



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 2023:

- Monday, January 2
- Friday, April 7
- Monday, May 29
- Tuesday, July 4
- Monday, September 4
- Thursday, November 23
- Friday, November 24
- Friday, December 22
- Monday, 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 576-6371
 Cable Commission 764-2514
 Badgerland Disposal 800-580-0580

Deerfield Public Library 764-8102
 Hours: M 12:00p - 7:00p
 T, W 10:00a - 6:00p
 TH 10:00a - 8:00p
 F 10:00a - 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 8:00a - 3:00p

Deerfield Food Pantry @ DCC 764-5935
 Hours:
 Every Wednesday 12:00p-2:00p
 Other chosen dates listed on their website.

Fire Department 764-5343
 Police (non-emergency) 764-5626

Village Trustee Positions up for Election in 2023

Three Trustee positions and the Village President position will appear on the ballot for the April 4, 2023 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. 3, 2023 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 winter season upon us again, I would like to recap some of the following 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. So, the less snow you have in the terrace will help leave room for the snow that the plows remove from the streets.

A couple of highlights for this last year were. 1. The Village and the Town of Deerfield worked together on a grant to resurface both our portions of Liberty Road. 2. Elizabeth McCredie (Liz) retired from the Village Hall after working for the Village for over 36 Years. Liz retired with the title Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer. I, serving as president of the Village Board enjoyed working with Liz, and cannot thank her enough for the work she did and her dedication to the Village of Deerfield. 3. You also are seeing new faces working at the Village Hall, Brooke Hilleshiem is at the front desk serving as our Utility Clerk and Administrator Assistant. We also have a new Administrator Todd Willis, coming from Brookfield, WI. Todd is doing good things for the Village, right off the bat we have a budget passed with a decrease on the Villages taxes per household! 4. Construction of the new Village Hall is an ongoing and is anticipated to be completed in April of 2023.

Once again, I can’t say how thankful I am for the members of the Village Board, Village Staff, members of all the Committees and Commissions, along with the members of the Deerfield Volunteer Fire Department, Deer-Grove EMS, and our Police Department for their dedication and service to the citizens of Village of Deerfield.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Holiday Seasons.

Respectfully,
 Greg Frutiger, Village President

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.

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

Happy Holidays...
 From the Library Director’s Desk!



This year has seen some changes at the library. We welcomed a new Youth Services staff person with the hiring of Kirbie Luther. We worked with the architectural firm, Ramaker, and have a new design to the library expansion that seems to fit old and new together in a way that gives us the space we need, reusing as much of the current building as possible and looking like the library got a fantastic face lift. The renderings are available online as well as in large display board format that will continue to be presented to the community in upcoming discussions about the expansion, along with a chance to meet the team who worked hard to make our design become closer to a reality. The library continues to offer drop in projects, weekly polls, materials and services, programs for all ages and fun fact, the staff answered over 600 reference questions on all kinds of fun topics, necessary help, tips for finding information and maybe a new author or two. Looking forward to 2023, the library will be offering a Deerfield READS program in conjunction with the school district, offering programs related to the book pick in April. The theme is Women in Science and library staff is busy vetting titles that will be a part of this theme from the littlest readers to adults. Please be on the lookout for the upcoming announcement of the title! And thank you again to this amazing community who continues to support its local public library. We are happy to be here for you and are thrilled you are here for us too.

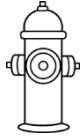
Utility Payments

There are a number of options you have when paying Village utility payments. You can drop your payment off at the Village Hall, use the Automatic Payment Option that is internally processed at the Village Hall or mail it. **If you mail your payment, it must be in our hands on or before the 25th to be considered timely.** Another option is to sign up with Payment Service Network (PSN) to pay online, please see their terms and conditions.

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, 2023.

Applications must be for long-term projects benefiting the Village.

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 608-57-.6371 or visit him on

Thursdays from 11a-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 are due by 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

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 2023 and Mill Rate for 2022 tax bills

The Village Board approved its local 2023 budget on December 5, 2022, resulting in a general levy for 2022 of \$1,249,881 and an est. mill rate of \$4.96. This, along with the budgets from other taxing authorities less the State School Credit, will result in an est. total mill rate of \$18.38; a decrease from 2021 of \$19.30.

	2021 Levy	2022 Levy	Difference	% of Total Taxes	2021 Mill Rate	2022 Mill Rate	Decrease/increase in cents	
STATE	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	0%	\$ 0.00000	\$ 0.00000	\$ 0.00000	
COUNTY	\$ 703,381.85	\$ 721,218.47	\$ 17,836.62	15%	\$ 3.169549	\$ 2.863513	\$ -0.306036	
VILLAGE	\$1,394,884.96	\$1,249,881.00	\$ -145,003.96	27%	\$ 5.628247	\$ 4.962506	\$ -0.665741	
MATC	\$ 196,201.21	\$ 191,577.32	\$ -4,623.89	4%	\$ 0.884124	\$ 0.760635	\$ -0.123489	
SCHOOL	\$2,517,132.81	\$2,467,214.34	\$ -49,918.47	54%	\$11.342736	\$ 11.068249	\$ -0.274487	
TOTAL	\$4,811,600.83	\$4,629,891.13	\$ -181,709.70	100%	\$21.024656	\$ 19.654903	\$ -1.369753	
					Less State Credit	\$ 1.720797	\$.54843430	\$ -1.135954
					NET MILL RATE	\$19.303859	\$19.070060	\$ -0.2337990

The lottery credit for 2022 will be \$259.25 (for those who occupied their primary residence as of January 1, 2022) and the First Dollar Credit will be \$78.98. The assessed value of the Village increased to \$251,864,900 for 2022 which is an increase of \$4,028,400 over the 2021 value of \$247,836,500. 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 (12:00 p.m.) on December 30, 2022, or postmarked on or before December 31, 2022 to be credited in 2022.

For the two-installment payment plan, the first installment must be received before close of business (4:30 pm) on January 31, 2023, or postmarked January 31, 2023. Any payment received in the drop box or in person after 4:30 pm on January 31, 2023 will be considered late and late fees will be applied by Dane County. The second installment is due by July 31, 2023, to the Dane County Treasurer, and your bill will come directly from Dane County.

The Village Hall will be closed on December 23rd & 26th for the holidays and December 31st falls on a Saturday, property taxes will not be processed on these days.