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



Shop Woodridge and Keep the Village Strong

The Village would like to encourage residents to *Shop Woodridge!* To make sure that residents are aware of what businesses are located within the Village, the Planning and Development Department has created a Business Directory that lists all Woodridge businesses alphabetically by category.

Woodridge is the home of over 400 businesses, including quality retailers, service providers, manufacturers, distributors, and corporate offices.

There are 17 shopping centers and 7 business parks in the Village. From clothing stores to great restaurants, you can find just what you need without leaving the Village. The Village wants its residents to remember that shopping at Woodridge businesses supports the local business community,



creates jobs for residents, and helps to reinvest local sales taxes into the community. Due to increases in sales tax revenue from Woodridge businesses and additional property tax revenue from new businesses, the Village has been able to reduce the residential property tax burden every year for the last 16 years. According to Woodridge Mayor William F. Murphy, "Woodridge residents play a strong role in keeping our business community and Village strong when they shop locally. We hope this directory informs residents where they can find local retail and service businesses."

This marks the first edition of the Woodridge Business Directory. The directory is available for pick up at the front counter of Village Hall, can be mailed upon request by calling (630) 719-4711, and is available under the Economic Development link of the Village website (www.vil.woodridge.il.us). Please *Shop Woodridge* and support your business community.

The Center at Seven Bridges Drive

New office and retail tenants have started to move into *The Center at Seven Bridges Drive*, located on Illinois Route 53, north of Hobson Road and immediately south of the Cinemark Theater. Starbucks has already opened for business, and other tenants that will be opening soon will include: Quizno's Subs, Cold Stone Creamery

(ice cream), Downers Grove National Bank, Pak Mail, Primerica Financial, Coldwell Banker and a drycleaners. The upper floors contain business offices, a Salon Suites beauty salon and medical offices.

The mixed-use development by Hage Construction, Inc consists



of two buildings, a two-story building to the east and a three-story building directly to the west. The approximately 54,000 square feet of space will be filled with primarily retail businesses and restaurants on the

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Public Works Reminds You...

Yard Waste Collection

Yardwaste collection officially resumes again on April 1, 2003. Residents can dispose of yardwaste at the curb on their normal refuse collection day. One sticker is required for every 33 gallon unlined container or Kraft paper bag. Stickers can be purchased at a variety of local vendors and at Village offices. Residents can also use environmentally friendly alternatives such as "grasscycling" and backyard composting methods.

Brush Chipping Service

During the months of May through October, on the

second Saturday of the month between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., residents can drop-off brush near the corner of Woodridge Drive and 71st Street. The cost is \$2/carload or \$4/truck, van or trailer. Proof of residency is required.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off

Residents can take advantage of a permanent household hazardous waste drop-off site located in Naperville at Fire Station Four at 1971 Brookdale Road. This facility operates on Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Please call the DuPage County Solid Waste Department at (630)682-7373

for more details or to request a brochure on the types of materials accepted.

Parkway Tree Planting Program

Residents can call the Public Works Department any time to get their name on a waiting list for the Parkway Tree Planting Program. This popular program allows residents to purchase a tree for their parkway at a reasonable cost. Residents can choose from a variety of species and the Village will plant and trim the tree. All trees have a lifetime guarantee. Plantings will take place in the spring and fall so you can call now to get signed up.



National Youth Service Day

National Youth Service Day will be April 12, 2003. This year's service day will be in the form of a **YOUTH SUMMIT**. We want to hear from you.

WHO: All Woodridge High School Age Students

WHEN: Saturday, April 12, 2003 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be served.

WHY SHOULD YOU COME? The meeting is an open forum for ideas from concerned youth. We want to hear your ideas on the problems that youth and families face today. We want to hear ideas on how to tackle these problems. We want to work with you to identify local issues that you are concerned about and develop programs and solutions to address those issues.

Now is the time to make your voice heard. If you are interested in participating in this year's National Youth Service Day, please contact Carrie Noe at the Woodridge Police Department at (630) 719-4729.

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first floors and predominantly offices on the second and third floors.

This development brings new dining, services and employment opportunities to the residents of Woodridge. It will also provide increased sales tax revenue. These new opportunities will enhance the quality of life for Woodridge residents by offering new jobs, shopping, and leisure activities.

