



The Community Informer

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Trustee, Gary Wiczorek	764.3122
Trustee, Dave Wilkinson	764.5205

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 2019:

- Tuesday, January 1
- Friday, April 19
- Monday, May 27
- Thursday, July 4
- Monday, September 2
- Thursday, November 28
- Friday, November 29
- Tuesday, December 24
- Wednesday, 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 2019

Three Trustee positions will appear on the ballot for the April 2, 2019 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, 2019 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

by Greg Frutiger, Village President

Greetings Village of Deerfield citizens!

With the cold temperatures that we have had already this season it reminds us that winter is here to stay, I'd like to recap winter requirements, by making sure that fire hydrants, sidewalks and handicap approaches, are kept clear of snow and ice in your neighborhood. Keeping these items clean helps our community stay safe during the winter months. Shoveling or blowing snow out into the street is against Village Ordinance 28-9 and you could be fined. 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 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.

The State of Wisconsin is requiring municipalities to lower the amount of phosphorus and chloride levels that enter our waterways. High phosphorus levels increases the growth of plant and algae life in lakes and streams. As a result, aquatic and human health can be at risk, along with recreational use can be affected. You can help to lower the phosphorus levels by not having yard waste (grass clippings, leaves etc.) go into the storm sewers. To learn more about phosphorus levels and how it affects our water life go to <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/surfacewater/phosphorus.html>. High Chloride levels are also not healthy for our natural waterways and can affect the wild life in the water. Making sure our water softeners are working efficiently is a great way to help reduce chloride levels in our lakes and streams. This can be done by calibrating water softeners to 20 grains of hardness. This may not only help the environment, but it could save you money. The Village will be looking at programs to assist residents whose water softeners are no longer operating correctly and should be replaced. We all need to work together to reduce these two chemicals entering our water ways or it could cost more in upgrades to our wastewater treatment plant to meet the State standards.

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



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 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

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.

Lead Service Laterals

The Village is in the process of locating lead service laterals that are currently in use. If you know, or think you may have lead pipes please contact Derek Anderson, the Water Superintendent at 765-5497, and choose prompt #3.



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, 2019. Applications must be for long-term projects benefiting the Village. Available funds are approximately \$5,900.00 for 2019.

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

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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.

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 3/31/2019) \$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.

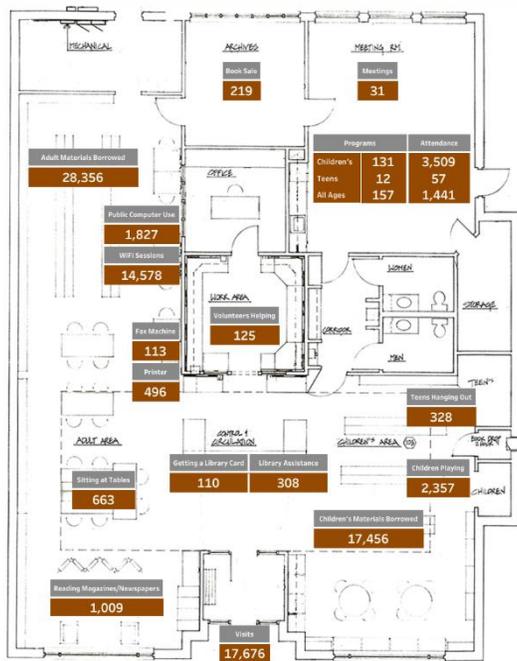
Deerfield Library Update from the Librarian’s Desk
By Leah Fritsche, Deerfield Public Library Director

Happy Holidays from the Library!

We hope this newsletter finds you decorated for the holidays and looking forward to the snow (or not). The library has had a wonderful 2018 with some new programs, the reception of a large national grant and some thoughts about our future.

We hope you had a chance to join us for some of our special programming, whether it was in the summer with our Summer Reading Program for kids AND adults, or programs like the screening of the documentary ‘Alice’s Ordinary People’ which also held a Q&A session with the filmmaker. As a small library in a small town we were very excited to be awarded one of 50 grants offered to libraries across the country from the American Library Association and PBS for the Great American Read program that aired this fall on PBS stations across the US. Deerfield Public Library and Milwaukee Public Library were the only two recipients in the state of Wisconsin. For those who don’t know, there were several online voting events nationally and locally we had a voting day for Deerfield’s favorite book from the published list of 100 titles. *Harry Potter* series was the big local winner! *To Kill a Mockingbird* was the national winner. We still have lists and books available for the curious to check out! Finally, the survey about a library expansion is just about ready to go out in the mail...please watch for it and consider filling it out. It will be available as an online survey as well. We would love to hear your thoughts! And to see all that your local library does, please take a look at the graphic we included this year that highlights all the things we did in 2017 besides checking out materials for you to enjoy. We were busy and it’s all thanks to YOU!

DEERFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY
 2017 Library Use



Budget numbers for 2019 and Mill Rate for 2018 tax bills

The Village Board approved its local 2018 budget on November 26, 2018, resulting in a general levy for 2018 of \$1,341,987 and an est. mill rate of \$6.51/1,000. This, along with the budgets from other taxing authorities, will result in an est. total mill rate of \$21.87; a decrease from 2017 of \$0.50 mills.

	2017 Levy	2018 Levy	Difference	% of Total Taxes	2017 Mill Rate	2018 Mill Rate	Decrease/increase in cents	
STATE	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	0%	\$ 0.00000	\$ 0.00000	\$0.00	
COUNTY	\$ 685,369.31	\$ 686,348.11	\$ 978.80	14%	\$ 3.322133	\$ 3.327790	\$0.199392	
VILLAGE	\$1,589,393.64	\$1,484,403.13	\$-104,990.51	30%	\$ 7.704134	\$ 7.197197	\$0.238991	
MATC	\$ 205,396.15	\$ 210,459.50	\$ 5,063.35	4%	\$ 0.995599	\$ 1.020423	\$0.029856	
SCHOOL	\$2,558,401.67	\$2,545,371.72	\$-13,029.95	52%	\$12.401125	\$12.341352	\$0.045017	
TOTAL	\$5,038,560.77	\$4,926,582.46	\$111,978.31	100%	\$24.422991	\$24.422991	\$0.343548	
					Less State Credit	\$ 2.048051	\$ 2.015657	\$0.000032394
					NET MILL RATE	\$22.374940	\$21.871105	\$0.000503835

Taxes on a \$150,000 house in 2017 were \$3,356.24 and for 2018, taxes will be \$3,280.67, a decrease of \$75.57. The lottery credit for 2018 will be \$187.02 (for those who occupied their primary residence as of January 1, 2018) and the First Dollar Credit will be \$77.01. The assessed value of the Village for 2018 decreased from 2017. The value of the Village for 2018 is \$206,247,400 and for 2017 it was \$206,304,000. This is attributed to changes in the personal property assessments.



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 28, 2018, or postmarked on or before December 31, 2018 to be credited in December of 2018.

For the two installment payment plan, the first installment must be received before close of business (4:30pm) on January 31, 2019, or postmarked January 31, 2019. 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, 2019, 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, 2019, for the holidays and property taxes will not be processed on these days.

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