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8th
Harvest Fest

11
food trucks

1,000+
Attendees

1st
Cruise into Harvest Fest car show

Harvest Fest Back Sept. 21 for a Day Full of Fun

Music, food, fresh produce, touch-a-truck and new Cruise into Harvest Fest car show make Downtown Deerfield the place to be.

Downtown Deerfield at Robert York and Park Avenues will be packed with food, fun, cars, music and community on Saturday, September 21! The day kicks off with the Farmers Market from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., offering fresh produce, live music and the touch-a-truck event. From 2 - 5 p.m., the first-ever Cruise into Harvest Fest car show will showcase a diverse range of vintage, classic and modern vehicles, with free entry for participants and attendees, sponsored by the Deerfield Lions Club.

Gates open at 5 p.m. for Harvest Fest with 11 food vendors, a beer and wine tent, live music and a bags tournament hosted by the Deerfield Park District. The event will also feature live performances by West End 40 from 5 - 6:30 p.m. and Hi Infidelity from 7 - 9 p.m. Parking for Harvest Fest is available at the Downtown Deerfield Metra Lot and Lindemann parking lot.

Harvest Fest is hosted by the Village of Deerfield and the DBR Chamber of Commerce. Thank you to our sponsor, Parkway Bank!

For more information please visit deerfield.il.us/harvestfest





New Hefty ReNew Partnership Solves Hard-to-Recycle Refuse

Just leave the bag of items in your recycle bin and LRS will sort them and recycle them into new products.

Launching mid-September, the Village of Deerfield is partnering with Hefty and Lakeshore Recycling Systems to offer a new recycling program designed to complement current efforts.

Residents can purchase a box of orange Hefty ReNew bags from their grocery store, place hard-to-recycle items like chip bags, Styrofoam, plastic bags, candy wrappers and plastic utensils into these bags, and then put the bags into their curbside recycling bin.

Lakeshore Recycling Systems will sort and recycle these items into new products, supporting environmental sustainability and advancing a circular plastics economy by diverting waste from landfills.

For more information, visit hefty.com/products/hefty-renew.



Healthy Lifestyles Expo September 7

Get ready for the 19th Annual Healthy Lifestyles Expo! Join us at the Patty Turner Center on Saturday, September 7, from 9 a.m. to noon, for a morning dedicated to promoting health and wellness.

Protect yourself this flu season with flu shots sponsored by Walgreens. Their expert team will be on-site offering vaccinations and answering your questions about flu prevention and health.

Gain valuable insights into dementia care and support through a comprehensive demonstration sponsored by West Deerfield Township. Learn about effective strategies for managing dementia and supporting loved ones affected by this condition.

Plus, don't miss out on other amazing resources, including One Medical, Open Flow Acupuncture, Comfort Keepers, Sky Fitness, CJE SeniorLife, Briarwood Park Dental Care, Encompass Health Rehabilitation and more.

Mark your calendar and join us at the FREE expo for a day filled with health-enhancing activities and expert advice. We can't wait to see you there!

NEW, MORE ADVANCED UTILITY BILL PAY COMING SOON

The Village of Deerfield is pleased to announce the fall 2024 launch of a new online billing and payment service through Invoice Cloud, offering customers greater flexibility to view and pay their utility bills online. Additionally, customers will have more choices to pay their bill, including by phone and by text.

The new, easy-to-use payment portal provides customers with quick access to their account to view bills, check their balance, make payments and enroll in paperless billing.

Features include an "at a glance" dashboard, securely storing payment information, and more automatic payment options including: choosing a specific day for payments to process, email reminders, and linking multiple accounts. Customers that choose not to create an account can view their current bill and make a one-time payment without registering.

Watch for more information closer to the launch later this year.

FALL SCAVENGER HUNT OCTOBER 19



Mark your calendars for a morning of adventure and discovery! On Saturday, October 19, at 10:00 a.m., join the Sustainability Commission and our Village Arborist for a fun-filled Fall Scavenger Hunt at Deerfield High School's rear parking lot.

This is the perfect chance for families and kids ages four and up to explore the wonders of the fall season, learn about nature's changes, and uncover the unique treasures that autumn has to offer. From colorful leaves to hidden critters, who knows what surprises you'll find?

