



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 2018:

- Monday, January 1
- Friday, March 30
- Monday, May 28
- Wednesday, July 4
- Monday, September 3
- Thursday, November 22
- Friday, November 23
- Monday, December 24
- Tuesday, December 25

Village Trustee Positions up for Election in 2018

Three Trustee positions will appear on the ballot for the April 3, 2018 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. 2, 2018 at the Village Hall.

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.

Community Development Trust Fund

Applications

CDTF applications are available at the Village Hall and are due by February 1, 2018. Applications must be for long-term projects benefiting the Village. Available funds are approximately \$6,100.00 for 2018.

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

"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

by Greg Frutiger, Village President

Greetings Village of Deerfield citizens!

Here we are again, with a closing of another year. The Village Board has been working on the 2018 budget, which is looking to be another good year, with the Village's mill rate being reduced from last year.

With winter upon us, I'd like to remind residents to please make sure that fire hydrant and sidewalks, along with the handicap approaches are kept clear of snow in your neighborhood. Keeping these items clear of snow and ice helps our community stay safe during the winter months. Shoveling or blowing snow out into the street is against Village Ordinance 5.10 and you could be fined.

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.

If you would like to be considered for a position on a committee or commission board, please contact the village hall. The Fire Department and EMS are always in need of volunteers and it can be a very rewarding way to creating a better community.

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

Respectfully,
Greg Frutiger, Village President

Village Property Revaluation

A revaluation of property within the Village of Deerfield is scheduled to be completed for the 2019 assessment year. The project began September of 2017 and will be completed in the fall of 2019. An assessor or the assessor's staff is able to enter the land or construction site, other than a building, agricultural land or pasture, or a livestock confinement area, of another if all of the following apply:

1. The assessor or the assessor's staff enters the land in order to make an assessment on behalf of the state or a political subdivision.
2. The assessor or assessor's staff enters the land on a weekday during daylight hours, or at another time as agreed upon with the land owner.
3. The assessor or assessor's staff spends no more than one hour on the land.
4. The assessor or assessor's staff does not open doors, enter through open doors, or look into windows of structures on the land.
5. The assessor or the assessor's staff leaves in a prominent place on the principal building on the land, or on the land if there is not a principal building, a notice informing the owner or occupant that the assessor or the assessor's staff entered the land and giving information on how to contact the assessor.

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 during the winter months. With everyone's cooperation, we can enjoy a safe winter 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*****

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.



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	\$15 each
Unaltered	\$20 each
Late fee (after 3/31/2018)	\$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.

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 1.800.422.5220
Cable Commission 764.2514
Advanced Disposal 920.563.4505

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 Hours:
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-emergency) 764.5626

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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!



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.

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 scheduled in the Spring & Fall with dates to be posted on the village's calendar. Please visit the Village website for more information.

Parks Committee Update

By Arnie Evensen, Parks Committee Chairperson

During 2017 the Village Board approved funds that allowed the Parks Committee to make improvements to the Community Park. They included improved signage for the disc golf course, an entry sign for the Community Park, and a new pickle ball court. All these projects are completed. Next year plans include a storage shed for the Community Park, additional improvements to the disc golf course, and security cameras for the parks along with other projects.

During 2018, the Parks Committee will continue to consider adding an additional amenity to the Community Park that our four-legged friends will be able to enjoy. We will be looking at the possibility of adding a fenced dog park on the east end of the park, on space that is not being used now. If you have an interest in having a dog park in Deerfield and would be willing to help make it happen please call Arnie at 764-5520, Kristen 501-5440 or Brad 764-3003.

