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Woodridge Area Chamber of Commerce

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Celebrate the Holidays

Did the office holiday party get cut with the budget this year? Looking for ways to save on your holiday office party? Having an office party but always looking for something fun to do? Attend the Chamber's Annual Holiday Party! Send your employees!



This year's party will be held on Wednesday, Decem-

ber 7th from 5:00-7:00pm at **Aloft Hotel**, 500 Janes Avenue, Bolingbrook.

The evening will include hors d'oeuvres, open bar (beer & wine), hot cocoa bar, silent auction, and FUN! All this for the price of \$35 per person.

Please contact the Chamber office if you are interested in donating

to the silent auction. We appreciate all contributions! Auction proceeds to benefit the Chamber Scholarship Fund.

RSVP ASAP via online, e-mail to chamber@woodridgechamber.org, or call 630-960-7080.

Information about the event is also be posted on our website, and a flyer is included in this month's newsletter inserts.

Support the Chamber With Just a Click

Shop Local Shop Woodridge. But when you need to shop online, be sure to use the Chamber's Fundinco link: <http://www.fundinco.org/orghome.php?orgid=22>. You can also search for Woodridge Area Chamber of Commerce at fundinco.org.



Using this link for your online shopping helps raise funds for the Chamber. It's super-easy, and all you have to do is shop at Amazon.com after visiting the link above or below. For every dollar spent at Amazon.com, we will receive a commission on the purchase! *There are no additional costs to you, no logins, and no strings at-*

tached. Work together with us because the money we earn helps to support valuable Chamber programming.

The link below will take you directly to our Fundinco homepage where you can start shopping by clicking the Amazon button:

<http://www.fundinco.org/orghome.php?orgid=22>

- » Add the Fundinco link to your favorites (a.k.a. bookmark) so that you can come back anytime (not just during the holiday season) you shop online and raise money.
- » Check out the Fundinco Deal of the Day using the link above. You don't want to miss these!
- » You can also access our Fundinco page from the homepage of the Chamber website

Fundinco.org Holiday Bonus

Over 100 Orders Shipped
Shop, shop, shop this holiday season. If over 100 items are shipped using our Fundinco link, the Chamber will receive an additional bonus!

25 Facebook Likes
On our Fundinco homepage, be sure to click the Facebook Like button in the top right hand corner. If 25 new likes are achieved through our Fundinco homepage, the Chamber will receive an additional bonus!













This offer only applies to all orders shipped and Facebook "likes" attained during the month of December 2011.



Upcoming Events

- Dec 2:** Holiday Tree Lighting
- Dec 7:** Annual Holiday Party
- Dec 9:** Women in Business Committee
- Dec 12:** Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- Dec 13:** Programming Committee
- Dec 14:** Business After Hours
- Dec 15:** Board of Directors
- Dec 20:** Happy Hanukkah
- Dec 21:** Seven Bridges Committee
- Dec 25:** Merry Christmas
- Dec 26:** Happy Kwanzaa
- Dec 26-30:** Chamber Office Closed in Observance of the Holidays
- Jan 2:** Chamber Office Closed in Observance of New Year's

December 2011

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Happy Holidays...However You Celebrate!



Chairman's Message

I hope everyone had a Wonderful Thanksgiving. Its hard to believe that Christmas is right around the corner.

A couple of reminders: we have many great stores in our community so "Shop Local" is a way to keep our community thriving. If you cannot find what you are looking for or if you are generally a Amazon shopper, Sign in to your Amazon account going through the Fundinco link on the Chamber website and a small percentage comes back to the Chamber with no added cost to you.

This time of year is all about giving so if there is a way you can help the less fortunate people in the area, call up or

stop by the West Suburban Community Pantry and see what they need. Anything from a donation to volunteering is always greatly appreciated.

By the time you read this we will have had the Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony in Seven Bridges. The Chamber of Commerce Seven Bridges committee and Woodridge Special Events Committee worked together to continue this awesome tradition. A very big thank you to Josh Eckstein and the whole Seven Bridges committee for all your hard work. Stop by when you have a chance to see all the different trees.

Our Annual Holiday Party is on Wed. December 7th at Aloft

Hotel starting at 5:00 so if you haven't already R.S.V.P.'d, plan on coming by and enjoy some good company with friends. Details are on the website or call the office.

I hate to say this but your going to have to stock up on salt because the snow is coming. Please be careful with your store fronts and keep our public from falling. We will all have to get used to the winter driving.

I hope everyone has a Wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thank You for letting me be your Chairman,
David Pacione




David Pacione
Chairman

Executive Edge

Small space again this month... Shop Local Shop Woodridge this holiday season. When you have to shop online, shop Amazon.com using the Chamber's

Fundinco.org link (see article on front page). It costs you nothing, and the Chamber sees a benefit.

Wishing you & yours a happy holiday season!
Enjoy!




