



# E-NEWS

Village of Woodridge

**February 10, 2023**

*Greetings!*



## **Woodridge and Neighbors Helping Neighbors Host "We Care Day" Event**

Mayor Gina Cunningham, in partnership with Woodridge Neighbors Helping Neighbors, hosted an informational "We Care Day" event on Tuesday to help assist families with resources and referrals as many families are still struggling with displacement and hardships after tornado and fire damage.

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### **E-News Articles**

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**VILLAGE MEETINGS**

**2023 Woodridge Prologis Foundation Scholarship**

**Village Board Meeting**  
February 16 at 7:00 p.m.  
Werch Board Room  
5 Plaza Drive

**Village Board Meeting**  
March 2 at 7:00 p.m.  
Werch Board Room  
5 Plaza Drive

**Plan Commission Meeting**  
March 6 at 7:00p.m.  
Werch Board Room  
5 Plaza Drive

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The Village of Woodridge and the ProLogis Foundation have scholarship applications available for Woodridge High School Seniors attending college in the fall. The primary criteria for applicants are: Woodridge residency, good citizenship, leadership potential, community or campus involvement, and academic excellence.

Interested students may find the scholarship brochure and application at the [Village of Woodridge Scholarship link here](#).

Applicants should submit the completed form to the Mayor's Office at Village Hall by Friday, February 17. If you have any questions, please contact Leslie Davies at (630) 719-4706.



## Job Openings at the Village of Woodridge



VILLAGE OF WOODRIDGE

**Now Hiring**  
Communications and Community  
Relations Manager

For more information, please visit  
<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/woodridge/>

The Village of Woodridge is seeking applications for Communications and Community Relations Manager.

This is a full-time, forty-hour per week position. To apply, please visit the Village's [new online employment portal](#).



VILLAGE OF WOODRIDGE

**Now Hiring**  
Finance Director

For more information, please visit  
<https://www.prologis.com/careers-page-qa-hr/>  
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The Village of Woodridge is seeking an experienced, dependable and collaborative Director to lead the Finance Department

The successful candidate will have strong analytical, and oral and written communication skills, staff leadership and management abilities, and a demonstrated proficiency and enthusiasm for working closely



VILLAGE OF WOODRIDGE

**Now Hiring**  
Associate Planner

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The Village of Woodridge is seeking applications for Associate Planner.

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with elected and appointed officials. To apply, please visit the Career Page at GovHR [here](#).

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## What Should You Do With Your Light Strand that Doesn't Work? Recycle It!

Woodridge residents may recycle non-working holiday lights at Woodridge Village Hall, 5 Plaza Drive or Public Works building, 1 Plaza Drive. The Village is partnering with Elgin Recycling to offer this free service to residents from November 21, 2022, through March 3, 2023. Please - no CFLs.

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## Black History Month 2023 *“Roots and Achievement: Celebrating Black Businesses in Illinois”*

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) is proud to celebrate Black History Month throughout February 2023. Through its Office of Minority Economic Empowerment (OMEE), DCEO is spotlighting Black businesses across the state, highlighting the accomplishments and contributions of Black Illinoisans in our state, showcasing our commitment to growing and investing in Black businesses, and hosting events. [2023 Black History Month Proclamation](#)

### Enjoy Illinois Black History Month Resources

- Ideas for places to visit in Illinois to learn and connect with Illinois' Black History.
    - **Enjoy Illinois Black History Month Site** (Featuring Urban Historian Sherman 'Dilla' Thomas)
    - **Black History Month Events in Illinois**
    - **Meet Black Illinois Makers**
    - **Illinois' African American History & Heritage**
    - **Path to Freedom on Illinois' Underground Railroad**
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## Federal Funding to Support Small Businesses

The U.S. Department of the Treasury announced that Illinois will receive up to \$354.6 million to administer four programs as part of the State Small Business Credit

Initiative (SSBCI). The expanded program offering through SSBCI will enable Illinois to support small businesses across the state - helping them attract more capital investment and expand or launch business operations, while supporting key sectors. All of the new programs will launch in the coming months.



