



## **PVCA BULLETIN**

**Date: February 6, 2026**

**Happy New Year again to all our neighbors in the Pleasantdale Neighborhood. Wanted to update those of you who may not have gone to our website recently and/or onto social media.**

### **Lemont Bank-**

**As you may or may not know, Lemont Bank has been purchased by NuMark Credit Union. They currently now own all 3 locations within Lemont. Including the one here at our corner of 97<sup>th</sup> and Lemont road. What this does for the future of the Gas n Wash is what our focus is. We were informed previously that the Gas N Wash NEEDS the corner bank lot in order to have their development happen. The other 4 residential lots they have is not enough property to make their development work for siteplanning and truck turn around. We are praying that NuMark does not turn around and sell to Gas N Wash. We will continue to look into this and let you know what we find out in the near future.**

### **Woodridge-**

**We have posted on social media some recent Board Meetings that occurred in Woodridge, but nothing has happened lately regarding the Woodridge Comprehensive Plan. We continue to monitor the Woodridge Website and will let you know of anything we find.**

### **Dupage County Vote on Gambling-**

**See next sheet for information pertaining to an upcoming vote on Gambling and how our voices once again could have a big impact on our area AND most importantly create another hurdle for Gas N Wash.....**

# **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

DuPage County Vote on Video Gaming (Feb 10)

I wanted to make neighbors aware of an upcoming DuPage County Board vote on February 10, 2026, at 10:00 AM that could significantly impact our community.

The Board seems to be expected to reverse a previous denial and approve a video-gaming variance that may allow more gambling machines in everyday neighborhood locations such as gas stations, restaurants, grocery stores, and convenience stores.

This is about opposing gambling where it doesn't belong and whether gambling should continue expanding into family-oriented neighborhood spaces, especially those frequented by children.

Some important context:

- Video gambling is widely shown to be highly addictive
- Illinois Gaming Board data indicates players lose about 25% of what they spend
- Ten DuPage municipalities already prohibit or severely limit video gaming
- Those communities also have the highest college-graduation rates in the county
- Yet expansion risks falling mainly on less protected neighborhoods

If you have concerns, now is the time to speak up—this may be our last meaningful opportunity.

## **How to participate:**

- Attend the public meeting:

DuPage County Dept. of Community Services  
421 N. County Farm Road, Room 3500-A, Wheaton  
February 10, 2026, at 10:00 AM

- Sign the petition by clicking here: [SIGN CHANGE.ORG PETITION](https://www.signchange.org/petition/du-page-county-board-vote-on-video-gaming)

- Email DuPage County Board members (especially important since the meeting is during work hours).

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Term Expires: 12/07/2026

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Thank you for taking a moment to stay informed and engaged.

## **Project & Legal Update**

1. **Legal Representation** – We have reached out to approximately 6 lawyers to explore options for legal assistance and to gather cost estimates. We have had some respond that could not take us on as clients due to “conflict of interest”. Meaning that they represent Gas stations/Truck stops and it would be a conflict of interest to represent a neighborhood going against the same clients they represent. But we have had some good responses back from those interested so we are continuing conversations to make sure we feel they are a good fit financially and on the same wavelength when it comes to our fight.
2. **Traffic Study** – We have contacted about 5 engineering firms to inquire about traffic study services, some are not able to do what we want or not interested, but we do have 1 or 2 that are engaged and are awaiting further responses to setup a zoom call.
3. **FOIA Updates** – We have received several FOIA responses from Lemont. The most recent confirms that no preliminary Gas and Wash plans have been submitted to the Village.
4. **Property Status** – To our knowledge, the bank property has not been sold at this time.
5. **Funding Efforts** – Funding efforts are underway as you have seen with our flyers showing a ZELLE QR Code, as well as our name to make checks payable to. We had some issues we found out with some banks not liking the “non for profit” payment, so a **Zeffy QR code/link** has been created to raise funds which seems to be user friendly for

some banks that may not work with Zelle. Please share it with others who may want to support our efforts. Zeffy provides 100% of the proceeds to the Cause and nothing to the company. We also plan to set up a GoFundMe soon for broader outreach. Never know who might be a millionaire out there looking to make a nice tax write off ☺

