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THE COMMUNITY INFORMER

CLOSURES FOR THE VILLAGE HALL AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Village Hall and Public Works offices will be **CLOSED** on the following days:
Thursday, December 24, 2015
Friday, December 25, 2015
Friday, January 1, 2016
Friday, March 25, 2016
Monday, May 30, 2016
Monday, July 4, 2016
Monday, September 5, 2016
Thursday, November 24, 2016
Friday, November 25, 2016
Friday, December 23, 2016
Monday, December 26, 2016

ATTENTION DOG AND CAT OWNERS

Dogs are required by state law to have a rabies vaccination (after 5 months of age) **and** a license. In addition, cats are required, by the Village, to be licensed. Licenses for 2016 are available at the Village Hall. The cost is:

$15.00-spayed and neutered
$20.00-nonspayed/unneutered
$ 5.00-late fee after 3/31/2016

A Proof of Rabies vaccination **MUST** be presented when applying for a license either at the Village Hall or mailed with payment and a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Village Hall. P.O. Box 66, Deerfield, WI 53531. Licenses for 2016 must be obtained prior to March 31 to avoid a late charge.

PLEASE DON'T ALLOW DOGS AND CATS TO RUN AT LARGE!

Pet owners are reminded that it is unlawful to allow pets, cats or dogs, to run at large in the Village of Deerfield. Pets must be contained to the owner's property or under the owners control at all times.

The Village of Deerfield has a three-dog per household limit; however, only two dogs may be outside at the same time.

All pet owners must remove feces from public and private property to maintain healthy conditions.

PAY YOUR UTILITY BILL ONLINE!!

For more information, please see the enclosed PSN (Payment Service Network, Inc.) card, visit our website at www.deerfieldwi.com or call our office at 608-764-5404.

"ADOPT A HYDRANT" PROGRAM

Individuals interested in keeping a fire hydrant free of snow in a four-foot radius from the hydrant are encouraged to "Adopt A Hydrant". Hydrants free of snow allow quick access in case of an emergency. Contact the Village Hall at 608-764-5404 and register your intention.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Citizens of the Village of Deerfield!

Another year has come and gone and 2015 was another busy year for the Village. We accomplished many things. The following are just a few highlights of the year:

- The expansion of BCP Trucking in the Industrial Park. Part of this new expansion was their new warehouse and truck repair facility.
- Don Tierney's subdivision, Savannah Park, is growing and welcoming new families to the Village. Both the park and Splash Pad draw a lot of families from Deerfield and surrounding communities. I enjoy seeing the families participating in the parks that we have.
- The Village is working with Truckstar on a grant to aid in the clean-up of the parcel located to their west for the expansion for their growing business.
- The Village purchased four (4) properties on High St. and will be cleaning the lots to enhance the neighborhood.
- The Disc Golf course was completed this past summer. High School Seniors Anthony Johnson, Rick Holland and Clay Krueger did a great job and I hope the citizens are enjoying all of their hard work and dedication to this project.
- Mobile on Main is currently working on an expansion as well. The expansion will add space for more grocery type items.

We'd also like to welcome our newest employee, Bryon Schumacher, to the Public Works Department. With the addition of Bryon the Public Works Department is now fully staffed.

With winter upon us I'd like to remind residents to please make sure fire hydrants are clear of snow as this is a huge time saver for the fire department if they should need access to a hydrant in your neighborhood. And, to also keep sidewalks and definitely the handicapped approaches clear of snow and ice. Remember to not shovel or blow snow on to the streets.

I'd like to thank the entire Village Board , the Village Employees and all the members that sit on committees or commissions for the Village for all of the time and effort they put forth to make the Village a place we can all appreciate and enjoy.

In closing I'd like to wish all the residents a very safe and Happy Holiday Season!

Respectfully,
Greg Frutiger, Village President

SNOW & ICE REMINDER

Winter is just around the corner. Here are some "WINTER WEATHER REMINDERS" to all Village residents:

- The Village will plow streets during snow storms of 2 inches or more.
- All ice and snow from sidewalks must be removed by 5:00 pm on the day after a snow/ice event. Snow must be shoveled and ice must be removed. If your sidewalk is not cleared by that time, the Village will remove it and charge you for the work, which is set at a minimum of $80.00.
- It is illegal to shovel, plow or blow snow into or across any Village street. Violators will be ticketed.

