

AGENDA
FAMILY DAYS COMMISSION
April 21, 2026
4:15 P.M.
Village Hall, 850 Waukegan Road Deerfield, IL 60015
Community Conference Room 206

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Consideration of Minutes from March 9, 2026
4. Public Comment
5. Final Posters & Brochure
6. Final Food Vendors
7. Commissioner Updates:
 - Rides & Games
 - Fireworks
 - Entertainment – Children’s Activities
 - Bike Parade
 - Parade
 - Arts & Crafts
 - Food Vendors
 - Pie Eating Contest
 - Rotary Race
 - Sponsorships
 - Beverage Sales
8. Other Items for Discussion:
 - America 250 Theme: Banners & Time Capsule
 - Materials for Events

- Signage

9. Next Meeting Date:

10. Adjournment

FAMILY DAYS COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2026

A meeting of the Family Days Commission was held on March 9, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. at Village Hall. Chairwoman Butera called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

Present:

Co-Chair, Angie Butera
Jillian Acuña
Mike Butera
Jon Schallman
Caren Ettleman

Absent:

Phil Bettiker

Also Present:

Justin Keenan, Assistant Village Manager
Mike Brumm, Public Works Analyst

Consideration of Minutes from October 20, 2025 Meeting

Commissioner Acuna made a motion to approve the October 20, 2025 meeting minutes and Commissioner Schallman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

None

Discussion of Events Timeline

The Commission discussed the overall timeline for the event, including coordination with the headlining band. To accommodate the band's set up schedule, the Commission considered moving the Flag Raising, National Anthem, and Mayoral Speech to 8:00 PM. This is primarily due to the headlining band also singing the National Anthem at the event. The Rotary Race will take place at Walden School, and volunteers will be needed on the day of the event to assist with operations. The Commission also discussed renaming the Arts & Crafts Fair to the "Community Market".

Discussion of Brochure

The Commission reviewed the draft event brochure and identified several edits. Commissioners will conduct spelling and grammar checks on the Mayor's Speech and Parade Marshal speech, and update the list of commissioner names. Members also discussed filling remaining blank areas in the brochure layout to improve presentation. The inclusion and placement of event maps on the brochure were also discussed.

Commissioner Updates

Commissioners provided updates on various event components. The Fireworks and Rides & Games contracts have been finalized, while additional children's entertainment activities are still being explored. Parade participants confirmed include patriotic dancers, local schools, the library, park district, post office,

McDonald's, fire personnel, brass animal performers, and royal princesses. Confirmation still pending for Elvis and Tumblers. Planning for the Arts & Crafts vendors, Food Vendors, Pie Eating Contest, Rotary Race, and sponsorships is ongoing, with the Food Vendor selections expected within the next week. The Rotary Race will now be coordinated by the Family Days Commission rather than the bank.

Other Items for Discussion

The Commission discussed plans for a Time Capsule to be placed on the front lawn of Village Hall. Banners honoring veterans were also discussed, with a goal of representing 68 total spaces. The Commission reviewed and discussed the parade route, park layout, and Rotary Race route to ensure proper event coordination and logistics.

Next Meeting Date:

April 13, 2026

Adjournment

There being no further business or discussion, Commissioner Schallman moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Acuna seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 5:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Brumm, Public Works Analyst

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FRIDAY, JULY 3RD - SHEPARD PARK

Poster Contest
 Submit Entries at
Italian Kitchen
 648 Deerfield Road
 Noon

Opener: Totally Taylor
 5:30 - 7 p.m.

**Raising of the Flag by
 The American Legion,
 National Anthem and
 Mayor Shapiro's Welcome**
 7 p.m.

Children's Activities
Complimentary
 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Carnival Games
Pay as you Play
 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

**Food Vendors,
 Beer and Wine (21+)**
 5:30 - 9 p.m.

Headliner: Blooze Brothers
 7:30 - 10:30 p.m.

Fireworks Display
 Approximately 9:15 p.m.



SATURDAY, JULY 4TH - JEWETT PARK & AROUND TOWN

Deerfield Rotary 5K Race
 Walden School
 Registration 7 - 7:45 a.m.
Race begins at 8 a.m.

**Deerfield Lions Club
 Breakfast in the Park**
 Jewett Park Community Center
 Parking Lot
 8 - 10:30 a.m.

Arts & Crafts Fair
 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**John Sciarretta Sr.
 Bike Parade**
 Rosemary Terrace lot
 8:30 - 9 a.m.

Dog Show
 9 - 10 a.m.