Deerfield Library Update from the Librarian's Desk

By Leah Fritsche, Deerfield Public Library Director

Looking back on 2017, I am always amazed to see what the library has offered Deerfield Community in terms of free programming for all ages, along with our regular services. For a small community library, we are able to bring some pretty cool programs/performers to our neck of Dane County. Some of our special programs this year included: for children and families the annual Summer Library Program, Pokémon trading card days, a valentine program, a tea party, Dr. Seuss Program, Lego contest, worm race, the first ever kindergarten author reception, stuffed animal sleepover, Halloween party, thank you program and the gingerbread train building program. For adults we offered a gardening program, a performance by David HB Drake, self-care for stressful times program, a visit by the author Anton Treuer, horse human connection documentary and speaker program and Out of the Fire, a performance by the Forward Theater Company about banned books told in monologue format. This list doesn't include our ongoing programs for all ages such as a chair yoga class for seniors, sheepshead, story times, and early release movie days for kids, two book club offerings and regular Medicare information sessions. Whew!

This leads me to something we have started to talk about as library staff, board and library users. We are using up every corner of this building and it is time to think about growth. What does this mean? Well, it depends on you in some sense, as members of this community. The library is planning to send out a community wide survey about the library in 2018 and we would really appreciate your feedback. When the survey finds its way to you, please consider filling out the questions. It will help us plan the future of the library, its services, programming and expanding the building itself. Thank you in advance for filling it out! As 2017 draws to a close, the library staff and I wish you all Happy Holidays and remind you to stay cozy during the winter months by curling up with a good book, a new movie or some music of your choice all brought to you by the Deerfield Public Library.



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Budget numbers for 2018 and Mil Rate for 2017 tax bills

The Village Board approved its local 2018 budget on November 27, 2017, resulting in a general levy for 2017 of \$1,346,527 and an est. mill rate of \$6.53/1,000. This, along with the budgets from other taxing authorities, resulted in a total mill rate of \$22.37; an increase from 2016 of \$0.26 mills.

	2016 Levy	2017 Levy	Difference	% of Total Taxes	2016 Mill Rate	2017 Mill Rate	Decrease/increase in cents
STATE	\$ 33,780.23	\$ 0.00	\$-33,780.23	0%	\$.169707	\$ 0.00000	-\$0.069707
COUNTY	\$ 621,584.09	\$ 685,369.31	\$ 63,785.22	13%	\$ 3.122741	\$ 3.322133	\$0.199392
VILLAGE	\$1,485,942.74	\$1,589,393.64	\$103,450.90	32%	\$ 7.465143	\$ 7.704134	\$0.238991
MATC	\$ 192,232.00	\$ 205,396.15	\$ 13,164.15	4%	\$ 0.965743	\$ 0.995599	\$0.029856
SCHOOL	\$2,459,493.27	\$2,558,401.67	\$ 98,908.40	51%	\$12.356108	\$12.401125	\$0.045017
TOTAL	\$4,793,032.33	\$5,038,560.77	\$245,528.44	100%	\$24.079443	\$24.422991	\$0.343548
Less State Credit					\$ 1.967988	\$ 2.048051	-\$0.080063
NET MILL RATE					\$22.111455	\$22.374940	\$0.263485

Taxes on a \$150,000 house in 2016 were \$3,316.72 and for 2017, taxes will be \$3,356.24, an increase of \$39.52. The lottery credit for 2017 will be \$139.60 (**for those who occupied their primary residence as of January 1, 2017**) and the First Dollar Credit will be \$79.77. The assessed value of the Village for 2017 increased from 2016. The value of the Village for 2017 is \$206,304,000 and for 2016 it was \$199,050,800. This is attributed to the new housing growth.



Property Tax Payment Information

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

If you wish to pay your full tax bill in December, payments will need to be received at the Village Hall before the close of business (12:00 p.m.) on Friday, December 29, 2017 or postmarked on or before December 31, 2017 to be credited in December of 2017.

For the two installment payment plan, the first installment must be received before close of business (4:30pm) on January 31, 2018 or postmarked January 31, 2018. 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 is due by July 31, 2018 to the Dane County Treasurer. Your mid-year bill will come directly from Dane County.

The Village Hall will be closed on December 22nd & 25th and January 1, 2017 for the holidays and property taxes will not be processed on these days.