

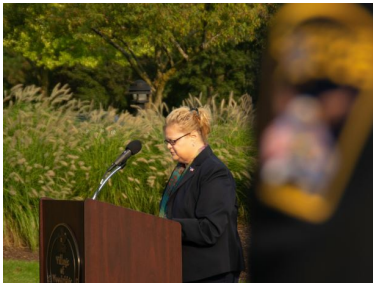


# Woodridge E-News

**September 17, 2021**

## ***Greetings!***

### **Woodridge September 11 Remembrance Ceremony**



Woodridge Mayor Gina Cunningham delivering remarks reflecting on 9/11



Honor Guards saluting the American flag



Mike Cooper plays "Taps"

The Woodridge Police Department, Lisle-Woodridge Fire Department, and Lisle Police Department held a September 11, 2001, Remembrance Ceremony at Kagann Plaza. The event featured Elise Floss singing the National Anthem, an invocation by Pastor Garret Bova, remarks by Mayor Cunningham and Mayor Pecak (Lisle), Amazing Grace by Chief Cunningham on the bagpipes, 21 gun salute by the Woodridge Police Department and VFW Post 1578, and "Taps" by Mike Cooper.

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### **VILLAGE MEETINGS**

#### **Village Board Meeting**

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

#### **Village Board Meeting**

October 21, 7:00 p.m.  
Werch Board Room  
5 Plaza Drive

### **National Hispanic Heritage Month: September 15 - October 15**

Sept. 15 through Oct. 15 is National Hispanic Heritage Month. The [Village proclamation](#) at the Thursday, Sept. 2, Board meeting said, "During National Hispanic Heritage Month, we honor and celebrate the rich and vibrant traditions of Hispanic and Latino faith, family, hard work, and patriotism. We are grateful for the innumerable contributions they make to our society, which are vital to our community."

The 2021 national theme for the observance is "Esperanza:

**Budget Workshops**  
September 21 & 28 6:00  
p.m.  
Werch Board Room  
5 Plaza Drive

**Water Bill Brief**  
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A Celebration of Hispanic Heritage and Hope." The theme invites everyone to celebrate Hispanic heritage and reflect on how great tomorrow can be with resilience and hope. It encourages people to reflect on all of the contributions Hispanics have made in the past, and will continue to make in the future.

The proclamation encourages all residents to celebrate our diverse heritage and culture and continue the efforts to create a world that is more just, peaceful, and prosperous for all.



## Woodridge New Facility Needs Website

Have you seen the updated [Woodridge Facility Needs website?](#) This GIS Story Map contains information about:

- Project Overview
- Project Timeline
- Financing Plan
- Why New Facilities?
- Location?
- And more

The current Police and Public Works facility was built in 1986. Since the early 2000s, the Village Board has identified the need for new and improved facilities for Police and Public Works as a strategic priority for the Village. Pictured is the original Woodridge Police Department facility in 1959 compared to the rendering of the future facility.



## Clean-Up Day (Amnesty Day) is Around the Corner

Now may be a good time to start preparing for some fall cleaning!

On your regular collection day during the first full week of October (October 4 through October 8, 2021), customers of Groot's single-family garbage collection service are allowed to dispose of an unlimited amount of refuse, furniture, carpeting, bulky items and just plain junk.

All items must be properly bundled, bagged and otherwise prepared for pick-up as they would on any regular collection day. A total of five (5) stickers are required and must be displayed (garbage cans included) on items that you would normally tag - all five stickers can be placed on one item, such as the garbage can. Any additional items will be picked up without stickers.

Remember that often people will come through town in advance of Groot to take items they would like to repurpose, so please avoid placing stickers on items that might get taken prior to the Groot collection. No stickers are required of residents who use the totter service and are billed directly through Groot. Building materials, railroad ties, tires, hazardous waste and yardwaste are not included in this program. Electronics items (anything with a plug) are prohibited from landfills and cannot be picked up as part of the Clean-Up Day (Amnesty Day) program. If you have any questions, please call 630-719-2905.



