



VILLAGE OF DEERFIELD

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\$19.7 Mil

total 2024 Public Works budget including capital projects

33

full time Public Works employees

2.2 Mil

gallons of potable water delivered daily

2.34 Mil

gallons of wastewater treated daily

Save the Date: Public Works Open House May 18

Residents of all ages can learn more about Public Works and green initiatives

Join the Village of Deerfield and Deerfield Park District from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 18, for a kid and adult friendly Open House at Deerfield's Public Works Facility, 465 Elm Street. Parking is available at the Patty Turner Center, 375 Elm Street.

Come watch demonstrations about water safety, how crews fix a main break, and check out our fleet of vehicles, from vacuum trucks to snow plows to front-end loaders. Enter your name in a raffle to win a custom street sign.

This event is free for all ages and will feature:

- Tours & Exhibits
- Fun Giveaways
- Live Demonstrations
- Hands-On activities
- Prizes
- Vendors & Education
- Public Works Swag



For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 847.317.7245.

Passing of Longtime Village Trustee William 'Bill' Seiden

Bill served the Village for more than 25 years as a Trustee



It is with great sadness that the Village of Deerfield announces the death of longtime Village Trustee William "Bill" Seiden, who passed away on February 8 following a brief illness. Bill served the Village with unwavering dedication and commitment for 25 years, leaving an indelible mark on the fabric of our community.

He is remembered for his decades-long commitment to public service. Bill was elected as Village Trustee in 1999 and

chaired the Village's Residential Teardown Taskforce. Prior to his becoming a trustee, he served as a Deerfield Public Library Trustee for six years and acted as the Village's liaison to the Library after joining the Village Board.

"Bill brought his professional business experience to our Village Board to help us make sound financial decisions" said Deerfield Mayor Daniel C. Shapiro. "But more than that, Bill cared about Deerfield and wanted to make it a better place for its residents. He was a friend to all of us and will be missed."

In this time of mourning, our thoughts and deepest sympathies are with the Seiden family, friends and loved ones. May we carry on Bill's memory by following in his example of service and compassion to Deerfield, the town he loved.

Work Underway on \$4 Million 2024 Street Rehabilitation Project

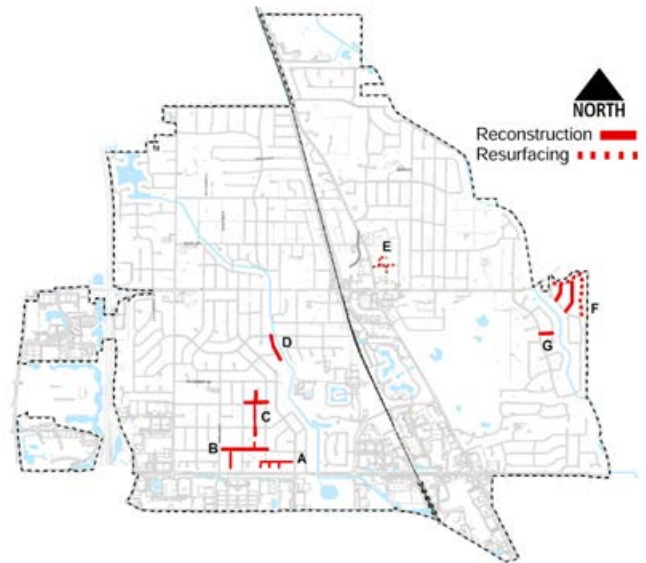
The 2024 Street Rehabilitation Project was awarded in January and, with the nicer than normal weather, is currently underway. The contract includes the reconstruction/rehabilitation of 12 streets in the Village.

This \$4 million project will include work along Country Lane, Gordon Terrace, Burr Oak Court, Rosewood Avenue, Mallard Lane, Orchard Street, Millstone Road, Shag Bark

Lane, Fox Hunt Trail and Smoke Tree Road. Weather depending, work is expected to be complete in October.

Updates on the project will be shared in a blog on the Village website. Residents can sign up to receive email and/or text message updates on the project at deerfeld.il.us under "Notify Me."

For more information, contact the Engineering Department at 847.317.2490.