**Amusement Rides
 and Inflatables**
Wristbands \$20
 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Carnival Games
Pay as you Play
 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Food Vendors
 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Music by Spice City
 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Independence Day Parade
 Noon

Pie Eating Contest
Registration Required
 2 - 3 p.m.

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Days Parade



Be a part of one of Deerfield's most exciting community traditions to celebrate America 250! Decorate your vehicles or floats, bring your team and showcase your business during the Family Days Parade.

Saturday, July 4, 2026
Parade Starts at Noon

- Promote your business to 1,000s of residents.
- Celebrate Independence Day with the community.
- Handout coupons, candy or giveaways.
- Decorate a company vehicle or build a float.
- Show your patriotic spirit.



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COMMISSIONERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Angie Butera, Chair
Jillian Acuña

Philip Bettiker
Michael Butera

Caren Ettleman
Esther Finne

Herb Isaacs
Emily Lusardi

Abbye Marx
Jonathon Schallman

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JULY 3 & JULY 4, 2026

The Village of Deerfield invites you to celebrate 63 years of fireworks, food and fun with family and friends! Thank you to all of our local partners!



VILLAGE OF DEERFIELD





Mayor Daniel C. Shapiro

Welcome to Deerfield Family Days

For more than 60 years, Family Days has brought our community together to celebrate our nation, our neighbors and our shared traditions. This year's celebration is especially meaningful as we mark the 250th anniversary of the United States.

With fireworks, parades, carnival games and great food, Family Days is a time to connect, reflect and have fun. We have carefully planned for a safe and enjoyable celebration, and I'm grateful to the many Village teams and partners supporting this event — especially the Deerfield Police and Fire, Public Works staff and emergency management and event personnel — for the behind-the-scenes work that helps keep Family Days safe and welcoming for all.

On July 4, we'll commemorate the nation's 250th with the biggest fireworks display in Village history — a special moment for our community.

Thank you to the many individuals, sponsors and organizations that make Family Days possible, especially the Family Days Commission.

I wish you and yours a safe and happy July 3 and 4.

Best regards,
Daniel C. Shapiro



Judy Geuder

2026 Deerfield Family Days Parade Marshal

The Village is proud to announce that Judy Geuder has been named the 2026 Deerfield Family Days Parade Marshal, recognizing more than two decades of volunteer service and long-standing leadership in community programs. Judy retired last year as Family Days Commission co-chair after 14 years on the commission, helping shape Deerfield's July 4 celebration season after season. Over the years, she organized the annual parade and coordinated entertainment, floats, bands and arts and crafts booths. Judy has also been active with the Deerfield Optimist Club for more than 20 years, including serving as an officer, and she led the club's Christmas tree sale for many years. She currently serves as president of the Friends of the Deerfield Public Library.



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The Spectacular Fireworks Show & Parade

Bring the whole family for two exciting days filled with non-stop fun and engaging activities! Enjoy a fantastic time with games, entertainment and lasting memories for all ages!

