



Winter 2002

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

Woodridge Police Officers Save Life

Imagine walking into a room and finding an individual lying on the floor unresponsive and without a pulse. As you sit and assess the victim's condition, he gasps for a last breath of air. This is exactly what happened to two Woodridge Police Officers.

Ken Ostarello and Aaron Bobroff arrived at the scene to find Arvind Deobhakta, 63, of Downers Grove, unconscious on the floor. Thanks to quick thinking by the two officers, they were able to save this man's life by administering a shock using a portable automated external defibrillator (AED).

The Woodridge Police Department received two AEDs, donated by Edward Hospital, earlier this year. All officers and employees of the Police Department are trained annually in CPR and in the use of an AED.

The units themselves are infallible. A New England Journal of Medicine study found defibrillators are easy enough for sixth graders to use. A user simply turns on the device and, following voice prompts, attaches electrode pads. The defibrillator determines whether a shock is needed, and if so, tells the user when to push the button. An AED should not be used on a child younger than 8 years old or weighing less than about 55 pounds.



To date the Woodridge Police Department has three AED units and the Village Hall has one.

Community Needs Survey has Greatest Response Rate Ever!

Thanks to our residents, the Village received its highest ever rate of return on the Community Needs Survey. This high level of input ultimately translates into a higher level of quality services provided by the Village. 1,200 surveys are randomly distributed to Woodridge residents, both single and multi-family. Some of the highlights from this year's survey include:

- ✓ Over 95% of residents are satisfied or very satisfied with the quality of life in Woodridge.

- ✓ Over 95% of respondents reported that they felt safe and secure in their neighborhood. This is the third year in a row that this rating has met or exceeded 95%.

- ✓ Over 95% of residents rated overall police performance as good or excellent.

- ✓ 95.6% of respondents rated the Woodridge Police Department's emergency responsiveness as excellent or good.

- ✓ 83.2% rated street maintenance as good or excellent.

- ✓ 91.4% of residents rate the overall maintenance of commercial areas in the Village as well or very well.

- ✓ 82.5% of respondents rate the maintenance of residential areas in the Village as well or very well.

The Strategic Management Process begins with community involvement. The process incorporates resident input through regular Neighborhood Dialogues, the Town Meeting, and this annual survey. The Village Board then uses this input during their Annual Goal Setting Session and the subsequent budget process.

Cool Holiday Happenings



Holiday House Decorating Contest

The Woodridge Special Events Committee invites residents of Woodridge to enter the 14th 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 4. 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 lit between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. during the week of December 9 through December 13, 2002. 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 December 1 through December 6. Trees must be decorated prior to the official Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 6, 2002. Any questions should be directed to the Woodridge Special Events Committee Chairperson, Ceil Jarka at (630) 852-3174.

Tree Lighting Ceremony

The Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on December 6, 2002 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 7, 2002. They will be arriving at the Park District Community Center via fire engine, courtesy of the Lisle-Woodridge Fire District 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.

Stay Safe this Holiday Season

Criminals against people and property tend to increase as the holiday season approaches. The Woodridge Police Department offers the following suggestions on how to lower your chance of becoming a victim.

Shopping Safety

- Avoid carrying large sums of cash at one time. Shred all receipts that have your credit card number printed on them, or keep them in a safe place.
- Use ATM machines that are well lit and in safe areas. Count your money away from the ATM machine.
- Carry purses in front of you and keep them close to your body.
- Keep your purse with you at all times instead of in a shopping cart or on the back of a chair.

- Keep keys separate from your purse. If your purse is snatched, the thief will have your address and house keys.
- Wallets should be carried in the front pocket instead of the back pocket.

Vehicle Safety

- Keep your car doors locked at all times.
- Put packages and items in a trunk where they are not visible.
- Park your vehicle in a well lit and safe environment. If you observe something suspicious, don't leave your vehicle. Park elsewhere and contact the police immediately.
- Immediately remove all purchases from your car when you return home.