For more information, contact Jessica Sciarretta at 847.719.7407 or visit www.deerfield.il.us

Mayor's Message

This summer brought us the Paris Olympics and two national political conventions. Sam Juda, Katie Ledecky and Simone Biles, among all the athletes, reminded us of the importance of perseverance, hard work and sportsmanship. They, like the entire Olympic community, showed us how common themes can bring us together rather than focus on what divides us. Our two national conventions reflect our continued faith in democracy and tell us that passion, when harnessed in a positive manner, can bring about thoughtful exchanges of differing agendas.

This fall, we are looking forward to exciting new changes and developments in our community. The Park District will soon complete its improvements at Jewett Park and is under the leadership of new Executive Director Annemarie Flaherty. Dr. Chala Holland is the new Superintendent of School District 113. I have had the great pleasure of meeting her and am excited about the direction her leadership will take the District.

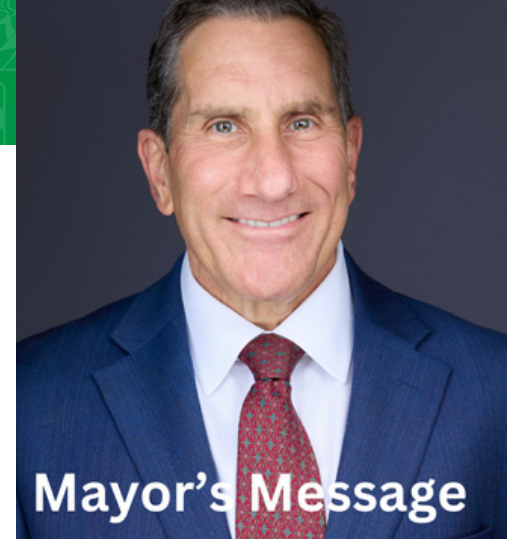
The Village Board and I are especially proud of some recent actions we have taken. For example, we voted to approve final development plans for Continental Developers for a transit oriented development in the rear 10.79 acres of Deerbrook Shopping Center, consisting of a multi-family residential rental development with 254 units. The residential development will include 25 affordable units in compliance with the Village's Affordable Housing Ordinance. Additionally, the development will include first-class amenities, pedestrian connectivity to the Lake Cook Metra Station, a gated resort-style swimming pool and more.

Currently, the Village lacks an administrative adjudication process, resulting in all offenses, including minor local ordinance violations, such as building code infractions, being directed to the appropriate County Circuit Court. This process is often time-consuming and expensive. To address this issue, the Board approved establishing a local administrative adjudication process at Village Hall. Administrative adjudication involves resolving certain disputes

or violations of the Municipal Code through an administrative, rather than judicial, process. This means a designated hearing officer within the municipality, instead of a court of law, will conduct the proceedings. Violations that could be addressed by the Village's hearing officer include parking violations, building code violations, stormwater violations and zoning code violations. The Village will still retain the option to refer violations directly to the appropriate County Circuit Court, if necessary. Implementation is underway and is expected to be completed with the first administrative hearing in early November. Implementing administrative hearings will significantly expedite violation enforcement and reduce the expenditure of tax dollars.

Lastly, in 2022, the Village Board passed an ordinance allowing the Deerfield Office Center property on Lake Cook Road to operate as a supportive living facility—an alternative to nursing home care for low-income seniors and individuals with physical disabilities under Medicaid. Since then, new owners have taken over the property, and the Village Board has approved the demolition of two existing single-story office buildings. The site will be redeveloped into a new four-story supportive living facility with 147 affordable rental units, providing seniors with limited incomes a place to live and access essential services.

These actions, along with other positive developments in our Village will continue to make our community welcoming and attractive destination for everyone.