FRIDAY, JULY 3RD

Shepard Park

Poster Contest

Submit entries at Italian Kitchen

Noon on or before July 3
648 Deerfield Road



Scan for more information

Opener: Totally Taylor
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

**Raising of the Flag by
The American Legion Post 738,
National Anthem and
Mayor Shapiro's Welcome**
7:30 p.m.

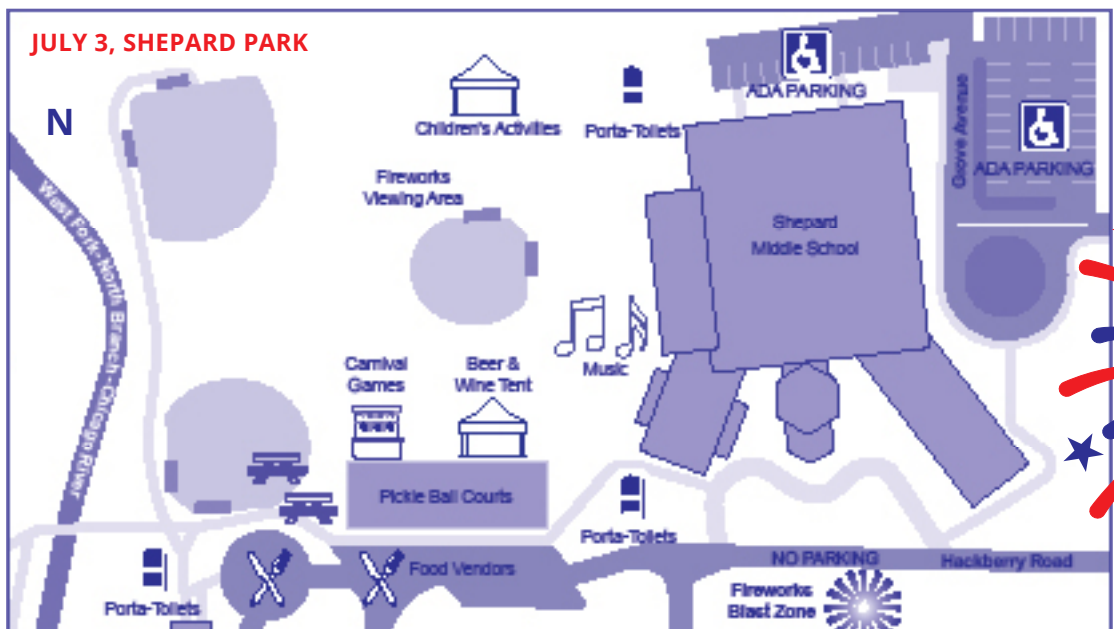
Children's Activities
Complimentary
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Carnival Games
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Beer and Wine (21+)**
5:30 - 9 p.m.

Headliner: Blooze Brothers
8 - 10:30 p.m.

Fireworks Display
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No Dogs or Sparklers Permitted

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Jewett Park & Around Town

Deerfield Rotary 5K Race

Walden School

Day of Registration 7 - 7:45 a.m.

Race begins at 8 a.m.

Deerfield Lions Club Breakfast in the Park

Jewett Park Pavilion

8 - 10:30 a.m.

Arts & Crafts Fair

8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

John Sciarretta Sr. Bike Parade

Rosemary Terrace Parking Lot

8:30 - 9 a.m.

Dog Show

(BYOD: Bring Your Own Dog)

9 - 10 a.m.

Amusement Rides and Inflatables

Wristbands \$20

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Carnival Games

Pay as you Play

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Food Vendors

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Spice City Music

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Independence Day Parade

Noon

Parade begins at Deerspring Pool, heads west on Deerspring Road, heads north on Waukegan Road and ends at Hazel Avenue and Park Avenue

Free Swim

Mitchell and Deerspring Pools

Noon - 5 p.m.

Pie Eating Contest

Registration Required

2 - 3 p.m.



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App #	Food Truck - Main	3-Jul	4-Jul	Email	Payment	LCHD	Insurance
Mains				-			
FDFT-26-1	Brothers BBQ	x	-	brothersbbqchicago@gmail.com	X		
FDFT-26-12	Judy's Pizza	x	x	will@judyspizza.com	X	X	Valid Through 7/1/26
FDFT-26-10	La Humita	x	x	lahumitafoodtruck@gmail.com	X		
FDFT-26-5	Teivoli	x	x	info@teivolipizzabar.com	X		
FDFT-26-9	Soul & Smoke	x	x	team@soulandsmoke.com			
FDFT-26-2	Sernas Grill	x	x	sernasgrill@gmail.com	X		
FDFT-26-3	Marios Cart	x	x	marioscart17@gmail.com	X		
FDFT-26-6	Cullinary Gangster	x	-	culinarygangsterglenview@gmail.com			
Dessert				-			
FDFT-26-8	Nothing Bundt Cakes	x	x	deerfield@nothingbundtcakes.com	X		
FDFT-26-4	Donut Jester	x	x	donutjester@gmail.com			
FDFT-25-6	My Funnel Truck	X	-	myfunneltruck@yahoo.com			
Alcohol							
FDFT-26-11	Steep Ravine	X	-		X		X

Family Days	Sponsorship Level	Name of Business	Sponsorship Totals
FDGS-26-1	Bronze	The Goddard School of Deerfield/Northbrook	\$ 300.00
FDGS-26-2	Bronze	Merel Black Residential	\$ 300.00
FDGS-26-3	Silver	Tamarisk North Shore	\$ 500.00
AVSP-26-5	Gold	North Shore Montessori	\$ 800.00
AVSP-26-3	Silver	Law Offices of Dwayne Douglas	\$ 500.00
AVSP-26-2	Bronze	Barre3 North Shore - Bannockburn	\$ 300.00
AVSP-26-1	Platinum	Comfort Air Control	\$ 1,500.00
AVSP-26-4	Silver	New York Life Insurance Co	\$ 500.00
N/A	Bronze	Parkway Bank	\$ 300.00