illinois Secretary of State [Driving Rules of the Road](#) and [Bicycling Rules of the Road](#)

Small Business Association Released Information and Guidance on the Restaurant Revitalization Fund

The American Rescue Plan Act established the Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF) to provide funding to help restaurants and other eligible businesses keep their doors open. This program will provide restaurants with funding equal to their pandemic-related revenue loss up to \$10 million per business and no more than \$5 million per physical location. Recipients are not required to repay the funding as long as funds are used for eligible uses no later than March 11, 2023. Program details, documents, and an application can be [found on the SBA website](#).

Call Before You Dig and What Do Those Different Flags Mean?

Have you noticed more small flags in your neighborhood? That's another sign of spring. After you have notified JULIE, each utility member is responsible to locate and mark their own underground lines with paint or flags within two working days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays). [See what those different little flags mean in your yard](#).

Also, remember to call 8-1-1 to have JULIE locate underground utilities.

Help Protect Basic Services in Our Community - Restore Local Government Distributive Fund Payments

The Village of Woodridge has joined 275 municipalities throughout the area in urging Springfield to restore local revenue payments. The Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) is generated from income taxes paid by local residents and businesses and collected by the State before it gets redistributed back to municipalities.

LGDF funds help pay for essential services, such as police services, road repairs and maintenance, garbage collection and flood prevention.

The State promised 10 percent of total income tax collections to municipalities on a per capita basis through the fund in lieu of a local income tax. But in recent years, the State has reduced the LGDF share from 10 to 6.06 percent.

Now, Springfield is considering taking additional money from LGDF this year, which would make local governments even more reliant on property taxes when they are challenged to balance their own budgets and maintain essential services.

We encourage you to contact your State Senator and Representative and let them know that you: 1) oppose further LGDF cuts; and 2) support restoring LGDF payments to the full 10 percent level that had been promised.

Restoring LGDF dollars to our community will help relieve the property tax burden and help ensure that basic services remain in place moving forward.

IN AND AROUND WOODRIDGE

Gardening for Birds & Butterflies Program: Learn what you can do to attract birds and butterflies to your own garden during a virtual program with the Woodridge Library on Thursday, May 20 at 7:00 p.m. [Pre-register](#) for a Zoom link to join the program.

Field Museum: Virtual Dinosaur Tour: Get an exclusive tour of the "Dinosaur Range" at Chicago's Field Museum on May 22 at 1:00 p.m., with mammalian paleontologist William Simpson. [Pre-register](#) for this free Zoom program from the Woodridge Library and their partners.

Summer Reading Begins May 27: Children will go on a summer reading adventure with pirates, dinosaurs, astronauts, games and crafts; teens and adults can complete a "reading BINGO card" to win a journal or giant candy bars during "Summer Reading" at the Woodridge Public starting May 27. [Sign up](#) for a registration reminder.

"Signs of Spring" Nature Photography Contest: Celebrate the arrival of spring by photographing the magical transformation of nature! The Woodridge Public Library is hosting a "Signs of Spring" photo contest. Submissions will be accepted from May 1 through May 31; winning photos will be displayed on the library's website and winners will receive a gift card. See [contest](#) guidelines.

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