Don't Forget to Visit us Online at www.vil.woodridge.il.us

Woodridge Chamber of Commerce

The Woodridge Area Chamber of Commerce has had increased vitality and visibility during the past year. It has grown from 120 Chamber members to a membership of almost 200 businesses. The Chamber meets at least once a month and offers an opportunity for business growth through networking activities. The doors are always open to welcome new members. If you have a business in Woodridge and would like to come to a Chamber meeting or learn more about this vital organization, call Edie Bernstein at 630-852-9878. For additional information about Chamber activities, visit their web site at www.woodridgechamber.org.

Woodridge Facts and Figures

The Village:

- was incorporated in August 1959.
- is nearly 9 square miles in area including the 233 acres of land that were annexed in the last 18 months.
- has nearly 31,000 residents with a median age of 32 years.
- has 17 shopping centers.
- is surrounded by over 4,500 acres of forest preserves.
- has 7 business parks containing over 95 companies.
- contains over 400 businesses offering over 11,500 jobs.
- has housing for sale ranging from \$65,000 for a condo to over \$750,000 for a single-family home.

Sign-Up Now to Save Time and Money

The Village of Woodridge would like to encourage residents to take advantage of the Woodridge Water Direct Pay Plan.

Using the plan will help residents save on postage, checks, and envelopes. The payment of your water bill will always be on time, even if you forget or are out of town. Best of all, there is no charge for this convenience.

The Water Direct Pay Plan will allow your water utility bill to be automatically deducted from your checking account on the due date each month. To get started on the plan, simply fill out and sign the Agreement Form and attach a voided check. Then return the form to the Village of Woodridge Finance Department. Please allow 30 days for set-up of this new billing service.

You will need to pay your water utility bill until the front of the bill states "Bank account drafted for".

End your worry over paying your water utility bill on time. Sign up for the Woodridge Water Direct Pay Plan today and mail the form in with your payment or fax the form to (630) 719-2900.

If you should have any questions regarding this service, please contact the Village of Woodridge Finance Department at (630) 852-7000.

Write, "VOID" across one of your checks. Return both this form and the voided check to: Village of Woodridge, 5 Plaza Dr., Woodridge, IL 60517.

Agreement Form

Customer Name _____
Account Number _____
Service Address _____
Mailing Address _____
Daytime Phone _____
Financial Institution Name _____
Bank Transit Number _____
Financial Institution Address _____
Financial Institution Phone Number _____
Account Number _____ Checking / Savings

I authorize the Village of Woodridge to deduct automatically the amount of my bi-monthly water bill from the bank account listed on my check. I understand my automatic payments will be deducted from my account on the due date of each bill. This authorization is to remain in effect until the Village of Woodridge receives notice of termination from me. The Village reserves the right to cancel this agreement with due notification to the water customer.

Authorized Signature: _____

Date _____

Village of Woodridge
5 Plaza Drive
Woodridge, IL 60517



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Village Hall Hours

Monday-Friday- 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Come See What's Happening In Your Neighborhood

The Woodridge Community Resource Center (CRC), located at 8274 Janes Avenue, had an extremely successful 2002 and is looking ahead to an even better 2003. The CRC relies on volunteers and donations from the community to be successful. Last year, the CRC received monetary donations from the Woodridge Junior Woman's Club, Toys R Us, the Woodridge VFW, the United Way and Home Depot.

In addition to the support of donations, many local businesses are involved in the programs and activities of the CRC. Life Insurance Data Process and Emerald Courts Apartments "adopted" the CRC and contributed supplies for the After School Program. World Wide Hope, CMI Physicians, Morey Corporation and the Village of Woodridge helped 12 needy families and 53 needy

children have a happy holiday.

Activities that continue on a regular basis at the CRC include: The After School Program which gives children grades 2-6 a safe place to



stay, English as a Second Language (ESL) classes which are taught through the College of DuPage and the Sisters of St. Joseph of LaGrange. Toastmaster's public speaking meetings are held

Thursday nights at the CRC and Computer Learning classes are offered in the computer lab at the CRC through the People's Resource Center of Wheaton.

As we look toward the spring and summer, more activities are planned. The youth soccer team that began this year will reorganize again in the spring and summer and a summer camp for children ages K-6 is offered during the summer months when school is not in session. The CRC is looking into more programming to meet the needs of the Woodridge residents.

If you are interested in any programs or would like to volunteer at the Woodridge Community Resource Center, please contact Bridget Johnson or Teri Vasile at the CRC at (630) 910-7027.