



The Community Informer

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Village Closings

The Village Hall and Public Works offices will be **CLOSED** on the following days in 2017:

- Monday, January 2
- Friday, April 14
- Monday, May 29
- Tuesday, July 4
- Monday, September 4
- Thursday, November 23
- Friday, November 24
- Monday, December 25
- Tuesday, December 26

Elected Officials

President, Greg Frutiger	764.5505
Trustee, Arnold Evensen	764.5520
Trustee, Fred Fry	764.5207
Trustee, Jerry McMullen	444.9261
Trustee, Scott Tebon	764.2710
Trustee, Gary Wieczorek	764.3122
Trustee, Dave Wilkinson	764.5205

Community Development Trust Fund Applications

CDTF applications are available at the Village Hall and are due by February 1, 2017. Applications must be for long-term projects benefiting the Village and approximately \$8,100.00 will be available.

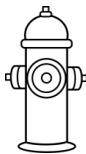
The CDTF Committee reviews applications with recommendations made to the Village Board for approval. Call the Village Hall for more information.

Utility Payments Online

Paying your utility bill is easier than ever. Sign up through Payment Service Network (PSN) through our website or authorize the Village to debit your account each month! 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!



Village Meetings

A schedule of Village meetings can be found at: www.deerfieldwi.com. Then click on Community Calendar and check the month you’d like to see.

Village Trustee Positions up for Election in 2017

Three Trustee positions and Village President will appear on the ballot for the spring election (April 4, 2017) and all are two (2) year terms. To become a candidate for any of these positions, please contact the Village Clerk’s Office. The final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at the Village Hall.

President’s Message by Village President Greg Frutiger

Greetings citizens of the Village of Deerfield!

Here we are again; another year has come and gone and 2016 was another good year for the Village. The following are just a few of the highlights from last year and how they are looking at the end of 2016 and going forward into 2017.

- The expansion of BCP trucking is complete and is a great addition to the industrial park.
- The Don Tierney subdivision, Savanah Park, is looking great with more new homes and continues to enhance the look of the Village.
- The Village and Truckstar were able to get a grant for the clean-up of the parcel located to the west of their property. The village purchased the property and the clean-up has been moving forward with the demolition of the building and testing for contamination. This is looking like another great project for the Village to get the property productive again.
- The properties the village purchased on High St. have been cleaned up and the houses removed.
- The expansion of Mobile on Main is complete and looking great. The chicken is rather good too.

With winter upon us again 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. Also, keep sidewalks and definitely the handicap approaches clear of snow and ice. Remember not to shovel or blow snow out in to the street.

I’d also like to extend a special welcome to the two new businesses that opened in Deerfield this year: Deerfield, Inc. and the Energy Hub both located at Liberty Commons. Make sure to drop in and welcome them, but also support them! Local businesses are essential for the continued success of Deerfield.

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

I would also like to thank the members of the Deerfield Volunteer Fire Department, Deer Grove EMS, and our Police Department for keeping the Village safe. Just a reminder the Fire Department and the EMS are in need of more volunteers; either one can be a great and rewarding experience.

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

Respectfully
Greg Frutiger, Village President

Snow and Ice Reminders

Winter is just around the corner. 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 for travel during the winter. With everyone’s cooperation, we can enjoy a safe winter travel season!

Parking Regulations – Winter and Alternate Side Parking

Between November 15 and April 15 alternate side parking regulations are in effect. Remember to park on the even side of the street on even dates and the odd side of the street on odd dates except for marked streets. Vehicles found parked illegally will be ticketed and/or towed at the owner’s expense.

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

Also, parking is not allowed on Main Street 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 office, we’re happy to help!

Attention Dog and Cat Owners!

All dogs are required to have a rabies vaccination (after 5 months of age) **and** a dog license. Cats are required, by the Village, to be licensed. Licenses can be obtained in person at the Village Hall or through the mail; the costs are below:

Spayed and neutered	\$15 each
Unaltered	\$20 each
Late fee (after 3/31/2016)	\$5.00

In order to obtain your license, stop in the Village Hall with your payment and proof of rabies info or mail your check and proof of rabies **with** a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Village Hall. Once processed, your license, tag and a hook will be mailed back to you.



Deerfield has a three-dog per household limit; however, only two dogs may be outside at the same time and pet owners must remove feces from public and private property. The Village office is a pet friendly environment! All four legged residents should stop in for pets from the Village staff and a treat.

Department hours and phone numbers

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

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

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 1.800.422.5220
Cable Commission 764.2514

Community Center 764.5935
Web Site: <http://www.dccenter.org>
School Year:
M-F 9:00a - 5:30p
Summer Hours:
M-F 8:00 - 3:00p

Deerfield Food Pantry @ DCC 764.5935
Hours:
2nd Saturday 9:00a - 11:00a
4th Thursday 6:00p - 7:00p

Fire Department 764.5343
Police (non-emerg) 764.5626
Advanced Disposal 920.563.4505



Deerfield is on Facebook!

When you log into Facebook, type Village of Deerfield in the search bar and click our page (make sure you find Deerfield, WI!). Once on our page click like and you're all set! Then you'll find road closings, election updates and any information that needs to get out to residents quickly.



Building Permits Anyone?

Building Permits can be obtained from the building inspector, Dan Burrows. Contact him at 608.800.2014 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, then Departments, then Building Inspection.