Board Action

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 Approving a License Agreement with Shake Shack Illinois LLC for Parking at 645 Osterman Avenue

Approved the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

Approved a Resolution Authorizing the Release of Minutes of Certain Closed Meetings of the Village Board

Approved an Ordinance Authorizing a Special Use for a Dentist Office at 656 Deerfield Road (Rosen Orthodontics)

Approved a Finding of Substantial Conformance for a Final

Development Plan for a Transit-Oriented Development for Continental Properties Consisting of a 254-Unit Rental Development at the Rear 10.79 Acres of Deerbrook Shopping Center

Approved an Ordinance Amending and Restating Approval for an Amendment to a Special Use Permit for an Industrial Planned Unit Development, an Amendment to a Final Development Plan, an Amendment to a Special Use for an Assisted Living Facility, and Zoning Exceptions (1101 and 1121 Lake Cook Road – Deerfield Supportive Living)

Approved a Resolution Approving a Development Agreement for 1101 and 1121 Lake Cook Road – Deerfield Supportive Living

Approved a Resolution Approving a First Amendment to the Power Supply Agreement with MC Squared Energy Services, LLC, For the Village's Electricity Aggregation Program

PUBLIC WORKS BY THE NUMBERS

67 center-line miles of roadway

8,060 cubic yards of leaves collected in 2023

7,763 cubic yards of leaves collected in 2022

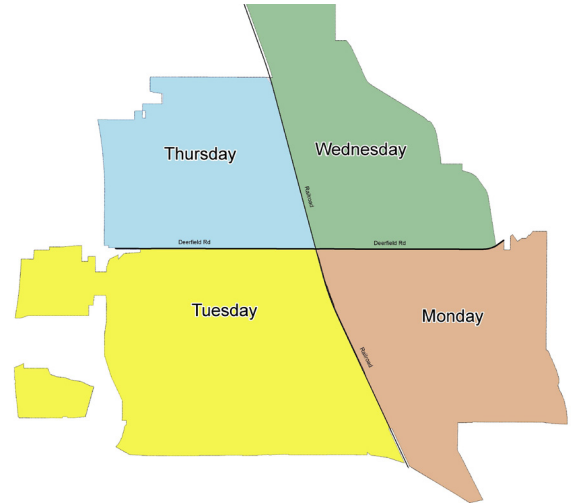
Leaf Collection Starts October 28

The Village's annual leaf collection program provides residents with an alternate way to dispose of their leaves. Residents who do not mulch or bag their leaves may rake them to the curb or carriage walk the night before their scheduled pickup.

Beginning the week of October 28 and continuing through November 27, Public Works Department crews will make one pass by each house in the Village every week during the five-week program.

See the following guidelines and reminders for leaf pickup:

- Rake leaves into piles no greater than five feet in width.
- Do not rake leaves into the streets, sidewalks or carriage walks.
- Do not put out leaves more than one day prior to pickup day.
- Do not park on the street the day of your pickup.
- Do not rake grass clippings, sticks, rocks, branches or mud to the curb with your leaves.
- Inclement weather may delay pickups, but crews will make at least five trips through each neighborhood.
- Any leaves remaining after the program has ended can be placed in the compost bin through December 15 for collection.



Public Works collecting leaves.

Help Burst Those Flood Insurance Myths

An important component of promoting flood insurance is dispelling the myths that persist about it. Below are a few of the most salient misunderstandings about flood insurance and some straightforward explanations of what is really true.

MYTH: My homeowner's insurance covers flooding

Almost no homeowner's insurance policies cover flood damage. That is why the federal government

created the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Flood insurance is sold as a separate policy. *To find an agent, contact the NFIP call center at 800-427-4661 or www.FloodSmart.gov.*

MYTH: I don't need flood insurance because I'm not in a high-risk zone

It can flood almost anywhere, and it doesn't take much water to cause expensive damage. About 1/3 of all flood disaster assistance goes to people outside the high-risk zone. With a changing climate, extreme weather events will be more likely in the future.

MYTH: I can't get flood insurance because I'm not in a high-risk zone

Virtually anyone who lives in or owns property in an NFIP-participating community can buy flood insurance for a residential building, business, condo, or apartment, and the contents can be insured as well.

MYTH: Even if my house floods, it wouldn't be much

There may not be very much water, but that doesn't mean there won't be much damage. Only one inch of water in an average home can cause more than \$25,000 in damage.

MYTH: I don't need flood insurance because FEMA gives disaster assistance

FEMA can only provide disaster assistance when the President issues a disaster declaration—this happens for less than half of all floods.

If you need more information on floods, please visit the [Additional Flood Information page on the Village website](#).

Hazel Avenue Reconstruction

In 2020, the Village began the process of designing the Hazel Avenue Reconstruction Project. Among other things, this project will involve the full water main replacement, roadway reconstruction and sidewalk improvements between Waukegan Road and Wilmot Road. Last year, the Village learned that the project had been selected to receive federal funding. This project is scheduled for a bid opening in November with construction to begin in early 2025.