Protecting Water Quality

It is important to remember that the Village storm sewer drains and roadside ditches lead to our nearby lakes and creeks. That means any oil, pet waste, leaves, landscaping debris, or dirty water from outside activities that enters a storm drain gets into our lakes and streams. Never dump oil, chemicals, soapy water, grass clippings, or anything besides clean water down the storm sewer drain. By keeping waste and hazardous materials out of storm sewer drains, you're doing your part to reduce flooding and pollution in our local waterways. The following discharges are permitted:

- Discharges from potable water sources (fire hydrant flushing)
- Irrigation water
- Foundation drains, pumped ground water, and water from crawl spaces
- De-chlorinated and pH neutral swimming pool discharges



Attention artists and vendors!

Join us for the 2024 Family Days Arts & Crafts Fair on July 4. Submit your applications along with a small \$25 fee by June 10, 2024. Scan the QR code for the application and more details.



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Board Report

For complete sets of minutes for Village Board meetings or to watch meetings on demand, please visit deerfield.il.us.

VILLAGE BOARD ACTION

Approved a Resolution authorizing a paid family parental leave pilot program for certain Village employees

Approved a Resolution selecting and designating the delegate and alternate delegate to the Northeastern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy (NIPSTA) Board of Directors

Approved an Ordinance amending Chapter 22 of "The Municipal Code of the Village of Deerfield, Illinois, 1975," as amended, regulating unscheduled bus stops

Approved a Resolution authorizing document scanning services

Approved an Ordinance amending Chapter 7 of the Municipal Code regarding food truck licensing

Approved a Resolution authorizing additional expenditures for the Waukegan Road Water Main Project

Approved a Resolution authorizing increase to the phase III engineering services contract for the Waukegan Road Water Main Project

Approved a Resolution authorizing a Hazel Avenue utility easement agreement with Metra

Approved a Resolution awarding contract for 2024 Street Rehab Project

Approved a Resolution authorizing purchase of bulk rock salt through the Illinois Department of Central Management Services and Lake County

Approved a Resolution authorizing a grant to Faith in Action

Approved a Resolution authorizing an agreement with the Josselyn Center to provide professional counseling for all employees of the Village

Approved a Resolution approving an agreement for professional therapy services with First Responders Wellness Center, LLC

Approved Resolutions authorizing the purchase of Public Works vehicles



HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

Pastor Tim Higgins, North Suburban Church – Project Share

Presentation – Deerfield Parent Network

Proclaimed February as Black History Month

Community Calendar

Deerfield Park District

For more information or to register for Park District programs, call 847.945.0650 or visit deerfieldparks.org. Apply online NOW for Summer Jobs including lifeguards, camp counselors, park maintenance and golf course staff at deerfieldparks.org/jobs.

Spring and Summer Program Registration, Summer Pool Pass Sales begin March 4 for residents. Non-resident Program Registration begins March 11. Visit deerfieldparks.org to view the online guide of classes and events!

Summer Camp Registration
Visit deerfieldparks.org/

summer-camps to find a camp to fill your child's summer with exciting adventures!

Shelter Permits
Shelter Permits go on sale March 1 for residents and April 1 for non-residents. Visit deerfieldparks.org to view our online availability calendar.

Patty Turner Center
Become a member at the Patty Turner Center today, a place where adults 50+ participate in a wide variety of in-person and virtual classes and events. Visit pattyturnercenter.org or call 847.940.4010 for more information.

Permanent Tee Times
Remaining permanent

tee times for the 2024 season at Deerfield Golf Club are available at deerfieldgolf.org.

For more information or to register for Park District programs, call 847.945.0650 or visit deerfieldparks.org.

Deerfield Library
All Library programs are free and open to the public. Register in advance by phone at 847.945.3311, online at deerfieldlibrary.org or in person at 920 Waukegan Rd. Online program description notes program platform (online, in-person, or hybrid).

Ides of March: Movie & Discussion
March 21, 6-8 p.m., Ages 13+
Come watch 10 Things I Hate About You

(1999) and discuss how it compares to Shakespeare's Taming of the Shrew.

Mindfulness and Meditation with Judy Roin
March 22, 2-3 p.m., Adults
We will focus on breath awareness and mindfulness techniques to develop peace and stability in our busy lives. Judy Roin is a Registered Yoga Therapist with over 20 years of teaching experience. No prior yoga experience is necessary.

Little Kids Little Songs by Green Golly
March 23, 10-11 a.m., Suggested for Ages 2-7; Family Friendly
Join Green Golly duo, Keith Torgan and Barbara Siesel, in this highly interactive

program designed to introduce children to live music, comedy and theater!

