



The Community Informer

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Village Meetings

A schedule of Village meetings can be found at the Community Calendar on the Village's website.

Village Closings

The Village Hall and Public Works offices will be **CLOSED** on the following days in 2020:

- Wednesday, January 1
- Friday, April 10
- Monday, May 25
- Friday, July 3
- Monday, September 7
- Thursday, November 26
- Friday, November 27
- Thursday, December 24
- Friday, December 25

Department Hours and

Phone Numbers

Deerfield Village Hall 764.5404
 Hours:
 M - Th 7:00a - 4:30p
 Fridays 7:00a - Noon

Public Works/Water Utility 764.5497
 Sewer Utility 764.5820
 After Hours Emergency 209.0572
 Hours: M - Th 7:00a - 4:30p
 Fridays 7:00a - 11:00a

Building Inspector 608.576.6371
 Cable Commission 764.2514
 Advanced Disposal 800.248.2373

Deerfield Public Library 764.8102
 Hours: M and Th 12:00p - 8:00p
 T, W & F 9:00a - 5:00p
 Saturdays 9:00a - 1:00p

The Library is closed Sundays

Community Center 764.5935
 Web Site: <http://www.dccenter.org>
 School Year Hrs: M-F 9:00a - 5:00p
 Summer Hrs: M-F 8:00 - 3:00p

Deerfield Food Pantry @ DCC 764.5935
 Hours:
 Every Wednesday 12:00p-2:30p
 Other chosen dates listed on their website.

Fire Department 764.5343
 Police (non-emergency) 764.5626

Village Trustee Positions up for Election in 2020

Three Trustee positions will appear on the ballot for the April 7, 2020 spring election. These positions are a two year term. If you are interested in becoming a candidate please contact the Village Clerk. The final day for filing nomination papers are 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2020 at the Village Hall.

Tree and Brush Pick-up

Tree and Brush pick-up is on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month, year round. Call Public Works at 764-5497 with questions.

President's Message

Greetings Village of Deerfield citizens!

With all the cold temperatures and snow we've experienced this season, it reminds us that winter is upon us and I'd like to recap some of the following winter requirements:

- Property owners are required to keep fire hydrants, sidewalks, and handicap approaches, located on their property, clear of any snow and ice. Doing so will allow our community to stay safe during the winter months.
- Shoveling or blowing snow out into the street is against Village Ordinance 28-9 and failure to comply could result in a monetary fine. The best way to remove the snow from your sidewalk and driveway is to put it onto your lawn and any snow that you remove from the road should go on to the terrace. Although, the less snow you have in the terrace will help leave room for the snow that the plows remove from the streets.

This year we were able to close TIF #2. From this closing, the Deerfield School District received \$399,696 and the Village received \$252,309. With the Village's share, we did a mill and overlay on North Industrial Park Road at a cost of \$99,450 and crack sealing in the rest of the Industrial Park area at a cost of \$8,000. The Village has also earmarked \$100,000 for Liberty Road improvement that are planned to take place in 2021/2022 and \$15,000 for paving the parking stall areas along Main Street (Hwy 73), which will happen when the state does the mill and overlay of Hwy 73 (Main St).

Currently, the Village is working with Truckstar Collision Center on a TIF #3 project that includes the lowering of the hill on W. Nelson Street and clean-up at the 40 W. Nelson Street property. The lowering of the hill is being done for visual safety reasons for trucks entering the road. Also, in TIF #3, the Village Board approved borrowing \$1,000,000 with \$500,000 being used for revitalizing parts of the Downtown and Park Street areas and the remaining \$500,000 for the issuance of grants to property owners, located in TIF #3 district, to help improve their buildings. Grant requests must meet requirements set forth in TID #3's policies, procedures and project plans. Thus far, close to \$250,000 in grants have been requested and approved.

We had a space needs analysis completed for the Village Hall, Police Department, and the Public Works Department. We are researching spaces of which could be used for a new Village Hall which will be a very long process. This analysis is being conducted by Barrientos Design and Consulting.