A public meeting with additional details will be held later this fall. Invitation letters will be sent to all residents within the project limits prior to the meeting.

For more information, please visit the [Village's website](#) or contact Tyler Dickinson, Assistant Director of Public Works & Engineering, at 847.719.7463 or tdickinson@deerfield.il.us.

Police Department News

Bike Safety Events

Deerfield Police Bike Unit is hosting a booth at the Deerfield Farmer's Market on September 14 and October 5, from 7 a.m. to noon, to educate the community on bike safety.

Bike safety applies to riders, pedestrians and drivers so everyone is encouraged to stop by to learn how to stay safe on the road or just to meet the Deerfield Police Bike Officers. We'll also be handing out some DPD swag!

Memorial Patch Fundraiser

The Deerfield Police Department has once again partnered with the Cancer Wellness Center of Northbrook for the Pink Patch Patrol fundraiser. Throughout the month of October you may see Deerfield Police employees wearing uniforms with pink patches to raise awareness and show their support for the cause. Pink Deerfield Police patches are available to the public for a minimum of \$10 donation to the Cancer Wellness Center.

The Cancer Wellness Center provides education, wellness services and psychosocial support to those impacted by cancer and their loved ones. In 2023 the Deerfield Police Department raised \$1,800 through the Pink Patch Patrol.

Frontline Public Safety Solutions

The Deerfield Police Department is pleased to announce the implementation of the Frontline Public Safety Solutions public portal, offering residents a convenient way to request overnight parking permission, arrange a home watch while on vacation, or add information for at-risk residents. Visit frontlinepss.com/DeerfieldPD-IL for more information.

The portal can be accessed from any device with internet capabilities, including cell phones, tablets and computers. For more information, contact the Deerfield Police Department at 847.945.8636.

Child Safety Seat Event

The Deerfield Police Department Certified Car Seat Technicians are on staff and available to answer questions about car seats over the phone, give suggestions about where to place a child seat in a vehicle, advise what type of seat is needed for your child and teach you how to install your child's car seat. Appointments are also available for a Car Seat Technician to inspect your car seat and assist in reinstalling if it is not installed correctly.

The Police Department hosting a Child Safety Seat event on Saturday, September 21, from 8



a.m. to noon in the Lindemann parking lot at 758 Deerfield Road. This event is free and no appointment is necessary.

Motor Vehicle Thefts and Burglaries

From January 1 through August 21, the Police Department department took 68 burglary to motor vehicle reports. All of the incidents involved vehicles that were unlocked. These crimes occur during overnight hours and the early morning and multiple burglaries can occur in minutes. Criminals pull on door handles of parked cars looking to gain entry and rummage through personal items before quickly moving on to the next. Surrounding communities have seen similar methods.

Deerfield Police have increased patrol efforts overnight and you can reduce your chance of becoming a victim if you remember to always:

- **LOCK** your vehicle and take your keys. Even in your driveway and even during the day. It's easy to forgot to lock up in the evening, so make sure your car is locked at all times.
- **TAKE** your valuables out of the car. Laptops, headphones, purses and shoes are valuable and lightweight, making them easy for criminals to steal.
- **HIDE** your belongings. If you must leave items in your locked car, make sure they are in the trunk or out of view from the window to avoid a "smash and grab."

If you see any suspicious behavior do not approach a potential criminal and dial 9-1-1.

2023 Deerfield Police employees completed 7,417 training hours.

2,291 hours

In-Person (Officer)

1,800 hours

Online (Officer)

342.5 hours

Supervisor

158.5 hours

Civilian

700 hours

Firearms

1,210 hours

New Officer Training (Basic Academy/Field Training)

915 hours

Other/Misc.