Holiday Travel

- Plan ahead if you are traveling over the holidays. Have a neighbor pick up your mail and shovel your driveway – make sure your home appears "lived in". Homeowners can stop by the Police Department and fill out a vacation watch card.
- Winter driving can be dangerous due to weather conditions. Always wear a seat belt and keep children in a child safety seat at all times.

The holidays are a joyous time of celebration. Following these simple safety tips can help ensure that you stay safe during the holiday season.

It's Snow Problem!

Christmas Tree Recycling

The annual Christmas Tree Recycling Program will take place during the weeks of January 6 and January 13. 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 Ends

The last day for curbside collection of yardwaste is December 13. 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 their yardwaste removed at the curb through the bag-n-tag program. Information regarding all of these methods is available at the Village Hall and the Public Works Department.

During a Snow Fall

Do not shovel snow back into the streets. This will cause ice patches on

the streets, which are hazardous to drivers and damages snowplows.

Keep fire hydrants on your property free of snow and ready for use in case of emergency.

Remove empty refuse containers from the curb as soon as possible in order to avoid contact with the snowplows.

Keep sidewalks around your residence free of snow and ice. State law protects property owners from any added liability if the sidewalks are shoveled.

The bottom of your mailbox should be at least 40 inches above the ground. The mailbox should be no closer than 8 inches from behind the back of the curb.

Freezing Water in Your House

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

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.

Snow and Ice Control

The Village's plowing operations begin when two inches of snow have accumulated and snow continues to fall. The goal of the Village is to have all the Village-owned streets clear within twelve hours after the snow has stopped.

It is impossible to give an exact time when your street will be plowed since conditions vary with each and every storm. First priority is given to main roads which are high volume traffic areas. These streets are plowed first. After conditions on all main roads is considered safe for travel, the secondary and cul-de-sacs are plowed.



Internationale Centre Business Park

The Internationale Centre Business Park is Woodridge's largest business park with 920 acres and approximately 3,600 jobs. The park currently has over 6.4 million square feet of building area either occupied or under construction. Below are three companies that call Internationale Centre home:

1740 Internationale Parkway is the new 42,000 square foot home of Western Remac. Western Remac is a sign manufacturer previously located in Chicago that designs and constructs building signs, decorative street signs and more. Western Remac created many of the directional signs seen on the state's interstate highways. Their work can also be seen at both O'Hare and Midway airports and Chicago parks.

1225 Internationale Parkway is the 153,000 square foot warehouse and distribution facility for Trade Associates Group, a corporation that specializes in the design, manufacturing and distribution of housewares. This facility also includes a 3,000 square foot outlet store that is open to the public daily. Some of TAG's primary clients are Crate and Barrel and Bed, Bath and Beyond.

Located at 2501 Davey Road are the offices of deCODE Genetics. deCODE acquired this facility through an acquisition of MediChem. The location offers a broad range of chemistry research and drug development capabilities to pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies. Their technology research and client services enable customers to reduce the time and costs associated with drug discovery and development. deCODE will continue to provide services to MediChem's pharmaceutical and biotechnology customers, including 3M Pharmaceuticals, Abbott Laboratories, and Johnson & Johnson.



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Seasonal Help Needed: Snow Plowing



The Village of Woodridge has seasonal openings available for snowplowing. Hours will vary according to need. All equipment will be supplied. A valid Illinois CDL is required. Applicants must submit a driver's license abstract report with their application. A driver's license abstract can be obtained from the State of Illinois Department of Motor Vehicles.

The Woodridge PD Wants You!

The Village of Woodridge is seeking individuals with a high degree of personal and professional integrity to participate in the entry-level police officer testing process. Applications will be available at the Village Hall, 5 Plaza Drive and the Police Department, 1 Plaza Drive, in late November.



Specific requirements and the application will also be available on the Village's website at www.vil.woodridge.il.us You may also call 719-4705 with questions regarding the position or testing process.

Woodridge E-News



The Village of Woodridge has an electronic communication tool for residents and community members. Woodridge E-News is an electronic news delivery system that provides timely information on events and issues related to the Village of Woodridge, Village Board, Plan Commission, Village departments, services and community events. Subscription to the list is free, and open to everyone.

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