All of these rules are included with the Deerfield Village Code and enforceable. They are designed to keep the Village safe for travel during the winter month. With everyone's cooperation, we hopefully can enjoy a safe winter travel season!

PARKING REGULATIONS – WINTER AND ALTERNATE SIDE PARKING

Winter parking regulations are in effect and enforced regardless of weather conditions. Please remember to park your vehicles appropriately for snow plowing.

Between Nov. 15 through April 15, Village residents should follow the alternate side parking regulations. Park on the even side of the street on even dates and the odd side of the street on odd dates except on specially marked streets. Vehicles found parked illegally will be ticketed.

There is NO parking on Main Street Between 2:00 A.M. and 6:00 A.M. from November 15 through April 15.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST FUND APPLICATIONS

CDTF applications are available at the Village Hall and are due by February 1, 2016. Applications must be for long-term projects benefiting the Village. Approximately $6,970.00 will be available.
The CDTF Committee reviews applications with recommendations made to the Village Board for approval. Call the Village Hall for more information at 764-5404.

VILLAGE TRUSTEE POSITIONS UP FOR ELECTION IN 2016

If you have an interest in serving in Village government, three (3) Trustee positions will be on the ballot for the spring election (April 5, 2016). These are all two (2) year terms. To become a candidate for any of these positions, please contact the Village Clerk's Office at 764-5404 or visit the Village website: www.deerfieldwi.com for further information. The final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at the Village Hall.

VILLAGE MEETINGS

For a schedule of meetings visit the Village Web Site Calendar at: www.deerfieldwi.com

TREE AND BRUSH PICK-UP

Tree and Brush pick-up is on the second Thursday of each month. Call John Doyle at 764-5497 with questions.

CURBSIDE COMPOST PICK-UP

Curbside Compost pick-up is done bi-annually (Spring & Fall). With dates to be determined. Please visit the Village Web Site Calendar for more information.

Village President

Greg Frutiger**********764-5505

Village Trustees

Scott Tebon**********764.2710
Dave Wilkinson**********764-5205
Dalton Schreiber**********764-8702
Jerry McMullen**********764-3064
Arnold Evensen**********764-5520
Tammy Reichert**********843-2474

Village Departments

Village Hall**********764-5404
Hours:
Monday - Thursday 7:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Friday 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Web Site : www.deerfieldwi.com
E-Mail : info@deerfieldwi.com

Library**********764-8102
Hours: Monday 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Thursday 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Public Works/Water Utility****764-5497
Sewer Utility**********764-5820
Utility Hours:
Monday – Thursday 7:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Friday 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
After Hours Emergency****** 209-0572

Building Inspector******1-800-422-5220
Cable Commission**********764-2514
Community Center**********764-5935
Web Site: http://www.dccenter.org
Hours During School Year:
Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Hours During Summer:
Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Deerfield Food Pantry @ DCC**764-5935
Hours: 2nd Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
4th Thursday 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Fire Department**********764-5343
Police**********764-5626
Advanced Disposal******1-800-248-2373

Village of Deerfield is on Facebook!

To receive updated and current information, click "Like" for the Village's Facebook Page!

DEERFIELD LIBRARY

From the Librarian's Desk

2015 is winding down and the cold air has moved into Deerfield. As we cozy up snug in our homes and enjoy spending the holidays with family and friends, it's also time to reflect on the year that is coming to a close by thinking of all the neat things that have happened throughout the year. Deerfield Public Library was a very busy place this year with some new ideas and programs that were brought to the community to help enrich all of our lives. Some of our new favorites (and it's safe to say, the community's favorites too) included first, our Lucky Day DVD collection, which made available new titles that you didn't have to wait for in the catalog…if they were on the cart by the desk they were available to be checked out. Second, our weekly staff book reviews shared on Facebook have been a lot of fun for both staff to write and folks to read. We hope you found something new to read when you were stumped on what to read next or used the review to share some great reads with your friends, giving everyone a chance to talk about great books.

