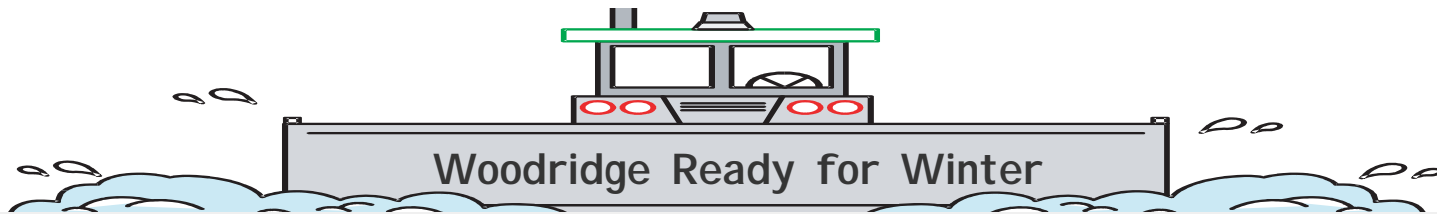


# FOCUS

WINTER 2001

## O N W O O D R I D G E

Our mission: "To achieve a high quality of life by providing superior services in a fiscally-responsible manner!"



It's 5:30 p.m. You just got home from a long hard day at work and it's time to eat dinner and relax. Right? Wrong! It's winter! Instead you change your work clothing, search for that glove or mitten that never seems to have a match and head outside to transform your winter wonderland into a functional driveway. As your toes and fingers begin to lose feeling, you finally reach the end of your driveway. Ah, one last back wrenching scoop and your finished. Just as you turn your back and head toward your house, you hear a familiar roar coming from the end of the street; you stand frozen in shock awaiting the barrage of ice and snow that will soon cover the end of your driveway.

### Trouble Free Snow Removal:

- If possible, wait to shovel the last 5 feet of your driveway until the plows have come by and cleared the street.
- Don't shovel snow back into the streets. This will cause ice patches.
- Keep fire hydrants on your property free of snow and ready for use.
- Remove empty refuse containers from the curb as soon as possible in order to avoid contact with the snowplows.
- At the end of the driveway, keep snow piled to the left; this will reduce the amount of snow pushed back in by plows.
- The bottom of your mailbox should be at least 40 inches above the ground and no closer than eight inches from behind the back of the curb.

Letting the Village do their part first can easily prevent this winter scenario. The Village's plowing operations begin when two inches of snow have accumulated and the snow continues to fall. The snow plowing operational goal is to have all the Village owned streets cleared within twelve hours after the snow has stopped falling. First priority is given to the main streets. These consist of Woodridge Drive, Center Drive, Janes Avenue, Janeswood Drive, Frontage Road, 71st Street, Woodward Avenue, 83rd Street, and Internationale Parkway and are plowed by multiple trucks in tandem. Once the tandem routes are finished, plows take on the secondary routes, which are subdivisions and side streets. Once these have been completed, court routes are plowed, which consist of dead ends and cul-de-sacs, which are the hardest and take the longest to plow.

As winter gears up, so does the Village and the snow plowing crew. In the event of a heavy snowfall, the Village is equipped with 21 full-time crew members, 15 part-time members, and 19 other Village employees from various departments. The fleet of trucks that will take on this difficult job consists of: six 3-ton single axle dump trucks, five 1-ton heavy dump trucks, 12 heavy duty 1-ton pick-up trucks, one end-loader, one backhoe, one utility tractor with broom attachments, one skid loader, and six walk behind snow blowers. Along with this

fleet, the Village will use approximately 2,500 tons of salt.

A master plan for snow plowing with specific routes has been designed to allow for the optimum use of snow plowing equipment and personnel so the 200 curb miles and over 130 courts in Woodridge can remain safe this winter.



Even though all precautions are taken to prevent problems, incidents may occur that require your assistance. If your mailbox happens to be damaged by a Village plow, contact Public Works at 719-4753, and necessary repairs or replacement will be made.

The Village snow plowing crew works long, hard hours to make the roads safe for residents. They are doing the best they can during the hours after the snow falls, sometimes working for more than 12 hours in a single shift. Once the crew gets home, they too must put on their hats, search for their missing gloves, take a deep breath, and step outside to shovel their own winter wonderland.



