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ON WOODRIDGE

Winter 2003

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

Shop Woodridge this Holiday Season!

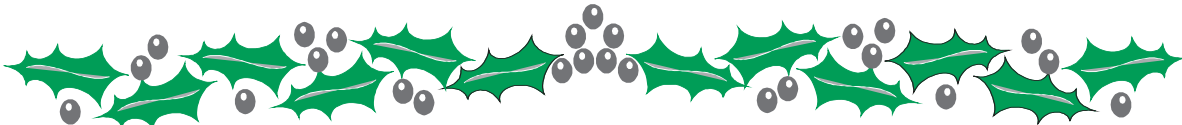
Many residents are already starting to think about their holiday shopping list. Before the holiday shopping season approaches, we would like to remind you of all the great places in Woodridge where you can purchase your holiday gifts. Whether it's sporting goods, clothes, jewelry, beauty supplies, electronics, movie gift certificates, or even groceries for your holiday party, you can find it at a store in Woodridge! The Village has 17 great shopping centers with stores such as The Children's Place, Kohl's, The Gap, Sports Authority, Discoteca, Cue-N-Cushion Supply, the Riding Store, and Target. With over 400 businesses in Woodridge, residents can find just what they need without leaving the Village.

Local businesses provide important services, products and jobs to Village residents. When you make a purchase at a local business, not only are

you supporting the local business community and helping to create jobs for residents, but you are also helping 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 17 years.



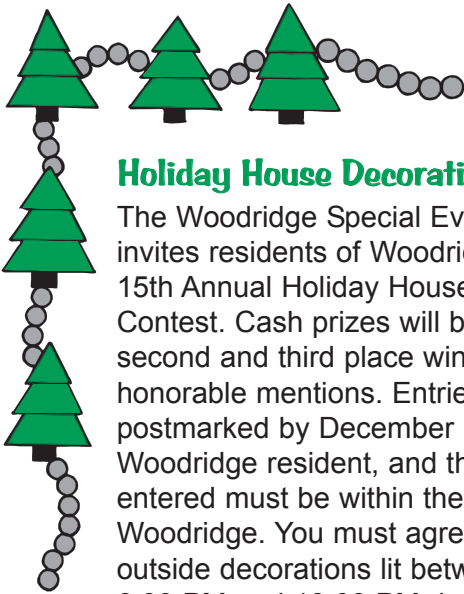
To make sure residents are aware of what businesses are located within the Village, the Planning and Development Department has released a Business Directory that lists all Woodridge businesses. The directory is available for pick-up at the front counter of the Village Hall, can be mailed upon request by calling (630) 719-4711, and is available under the Economic Development link on the Village website (www.vil.woodridge.il.us). This directory makes it easy to find the goods and services you need this holiday season.



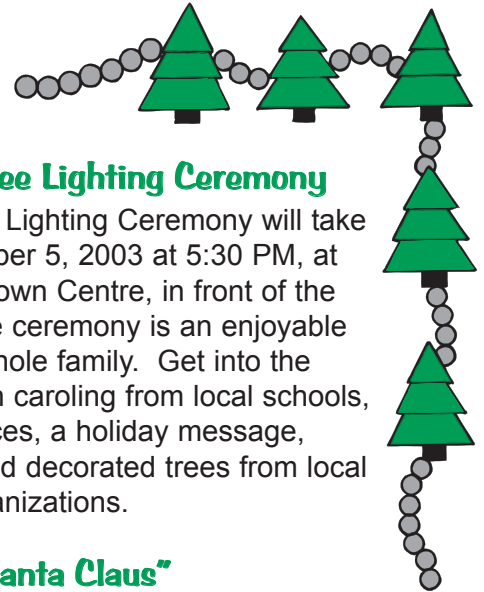
Wishing to Have Your Private Property Trees Trimmed?

The Resident Tree Trimming Participation Program is a new program designed to assist residents who wish to have private property trees trimmed at a reasonable cost. The property owner pays 100% of the cost of the requested work. However, the program offers attractive pricing because of the large volume of work created by combining Village and private work and use of the competitive bidding process. The property owner receives a bid price secured by the Village.

The Village trims all parkway trees on a 5-year cycle doing a different section of town each year. Listed on Page 2 are the streets where trees will be trimmed this fall. Residents who live on the streets listed will receive a letter outlining the new Residential Tree Trimming Participation Program and details on how to sign up to participate. If you have other questions on the programs, call 719-4753. (Continue on Page 2)



Holiday Events



Holiday House Decorating Contest

The Woodridge Special Events Committee invites residents of Woodridge to enter the 15th 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 lit between the hours of 6:00 PM and 10:00 PM during the week of December 8 through December 12, 2003. 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 from November 28 through December 5. Trees must be decorated prior to the official Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 5, 2003. 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 December 5, 2003 at 5:30 PM, 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, band performances, 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 6, 2003. They will be arriving at the Park District Community Center via fire engine, courtesy of the Lisle-Woodridge Fire District, at 11:00 AM and leaving for their return to the North Pole at 3:00 PM. Mrs. Claus' kitchen will be open from 11:00 AM until 2:30 PM, 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 PM.