6. **Community Outreach** – We met with Nicole LaHa last week and are waiting to hear back from her regarding how she may be able to assist us. Conversation went well and she is working behind the scenes. We keep conversations on-going with her and her team.
7. **Expenditures** – Expenses have been minimal to date. Funds have been used for State of Illinois filing fees, PVCA checks, flyers, and the large 8’x8’ signs posted along Lemont Road. The building materials used to make the signs, as well as the labor to install was all donated out of the hearts of our neighbors. Special thanks to Lesa, Beck, Nimtz and Winston families for their work on those.

### Community & Advocacy Updates

8. **Online Presence** – As stated, we are working on creating a dedicated Facebook page and enhancing our website. Stay tuned for more details soon.
9. **Legislative Outreach** – Besides Nicole La Ha, we have also been in contact with Senator Curran and are awaiting his response on how he may be able to support our efforts.
10. **Volunteer Block Captains** – **IMPORTANT:** We are recruiting Block Captains to help coordinate communication and engagement in each subdivision. We have had a few reach out and have a nice map setup showing who is going to take care of which blocks... BUT... If you are interested, please reach out to us. Again, email is best. Email us at the official email for our subdivision [protectpdale@yahoo.com](mailto:protectpdale@yahoo.com)
11. **Media Connections** – If anyone has contacts at TV or news stations, please let us know. We are actively working to get broader media coverage and are staying in touch with the Patch editor.
12. **Woodridge Meeting Update** – Woodridge had a meeting scheduled for September 23rd. However, one of our board members who is in charge of checking in on woodridge activity caught that they posted the agenda less than 48 hours before the scheduled meeting. This is illegal. When this was brought to their attention, Woodridge canceled the meeting. Staying on top of items such as this is what we will continue to do for everyone. BUT... we always encourage those who ever see or hear anything to please email us at [protectpdale@yahoo.com](mailto:protectpdale@yahoo.com)

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### Other Recent Actions

- Signs were posted near the International subdivision and Bromberek School System.
- We are seeking volunteers to help install signs in the Deerfield subdivision.

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### Next Steps

1. Continue monitoring upcoming Lemont and Woodridge agendas and meetings.
2. Continue pursuing legal representation and a traffic study firm.
3. Follow up with Nicole LaHa and Senator Curran regarding potential support.

Upcoming Lemont Meetings

**Upcoming Events**

| Meeting                                      | Date                    | Agenda | Events | Agenda Packet |
|--|-------------------------|--------|--------|---------------|
| Historic Preservation Commission             | Oct 9, 2025 - 06:30 PM  |        |        |               |
| Village Board Meeting - Canceled             | Oct 13, 2025 - 06:30 PM |        |        |               |
| Art & Culture Commission                     | Oct 14, 2025 - 07:00 PM |        |        |               |
| Village Board Committee of the Whole Meeting | Oct 20, 2025 - 06:30 PM |        |        |               |
| Lemont Environmental Advisory Commission     | Oct 23, 2025 - 07:00 PM |        |        |               |

**Available Archives**

Link: <https://www.lemont.il.us/government/village-clerk/agendas-and-minutes-center>

Upcoming Woodridge Meetings:

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Village Board Study Session - Oct 02 2025
- Village Board Regular Board Meeting - Oct 02 2025
- Plan Commission Meeting - Oct 06 2025
- Village Board Study Session - Oct 16 2025
- Village Board Regular Board Meeting - Oct 16 2025

[More](#)

<https://vilwoodridge.community.highbond.com/Portal/MeetingTypeList.aspx>

**MOST CURRENT WOODRIDGE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

<https://www.woodridgecompplan.com/>

(which was shown to us at the last meeting attended)