# Winter Happenings



## Holiday House Decorating Contest

The Woodridge Special Events Committee invites residents of Woodridge to enter the 13th Annual Holiday House Decorating Contest. Cash prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place winners and four honorable mentions. Entries must be postmarked by December 5th. You must be a Woodridge resident, and the home being entered must be within the corporate limits of Woodridge. You must agree to keep your outside decorations lighted between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. during the week of December 10 through December 14, 2001. Decorating contest forms may be picked up at the Village Hall or at various banks in Woodridge.

## Tree Decorating

Organizations and families are invited to decorate a tree in the Town Centre during the week of November 25 through November 30. Trees must be decorated prior to the official Tree Lighting Ceremony on November 30, 2001. Any questions should be directed to The Woodridge Special Events Committee Chairperson, Ceil Jarka at (630) 852-3174.

## The Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony

The Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on November 30, 2001 at 5:30 p.m., at the Woodridge Town Centre, in front of the Village Hall. The ceremony is an enjoyable activity for the whole family. Get into the holiday spirit with caroling from local schools and churches, a holiday message, refreshments, and decorated trees from local families and organizations.

## "Here comes Santa Claus"

Please help us welcome Santa and Mrs. Claus to Woodridge on Saturday, December 1, 2001. They will be arriving at the Park District Community Center via fire engine, courtesy of the Lisle/Woodridge Fire Department at 11:00 a.m. and leaving for their return to the North Pole at 3:00 p.m. Mrs. Claus' kitchen will be open from 11:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m., offering a lunch menu of hot dogs, nachos, chips, cookies, hot cider, coffee, and hot chocolate for a small fee. The Woodridge Special Events Committee has provided Santa with a special gift for each child. There will also be a free drawing for gift certificates to "Toys R Us" at 2:30 p.m.

The Village of Woodridge Wishes You and Your Family a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!!!

## Holiday Safety Guidelines from the Woodridge Police Department

- If you are traveling over the holidays, have a neighbor pick up your mail and shovel your driveway so your home appears "lived in". Homeowners can stop by the Police Department and fill out a vacation watch card.
- Always keep your car locked and keep packages and valuables in the trunk.
- Don't leave gift-wrapped packages in your car.
- Women should keep their purses close to their bodies at all times when shopping. Men should keep their wallets in the front pocket or a coat pocket, NOT in the back pocket.
- Lock your door each and every time you leave the house. Make sure that your light timers are set properly.
- Use a designated driver or call a taxi if you have been drinking.
- During the holiday months, people travel more than ever. Wearing a seat belt may prevent injury in a motor vehicle collision. Ensure that all passengers are wearing safety belts.
- Be alert when shopping! Pay attention to people who are walking in front or behind you. Never leave a purse in a shopping cart or on a counter when paying for your purchases.
- These precautions will help ensure that you and your family have a safe and happy holiday.



### Christmas Tree Recycling Program

The annual Christmas Tree Recycling Program will take place during the weeks of January 7 and January 14. During this designated time, residents may leave their trees at the curb with no sticker.

Trees must be free of decorations, wire, and lights and not placed in plastic bags. Wreaths and evergreen garland **will not** be accepted.

### Yardwaste Collection Almost Finished

The last day for curbside collection of yardwaste is December 15. Residents are given a variety of methods to dispose of their yardwaste. Mulching grass clippings and leaves back into your lawn will

provide nutrients to your lawn. Another possibility is to compost your yardwaste on your property. Thirdly, residents may choose to have the yardwaste removed at the curb through the bag-n-tag program.

### Holiday Refuse Service

This year the Christmas and New Year holidays fall on Tuesday. Only Tuesday's service will be one day late.

### Freezing Water in Your House

When the temperature drops below freezing, it is recommended that you leave your water faucet on a light trickle to prevent standing water from freezing in your pipes.

### Water Main Breaks

Each year the freezing and the thawing of water pipes in the system can cause water main breaks. At times it may become necessary to shut off water service to residents in order to repair a break.

When possible, residents are notified prior to the water being turned off. The Public Works' crews will work around the clock to repair the break and get your water service turned back on. Often excavation is required to repair the break. If you have an excavated area near your home, do not attempt to fill in the site. The Village will return to repair the area in the spring when the ground has thawed.

## Show Your Support And Display Blue

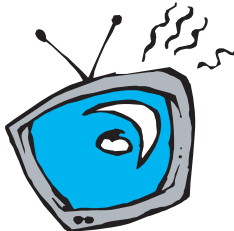
In 1989, Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS) received a letter from Mrs. Dolly Craig of Philadelphia, PA stating she would be putting blue lights in her window that holiday season. The lights would remember her son-in-law who was killed in the line of duty in 1986, and her daughter Pam, Danny's widow, who was killed in an auto accident earlier in 1989. COPS shared the idea with others, and now thousands of blue lights shine nationwide during the holiday season.

