



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 2021:

- Friday, January 1
- Friday, April 2
- Monday, May 31
- Monday, July 5
- Monday, September 6
- Thursday, November 25
- Friday, November 26
- Thursday, December 23
- Friday, December 24

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 2021

Three Trustee and the President positions will appear on the ballot for the April 7, 2021 spring election. These positions are for a two-year term. If you are interested in becoming a candidate please contact the Village Clerk. The final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2021 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 the arrival of the winter season, 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.

TIF district #6 was created, allowing Truckstar to complete their construction and the lowering of W. Nelson Street. \$500,000.00 from TIF district #3 was used to issue grants to the downtown area. The other \$500,000.00 that was set aside for revitalizing parts of the downtown area, was used to install new sidewalk and gutters along downtown. In the Spring of 2021, this work will continue with the mill and overlay of Park Drive and the parking lot along Nelson Street.

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. This pandemic has provided some challenges, but with the dedication of all, we have been able to still provide our citizens with the utmost of service.

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

Respectfully,
 Greg Frutiger, Village President

Keeping Deerfield Attractive

With so many Deerfield residents having to stay home due to the pandemic, we have noticed that a lot of you put this time at home to good use and made many improvements to your property. At the same time, some properties have not been kept up as required by Village ordinances. It is important that properties are maintained to keep Deerfield attractive to others and to maintain property values. Here are some reminders.

- Trash & Recycle containers need to be removed from the curb within 12 hours after pickup. (Ord. 26-34a)
- Pick up of bulk items must be scheduled in advance by calling 800-248-2373, otherwise these items will not be picked up.
- Tree limbs over sidewalks and streets need to be trimmed at a height of 14 feet from the ground. (Ord. 20-26(5))
- Yards and vacant lots must be cut when the length exceeds 8 inches. (Ord. 20-1a)
- Vehicles parked on street must have current license plates and cannot be parked in yards on any unpaved surface.
- Lawn mowers/trimmers/leaf blowers are to be operated between the hours of 7:00 am and 8:00 pm. (Ord. 22-47c8)
- Snow and ice must be removed from sidewalks by 5:00 pm the day after a snow fall. (Ord. 28-9)

Also, should you notice a sidewalk that needs repairs because of a raised edge or cracks that make the area unsafe to walk, please let the Public Works Department know. They try to repair as many as they can during the summer months. Please do your part to keep your property maintained both to be a good neighbor and in keeping Deerfield attractive.

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, 2021. Applications must be for long-term projects benefiting the Village. Available funds are approximately \$9,861.00 for 2021.

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) \$5.00

Dog Park Licenses

\$20 each
\$35 for owners with more than one (1) dog residing at same address

Please let us know if your pet has passed away, so we can update our system.

DO YOU HAVE CHICKENS?

Chicken licenses expire December 31. Renew your license before March 31 to avoid a late fee.



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 from the Library!

If someone would have told us there’d be disaster bingo cards circulating about the kind of year 2020 would turn out to be, I would have called them crazy. As it turns out, expect the unexpected and be prepared for anything is more how it goes. Welcome to the end of the year that changed everything! And yet, we are still here.... the library and its staff. We are just as busy now as we would normally be, providing our community with what it needs and maybe some fun projects as well.



So instead of the list of interesting statistics I usually include with this column, I would like to take a minute to instead thank YOU, our patrons and our supporters, for being there for us as much as we are there for you. We are here to help you find school support for your kids, find interesting reading for the weekend, get entertaining movies to relax with all via curbside pick-up and to provide you still with access (by appointment) to our computers, copier and fax options. We are here to give you the help you need in answering questions, providing help and helping to make life in Deerfield a little bit easier if we can. And don't forget, when you really need some inspiration, be sure to follow what our next adult makes and take project is (we have them for kids too!) and grab one for yourself, just for something different to do.

This library doesn't exist on its own without the people who support it and use it. And we also have continued to think about our future. 2020 has provided us with the opportunity to start working on the ideas and issues that go with expanding our current facility. We have been working with Barrientos Design to help us configure our spaces, define our needs and dream of how it all might look. We will continue to move forward on this project into 2021 and see where the process takes us.

Here's to a healthy and happy 2021, from the Deerfield Public Library staff!

VOTER REGISTRATION!

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 2021 and Mill Rate for 2020 tax bills

The Village Board approved its local 2021 budget on December 7, 2020, resulting in a general levy for 2020 of \$1,247,348 and an est. mill rate of \$5.06. This, along with the budgets from other taxing authorities less the State School Credit, will result in an est. total mill rate of \$18.29; a decrease from 2019 of \$18.54.

	2019 Levy	2020 Levy	Difference	% of Total Taxes	2019 Mill Rate	2020 Mill Rate	Decrease/increase in cents	
STATE	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	0%	\$ 0.00000	\$ 0.00000	\$0.00000	
COUNTY	\$ 699,060.12	\$ 716,313.90	\$ 17,253.78	15%	\$ 2.859133	\$ 2.906079	\$0.046946	
VILLAGE	\$1,386,994.90	\$1,369,975.38	\$ -17,019.52	28%	\$ 5.672765	\$ 5.557978	-\$0.114787	
MATC	\$ 213,157.99	\$ 215,906.57	\$ 2,748.58	4%	\$ 0.871809	\$ 0.875931	\$0.004122	
SCHOOL	\$2,654,277.64	\$2,630,612.47	\$ -23,665.17	53%	\$10.855910	\$10.672371	-\$1.83539	
TOTAL	\$4,953,490.65	\$4,932,808.32	\$ -20,682.33	100%	\$20.259617	\$20.012359	-\$0.247258	
					Less State Credit	\$1.718449	\$ 1.722507	\$0.004058
					NET MILL RATE	\$18.541168	\$18.289852	-\$0.251316

The lottery credit for 2020 will be \$183.19 (for those who occupied their primary residence as of January 1, 2020) and the First Dollar Credit will be \$74.75. The assessed value of the Village increased to \$246,488,100 for 2020 which is an increase of \$1,987,400 over the 2019 value of \$244,500,700. This increase is attributed to the new housing growth.



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 Thursday, December 31, 2020, or postmarked on or before December 31, 2020 to be credited in December of 2020.

For the two-installment payment plan, the first installment must be received before close of business (12:00 pm) on January 29, 2021, or postmarked January 31, 2021. Any payment received in the drop box or in person after 12:00 pm on January 29 will be considered late and late fees will be applied by Dane County. The second installment is due by July 31, 2021, to the Dane County Treasurer. Your mid-year bill will come directly from Dane County.

The Village Hall will be closed on December 24th & 25th and January 1, 2021, for the holidays and property taxes will not be processed on these days.