

Hi, Bob, Thank you so much for sending this email to me. I don't know if I will be able to make the Sept. 1st meeting or not. However, I am FOR a smoke-free Woodridge. Usually we just think about indoor smoke. But there have been times I've been at outdoor events and people nearby have been smoking. Outdoor smoking is also offensive. I'm in favor of Woodridge being smoke-free indoors and at public gatherings outside.

Hi Robert,

Thanks for letting me know about this proposal for a Smoke Free Woodridge. I am definitely for it!! I am a non-smoker and would appreciate all of our businesses being smoke free. Thanks for letting me know.

PS: If there is anything you can do to make this a state wide effort, I would appreciate it! (I hate coming home from bowling smelling like smoke!!) Thanks again!

Thanks Bob will attend if we can, you know we are ALL for the smoke free Woodridge!

We received your post card and we want to chime in with our vote on this issue. Please place us on your "For" ... a smoke-free Woodridge.

We appreciate your efforts to seek our opinions and regret that we can not attend the September 1st Village Board meeting.

Via the telephone:

“Although it is not a priority concern with me right now, it would be best to have the smoke-free ordinance.”

Hi Bob,

Just wanted to add that **(we)** are for a smoke-free Woodridge. Sorry to reply so late.

Hello!

I applaud your position to try and implement a smoke-free Woodridge. You have my yes vote.

I'm wondering what the Mission Statement is for the Village of Woodridge. Having a smoke-free community would certainly be very progressive. However, I do understand the fear for the businesses and the potential economic impact.

I would suggest that you get all of the data that you can from other communities that have a smoke-free ordinance.

Couldn't you give some incentive to a few businesses to advertise and try it out for a period of time?

Have Max & Erma's advertise that they are going Smoke-free for 6 months. Then, you would have some data for the direct economic impact.

Woodridge is too small a community to go it alone. Smokers would have choices to go elsewhere. Hence the fear that was present at the last meeting in the discussion.

Also, I do agree with you that the air handling system at the Corner Clubhouse is a joke. It's one of the smokiest places. Keep up the good work.

I am for smoke-free. Fifteen years ago I was diagnosed as having severe reactions to nicotine. Air travel and my work environment were killing me. I had chronic flu-like symptoms. I asked the building manager (Unisys - Lisle) whether he could enact a non-smoking ordinance in the facility. With a heck of a fight, he was able to do so and the building has been non-smoking ever since. I no longer have the flu-line symptoms.

Second-hand smoke health issues for waitresses, bartenders, etc., is a scientific fact. For heavens sake, the Surgeon General for the U.S. forces tobacco companies to clearly state the health risks right on the pack. Why our country continues to allow smoking and subsidize the tobacco corporations is beyond me. The government has yanked far less harmful foods and drugs from the marketplace (artificial sweeteners for one), yet it allows tobacco, etc.

I put the meeting on my calendar.

Thanks for your efforts in the village and your communications.

Bob - I am all for smoke-free environments especially in restaurants. People certainly deserve to eat without the second-hand smoke.

However, I do on occasion take pleasure in a fine cigar (maybe once a month or so). It would be great if Woodridge had a classy cigar bar, but at the least, some kind of drinking establishment where gentlemen can enjoy a Don Diego, or a Montecristo, or perhaps even a Cohiba while watching Da Bears on a big screen...

Smoke-free Woodridge sounds great. Thanks!

However I must say "bravo"! It's about time this step was taken! I was especially irked when I was pregnant and had to be subjected to other's bad habits. It is a rude habit and has been tolerated for too long. Let's let bad habits stay private along with spitting, passing gas, belching, nose picking, etc. No I'm not kidding. I find smoking even ruder than those bodily functions. Again, BRAVO!

Dear Mr Brandt

My name is _____, my husband and myself and our 6 year old daughter moved into woodridge about 2 and a half years ago. Let me start by saying I appreciate your news emails and I hope you continue to do well.