Our programs have included something for all ages. The highlights for the children's programming included such favorites as the annual Worm Race, the Stuffed Animal Sleepover, the Summer Library Program with such favorites as magicians, the frog guy, the cowboy performing duo, and musicians; and the Halloween program. The library has family programs that were also community wide programs such as Read Around the Library, the Barbershop Ice Cream Social, the Great Pumpkin Hunt and Deerfield's Reindeer Games. Adults could enjoy our Harper Lee program, our WI Film Fest sneak preview program, our Jazz documentary program, and our Dark Tales program. Seniors are not forgotten at the library either. This year we added some new exercises classes to the Silver Sneakers line up, Sheepshead continues on Tuesday afternoons, as well as some of the arts and crafts groups such as hardanger and quilting. This adds up to an impressive 325 programs offered in 2015 to the tune of 4621 attendees.

We also have our regular materials offerings of books, DVDs, CDs, e-books, e-audiobooks, magazines, databases, genealogy help, newspapers, computers, wireless, printing, copying, faxing, tax forms, reference help which adds up to 48,514 items checked out, including more than 3200 e-books checked out using the Overdrive platform. We also added a pay by credit/debit card feature to Linkcat system wide that can be performed from the comfort of your home or using one of our computers.

Most importantly, our staff of four was here to serve you, the Deerfield community, to enrich your lives, provide you the help and reference you need, entertain you with media and books and make Deerfield the best community it can be. Happy Holidays to you and yours and looking forward to what opportunities 2016 will bring.

By Leah E. Fritsche, Director

BUDGET NUMBERS FOR 2016 AND MILL RATE FOR 2015 TAX BILLS

The Village Board approved its local 2016 budget on November 23, 2015, resulting in a general levy for 2015 of $1,234,700.00 and an est. mill rate of $6.30 which along with the budgets from other taxing authorities resulted in a total mill rate of $21.84 a decrease from 2014 of $0.26 mills.

	2014 Levy	2015 Levy	Difference	% of Total Taxes	2014 Mill Rate	2015 Mill Rate	Decrease/ increase in cents
STATE	$ 32,173.27	$ 33,426.60	$ 1,253.33	1%	$ .164292	$ .169706	$0.005414
COUNTY	$ 590,942.33	$ 619,553.27	$ 28,610.94	13%	$ 3.017638	$ 3.145456	$0.127818
VILLAGE	$1,407,750.82	$1,399,410.60	-$ 8,340.22	30%	$ 7.188659	$ 7.104772	-$0.083887
VATE	$ 177,019.74	$ 182,658.80	$ 5,639.06	4%	$ 0.903949	$ 0.927354	$0.023405
SCHOOL	$2,469,395.10	$2,461,676.25	-$ 7,718.85	52%	$12.609930	$12.497868	-$0.112062
TOTAL	$4,677,281.26	$4,696,725.52	$ 19,444.26	100%	$23.884469	$23.845156	-$0.039313
		Less State Credit			$ 1.778585	$ 1.999762	$0.221177
		NET MILL RATE			$22.105884	$21.845394	-$0.260490

This means that taxes on a $150,000 house in 2014 were $3,315.88 and for 2015, taxes will be $3,276.81, a decrease of $39.07. The lottery credit for 2015 will be $131.23**(for those who occupied their <u>primary</u> residence as of January 1, 2015)** and the First Dollar amount will be $81.24.

The assessed value of the Village for 2015 has increased over $58,700 from 2014. The value of the Village for 2015 is $195,888,100 and for 2014 it was $195,829,400. This is attributed to the new housing growth.

TAX PAYMENT INFORMATION

Tax collection for December payments will be accepted at the Village Hall until 4:30 P.M. on December 31 or postmarked by December 31, 2015. January payments will be accepted at the Village Hall until 4:30 January 31 or postmarked by January 31, 2016. Payments after January 31 are made to the Dane Co. Treasurer.

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