Tree and Brush Pick-up

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

Curbside Compost Pick-up

Curbside Compost pick-up is done twice per year (Spring & Fall) with dates to be determined. Please visit the Village web site calendar for more information.

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Deerfield Library Update from the Librarian's Desk
By Leah Fritsche, Deerfield Public Library Director



Deerfield Public Library and its staff would like to wish the community a Happy Holidays and Happy New Year too! Here at the library, 2016 has been a fantastically busy year. The building bursting with materials to enjoy and space to use. I'd like to take a moment to recap everything the library has offered in the past year and what we will continue to provide for all of our community, card holders and non-card holders alike.

The library has expanded our Lucky Day DVD collection to grab hot titles off the shelf in the building without having to put the titles on hold, but we have now added a Lucky Day Book collection as well. This way you can find some of the new titles on the shelf without having to place a hold. Let us know what titles you'd like to see in this collection if we are missing a few! We had some fantastic programs for adults and families throughout the year as well and the highlights were the Irish Tales program, the Celtic Harpist program and Judy Cook's historical program on Mark Twain, along with our Talk N' Treats summer library program offering that included food, talk about books and general fun. The two book discussion groups continue to hold regular monthly meetings and had their first joint potluck in December to meet and greet and talk about the same book. The library has partnered with the Chamber of Commerce on their many community activities to help bring more events to the Village including the Bikes 2 Big Rigs event, the Ice Cream Social, the Great Pumpkin Hunt and the Deerfield Family Christmas event. Finally, we continue to offer weekly programs like Chair Piyo for seniors, a Sheephead group every Tuesday afternoon and volunteer opportunities.

Our youth have also enjoyed a slew of programs from the Lego contest and Worm races, to the Stuffed Animal Sleepover and the Summer Library Program with crafts, movies, performers and treats. We added a Pokemon trading event once a month, a pop up program in our children's corner that involves everything from putting up a picture of your pet to adding feathers of thankfulness to our turkey, to planting seeds in the summer and making cozy stockings for our paper fireplace for the holidays. There are plenty of opportunities to listen to stories, talk about books with other kids, find someone to play with or even study with and plenty of opportunities for kids to volunteer at the library too. We also partnered with the local daycare to provide story times and books, the Community Center summer program to provide materials and programs, and with the schools to provide visits from a librarian and extra materials for teachers and classrooms alike. We have access to e-books and e-magazines, databases and 52 other libraries and their collections in our consortium through the online catalog LinkCat. We are looking forward to a fantastic 2017!

Budget numbers for 2017 and Mil Rate for 2016 tax bills

The Village Board approved its local 2017 budget on November 28, 2016, resulting in a general levy for 2017 of \$1,302,928 and an est. mill rate of \$6.55. This, along with the budgets from other taxing authorities, resulted in a total mill rate of \$22.11; an increase from 2015 of \$0.26 mills.

	2015 Levy	2016 Levy	Difference	% of Total Taxes	2015 Mill Rate	2016 Mill Rate	Decrease/increase in cents
STATE	\$ 33,426.60	\$ 33,780.23	\$ 353.63	1%	\$.169706	\$.169707	\$0.000001
COUNTY	\$ 639,553.23	\$ 621,584.09	\$ -17,969.14	13%	\$ 3.145456	\$ 3.122741	-\$0.022715
VILLAGE	\$1,399,410.60	\$1,485,942.74	\$ 86,532.14	31%	\$ 7.104772	\$ 7.465143	\$0.360371
VATE	\$ 182,658.78	\$ 192,232.00	\$ 9,573.22	4%	\$ 0.927354	\$ 0.965743	\$0.038389
SCHOOL	\$2,461,676.31	\$2,459,493.27	-\$ 2,183.04	51%	\$12.497868	\$12.356108	-\$0.141760
TOTAL	\$4,716,725.52	\$4,793,032.33	\$ 76,306.81	100%	\$23.845156	\$24.079443	\$0.234287
Less State Credit					\$ 1.999762	\$ 1.967988	-\$0.031774
NET MILL RATE					\$21.845394	\$22.111455	\$0.266061

Taxes on a \$150,000 house in 2015 were \$3,276.81 and for 2016, taxes will be \$3,316.72, an increase of \$39.81. The lottery credit for 2016 will be \$155.69 (**for those who occupied their primary residence as of January 1, 2016**) and the First Dollar Credit will be \$82.79. The assessed value of the Village for 2016 increased from 2015. The value of the Village for 2016 is \$199,050,800 and for 2015 it was \$195,888,100. This is attributed to the new housing growth.



Property Tax Payment Information
by Chris Astrella, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

There are many ways to pay your property taxes! You can pay in person during normal business hours, drop a check in the drop box at the Village Hall or mail it to us. If dropping a check in the drop box, be sure to put your check and the bottom (tear off) portion of your bill in an envelope and label it property tax payment. This will ensure it does not get confused with utility bill payments.

At least the first installment of your property tax bill is due to the Village hall by 4:30pm on January 31, 2017 and postmarks are acceptable as long as they are postmarked January 31, 2017. Any payment received in the drop box or in person after 4:30 on January 31 will be considered late and late fees will be applied by Dane County.

The second installment of your taxes is due by July 31, 2017 to the Dane County Treasurer; you will receive a bill from them sometime during May (usually containing a blue envelope).

The Village Hall is closed on December 23rd and 26th and January 2, 2017 for the holidays and property taxes will not be processed.

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