Teen Crafternoon
April 11, 4:45-5:45 p.m., Grades 6-12
Calling all crafty teens! We'll have a variety of materials out to create your own project and a featured craft or two.

Classics Film Discussion: Modern Times (1936)
April 15, 5:00-8:30 p.m., Adults
Watch and discuss Charlie Chaplin's "part-talkie" 1936 masterpiece as part of our new Classics Film Discussion! 5:00-6:30 p.m. movie showing, 7:30- 8:30 p.m. discussion. DVD copies will be available to check out a month before the discussion.

Fire Hydrant Flushing in April

During the week of April 8, the Public Works Department will begin flushing all fire hydrants within the Village. Opening fire hydrants and flushing out water on an annual basis allows Public Works to ensure that hydrants are in proper working condition to protect your property and helps to flush sediment out of the distribution system.

Signs will be posted in each area before flushing begins. The work is typically performed between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and takes approximately two weeks to be completed for the entire Village. There may be discoloration in the water coming from the faucets in your home after hydrant flushing is complete in your area. It is recommended that residents flush water from their interior system through a tub spout for a few minutes to clear out any potential sediment. Do not use a sink for flushing purposes as it is possible that sediment can become trapped in a sink's aerator. Please note that the water from the tap is safe to drink at all times. Contact the Public Works Water Department at 847.317.7245 for more information.



Waukegan Road Resurfacing Project

This spring, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) anticipates beginning their resurfacing project along Waukegan Road from Lake Cook Road to Half Day Road (IL 22). This project is anticipated to begin in April or May and will take around four months to complete.

As the owners of the road, IDOT will be managing the project but the Village will be in coordination with IDOT throughout the construction. This project will be similar in nature to the Waukegan Road resurfacing project that took place in 2021 south of Lake Cook Road. Updates on the project will be shared via the Village website when available.

Residents can sign up to receive email and/or text message updates on the project at www.deerfield.il.us under "Notify Me."

Deerfield Flood Information

Floodplain Permit Requirements

All developments within the 100-year floodplain (not just construction of buildings, but filling, excavation, fences, etc.) are required to undergo a formal review by the Engineering Department. Approval must be granted prior to doing any work in a floodplain area. Please contact the Engineering Department at 847.317.2490 to receive all the information you will need in order to

properly develop in the floodplain.

Substantial Improvement/Damage

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requires that if the cost of improvements to a building in a floodplain or the cost to repair damages (from any cause) to a building in a floodplain exceeds 50% of the market value of the building (excluding land value), the entire building must be brought up to current floodplain management standards.

Building improvement projects include exterior and interior remodeling, rehabilitation, additions and repair and reconstruction projects. Additionally, the cost of currently planned improvements will be added to the cost of previously made improvements and compared to the existing market value to determine if the improvements exceed 50% of the structure's value.

Flood Insurance

If you do not have flood insurance, talk to your insurance agent. Most homeowners' insurance policies do not cover damage from floods. Flood insurance is only available to those communities participating in the NFIP. Because of our floodplain management programs, Deerfield residents are able to obtain flood insurance. Additionally, because the Village participates in FEMA's CRS program, flood insurance premiums are discounted. Be sure to check your policy to ensure you have adequate

coverage. These policies usually cover the building structure, but not its contents. Contents coverage can also be obtained upon request. There is a 30-day waiting period before flood insurance coverage becomes effective. Plan ahead; do not wait until a flood is predicted before purchasing flood insurance. If you are building inside the floodplain, the purchase of flood insurance is mandatory if using a federally regulated/insured bank for a loan.

Additional Information

The Village of Deerfield Engineering Department also provides assistance with flooding or drainage concerns. Village staff can visit your property, if required, and help to assess the problem and may be able to offer solutions. The localized flood protection service is provided by the Engineering Department.

Please contact the Engineering Department at 847.317.2490 for more information.



Officer Cherestal Appointed New DHS SRO

After consideration and review by Police administration, along with a selection committee made up of Deerfield High School staff and students, Officer McKenzie Cherestal was appointed as School Resource Officer for Deerfield High School effective January 8, 2024.

Officer Cherestal has a bachelor's degree in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration from Western Illinois University and is a father to four children. Officer Cherestal began his law enforcement career with Deerfield on July 9, 2012, and served in the Patrol Division on a variety of shifts.

Officer Cherestal reported to DHS in an unofficial SRO capacity for a few months prior to his appointment and has since completed a 40-hour School Resource Officer Training.