**Illinois**  
**Department of Commerce**  
& Economic Opportunity  
JB Pritzker, Governor

- **Advantage Illinois (AI) Loan Participation Program (Existing Program)**
- **Advantage Illinois (AI) Loan Guarantee Program (New Program)**
- **INVENT Venture Capital Program (VCP) (New Program)**
- **Climate Bank Finance Loan Participation Program (New Program)**

The programs will launch in the near future; interested businesses should fill out [this form](#) to receive additional information and updates when the programs are launched.

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The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is hosting the 32nd “Today’s Challenge, Tomorrow’s Reward” conference on February 15-16 at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield. The conference is hosted by IDOT’s Office of Business and Workforce Diversity and provides female- and minority-owned businesses with opportunities to make connections and develop skills to grow and succeed. Conference topics include work category expansion, funding, training opportunities, getting paid and credit restoration. IDOT staff will be leading sessions about how to bid on, participate in and deliver projects.

Individuals can register online ( [available via this link](#) ). The conference will be held in-person, with a virtual option available. IDOT released additional information about the conference ([available via this link](#)).

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## Woodridge Rotary Scholarship Opportunities

The Woodridge Rotary Club offers scholarships to Woodridge students graduating high school in 2023.



The Woodridge Rotary Club is offering one \$1000 Music scholarship. To access this application use this link - [Music Scholarship Application](#).

The Woodridge Rotary Club is offering two \$2000 " Service Above Self " Scholarships. To access this application use this link - [SAS Scholarship Application](#)

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### Jim Stewart VFW Memorial Scholarship



### Woodridge VFW Scholarship Opportunities

Woodridge Memorial VFW Post 1578, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, has established the Jim Stewart VFW Memorial Scholarship with the intention of assisting one or more high school students in their pursuit of continuing education. The applicant must be graduating from either Downers Grove North or Downers Grove South High School (CSD 99) in the current year with plans to pursue a higher education as well as a descendant of a VFW-eligible veteran.

For more information, visit the [Woodridge VFW Scholarship website](#) .

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## Flashback Friday: 2007 Woodridge Culture Fest



Do you have a flashback photo? [Send it to us](#) , and it could be featured in the next E-News issue.



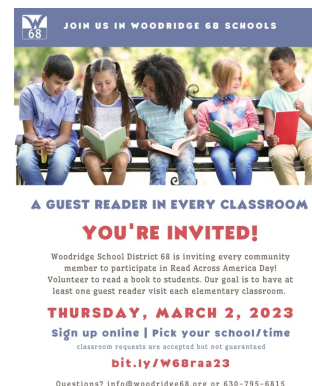
Click here to purchase the book 'Images of America: Woodridge' for \$23.99 or at Village Hall for \$16 during regular business hours while supplies last.

## IN AND AROUND WOODRIDGE

### Read Across America Day

Woodridge School District 68 is inviting every community member to participate in Read Across America Day! Volunteer to read a book to students. Our goal is to have at least one guest reader visit each elementary classroom.

Read Across America Day takes place on Thursday, March 2, 2023. Click [here to sign up online](#).



### Play & Learn Program for Preschoolers

Preschool children from ages three through five will have fun—and learn—while playing with play dough, fidget toys and other games, at the Woodridge Public Library's *Totally Tots* program on Tuesday, February 21 at 1:30 p.m. Please [register](#).



### Grow a Vegetable Garden

Master Gardener Tricia Bethke from the University of Illinois Extension program will cover the basics of growing a vegetable garden, and give money-saving tips, during a special in-person presentation at the Woodridge Public Library on Saturday, February 25 at 1:00 p.m. Make attending this program your first step in growing a successful and thrifty garden. Register [online](#) or by phone at 630-487-2581.



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