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

The Benefits of Water System Maintenance and Expansion

The Village of Woodridge water system is expansive to say the least.

The system itself is comprised of pipes, hydrants, valves and water storage facilities that cover an area over 10 square miles in size. There are 137 miles of watermain included in the system. If lined up back to back, these watermain could reach further than Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Every day, nearly 10,000

water customers are served and last year over 1 billion gallons of water was pumped. The system stretches from south of I-55 to north of 63rd Street.

Why then is it beneficial to expand the system?

Maintenance and expansion of the Village's water system is a top priority. The Village regularly inspects and flushes fire hydrants and exercises valves along with conducting leak detection of the system to make sure water is not being lost. The Village is currently expanding the water system through unincorporated areas of DuPage County located in the Woodridge planning area. These expansions allow for the Village to make better connections within the system. These connections improve system efficiency, allow water to flow easier, and provide additional fire hydrants for fire protection purposes. It also allows the Village to provide fire protection to unincorporated areas adjacent to the Village in order to prevent fires from spreading.

The benefits of water system expansion are not limited to system efficiency. There are significant financial benefits to current and future customers when the system is expanded. A larger water customer base allows the Village to keep

water rates as low as possible for each individual residence. The costs associated with upkeep to the system are divided among a larger group of customers, making each portion of shared costs smaller.

The source of the Village's water is Lake Michigan. Lake water is pumped to and treated at Jardine Water Filtration Plant and pumped to the DuPage Water Commission (DWC). From the DWC, the water is pumped to the Village and distributed to customers. In the event that there is ever an interruption of the service of Lake Michigan water, the Village maintains a back-up well water system.

For additional information, or to view a copy of the Water Quality Report, visit the Village website at www.vil.woodridge.il.us or call the **Public Works Department at (630) 719-4753**.

Water Bills Now Available Online

The Village of Woodridge is pleased to offer a new Online Water Billing Payment System. You will now be able to pay your bill online using a checking account, credit card or bank card. In addition, you will now be able to view your water bill balance, payment and consumption history, graphs and summaries. **Save yourself a stamp and make secure payments online at www.vil.woodridge.il.us.**



Emerald Ash Borer

Ash trees in Illinois are being devastated by an invasive pest, the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). The EAB is a small (1/2 inch long, 1/8 inch wide) metallic green beetle that has killed millions of ash trees across the Midwest. Two important steps residents can take to prevent the spread of the EAB are:

Do Not Transport Firewood: Emerald Ash Borer can easily be transported in ash logs. Make sure to purchase firewood locally from a known source and be sure to use all of the firewood in the cold months so that no hidden Emerald Ash Borer larvae or adults can survive on logs left through the spring.

Monitor the Health of Your Ash Trees: Look for dead and dying branches at the top of the tree's crown. If you suspect an ash tree seems sick, call the Public Works Department at (630) 719-4753.

The Village is working to monitor and protect Woodridge's ash tree population and will continue to stay abreast of this issue. For further information you can contact the **Morton Arboretum Plant Clinic at 630-719-2424; the Illinois Department of Agriculture's Pesticide Hotline at 312-742-3385; or the national EAB hotline at (866) EAB-4512.**

Prevent Mosquito Infestation

Woodridge homeowners can help control mosquitoes by eliminating mosquito breeding grounds by discarding old tires, tin cans, buckets, or any other containers where water can lay stagnant. Residents can also fill in or drain low lying places in their yard, keep ditches and culverts clean of weeds and trash so water will drain properly, cover trash containers, repair leaky pipes, and make sure backyard pools are properly cared for while on vacation. All of these tips will help to reduce the nuisance posed by mosquitoes.

The DuPage County Health Department offers additional tips to make sure individuals are properly protected:

Apply mosquito repellent containing 20-35 percent DEET primarily to clothing. Concentrations of 10% or less are indicated for children. Use sparingly on exposed skin. This year, in addition to DEET, the CDC is recommending products containing picaridin and lemon of eucalyptus. Both have proven to be effective mosquito repellents. Always follow the directions on the container. Limit time outdoors when mosquito activity is heaviest (dusk through dawn).

Keep skin covered if outdoors from dusk and dawn. Wear long-sleeved shirts, pants and socks.

Be sure screens in homes are intact and tight fitting to prevent entry of insects.

Dead crows, blue jays, robins and perching birds are important indicators for West Nile Virus. Residents who find a these dead birds should contact the DuPage County Health Department, Westmont Public Health Center at (630) 969-7030. If an individual finds another type of dead bird, he should double bag the bird and place it in the trash. The Woodridge Public Works Department does not collect or receive any species of dead birds for analysis or disposal.