Amy Melinder
President & CEO

Mayor's Message

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving! A significant part of the holiday celebration includes shopping, and Thanksgiving marks the beginning of the holiday shopping season. The Village helped spread information on Small Business Saturday, which took place on November 26th and aimed to support local businesses. I hope the initiative was successful in creating shopping traffic in Woodridge businesses and businesses within the surround-

ing area. We continue our efforts to promote the Shop Local Shop Woodridge campaign and hope that this helps drive customers to Woodridge stores over the holiday shopping season. While you are running around town, please don't forget those in need over the holidays - Village Hall will have collection boxes for the Toys for Tots program until December 16th at noon and the West Suburban Community Pantry can always use donations to supply

people with much needed food. The Village is also collecting inoperable holiday lights for recycling. Feel free to drop them off at Village Hall or the Public Works/Police Department building. On behalf of myself and the Village of Woodridge, I wish you and your family the best this holiday season!

Sincerely,
William F. Murphy
Mayor



William F. Murphy
Mayor of Woodridge



Check out all the great things your fellow Chamber members have been up to!

What has your business or organization been up to lately? Please submit your latest and greatest news to share - awards, promotions, new hires, etc. Notices will be printed in the order they are received.

Business Briefs

Seven Bridges Ice Arena has been named the top ice rink near Chicago, according to Yahoo! Sports.

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of **Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**, you are cordially invited to a dinner banquet to be held on Friday, January 20, 2012 at 6:30pm. The event will be held at Ashton Place,

341 West 75th Street, Willowbrook. Tickets are \$26 per person. The church will also be offering child care services during the event for \$5 per child, which includes dinner and activities. Please RSVP by January 8th. For reservations or more information, call 630-969-1268 or e-mail church-mouse1058@yahoo.com.

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of **Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**, you are cordially invited to a special worship service and reception on Sunday, January 22, 2012 at 10:00am. Bishop Wayne Miller from the Metropolitan Chicago Synod of the ELCA will honor us with his presence. You are welcome to invite your family and friends to the service.

Statewide Electronics Landfill Ban

As of January 1, 2012, the following items cannot be placed in a waste container for disposal and must be recycled by a registered collector, recycler and/or manufacturer:

- Computers
- Keyboards
- DVD player
- Fax machines
- Cable/satellite receivers
- Small scale servers
- Recorders
- Computer monitors
- Video consoles
- Printers
- Laptops
- Scanners
- Computer mice
- Digital converter boxes
- Televisions
- MP3 players
- DVRs

Look for more information in the January Chamber newsletter.

New Member Opportunity

The Woodridge Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that we are working with Chamber member NovoPrint USA to produce the Woodridge Area Chamber of Commerce Community Resource Guide for 2012-2013, which will be available for distribution in March 2012. You can look forward to working with Debbie Harr, our NovoPrint representative, to plan your advertising presence in this publication.

A generous supply of this guide will be distributed to residents, businesses, realtors, restaurants, the library, and schools. This valuable resource tool will provide the most up to date

information about the community including business climate, area education options, quality of life, and overall demographic information on the Woodridge community. As an advertiser your name is placed in the hands of an overwhelming number of decision makers; and you, as an advertiser, can be a distribution point at no charge if you so choose. Take advantage of payment plans and/or 2012 budget invoicing.

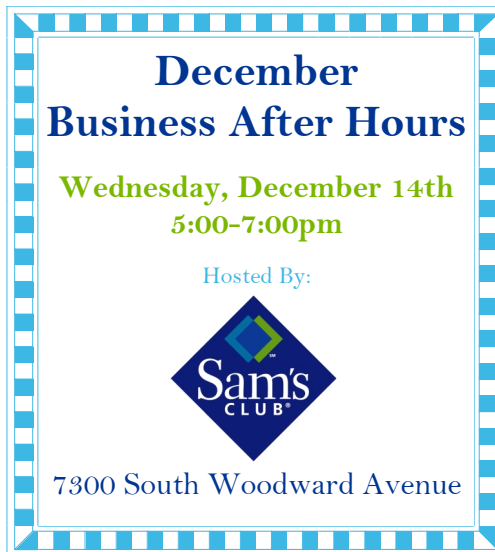


The Community Resource Guide will also be featured on

our Chamber's website, where your advertisement will be hyperlinked to your company website. As you are aware, the Woodridge Area Chamber of Commerce builds a solid partnership with our members that promotes a strong and growing community through marketing, networking, and educational opportunities; human resource benefits; and a civic and regional commitment.

Debbie Harr will be available to provide you with all of the details of the project. She can be reached at 608-444-1174 or debbie@novoprint.com.

Business After Hours



See great pics
online from all our
events at:
[www.flickr.com/
photos/
woodridgechamber](http://www.flickr.com/photos/woodridgechamber)
or go to the
Chamber website
and click
the flickr
icon



Show What You Have to Offer

Business After Hours (BAH) is a networking opportunity the Chamber offers to its members on a monthly basis. Members come together to meet and socialize, even network with others. It's good for business—and a lot of fun!

