



Water Bill Brief

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State of the Village



Join Mayor Gina Cunningham and the Village of Woodridge to hear about the economic state of Woodridge during the 2016 State of the Village Address. This event will take place on Wednesday, February 3, 2016, starting at 7:30 a.m. at the Village Hall, 5 Plaza Dr. The morning will start with a light breakfast, followed by a presentation by Mayor Cunningham. The State of the Village will be businesses oriented,

reviewing the economic condition of the community as well as highlighting proposed development. More information, including how to register, will be available in January.

New Water & Sewer Rates for 2016

Stated simply, the costs for water are the price of the water plus the cost of conveying it to where it is used. Similar to all goods and services, the costs to produce, deliver and treat water, including maintaining and replacing water and sewer infrastructure, are on the rise. These increases influence the cost of water purchased by the Woodridge Water & Sewer System and also represent increases in the direct operating costs of the system itself. As a result, it is necessary to increase Woodridge Water rates starting January 1, 2016. The rates have been adjusted to better balance revenues and expenditures, allow for investment in water and sewer infrastructure, and to make the providing of water and sewer services sustainable.

The new rates include a water use rate of \$8.18 per 1,000 gallons of water, a \$0.90 wastewater maintenance fee and a customer service charge which varies according to the size of the meter. See the attached letter for additional information regarding these changes.

Connect with Woodridge & Be Informed!

Looking for additional resources to keep up with what's happening in Woodridge?

Wondering how to get plugged into current events but don't know where to start? Look no further. The Village website, www.vil.woodridge.il.us, has a news section that contains multiple resources that can help you stay up to date including a link to subscribe to E-News, a weekly electronic newsletter. The Village can be found on Facebook, can be followed on Twitter @VilofWoodridge, and it is easy to sign up for an RSS feed when visiting the site. Check out these resources for additional ways to stay informed!



Overnight & Winter Parking Reminders

A reminder to motorists that the parking of vehicles on village streets between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. is prohibited without prior approval. Don't forget! You can submit an overnight parking request online through the Village website, www.vil.woodridge.il.us, for added convenience and flexibility. Winter is here! Please remember, in the event of a snowfall that is expected or does exceed two inches, NO overnight parking will be permitted on any village street.

Christmas Tree Recycling Program

The annual Christmas Tree Recycling Program takes place on a resident's first two regular garbage days in January. On those days, residents may leave their live trees up to 6 ft. tall 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.





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Snow Removal – How it Works



The Village's snow plan is designed with residents in mind, with specific focus on making roads passable and open for safe travel during and after a snow fall. To aid in understanding the plan, here are a few facts:

- Snow is plowed from the center of a roadway towards the parkway. Unfortunately, the ends of homeowner's driveways are also in this location. Trying to direct the plow away from each driveway as the plow passes is not manageable – there are well over 10,000 driveways in the Village – and it would result in snow left in the street.
- On each street, multiple passes of the snow plow are needed in each direction just to clear snow from the center of the roadway to the edge. On passes near the edge, snow will come off the edge of the plow into parkways and driveways.
- Remember that on street parking is prohibited after 2" of snowfall and between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. - it is important to give snow plows the room they need to maneuver.
- Remove empty refuse containers from the curb as soon as possible in order to avoid contact with the snowplows.

What Should You Do With Your Light Strand that Doesn't Work? Recycle It!



For those that tap into their holiday cheer, if you find you have a bad light string this year you can recycle them at the Woodridge Village Hall, 5 Plaza Dr., or Public Works building, 1 Plaza Dr. The Village has partnered with Elgin Recycling to offer this free service to residents. Mini-lights, C7 or C9 lights, rope or LED lights, extension, phone, or computer cords are all eligible for recycling.

2016 Village of Woodridge/ProLogis Foundation Scholarships

The Village of Woodridge and the ProLogis Foundation have



scholarship applications available for Woodridge High School Seniors attending college in the fall. The primary criteria for applicants are: Woodridge residency, good citizenship, leadership potential, community or campus involvement, and academic excellence. Applications and the scholarship brochure can be found in high school guidance offices, at the Woodridge Village Hall or on the Village website. Completed applications must be returned to the high school guidance office by Friday, February 19th. If you have any questions, please contact Leslie Davies at (630) 719-4706.

Annual Survey Shows High Satisfaction with Quality of Life, Feeling of Being Informed

The purpose of the annual Community Needs Survey is to obtain Woodridge residents' opinions and perceptions regarding the services provided by the Village of Woodridge. This year, 1,500 surveys were randomly distributed to Woodridge residents asking them to respond to questions regarding Village services and other aspects of living in the community. The results were positive – with 96.5% of the respondents being satisfied with their quality of life and 86.4% feeling informed on what is going on in Woodridge. You can review the results by visiting the Village's website at www.vil.woodridge.il.us. The results are located within the Administration Department page.

10th Consecutive Year that the Village of Woodridge Receives Award for Financial Report

For the tenth year in a row, the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) has awarded the Village of Woodridge a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). More information can be found on the Village's website.