## 2022 Budget Workshops September 21 & 28

The 2022 Woodridge Budget Workshops are on Tuesday, September 22 and September 28, starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Werch Board Room located at Village Hall, 5 Plaza Drive, in Woodridge. At the workshops, the Village Board will review and discuss the proposed Village budget for Fiscal Year 2022.

The Mayor and Village Board value community input and look forward to hearing from you on agenda items. Please visit the [public comment website](#) for more information about how to share your budget feedback. In addition, the proposed [FY2022 Village Budget](#) is available for inspection on the Village's website.



## Woodridge Oktoberfest – Tickets on Sale Now

Get your fill of German food, music and beer at the 2nd annual Woodridge Oktoberfest on September 24 & 25! Discounted tickets are on sale now through September 23. Please note that pre-event ticket sales are online only and not available at Park District facilities.

### [Tickets](#)

Tickets are valid for one admission for one person on either September 24 or September 25. A mobile ticket or a printed ticket purchased online through Eventbrite must be presented at the Oktoberfest front gate in order to be admitted into the event. Tickets are not available for





purchase at any of the Woodridge Park District facilities prior to the event.

## Welcome, Natalie Flynn! Woodridge Fiscal Assistant I

A warm Woodridge welcome to Natalie Flynn! The Finance Department introduced Natalie at the Village Board meeting. As Fiscal Assistant I, Natalie will be responsible for processing accounts payable, accounts receivable, answering phones, payment processing, and posting, assisting water billing and the front desk, real estate transfer stamps, and much more!

Natalie comes to us from the Woodridge Park District as a camp counselor, where she used her organizational and leadership skills to coordinate group activities, facilitate projects, and keep detailed records.



Natalie is a recent graduate of Ball State University in Indiana, where she majored in Telecommunications and graduated early as Magna Cum Laude. She was also a Resident Advisor, where she worked closely with students to provide guidance, implement various student programs, and resolve disputes among residents.

Outside of work, you can find Natalie enjoying a novel at the nearest bookstore, or channeling her inner foodie as she stakes out the newest restaurant. Something interesting about Natalie is that she once played clarinet at Carnegie Hall! Welcome to the Village of Woodridge, Natalie!

## Neighbors Helping Neighbors Tornado Fundraisers

**NOW ON SALE!**



**CLICK HERE TO ORDER**

All proceeds will go to the Woodridge Rotary Tornado Relief Fund



\*All sales are final. No refunds



### Woodridge Strong Tornado Relief T-Shirt Fundraiser

Show the world you're Woodridge Strong! Order a Woodridge Strong Neighbors Helping Neighbors (NHN) T-Shirt today!

All proceeds will go to the Woodridge Rotary Tornado Relief Fund.

[Order a Shirt](#)



### Concert for Woodridge Tornado Relief: The Steepwater Band Maurice John Vaughn Brother John Kattke Raffles

All proceeds will go to the Rotary Club of Woodridge Tornado Fund!

[Purchase Tickets](#)

## IN AND AROUND WOODRIDGE

### **Virtual Program: Backyard Bats!**

Learn the truth about bats and their value to your neighborhood during an online Woodridge Library [program](#) on Thursday, September 23 at 7:00 p.m.

### **Forest Therapy Program at the Library**

The Woodridge Public Library hosts author Richard C. Lindberg for a virtual [program](#), "Who Really Started the Great Chicago Fire of 1871?" on Thursday, September 30 at 7:00 p.m.

### **DG Sanitary District Tour**

The annual Open House set for Saturday, Sept. 18 is canceled. However, in lieu of the open house, the DG Sanitary District will host guided tours of the wastewater treatment plant all throughout September! There are still several time slots available! This is a unique opportunity to see firsthand how a local wastewater treatment plant operates. To schedule your tour and for more information, please visit the [DG Sanitary District website](#).

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