



Summer 2012

Opportunity Woodridge

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Summer Luncheon

Are you aware there are several free resources available to improve and/or expand your business? The Village would like you to join us for a free informative luncheon on Tuesday, June 26th that will start at 11:30AM. The event will take place at the Seven Bridges Golf Club, One Mulligan Drive. The luncheon will feature speakers that will provide an overview on free programs that the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, College of DuPage, and the Village offer.

Only 18 more spots are left!

RSVP to the Village of Woodridge by Friday, June 15th via email at jzawila@vil.woodridge.il.us or call us at 630-719-2906. When you RSVP please provide your Name, Position Title, and Company.

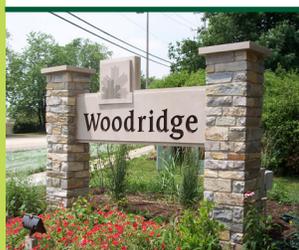
Update on the Village's Economic Development Strategic Goals

The Village of Woodridge works vigorously to retain and expand existing businesses and to attract new ones. The result is a strong industrial base and a variety of retail activity - all key elements for a prosperous, healthy community. The Village of Woodridge staff understand the important relationship between the health of the business community and the maintenance of a high quality of life for Woodridge residents. For this reason, the Village has long made business retention a top priority. Last October, the Village Board established several key goals for the 2012-2013 fiscal year. Community Development staff wants to provide you with an overview of the business related goals that were set and an update on the progress of each:

Put in place an annual program that recognizes Woodridge business anniversaries. Earlier this year Woodridge kicked off the new anniversary program by recognizing six businesses at the State of the Village who have been in the community over twenty-five years. The Village plans to continue this recognition effort throughout the year. In order for the Village to keep track of twenty-five year or greater milestones, we need your help to provide us information about your business.

The Village of Woodridge wants to recognize those businesses that have a long history with the community. The Village has received information from 119 businesses to date and we want to hear from more. Please contact Leslie Davies by telephone at 630-719-4706 or by e-mail at: ldavies@vil.woodridge.il.us to indicate how long your business has been in the Village. Even if you have not been here for more than 25 years we still want to hear from you!

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Host a small business luncheon which highlights federal and state resources which support small business efforts. The Village is always looking at new ways to educate the business community and provide opportunities to better operate their business. In that spirit the Village has organized a small business luncheon that will highlight several free resources that can support the business community.

More information about the luncheon is provided on the reverse side.

Meet with representatives of at least 15 local businesses at their place of business. The growth and well being of local businesses is key to the Village's success. Local businesses create benefits to the Village through the employment that each company provides and the income they generate. The Village of Woodridge continues to work to gain a better understanding of issues facing local businesses.

The Village has already met with 5 of the 15 local businesses to reach our target, but we want to talk with more! If you are interested in the Village coming to visit your business, please contact Planner, Jason Zawila, AICP at jzawila@vil.woodridge.il.us or by telephone at 630.719.2906

Send information to prospective retailers and retail broker's site information on available Woodridge Sites. Community Development staff attend events through out the year to meet with potential new retailers for the community, such as the International Council of Shopping Center's (ICSC) Idea Exchange in Chicago that took place earlier this Spring. Staff uses this opportunity to meet with retailers to promote available Woodridge sites.

Early this summer, Community Development will be launching a campaign to reach out to prospective retailers and their brokers to promote potential commercial opportunities. As part of the effort, staff will highlight the available sites section of the website and promote the Village of Woodridge itself. This fall Village staff will also attend the Chicago ICSC to promote Woodridge and reach out to prospective retailers.

Convince area businesses to sign up to Woodridge's E-News. Did you know that the Village offers a timely and free way to receive information about the community, including information on business specific activities?

Sign up for Woodridge E-News today to get timely information on meetings, community events, and other news and activities related to the Village of Woodridge, which includes information for the Business Community! Woodridge E-News is delivered for free right to your e-mailbox. Click **here** to sign up for Woodridge E-News today!

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