



Water Bill Brief

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From the Office of Mayor Gina Cunningham



Dear Woodridge Neighbors and
Businesses,

As we optimistically start a new year,
I want to share the impact of those
honored in the 2021 Woodridge
Community Recognition Program.

Our neighbors near and far have touched the hearts of our
community – we are forever grateful.

Mayor's Spirit Award

“The Mayor’s Spirit Award is all about compassion,
dedication, and courage by those supporting the Woodridge
community. This year, the Mayor’s Spirit Award goes to all
Woodridge volunteers. The wonderful, kind, generous, and
inspiring volunteers helped – and continue to assist – in the
tornado recovery efforts.”

Julie Rhodes – nominated by Don Ritter

“As the Assistant Superintendent of Recreation and
Safety Coordinator, Julie Rhodes has worn many hats over
the years for the Woodridge Park District. Julie’s 31-year
career with the Woodridge Park District will be coming to a
close in 2022. Still, her endless energy has set a great example
for all to follow.”

Woodridge School District 68

“Woodridge School District 68 came together in
several different ways to support the relief efforts in response
to the tornado that struck our community. Some examples
include the American Red Cross used Thomas Jefferson
Junior High as a temporary emergency shelter, Buildings &
Grounds crew worked for days with the Village of
Woodridge clearing debris, and more.”

West Suburban Community Pantry (WSCP) – nominated by Woodridge Kivans

“After the tornado, WSCP collected more than
50,000 pounds of food in just one week to help those
impacted by the tornado. The innovative Virtual Food
Pantry provided a convenient opportunity for people to have
food security. WSCP serves all of DuPage County, and they
are vital to Neighbors Helping Neighbors by assisting with
case managers.”

Father Norbert Raszeja, CR and St. Scholastica Staff – nominated by Mary Jane Munley

“While the June 20, 2021, tornado hit Woodridge and
indeed the home of Father Raszeja, CR, he and the staff
were at the center of helping Woodridge.” Note: St.
Scholastica has kindly hosted six out of the 11 Woodridge
Give events to help those impacted by the tornado.

Jerry and Tiffany Eaton, Owners of Liberty Tax Service – nominated by Anne Banks

“Within their 8 years serving the Village of
Woodridge and its residents, they continue to host Turkey
Drives, Back-to-School events, partnering with
organizations such as the Woodridge Knights of Columbus
#5918 Coats-For-Kids Drive, and annual community-wide
tax schools and seminars.”

Patti Coleman – nominated by Mike Adams

“Patti is a selfless, passionate, and avid volunteer
who supports charitable organizations that make a
difference in the Woodridge Community and beyond. Her
involvement includes Woodridge Rotary Mini Triathlon,
West Suburban Community Food Pantry – Food Give-a-
ways, Covid Vaccine ‘buddies’, JANO, and more.”

Tornado Volunteers – nominated by the Woodridge Police Department

“Many volunteers distributed critical information
and helped clear debris. Like the Mayor’s Spirit Award, we
would like to recognize volunteers, especially those who
helped immediately after the tornado.”

With February being Black History Month, let’s
remember this inspiring quote Woodridge displayed on our
Village marquees in mid-January:

“The time is always right to do what is right” – Dr. Martin
Luther King.

Thank you kindly and my best regards,

Mayor Gina Cunningham

Proud Mayor of the Village of Woodridge
A Tree City USA Community since 1992



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Woodridge Water Quality Report

Residents can view the most current Water Quality Report at www.woodridgeil.gov/waterqualityreport to learn more about your drinking water. This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water.

Woodridge Holiday Light Recycling Through March 25, 2022

Are you unsure what to do with that tangled mess of string lights? Through March 25, 2022, Elgin Recycling is collecting holiday lights to recycle for Woodridge residents.

Location: The collection bins are located at Village Hall (5 Plaza Drive) and Public Works (1 Plaza Drive). One of the holiday lights collections bins is pictured to the right.

Times: Normal business hours 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Dates: Now - March 25, 2022

Please do not put the lights in plastic or paper bags in the bins. Over the past decade, Elgin Recycling and various Chicago suburbs have collected more than 98,000 pounds of holiday lights.



Water Billing – Financial Assistance

The past two years have been difficult for many of us, especially financially. If you need help paying a water bill (or other costs), here are some resources you can reach out to:

Lisle Township: 630-968-1183

Downers Grove Township: 630-719-6610

Love Christian Clearing House: 630-512-8665

DuPage County: 630-407-6500

2022 Scholarships Available

The Village of Woodridge has compiled existing scholarship opportunities for students ranging from 8th grade through seniors in high school.

Information on the many local scholarships is now available by visiting the website at www.woodridgeil.gov and utilizing the prominent search bar to search the keywords “scholarship opportunities.”

Preventing Frozen Pipes

With extremely cold temperatures this time of year, please see these tips from Illinois American Water to help prevent frozen pipes.

- Allow a small trickle of water to run overnight to keep pipes from freezing. Consider collecting the water for later use such as watering indoor plants and more. The cost of a short-term trickle is much less costly than a repair to a burst pipe.
- Open cabinet doors to expose pipes. Opening cabinet doors expose pipes to warmer room temperatures.
- If a pipe does freeze, shut off the water immediately and do not attempt to thaw frozen pipes unless the water is shut off.

Woodridge 2022 Water Rates

Effective rates for the Village of Woodridge for all water billed on and after January 1, 2022, are as follows:

- *Water:* \$8.28 per 1,000 gallons
- *Sewer Maintenance Fee:* \$0.90 per 1,000 gallons
- *Capital Improvement Fee:* \$0.80 per 1,000 gallons
- *Fixed Maintenance Fee:* varies by meter size

FY 2022 Village of Woodridge Budget

January 1, 2022, marks the beginning of a new fiscal year! The FY 2022 Budget totals \$76M and reflects the Village’s investment in infrastructure projects and tornado reforestation efforts. A copy of the FY 2022 Budget, along with the easy-to-read Budget-in Brief, is available at https://www.woodridgeil.gov/my_government/finance.