



# E-NEWS

Village of Woodridge

**June 23, 2023**

*Greetings!*

## Reflecting on the 2-Year Anniversary of the Woodridge Tornado



On Tuesday, June 20, our community came together for a Moment of Silence in honor of our continued resilience and recovery since the 2021 Father's Day tornado that impacted many of our neighbors and businesses. It was heartwarming to see so many people in attendance, and reminded me of the great strength and care that our community had two years ago when the tornado first touched the ground and that we continue to have today.

At the event, I saw different volunteer groups, firefighters, public works colleagues, and police officers—our community heroes. It's important that we remember and acknowledge all of the groups and people who have continuously extended a hand to help their neighbors. Thank you to our first responders, local churches, volunteers, the WNHN Disaster Recovery Team, the West Suburban Community Pantry, Rotary, the Home Depot, and to anyone and everyone near and far who has helped our community. Since the tornado, there have been 40 "GIVE" events that would not be possible without your generosity and kindness.

Let's also not forget that while the tornado occurred two years ago, and while we have remained strong, we still have 24 families unable to return home. These families and others are still working to recover. Let's continue to spread positive messages, extend neighborly care, and stand side by side with our neighbors through this hardship.

I know that our resilience and goodness will continue to shine through. Together, we remain Woodridge Strong.

On behalf of the Village of Woodridge and Our Village Board, we send our kindest regards.

Gratefully yours,



Mayor Gina

### VILLAGE MEETINGS

**Board of Police  
Commissioners Meeting**  
June 26 at 6:30 p.m.  
2nd Floor Training Room  
5 Plaza Drive

**Human Relations  
Advisory Committee  
Meeting**

July 11 at 6:00 pm  
2nd Floor Training Room  
5 Plaza Drive

**Plan Commission Meeting**  
July 17 at 7:00 p.m.  
Werch Board Room  
5 Plaza Drive

### Water Bill Brief

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### Fourth of July Picnic



The Woodridge Special Events Committee is excited to bring the Annual 4th of July Picnic back to the community! The Picnic will take place on Tuesday, July 4th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at Castaldo Park (3024 71st St.) and features a trackless train ride, beer tent, brats, hot dogs, ice cream, and other picnic favorites.

[Click here to learn more!](#)

### Fourth of July Fireworks



This year's Woodridge-Downers Grove Fireworks display will take place at 9:30 pm at 75th Street and Lemont Road. The best place to view the fireworks is at the parking lots along 75th Street and Lemont Road. Grab a chair and come watch the show!



## **Reminder: Fireworks are Illegal See a Professional Show This Summer!**

Around this time of year there is typically an increase in calls in regard to illegal fireworks. Remember, fireworks are illegal and dangerous. Please stay safe, consider your neighbors this summer, and attend a permitted and professional fireworks show on July 4th. To report illegal fireworks, dial 9-1-1.



### **Offices Closed for 1 Hour on June 29**

Village Offices will be closed from 12-1 pm on Thursday, June 29 for our annual Employee Appreciation Celebration.

### **Community Needs Assessment Survey**

The Village of Woodridge, in partnership with Metropolitan Mayors Caucus (MMC), and the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA), is undertaking a Community Needs Assessment survey as a part of the Homes for a Changing Region process. This survey will examine housing needs as well as community life in the Village of Woodridge, and will be informed by past planning efforts, data analyses, and community participation. We invite all residents to take part in this planning process by completing this Community Needs Assessment Survey to provide valuable information about their experiences living in Woodridge.



[Click here to take the survey!](#)

### **Job Openings at the Village of Woodridge**





## Lateral Police Officers:

The Village of Woodridge Police Department is seeking qualified candidates for the position of Lateral Police Officer. The Woodridge Police Department is a professional, progressive law enforcement agency consisting of 51 sworn officers (one Chief, two Deputy Chiefs, seven Sergeants, and 41 patrol officers). The department is proactive and works to identify and resolve issues to improve the quality of life within our community.

## Human Resources Manager:

The Village seeks an experienced and approachable human resources professional with exceptional interpersonal skills and demonstrated leadership and management experience to lead its human resources function. This position supports the department manager team and the 112 employees who provide a full array of government services to the Village.

[Click here to apply to open positions!](#)



## Welcome Officer Becerra!

Congratulations and welcome to our newest Woodridge Police Department Officer, Fabian Becerra! Officer Becerra comes to us as a certified lateral Police Officer and will start his field training next week.

## Metra Seeks Public Feedback

Metra is asking for its customers and the public to comment on the biggest proposed change to its fare structure in its history, a plan for 2024 that would reduce the number of fare zones to four from 10 and change some of the fare options available. [Click here](#) to learn more. Feedback can be sent to [2024FarePlan@metrarr.com](mailto:2024FarePlan@metrarr.com).



