



# E-NEWS

Village of Woodridge

**February 3, 2023**

*Greetings!*



## **Woodridge Employee of the Quarter: Wbaldo Molina Franco**

Congratulations to Wbaldo Molina Franco on his selection as the Woodridge Employee of the Quarter. Wbaldo plays a key role in the Woodridge Public Works forestry programs. He was nominated by a co-worker for his positive attitude towards his job and willingness to teach anybody his forestry knowledge.

Pictured (left to right): Al Stonitsch, Village Administrator, Wbaldo Molina Franco

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### **VILLAGE MEETINGS**

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

**Board Brief:** February 2nd Mayor and Board of Trustees-  
Regular Board Meeting| [Agenda](#)

**Please visit the** [Woodridge YouTube channel](#) to watch the video.

## Plan Commission Meeting

February 20 at 7:00p.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

## Water Bill Brief

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## February 2nd Proclamation – National African American History Month

On Thursday, February 2, Mayor Gina Cunningham proclaimed February 2023 as "National African American History Month."



Village  
of  
Woodridge

To all to whom these Presents Shall Come: Greeting:  
Proclamation

WHEREAS

During National Black History Month, we celebrate the vast contributions of Black Americans to our Nation's history and identity; and

WHEREAS

Black African American History Month grew out of the establishment, in 1926, of Negro History Week by Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of African American Life and History; and

WHEREAS

since 1976, February has been designated Black History Month as a time in which especially memorable events are recognized and celebrated, honoring and affirming the importance of African American history as an essential element to the foundation of American history; and

WHEREAS

the 2023 national theme for the observance is "Black Resistance"; and

WHEREAS

for generations, Black Americans have courageously led the pursuit of justice and equality, struggling to overcome the past, yet still moving forward - taking on the challenges to advance reforms and break down barriers as we strive as a nation to live by the founding principle that all people are created equal; and

WHEREAS

it is important to take the time to learn from the many lessons found in history's failures, successes, disappointments, and triumphs as we strive as a community to pursue an inclusive vision and maximize our potential to positively shape our world; and

WHEREAS

the Village of Woodridge is proud to honor the history, contributions, and achievements of African Americans in our Community, throughout our State, and Nation.

Now, Therefore, I, Gina Cunningham, Proud Mayor of the Village of Woodridge, DuPage, Will, and Cook Counties, Illinois, in recognition of African Americans, past and present in our community, do hereby proclaim February 2023 as:

**"National African American History Month"**

and encourage 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.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Village of Woodridge, this 2nd day of February, 2023.

  
Gina Cunningham, Mayor

Attest:   
Joseph Heneghan, Village Clerk

## Village of Woodridge/ ProLogis Foundation



## 2023 Woodridge Prologis Foundation Scholarship

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](#).



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### Now Hiring

Finance Director

For more information, please visit  
<https://www.govhrusa.com/careers-page-govhr/?gjobid=KW754869221&rpaid=86e99a&posrid=a3d1j3K6f1mo>

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



### 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.

### Pathways to Professions Expo

Will County Executive Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant and the Workforce Services Division is excited to present the first Pathways to Professions Expo, which will allow local businesses, colleges, and training providers to connect with Will County high school students and residents.



This event will take place on March 14 and 15 at the Village of Romeoville Athletic & Events Center at 55 Phelps Avenue, Romeoville, IL 60446.

The expo will be open to Will County high school students from 9AM - 1PM on both days of the event and will open to the general public from 2:30PM - 5PM on March 15. The Expo will be a hands-on experience geared towards high school junior and seniors, as well as community members, who are interested in pursuing short-term training programs in high-growth occupations or exploring entry into apprenticeships, internships, or employment opportunities.

#### HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Businesses and industry professionals interested in spotlighting training programs and employment

opportunities can register as a vendor here.

Vendor registration ends February 10, 2023, and vendors are encouraged to describe an interactive experience they can provide attendees of the Expo in their registration form.

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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:** This week 12 years ago, the Blizzard of 2011



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

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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

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#### Cabin Fever Family Fun

Bring the entire family out to cure your Cabin Fever and spend some special time together. Your family will have “snow much fun” playing games, making your own ice cream sundaes and more. This free event is for all ages and does not require registration.

Date: Sunday, February 5

Time: 1:00-4:00 PM

Fee: FREE



Location: Fred C. Hohnke Community Center

For more information, visit the Woodridge Park District website [here](#).



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### Make a Colorful Mosaic

Children in first through third grade can create their own mosaic at the Woodridge Public Library on Monday, February 6 at 4:30 p.m. Please [register](#), all supplies will be provided for this project inspired by the work of African American painter Alma Thomas.



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### Virtual Program: Birds in Art and Culture

Join John Cebula, from the DuPage Birding Club, as he presents a fascinating look at the depiction of birds in Western art during an online program hosted by the Woodridge Public Library on Wednesday, February 8 at 7:00 p.m. [Register](#) to receive a Zoom link to attend.



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### Live Music at the Woodridge Public Library

Sunday, February 5 at 2:00 p.m. adults are invited for a nostalgic afternoon packed with hits from the biggest names of the '60s and '70s including The Beatles, Elvis, The Rolling Stones, Roy Orbison, and Paul Simon. Grammy-nominated singer and guitarist Dave Rudolf will perform live at the Woodridge Library. Please [register](#) online or call 630-487-2581.



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### Black History Month Craft Event

Drop by a [Black History Month craft station](#) on Saturday, February 4 between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to make a bracelet inspired by Marvel Comics' Black Panther, and featuring symbols rooted in African culture. For all ages at the Woodridge Public Library.



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