I feel stongly that We Should Have A Non Smoking Town. (in public places). I know this is insignificant but my husband and I with our daughter walked into Rymeys in Lisle (sorry if bad spelling) on Rt 53 and we sat down at the table just to get a burger. I was our first time in there and unfortunatly our last due to the smoke we walked out before we ordered.

We will be out of town for the meeting but I wanted to give my families 2 cents.

Mr Brandt
I am all for a (smoke free) environment
I don't smoke BUT being in the bar business for 15 yrs, I might as well have

Kudo's if we can do this
I'll TRY to attend the meeting, I work Thursday nights

Mr. Brandt,

We would like to cast our vote FOR a Smoke-Free Woodridge. Thank you for sending us the correspondence and for giving us the opportunity to share our thought in regards to this matter.

You have 2 votes for smoke-free public places.

We are ALL FOR a smoke free environment however when smoking is not allowed in a building you get the smokers congregating outside near the entrances which is just as bad or worse to have to walk through their cloud of smoke. Unfortunately they need to go to the back of the building or their cars to really be smoke free for us! PLEASE CONSIDER THIS ADDED ISSUE AT YOUR MEETING. Thank you.

Hi Bob

I'm not sure I'll be able to make the meeting. I'm definitely FOR a smoke-free Woodridge.

We are definitely in favor of a smoking ban in public places.

An example of a restaurant in Woodridge where we often have had problems is Pepe's. It has a separate non-smoking area - but it's smaller than the smoking area. Plus, there are openings between the rooms - and smoke comes wafting over it. I complained once through the Pepe's web site, but they claimed they couldn't switch the areas. They said you'd have to walk through smoking when coming in. Well, you have to walk through smoking to get to their buffet or to use the bathrooms. I'd rather the larger - and more airy room - be non-smoking (though my real preference would be for it to all be non-smoking!). We don't go there as often anymore - just because of the smoking situation. When we do go - we try to go early before it gets crowded.

Hi Bob,

We are completely for a smoke free Woodridge!

Thanks for sending this to us!

I wanted to let you know that I am wholeheartedly for the idea of a smoke free Woodridge.

Thank you for your card. Yes, I would like a smoke-free Woodridge.

I enjoy taking my son to \$1 nights on Tuesday at Brunswick. But, unfortunately many people are smoking so we have to make a choice and limit our bowling nights or try to get to Brunswick as early as possible to avoid most of the smokers.

Also, I have personally ended an employment due to the smoking in the work environment. I appreciate your efforts in a smoke-free ordinance.

I recently received your post card regarding a Smoke-Free Woodridge. Unfortunately, I will be out of town on business and will not be able to attend the town meeting. However, I fully support a Smoke-Free Woodridge.

Non-smoking areas in restaurants are a joke, as if a 4-foot wall will stop smoke from drifting around a room. Bowling alleys and bars are even worse. They don't even make an attempt. I do not believe it will hurt business. That is just a scare tactic.

Smokers claim these types of initiatives violate their rights. Baloney. When they can smoke without affecting me, then they can do whatever they want. We have a right to breathe clean air.

Thanks for driving this worthy cause.

Via the telephone:

“I am for smoke-free Woodridge. I would like to see smoking banned in Woodridge.”

I am **FOR** smoke-free Woodridge.

Via the telephone:

“Both my husband and I are in favor of a smoke-free Woodridge. We appreciate anything that you can do on that behalf.”

I am **FOR** smoke-free Woodridge.

I am very much in favor of a smoke free Woodridge. I do not go to the meetings because I do not drive at night or dusk. Thanks for keeping me posted.

I strongly support a smoking ban in the city of Woodridge. With all of the evidence of the harmful effects of secondhand smoke, it amazes me that more towns have not passed such an ordinance. Knowing the deleterious health effects secondhand smoke causes and failing to act to prevent it is unacceptable. Thank you for supporting this ordinance and if there is anything I can do to help it pass, I will gladly offer my time and energy.