I'd like to thank the entire Village Board, Village Employees, members of Committees or Commissions, Deerfield Volunteer Fire Department, Deer-Grove EMS and our Police Department for all their commitment and hard work they put forth to make the Village a great place for all of us to live.

In closing, I'd like to wish all of you a very safe and Happy Holiday Season.

Respectfully,
Greg Frutiger, Village President

Main Street/Hwy 73 Update

It is hard to come in or out of the village without traveling on Main Street and with your travels you will experience the rough pavement. The Village would like to take this opportunity to clear up any confusion residents may have regarding whose responsibility it is to repair the road. Main Street is a state highway so the responsibility falls within the WI DOT's control. The Village has been in contact with WI DOT representatives expressing our concerns with the road condition and the importance this stretch of road is for residents and businesses.

New Water Softener Ordinance

On September 9, 2019 the village board passed the prohibiting of timer based water softeners for installation of new or replacement units. The passing of this ordinance is in the continuing efforts to lower chloride levels in our streams and lakes.

Snow and Ice Reminders

Winter has come and here are some winter weather reminders to all Village residents:

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

These rules are included in the Deerfield Village Code and are designed to keep Deerfield safe during the winter months. With everyone's cooperation, we can enjoy a safe winter season!

Parking Regulations – Winter and Alternate Side Parking

November 15 and April 15 alternate side parking regulations are in effect. Remember between 1:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. to park on the even side of the street on even dates and the odd side of the street on odd dates. Specially marked streets are excluded from the alternate parking. Vehicles found parked illegally will be ticketed and/or towed at the owner's expense.

*****Parking regulations are enforced regardless of weather conditions*****

Main Street parking is not allowed between 2:00 A.M. and 6:00 A.M. from November 15 through April 15. If you have questions regarding alternate side parking or any other winter rules, please contact the village office.



Utility Payments Online

There are a number of options you have when paying Village utility payments. You can drop your payment off at the Village Hall, or do the Automatic Payment Option that is internally processed at the Village Hall. Another option is to sign up with Payment Service Network (PSN) to pay online. Get more information at our website 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!



Community Development Trust Fund Applications

CDTF applications are available at the Village Hall and are due by February 1, 2020. Applications must be for long-term projects benefiting the Village. Available funds are approximately \$6,488.00 for 2020.

The CDTF Committee reviews applications with recommendations made to the Village Board for approval. Call the Village Hall for more information.

Building Permits

Building Permits can be obtained from the building inspector, Chris Butschke. Contact Chris at 608.576.6371 or visit him on Thursdays from 11am-Noon here at the Village Hall. Blank Building Permit Forms and the Cautionary Statement can be found on our website by clicking Government, Departments, and Building Inspection.

Attention Dog and Cat Owners!



Dogs and cats are required to be licensed in the Village of Deerfield. Licenses run from April 1 through March 31 and can be obtained at the Village Hall with the costs as following:

- Spayed and neutered \$20 each
- Unaltered \$25 each
- Late fee (after 3/31/2020) \$5.00

Deerfield has a three-dog per household limit. Only two dogs may be outside at the same time and pet owners must remove feces from public and private property. Please let us know if your pet has passed away, so we can update our system.



Reminder...

Discharge of fireworks is not permitted Per Village Ord. Sec 22-72

Deerfield Library Update from the Librarian’s Desk

By Leah Fritsche, Deerfield Public Library Director

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year from the Deerfield Public Library!

2019 is quickly coming to an end, faster than seems possible. Wasn't it just the polar vortex with record breaking temperatures and loads of snow? Now we are staring at snow again, but with an early start to the wintry season as the year rounds out. But that doesn't mean you can't warm up and find a cozy read, exciting movie or fun music to curl up with to forget about what's outside. Staff at the library can definitely help you find those items! Or even provide a warm spot to come to just to "get out and about". We're happy to have you use our free wifi, read the newspaper or a magazine or just bump into a neighbor and have the chance to say hi at one of our many programs. During 2019 the library offered a series of gardening programs, some interesting musical performances that highlighted instruments from Ireland and Africa, two book clubs and a trove of children's programs like the stuffed animal camp out, Lego contest, worm race, summer library program, story time, book clubs for teens and tweens and a lot of new materials to checkout. We had a total of over 3000 community members attend library programs during the year. We also have experienced a 5% increase in overall checkouts, which is quite a number, considering most libraries in Dane County have a continued decrease in their checkouts. This means a big THANK YOU to the Deerfield community for using and enjoying and supporting your local library.



