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## News Release

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# The Woodridge Annual Fourth of July Picnic at Castaldo Park Has Been Canceled

**WOODRIDGE, Ill., June 10, 2022:** The Woodridge annual Fourth of July Picnic at Castaldo Park has been canceled due to the uncertainty of having sufficient volunteers to staff this year's event. "After close consultation with Village of Woodridge officials, the Committee regrets to announce the cancellation of this year's picnic," stated Special Events Committee President Joe Kagann. "As a Committee, we take great pride in putting on a first-class event for our Village, which we've done since 1969. After careful consideration, however, we did not feel confident that we would have the number of volunteers that are needed to properly staff and operate the community picnic," remarked Kagann. In addition, given that the event was canceled the last two years due to the COVID pandemic, many of the entertainment features that were historically offered at the annual picnic were already booked and unavailable.

While we are saddened that the annual picnic will not occur this year, the Village's annual 4th of July Fire Works Celebration will go forward as planned, offering our neighbors an opportunity to gather and celebrate our nation's independence day. We understand how much our neighbors enjoy events like the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic, and understand how disappointed some will be. As a Village, we are so thankful that we have a dedicated group of community leaders who continue to donate their time to serve on the Woodridge Special Events Committee. Without their efforts, volunteer-supported community events, like the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic, would simply not be possible. Rest assured that our community is committed to working together, alongside the Special Events Committee members, to bring back this beloved event next year and have it be better than ever.

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