



Village of Woodridge

Community Development Department

2023 DEPARTMENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Village of Woodridge extends appreciation to the employees of the Community Development Department for their many contributions during 2023. This Certificate highlights just some of the accomplishments of the Community Development Department and is a reflection of the hard work and dedication of these employees.

❖ **Updating Village Building Code:**

On November 2, 2023, The Village Board adopted Ordinance No. 2023-36 adopting the 2021 series of the international building Codes.

❖ **Housing Needs Assessment**

The Village of Woodridge was selected by the Metropolitan Mayor's Caucus (MMC) to conduct an updated housing needs study for our community. Woodridge was the only DuPage County selected to be part of this study. The Board adopted Resolution No. 2023-45 which created a focus group in order to complete the housing needs assessment. The action plan was presented to the Village Board on September 7, 2023.

❖ **Fostering New Residential Development**

The department issued 14 new single-family building permits worth approximately \$6 million dollars. Oversaw \$45 million in commercial/multifamily construction and over \$17 million in residential reinvestment.

Village Board approved Ordinance 2023-32 adopting Final Planned Unit Development Plans for Farmingdale Village Townhomes. The approval will permit for the construction of 77 new townhome units by M/I Homes of Chicago, LLC.

❖ **Rivers Edge Subdivision by Pulte Home Company**

Village Board adopted Ordinance No. 2023-49 which annexed 43 acres of land located at the southwest corner of Route 53 and Summerhill Drive. Additional approvals were granted to Pulte Home Company to construct a mixed use development consisting of 62 duplex units, 48 townhome units and 4 acres of commercial land to be developed in the future. In addition to the private investment, the developer will construct a pedestrian path along Route 53 and a bridge over Prentiss Creek to connect pedestrians to the Seven Bridges Center. The bridge and pedestrian path shall be completed no later than July 15, 2025. The completion of these public improvements will accomplish a long term goal of the community to enhance the walkability in this area.

❖ **Shopping Center Reinvestment:**

On December 21, 2023, The Village Board adopted Ordinance No. 2023-62 granting a Site and Façade Shopping Center Grant to Hobson Plaza owner Robert Taft in the amount not to exceed \$82,292.50.

❖ **Fostering Commercial Development**

Village Staff has help oversee, guide, review and inspect over 600,000 square feet of office warehouse development within the community in the past year along with numerous renovations of existing office warehouse.

❖ **Professional Recruitment**

The building division was successful in its recruitment efforts for an open Permit Technician and Customer Service Representative positions. Shawnya Williams and Lisa Shemroske were successfully on boarded in January.

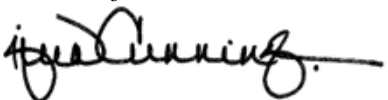
The Planning division was successful in its recruitment efforts for an open Senior Planner position. Jacob Sodaro was successfully on boarded in September.

❖ **Professional Recognition**

Building Inspector, Roy Giuntoli, received the William Bartels Award. This award is given for "Extraordinary personal service rendered to and for the Suburban Building Officials Conference

Building Commissioner Eric Alwin received Thomas Rettenbacher Presidents Award. This award is given for "Unselfishly donating his time and talents and for providing invaluable assistance to the President during the past year in all matters concerning the welfare and direction of the Suburban Building Officials Conference

The Village of Woodridge hereby extends appreciation to the Community Development Department for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the community.



Gina Cunningham, Mayor

Al Stonitsch, Village Administrator