As many of you know, the library sent out a survey that included questions about our services, our staff and the idea of expanding the library. Thank you to all who filled out that survey. There was definitely a lot of support for what we do and for an expansion of the library building. So where does that stand right now? The Village is in full support of our expansion and has decided that the expansion project will be part of other Village building projects coming up. This means the expansion has not disappeared, it is just in the wings for the moment as a plan comes together for everything the Village needs to do for upcoming facility improvements. If you have further questions about it, feel free to stop into the library and say hi. And thank you again to an amazing community that supports their library!

TIME TO REVIEW YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION!

2020 is a Presidential Election year, which means you will soon be finding voter registration forms and absentee ballot request forms in your mailbox. **These mailings are NOT from your municipal clerk**, even though they may appear to be. They are sent by special interest groups and the prefilled voter information on the forms is often inaccurate. To ensure you are properly registered or to apply for an absentee ballot, please visit myvote.wi.gov or contact the Village Hall. MyVote is a great way to review your voter information, register to vote or to request an absentee ballot.

Budget numbers for 2020 and Mill Rate for 2019 tax bills

The Village Board approved its local 2020 budget on December 2, 2019, resulting in a general levy for 2019 of \$1,245,964 and an est. mill rate of \$5.10. This, along with the budgets from other taxing authorities less the State School Credit, will result in an est. total mill rate of \$18.54; a decrease from 2018 of \$21.87.

	2018 Levy	2019 Levy	Difference	% of Total Taxes	2018 Mill Rate	2019 Mill Rate	Decrease/increase in cents
STATE	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	0%	\$ 0.00000	\$ 0.00000	\$0.000000
COUNTY	\$ 686,348.11	\$ 699,060.12	\$ 12,712.01	14%	\$ 3.327790	\$ 2.859133	-\$0.468657
VILLAGE	\$1,484,403.13	\$1,386,994.90	\$ -97,408.23	28%	\$ 7.197197	\$ 5.672765	-\$1.524432
MATC	\$ 210,459.50	\$ 213,157.99	\$ 2,698.49	4%	\$ 1.020423	\$ 0.871809	-\$00148614
SCHOOL	\$2,545,371.72	\$2,654,277.64	\$ 108,905.92	54%	\$12.341352	\$10.855910	-\$1.485442
TOTAL	\$4,926,582.46	\$4,953,490.65	\$ 26,908.19	100%	\$23.886762	\$20.259617	-\$3.627145
Less State Credit					\$ 2.015657	\$ 1.718449	-\$0.2972.08
NET MILL RATE					\$21.871105	\$18.541168	-\$3.329937

The lottery credit for 2019 will be \$216.68 (for those who occupied their primary residence as of January 1, 2019) and the First Dollar Credit will be \$78.09. The assessed value of the Village increased to \$244,500,700 for 2019 which is an increase of \$38,253,300 over the 2018 value of \$206,247,400. This increase is attributed to the revaluation that took place this year.



Property Tax Payment Information

Tax collection for December/January payments will be accepted at the Village Hall during normal business hours.

If you wish to pay your tax bill in December, payments will need to be received at the Village Hall before the close of business (4:30 p.m.) on Tuesday, December 31, 2019, or postmarked on or before December 31, 2019 to be credited in December of 2019.

For the two installment payment plan, the first installment must be received before close of business (12:00 pm) on January 31, 2020, or postmarked January 31, 2020. Any payment received in the drop box or in person after 12:00 pm on January 31 will be considered late and late fees will be applied by Dane County. The second installment is due by July 31, 2020, to the Dane County Treasurer. Your mid-year bill will come directly from Dane County.

The Village Hall will be closed on December 24nd & 25th and January 1, 2020, for the holidays and property taxes will not be processed on these days.

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