School Resource Officers typically serve in the role for four years. Officer Cherestal is replacing Officer Rheanna Hall who served as School Resource Officer since 2017.

Special Concerns Program

The Deerfield Police Department encourages you to register your loved ones of any age who experience autism, mental health or safety-related concerns in the Special Concerns Program. Individuals are invited to share information through a confidential form created by the Deerfield Police Department. The provided information will offer valuable insights to first responders and will be exclusively shared with emergency response personnel.

Contact Telecommunicator Candace Hill for more details at 847.945.8636 chill@deerfield.il.us.

Public Safety Telecommunicators Week - April 14-20

Do you ever wonder who's the person behind our emergency calls to 911? National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week is observed every second week in April to recognize and celebrate the work of Telecommunicators helping to save millions of lives every day.

Deerfield has a 24-hour, on-site Communications Center responsible for all emergency and non-emergency police calls for the Village of Deerfield, Village of Bannockburn, Village of Riverwoods and Village of Lincolnshire. The Communications Center is staffed by eight full-time and five part-time Telecommunicators who serve as an indispensable link between the officers and the public, as well as a vital support service in the public safety community.

They provide radio, telephone and dispatch services with dedication and professionalism. Communications staff participate in a variety of training annually to be efficient and effective, especially as it relates to new technology and legislation. They are truly the unseen heroes of public safety.

National Social Work Month

The Deerfield Police Department has two full-time Social Workers on staff. March is National Social Work Month, giving us the opportunity to celebrate our Social Workers, Katharina Rygiel and Izzy Weintraub.

Our Social Workers work closely with members of the Police Department and the community to provide services to people experiencing: grief after a death, divorce, domestic violence, juvenile problems, sexual assault, substance abuse, mental illness, financial crisis, and more.

To achieve more enhanced knowledge and skills in crisis management, the social workers attended and completed robust training in 2023. They participated in conferences imparting knowledge on managing mental health emergencies, understanding trauma care and suicide prevention strategies.

In the fall, the Social Services Division presented the information to all sworn officers of the department as part of the requirement of the SAFE-T Act, Mental Health Crisis Response and Management (CIT™ Annual Refresher). This education

Police Dispatch Calls for Service by the Numbers in 2023

17,342

Deerfield calls for service

8,596

Bannockburn calls for service

5,059

Riverwoods calls for service

22,830

Lincolnshire calls for service



aims to enhance the officers' ability to navigate mental health emergencies and promote preventive measures.

Katharina and Izzy strive every day to improve many people's quality of life and advocate on their behalf. We are lucky to have such a dedicated pair as our Social Services Department.



DEERFIELD ART FESTIVAL

Mark your calendars, the Deerfield Art Festival will return June 1 – 2 on Park Avenue. Produced by Amdur Productions, the festival is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, June 1 and 2, with 100 juried artists showcasing and selling their one-of-a-kind pieces including paintings, photography, ceramics, furniture, jewelry, wood, fiber and more!

The festival returned last year following a brief hiatus with great weather, large crowds and amazing artists.

Live music, activities for kids, painting classes, selfie stations, and the brand new “Kids Art Stop,” where artists invite children to stop at their booth to learn more about the art-making process, add to the family-friendly vibe of this event. Festival food is served on site and several restaurants are just steps away from the artist’s booths to ensure that no one goes hungry.

The fest is free and there is plenty of nearby free parking and leashed dogs are welcome. For more information, call 847.926.4300 or visit www.AmdurProductions.com.



Art is Alive in Deerfield

From the Village’s Fine Arts Commission, to Theatre D, to Arts Alive, Deerfield is a community where multiple organizations bring the fine arts to life and make it accessible to residents.

A Community of Art

Call for Artists for Public Art Program

The Deerfield Public Art Program is soliciting artwork loans from artists to display in public places for one year. Artists must be willing to loan works of art for public display for up to one year. The Deerfield Fine Arts Commission will review artwork proposals submitted by artists interested in having their works displayed in the community as part of this public art initiative.

The program is soliciting paintings, murals, drawings, and other pieces that could be displayed in Village Hall, Public Works, Deerfield Park District facilities, the Deerfield Public Library and the sculpture park at the corner of Waukegan and Deerfield Roads.

This is the ninth call for

artists in the program, which has featured more than 100 pieces from local, regional and national artists.