The Village of Woodridge has an aggressive mosquito abatement program, which includes a variety of treatment methods including multiple spray applications by a licensed contractor, stocking of retention ponds with mosquito eating fish, and catch basin treatments throughout the year to kill larvae before they become adults. Questions regarding the Village's mosquito abatement program can be directed to the Village's contractor, Clarke Mosquito Control at (800) 942-2555 or the Woodridge Public Works Department, (630) 719-4753.

More information on mosquitoes and West Nile Virus is available at the following websites: www.cdc.gov (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention); www.idph.state.il.us (Illinois Department of Public Health) or the IDPH West Nile Virus Hotline at (866) 369-9710 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and www.dupagehealth.org (DuPage County Health Department).

FREE Leaf Collection and Leaf Disposal

The Village and Waste Management will be offering four weeks of free bagged leaf collection during the month of November. This program will be available to all single family residences within the Village's incorporated limits. An unlimited number of leaves placed in Kraft paper bags or biodegradable paper bags may be placed at the curb for collection without stickers. The bags may be a maximum of thirty (30) gallons in capacity and weigh up to sixty (60) pounds. The bags may contain only leaves. Sod, brush, grass clippings, and other landscape waste can not be commingled under this leaf program and will not be picked up. The free leaf pick-up program will begin Monday, November 3, 2008 and run through Friday, November 28, 2008. The pick-up will take place on your normal collection days during this time period.

It is very important that residents do not rake leaves from their private property or parkway onto the street. Leaves that are raked into the street will not be collected and the homeowner will then be subject to a fine for violation of a Village Ordinance, which prohibits depositing debris onto the street surface. Please remove the leaves from the street as soon as possible as not to block drainage or present a hazardous condition for vehicles. Your cooperation is appreciated. The Public Works Department will sweep leaves that fall onto the street naturally.

Amnesty Day Week

Amnesty Day Week for 2008 will be on your regular collection day during the week of October 6 - 10, 2008.

This service allows residents to dispose of an unlimited amount of refuse, furniture, carpeting, bulky items and just plain junk. All items must be properly bundled, bagged and otherwise prepared for pick-up as they would on any regular collection day. A sticker must be displayed for each of the first 5 items (garbage cans included) that you would normally tag. Any additional items will be picked up without stickers. As in the past, building materials, railroad ties, tires, liquid waste and yardwaste are not included in this program. All yardwaste will require one sticker per item for disposal. If you have any question regarding Amnesty Day, please call (630) 719-4753.

Yardwaste Program

The Village's solid waste program provides for the collection of yardwaste materials through December 15.

Residents should put their yardwaste in either a 33-gallon Kraft paper bag or an unlined 33-gallon rigid container (be sure the content is visible so it is not mistaken for garbage). Brush should be packaged in bundles no more than four feet in length and two feet in diameter. Each of these must be within the 60 lb. weight limit and have a sticker attached.

Brush Drop Off

The Public Works Department and the Park District operate a site on 71st Street just west of Woodridge Drive where residents may drop off their brush. Branches up to 5" in diameter are accepted. The site is open on the second Saturday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. during the months of May through October. The price is \$2 per carload and \$4 per pick-up truck, van or trailer. Proof of residency is required. The chips generated by this program are made available to residents for free pick-up at the mulch pile on Woodridge Drive. September 13, 2008 and October 11, 2008 will mark the last drop off days for 2008.

American Flag Disposal

A drop-off container for the proper disposal of American flags is located in the lobby of the Public Works/ Police Department building at One Plaza Drive. This container and the disposal of the flags are maintained by the Woodridge VFW - Post 1578 to all residents.

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Woodridge Recognized as World's Greatest Community

From Travel destinations and industrial companies to manufacturers and commercial companies, the "World's Greatest" TV Show has been providing a fast-paced tour around the world featuring some of the most amazing places, people and ideas that the world has to offer. In the third season of "World's Greatest," the five (5) world's greatest communities will be featured and Woodridge was selected as one of them. Mayor William F. Murphy stated that, "we are thrilled to be recognized by the "World's Greatest" TV Show as one of the World's Greatest Communities. It gives us a

chance to share with individuals across the nation that Woodridge is a great place to live, work and play."

The "World's Greatest" episode featuring the Village of Woodridge aired throughout August and will continue to air on WCTV Channel 6 in the coming months. For additional information on WCTV schedules, visit www.vil.woodridge.il.us or call (630) 719-4901.