## NEWS RELEASE

Metra seeks public feedback on proposed simplified fare structure



## Solicitor Information

With the warmer weather, it's likely that residents will see an increase in solicitors. Did you know that you can limit solicitors at your home? Stop by the Village Hall 2nd floor desk to pick up a free solicitor notice sign.

Looking for more information about solicitors? [Click here](#) to visit our Solicitor Information page on the Village Website.

## Watering Restrictions

A friendly reminder that Woodridge Watering Restrictions are in effect through September 15. The Village Code states that lawn sprinkling should not occur on consecutive days or between the hours of 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Please note that residents may continue watering newly planted gardens, lawns, trees, shrubs and plants by means of handheld watering devices. New lawns (less than 3 months old) are also exempt from this provision and may continue to be sprinkled.

[Click here](#) to read Code 7-5B-10: Water Conservation Measures.



### Fire Hydrant & Valve Exercising Program

The Village of Woodridge Public Works Department will be conducting its annual fire hydrant and valve exercising inspection program through October. This important program allows the Village to exercise its hydrants and main line valves on a regular basis in order to remove any accumulation of sediment and other deposits that exist in the water main. As a result, the Village improves the quality of water for its residents and ensures fire hydrants are functioning properly.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

### Brush Drop-Off Program & Free Mulch Pile



Residents looking to drop off brush can take advantage of the Woodridge Brush Drop-Off Program through October. The brush drop-off site is located just west of Woodridge Drive and is open from 9 am to 12 pm on the second Saturday of each month.



Woodridge Public Works staff has prepped the free mulch pick up site on Woodridge Drive (just north of 75<sup>th</sup> Street) and its now open for free mulch pick up by residents.

## FLASHBACK FRIDAY

### 2012 Flag Day

Flashback Friday to Flag Day in 2012! Did you know that the Woodridge VFW Post 1578 and Fire Fighters from Station 52 of the Lisle/Woodridge Fire District properly retired around 1,000 American Flags on Flag Day this year? Post 1578 manages 3 Flag disposal boxes located around Woodridge and

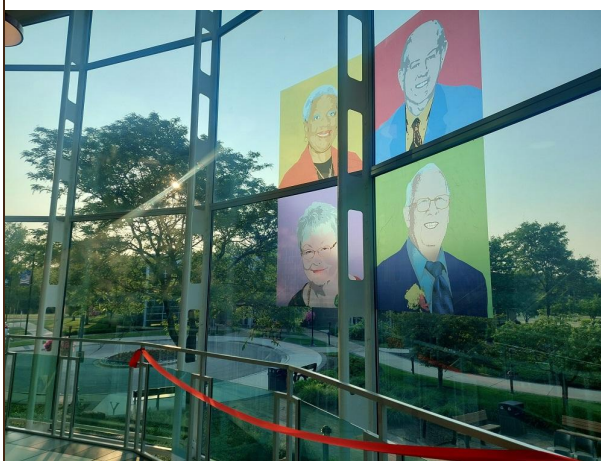


properly stores the worn flags until this annual event. They are located in the lobby of the Village Police/Public Works Building, St. Scholastica Church, and Woodridge United Methodist Church.



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

## IN AND AROUND WOODRIDGE



### Woodridge Warhol

Check out the Warhol-inspired Hometown Heroes at the Library. Who are Woodridge's Hometown Heroes? [Click here](#) and get to know them!



### VFW Post 1578 Ruck March

Join the Woodridge VFW on Saturday, June 24 at 10:00 am at St. Scholastica Parish for a Ruck March supporting the West Suburban Community Pantry. Participants will walk 2.2 miles from St. Scholastica Parish (7800 Janes Ave.) to Shanahan's (1999 75th St.). Entry is \$20 per adult and \$10 per child. Do you want to support the event but not walk? Stop by St. Scholastica or Shanahan's with a non perishable food donation! [Click here](#) to learn more or [click here](#) to register.

### DuPage County Animal Service Free Microchip Event

**Chip in**

with 24Pet.

**Free pet  
microchipping  
event**

Saturday, June 24, 2023  
throughout the Chicagoland area



DuPage County Animal Services will be participating in a Chicagoland-wide free microchip event on June 24th from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm at 120 N County Farm Road, Wheaton IL. [Click here](#) to learn more.

*Historical Portrayal*  
**Tea with  
the Queen!**

Saturday, June 24, 2pm



### Tea with the Queen

Scholar and actress Leslie Goddard portrays Queen Elizabeth II, the mother of England's new King Charles III, during an entertaining afternoon at the Woodridge Public Library, on Saturday, June 24 at 2:00 p.m. Tea will be served; hats and finery welcome but not required! [Click here](#) to register or call 630-487-2581.

Searching for that  
right moment



### Genealogy & The Census

A genealogist will present step-by-step directions for using census data—including the newly released 1950 Census—for your family history research, on Saturday, July 8 at 1:00 p.m. at the Woodridge Public Library. [Click here](#) to register.

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