The Deerfield Public Art Program is open to all visual artists who meet the following criteria:

- Artists who are professional and of serious intent.
- Artists working in any permanent media.
- Art students working with practicing artists/teachers may be considered.
- Artists must have knowledge of public art. While previous experience in public art is not required, artists should be knowledgeable of materials, techniques, and public art processes.
- Appropriateness of an artist’s work for public display. (Appropriateness

in terms of scale, material, content and placement.)

- All selected artwork must be delivered to the village “ready-to-hang” for immediate display.

The primary goal of the Deerfield Public Art Program is to publicly display in very visible and accessible locations works of art created by local, regional, national and international artists.

Prospective artists are invited to propose an artwork for display.

The specific artwork selected for display will be reviewed via jury process. The Fine Arts Commission is responsible for reviewing artwork submissions and making a final recommendation to the Village Manager’s Office regarding final artwork selections.



Arts Alive! Public Expo Comes to DHS April 20

Arts Alive!, the new arts festival launching at Deerfield High School, will culminate the week long celebration with a Professional Art Expo. This free, family friendly event is open to the public on Saturday, April 20, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.



During the week of April 15 to 19, professional artists from multiple diverse disciplines will present workshops, masterclasses, and performances for the students at Deerfield High School with a final live performance assembly for the entire school.

On Saturday, the entire community is invited to an "Art Expo" Open House where 30 professional artists will show their work, demonstrate their techniques, and allow the public to get hands-on with projects.

Artistic disciplines represented at the Expo include: Digital Caricatures, Weaving, Puppetry, Silk Painting, Henna, Paper Quilling, Masking Tape Sculpture, Floral Painting, Diary Boxes, Glass Blowing, Printmaking, Mosaics, Ceramics, Encaustic, Collage, Silversmith, Origami, Mural, Mixed Media and more!

In addition, pop up performances which will include a puppet show, drum circles, an interactive dance performance, wandering giant puppets, as well as a very special vocal performance by DHS students. AP DHS Student Artists will also have a chance to show their work as well.

Check the website at www.dhsartsalive.org for more information and a detailed schedule.



Theater D Presents 'NOISES OFF' by Michael Frayn

WHEN: Opening night Friday, April 5, 7:30 p.m.; April 6, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; April 7, 2 p.m.; April 12, 7:30 p.m.; April 13, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; April 14, 2 p.m.

WHERE: *Caruso Auditorium, 1801 Montgomery Road, Deerfield, *ADA accessible

TICKETS: \$25. For tickets visit deerfieldtheater.com

CONTACT: For more information about Theater D, contact Laney Haupert, Deerfield Park District Cultural Arts and Special Events Supervisor at laney@deerfieldparks.org or call 847.945.0650.

Artists may submit up to three pieces of art for consideration. Artists must submit a completed application packet for each individual artwork being submitted. The deadline for submissions is April 12, 2024. Applications are available at deerfield.il.us and at the QR code below.



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The Fine Arts Commission will host a community open house to showcase the selected pieces on Tuesday, May 21, at the Deerfield Public Library, 920 Waukegan Road, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Women's History Month

The Village of Deerfield Community Relations Commission is looking to honor Women's History Month in March by highlighting Deerfield artists of all ages and the women who inspired them.



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Examples: A mannequin wearing a fashion design created by a DHS student whose inspiration is Coco Chanel, the fashion designer who freed women from corsets. Or, a painting by a local artist who was inspired by the strength of Georgia O'Keeffe, the trailblazing painter of the American Southwest.

Submission deadline is March 22. Apply using the QR code above.



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FOOD TRUCK

WEDNESDAYS

May 15, June 12, July 17, Aug. 21

4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Park Avenue

Live Music | Kids Activities



VILLAGE OF DEERFIELD

MEETING SCHEDULE

For a complete list of meetings, please visit deerfield.il.us. *Times/dates subject to change.*

March

- Board of Trustees*
March 4 & 18, 7:30 p.m.
- Community Relations Commission*
March 19, 6:30 p.m.
- Plan Commission*
March 14 & 28, 7:30 p.m.
- Appearance Review Commission*
March 25, 7:30 p.m.
- Sustainability Commission*
March 28, 7:00 p.m.

April

- Board of Trustees*
April 1 & 15, 7:30 p.m.
- Community Relations Commission*
April 9, 6:30 p.m.
- Plan Commission*
April 11 & 25, 7:30 p.m.
- Appearance Review Commission*
April 22, 7:30 p.m.