Where are the Business After Hours events held?

Each month (typically the third Wednesday of the month) a different member business or

organization hosts the BAH. It is an opportunity for members to invite others to their location and show what they have to offer.

What does hosting a Business After Hours involve?

The host business or organization is responsible for food, drink (alcohol is at the host's discretion), and 3-5 attendance prizes. The Chamber takes care of sending invitations,

collecting RSVPs and otherwise marketing the event. If the host business would like to invite valued or potential clients, it is the host's responsibility.

How do I sign up to host a Business After Hours?

Contact the Chamber office! All Business After Hours dates will be booked on a first-come, first-served basis. Dates for 2012 are filling up fast!

Month Host

Jan Liberty Tax Service

Feb OPEN

Mar West Suburban Multi-Chamber Event

Apr OPEN

Month Host

May Multi-Chamber

June Brunswick Zone

July Zigfield Troy

Aug Bridgeview Bank

Month Host

Sept Woodridge Community Resource Center

Oct Woodridge Soap Opera Laundromat


Nov West Suburban Community Pantry (Multi-Chamber)


Dec OPEN


 SHOP LOCAL.
SHOP WOODRIDGE

Especially this
holiday season!

Thank You for Your Renewal! We Appreciate Your Continued Support!

 = Diamond Member

 = Emerald Member

 = Renewal & Upgrade

20-25 Years
Pine Ridge Apartments

10-15 Years
Bridgestone Firestone, Inc.

V3 Companies, Ltd.

5-10 Years
Ace Hardware

Ashyana Banquets

Cargill Meat Solutions Corporation

Emerald Courts Apartments

Ledonia Consulting, Inc.

Leslie Heating & Cooling, Inc.

Uni-Mart Woodridge

<5 Years
Beauty Trendz Salon & Spa

Lifesource, Chicagoland's Blood Center

Lion's Club of Woodridge



SAVE THE DATE! Community Golf Classic

4 Chambers: Woodridge, Darien, Lemont, Westmont
Wednesday, July 25, 2012 ~ Village Greens Golf Course



Get the Most from Your Chamber Investment

The value of the added benefits you get with an Emerald or Diamond membership far exceeds the cost. Contact the Chamber office today for more information on how to maximize your Chamber investment.

Diamond Members

[Abri Credit Union](#)

[Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital](#)

[Authentic Woman Magazine](#)

[Blur Night Club](#)

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[Robert R. Dylla, Sr., CPA, PC](#)

[Sound Check Entertainment](#)

[West Suburban Community Pantry](#)

[Westwood College](#)

[Wilton Industries, Inc.](#)

[You & Me, Inc.](#)

Congratulations

Savor the Flavor 2011
People's Choice Award Winner
Carrabba's Italian Grill

Savor the Flavor 2011
People's Choice Honorable Mention
Suparossa Ristorante & Pizzeria

Angeli's Restaurant & Catering
Capri d'Amici Italian Restorante
Doggie Diner/The Kupkakery
Francesca's at the Promenade

Please welcome
our new intern
Tiffany Frazier!

Tiffany is a
student at Robert
Morris University
and will be with
us for ten weeks.



Emerald Members

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Donation Center
Imagination Print & Design

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Law Office of L. J. Czepiel
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Lifesource, Chicagoland's
Blood Center
RD Cutting Edge Tech
Solutions, LLC
Salon Aria
State Farm Insurance -
Dan Holquist
Stempora Dental
Sylvan Learning Center
WineStyles
Woodridge Chiropractic
Zigfield Troy Golf Range + Par 3



It's Easy!

Know a business that
isn't a member of the
Chamber?
Refer or recruit them
today!

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**The Board of Directors
and Staff are your
partner in helping you
succeed.**

The Woodridge Area Chamber of Commerce invites you to join us at our

Annual Holiday Party

Wednesday, December 7th • 5:00-7:00pm

Hors d'oeuvres • Beer/Wine Open Bar • Hot Cocoa Bar • Silent Auction • FUN!

Aloft Hotel

500 Janes Avenue
Bolingbrook

\$35 per person

Special room rate available: \$79 (contact hotel for details)

Donate to the Silent Auction!

Auction proceeds to benefit the Chamber Scholarship Fund!

RSVP to the Chamber office by Friday, December 2nd
via online at woodridgechamber.org, e-mail to
chamber@woodridgechamber.org, or call 630-960-7080.

*Join us for great networking
and holiday cheer
at the December
Business After Hours*

*Wednesday,
December 14th*

5:00-7:00pm

Hosted By:



*7300 Woodward Ave
Woodridge*

*RSVP by Monday, December 12th
via online at www.woodridgechamber.org, e-mail to
chamber@woodridgechamber.org, or call 630-960-7080*