For the first time last year, Woodridge Police Department employees decorated a tree in Town Centre with blue lights to honor and remember those law enforcement officers who have given their lives in service to the profession. This year, the Woodridge Police Department will again decorate a tree in Town Centre with blue lights. After the terrible tragedy of September 11, it is important to remember those who we have lost and those who risk their lives every day to keep our community safe.

Everyone can show support for law enforcement by remembering to use blue lights in their holiday decorations. Whether it's a single blue light in a window or thousands of blue lights in a display, the message is clear – we honor and thank those who lost their lives in the line of duty and those who work to keep us safe on a daily basis.

## Interested in Creating Programs for Television?

Did you know that the programs shown on Woodridge Community Television (WCTV - Channel 6) are created by volunteers? The Village of Woodridge offers classes to teach interested residents how to create and edit programs to broadcast on Channel 6. The classes are offered during the evenings or on weekends for eight three-hour sessions. The class schedule for 2002 is currently being developed. If you are interested in enrolling in a class, please contact Barb Holakovsky at 630-719-4705.



## WELCOME TO WOODRIDGE

### Tebo's Evergreens

Christmas Tree Sales, Jewel Parking Lot.

### Shred-co

8102 Lemont Road, Suite 800

### W.F.H. Enterprises, Inc.

8102 Lemont Road, Suite 1800

### Personalization Mall.Com

8102 Lemont Road, Suite 1700

### Rancilio North America, Inc.

8102 Lemont Road, Suite 1400

### Prodigy Marketing Inc.

8102 Lemont Road, Suite 1200

### Dunbar Systems, Inc.

8102 Lemont Road, Suite 1900

### Los Arcos Grocery

7451 S. Woodward Ave., Suite 103 & 104

### All Wireless

2303 West 63rd Street

### Western Remac, Inc

Werch Drive & Internationale Parkway

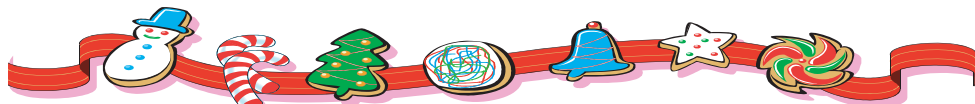
## Voter Information from the Office of the Village Clerk

The General Election Primary will be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2002. Voter registration is available in the Clerk's Office at the Village Hall during regular business hours. Registration will also be available at the Village Hall on Saturday, February 16, 2002 at 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Registration closes February 19, 2002 according to election laws.

Absentee voting will be available beginning Monday, February 25, 2002 and will close Monday, March 18 at Noon. Absentee voting will also be available at the Village Hall on Saturday, March 16 at 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

Voter registration will reopen on Thursday, March 21, 2002.





NOVEMBER

22	<b>Regular Board Meeting- Canceled</b>	7:30 p.m.	-----
25-30	<b>Tree Decorating</b>	Anytime	Town Centre
30	<b>Official Tree Lighting Ceremony</b>	5:30 p.m.	Town Centre

DECEMBER

1	<b>Santa &amp; Mrs. Claus visit Woodridge</b>	11:00 a.m.	Community Center
3	<b>Plan Commission Meeting</b>	7:30 p.m.	Werch Board Room
5	<b>Deadline for House Decorating Contest</b>	Postmark	Woodridge
12	<b>Woodridge Chamber Holiday Party</b>	6:00 p.m.	Signature Room
13	<b>Regular Board Meeting</b>	7:30 pm.	Werch Board Room
17	<b>Plan Commission Meeting</b>	7:30 p.m.	Werch Board Room
27	<b>Regular Board Meeting- Canceled</b>	7:30 p.m.	-----

**Village of Woodridge  
Holiday Closings**

November 22 and 23, 2001  
due to Thanksgiving  
December 24 and 25, 2001  
due to Christmas  
January 1, 2002 due to  
New Year's Day

**Woodridge Cultural Fest is Taking Shape!!**

The Woodridge Cultural Fest is looking for ethnic groups that have contacts or can provide any of the following: food, crafts, entertainment, dance, folklore, history, or activities that can be incorporated in the community's Cultural Fest scheduled for the fall of 2002. Please contact the Committee with your interest or resources at 630-515-8849 or [WoodridgeFest@aol.com](mailto:WoodridgeFest@aol.com)



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