



Water Bill Brief

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Mayor and Board Reflect on 2015, Look Ahead to 2016



Construction of Woodridge Horizon

As the Village begins 2016, Mayor Cunningham and the Village Board reflect back on a year of strong growth and development in

the community. Approximately 65 single family building permits were issued and construction began on the community's first senior housing facility, Woodridge Horizon, and the Woodridge Park District's Athletic Recreation Center (ARC). The relocation of Enterprise Recovery Systems brought 650 jobs to the Village, and a dining guide was released that provides information on 50 dining options found in Woodridge. Community engagement remained a key focus, with the launch of the Police Departments' Community Roll Calls and an emergency notification system to help keep residents informed. Many other accomplishments, along with what 2016 will bring, can be found on the Village's website www.vil.woodridge.il.us.

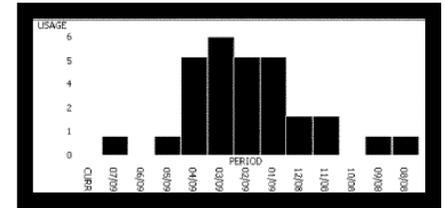
New Water & Sewer Rates for 2016

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.

Water Bill Changes Coming in 2016

The new year will bring about some changes to water billing for Woodridge water customers. Beginning in early April, there will be changes as to how online payments will be received. Starting in May, the water bill itself will have a completely different look. More information will be available this Spring. Look for information on the Village's website and through E-News.



Sample of Billed Usage Graph

2016 Refuse, Recycling, and Yardwaste Survey



Enclosed in this month's Water Bill Brief is a short survey to allow for **resident input** regarding your

current use and preferences with Waste Management. Time is approaching for the Village to negotiate a new contract and secure a waste collection provider that provides services that best fit the needs of the Village. It is important to have resident input in this effort.

The enclosed survey is two-sided, with the front page being more informational and the back side containing the survey. We encourage residents covered under the Village contract (single family homes and 4 unit or less multi-family residences) to complete this survey and return through your water bill, or drop it off or mail it to Village of Woodridge, 1 Plaza Drive, Woodridge IL 60517. You can also fax the completed survey to (630)719-0971 or email to jmoline@vil.woodridge.il.us. Please return the survey by March 31, 2016. The results of this survey and resident input will be factors in many decisions for the new contract. Survey results will be posted online when compiled. If you have any questions, please call Jeff Moline, Assistant Director of Public Works, at (630) 719-4754.



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Coffee with the Mayor and Village Board

Join the Mayor and Village Board for a cup of coffee and conversation on Saturday, February 6th from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. This event will be held at Panera Bread, 1001 West 75th Street in Woodridge, and is a great way to get to know your elected officials for the Village of Woodridge.



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.

Village Snow Removal - Info & Tips



Your assistance is important to making sure the Village's snow removal efforts are successful. Please do not park vehicles on any street when there is an accumulation of snow two inches or greater, or on

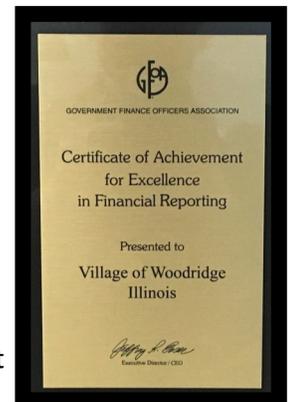
any street that is being plowed. In addition, do not deposit snow in the streets from plows, shovels, or snow blowers because the accumulation inhibits the efforts of snow removal crews.

Because snow plowing begins at the center of the street and work towards the curb, it is unavoidable that excess snow will run off of the plow blade and into yards and driveways. Depending on the severity of the snow event, several passes of the plow may be required.

Two shoveling tips will reduce the amount of snow spill into your drive. First, shovel snow at the end of your drive to the right (when facing the street). As the plow passes, it will carry the snow away from your drive. Second, removing snow from a few feet into the street will likewise reduce the amount of snow that might run off onto your drive.

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

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.



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. Please - no CFLs.