Tree Trimming List for 2003

71st Street
Audubon Avenue
Beller Road
Blue Jay Court
Brook Court
Bramblebush Court
Brunswick Circle
Buckingham Circle
Cambridge Lane
Cardinal Court
Carlton Drive
Center Drive
Cherry Tree Avenue
Cherry Tree Court
Chippingham Road
Compton Road
Concord Drive

Crown Point Street
Danbury Drive
Dove Avenue
Dunham Road
Eastside Avenue
Eaton Drive
Egerton Court
Foxglove Street
Foxtree Avenue
Goldfinch Street
Golfview Drive
Greenleaf Street
Harcourt Drive
Harvest Avenue
Janes Avenue (75th to
Lorraine)
Janeswood Drive

Juneberry Avenue
Kildeer Court
Kildeer Street
Lorraine Avenue
Nottingham Road
Old Creek Court
Oriole Court
Owl Court
Paddington Road
Pheasant Court
Pheasant Street
Plover Court
Prairieview Avenue
Providence Drive
Quail Court
Red Bud Lane
Redwing Court
Redwing Drive

Richfield Court
Scarsdale Court
Sumac Street
Sunnydale Drive
Sunnydale Street
Swallow Court
Vantage Street
Vista Drive
Wake Robin Court
Wellington Road
Wheatfield Street
Wheeler Street
Wren Court
Yellow Star Court
Yellow Star Street
Yorkshire Drive

Winter Reminders from the Public Works Department

Christmas Tree Recycling Program

The Annual Christmas Tree Recycling Program will take place during the weeks of January 5 and January 12. During these two weeks, 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 Coming To A Close

The last day for curbside collection of yardwaste is December 15 and will resume on April 1, 2004. Residents are encouraged to mulch grass clippings and leaves into their lawn to provide nutrients to the lawn. Another possibility is to compost yardwaste on your property. 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 both the Village Hall and the Public Works Department.

What Can Residents Do 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.
- 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.

- 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 restored. Often excavation is required to repair the break. If you have an excavated area near your home, do not attempt to restore the site. The Village will return to repair the area in the spring when the ground has thawed.



Holiday Garbage Pick Up

This year both Christmas and New Year's Day fall on a Thursday. Residents whose regular garbage day is Thursday will be picked up on Friday (December 26, 2003 and January 2, 2004) and regular Friday pickup will be on Saturday (December 27, 2003 and January 3, 2004).

Don't Drink and Drive this Holiday Season

The statistics are staggering. Nearly 2 out of every 5 Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related traffic crash in their lifetime. The incidence of drunk driving increases during the holiday season. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that during 2001, between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, there were 4,943 traffic related fatalities. Of the 4,943 fatalities, 2,053 (41.5%) were alcohol related.

Supported by a grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Woodridge Police Department will be increasing patrols during the holiday season. These patrols will be specifically dedicated to enforcing drunk driving laws and occupant protection laws.

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Village Hall Hours

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

**Postal Customer Local
Woodridge, IL 6017**

2003 Community Needs Survey Results are in!

The Annual Community Needs Survey received an impressive rate of return at 40%. This year's strong response rate is evidence of Woodridge residents' involvement and interest in their community. 1,200 surveys are randomly distributed to single and multi-family homes in the Village. The survey attempts to identify resident opinions and perceptions as well as provide an opportunity for residents to raise questions regarding the services provided by the Village. This year's survey included new questions about services and programs such as: Streetscapes, the Bikeway System, Village publications and communications, and ComEd Services.

Woodridge is maintaining a strong reputation as a safe place to live according to the 2003 survey. Over 97% of residents indicated that they felt safe and secure in their neighborhood. This is the highest rating in survey history.

Other highlights from this year's survey include:

- ◆ This year marked the highest number of residents responding "Very satisfied" with the overall quality of life.
- ◆ Overall satisfaction of the Police Department was 95.9%, its highest rating ever!
- ◆ 2003 marked the greatest number of residents responding "excellent" for *Adequacy of Service Provided by a Patrol Officer*.
- ◆ Focusing on overall resident satisfaction of services, *Snow Plowing* received its highest score to date of 78.5% while

Street Maintenance, Street Cleaning and Street Lighting all received strong scores consistent with the record setting responses of 2002.

- ◆ *Satisfaction of the Bikeway System* achieved a very successful debut on the survey at 94.1%.
- ◆ In the area of code enforcement, *Overall Commercial Maintenance* achieved its highest combined score of 91.4% for the second year in a row!
- ◆ This year's survey saw the most positive responses ever on questions regarding *Commercial Area Lighting and Parking Lots* with its highest rating to date at 89.4% and 87.7%. *Commercial Signs* maintained its rating in the 90th percentile for the second year in a row!
- ◆ In rating the quality of new developments in Woodridge, the Village received its highest scores ever in the areas of: *Traffic Circulation, Signage, Access, and Building Design!*
- ◆ The Community Needs Survey of 2003 illustrates that more respondents find the information provided by WCTV as useful!

The Community Needs Survey is an important piece of the Annual Strategic Management Process. Survey results as well as community input through regular Neighborhood Dialogues, the Town Meeting, and various Village programs will be utilized during the Annual Goal Setting Session and the subsequent budget process.