HISTORIC VILLAGE

The Deerfield Historic Village will be open for tours Sundays, 2 to 4 p.m., from June through September. Located at the southwest corner of Kipling & Deerfield Roads, the Village includes the 1837 Caspar Ott log house, a carriage house, two pre-Civil War era homes and a one-room schoolhouse that has been a favorite for children. Admission is free. The Deerfield Area Historical Society, a donor-supported, nonprofit organization, maintains the Historic Village. Volunteers are welcome. For more information, email deerfieldhistory@gmail.com

HISTORICAL SOCIETY HOSTS SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Historical Society will host its Spaghetti Dinner on Thursday, October 24, 5:30-7:30 p.m., at the Patty Turner Center. Food will be prepared by the Italian Kitchen. Following dinner, Cynthia Clampitt presents "Destination: Heartland History." Proceeds benefit the Historical Society and the Historic Village. Tickets are \$25 per person. Please RSVP at deerfieldhistory@gmail.com.



Share Your Talents

Sustainability Commission at

The Sustainability Commission distributed more than 100 nat engaged the public with an int practices. The Commission also by handing out flyers and equi to learn how to share your talent

Volunteers Needed

The Village of Deerfield is looking for energetic, dedicated residents to volunteer time and serve on a Village Commission! It's a great way to get involved in the community and meet other residents with similar interests. Time commitment on each commission varies. Specific details can be found on the Village website. Commissions that currently have openings include:

Board of Zoning Appeals hears all applications for variations to the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance and submits recommendations to the Village Board.

Cemetery Commission

arranges for the care and maintenance of the Deerfield Cemetery. This commission is looking for a member with cemetery management experience or formal education in history/genealogy.

Community Relations

Commission is looking for members who care about people and are willing to serve as an ambassador to promote Deerfield as a Village where all residents can thrive.

Sustainability Commission

is seeking a corporate member of Deerfield's business community familiar with environmentally sound practices. The goal is to

improve the quality of our local environment for the benefit of Deerfield's citizens, businesses and neighbors.

Volunteer Engagement

Commission reviews volunteer applications and interviews candidates. This commission meets with candidates to discuss the details of the opening and find the best match.

To apply, simply visit deerfield.il.us to complete an online application. The Volunteer Engagement Commission will reach out to schedule a meeting time with candidates before writing a recommendation to the Mayor for consideration and approval.



Farmer's Market - Food, Friends and Fun



The Farmers Market season is underway with lots of food, friends and fun! Come join us on Park Avenue between Jewett Park Drive and Hazel Avenue every Saturday morning through October 14 from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. We have a lot of fun activities, entertainment and events planned to make this our best season yet! Please note that to ensure the safety of visitors, no bikes are allowed inside the market and dogs are to be leashed on a 6-foot lead or less. We are excited to celebrate our 30th season with our dedicated market vendors and patrons and welcome any newcomers interested in joining us!

For more information, visit deerfield.il.us/Farmers-Market.

Deerfield Extends Electric Aggregation Program with MC Squared Through October 2025

The Village has extended its power supply agreement with Chicago-based MC Squared Energy Services, LLC (mc2) to administer the Village's Electric Aggregation Program through October 2025.

Under the program, residents will continue to pay the same rate for electricity supply as the monthly ComEd published tariff rates. The extension period is effective October 2024 through the October 2025 ComEd meter read period. At the end of the program year, MC Squared will provide the Village with a \$40,000 civic contribution

that will be spent on renewable energy credits that will offset the energy used by households and small businesses.

Residents are not required to do anything to participate in the Electric Aggregation Program. Residents and small businesses will receive letters in the mail. Unless you act to the contrary, mc2 will automatically enroll you in the type of service that is most advantageous to our electricity aggregation program.

There are no phone calls or door-to-door solicitations. Simply do nothing and you will be contributing to

reducing the Village's carbon footprint.

All accounts enrolled in the North Shore Electric Aggregation program are charged an electricity supply rate equal to the monthly ComEd rate – in other words, they are not charged any more or less than ComEd customers. If you receive a letter stating that you will be automatically enrolled, it simply means that your account was selected as one that can benefit our civic grant described above.

If you choose to opt out, please call the number on your letter. If you receive a letter stating that your

account will be placed back on ComEd supply service, that will happen automatically; your supply rate will not increase or decrease due to the change. Due to changing consumption patterns, your account no longer benefits the grant program – thank you for your past participation.

If you have previously opted out of the electric aggregation program, you will not be resolicited.

For more information, email mc2 at [Deerfield@mc2energyservices.com](mailto:mc2@deerfield.il.us) or call 855.697.0286 Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. They can also email a copy of the contract upon request.



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Cruise into Harvest Fest
Saturday, September 21, 2 - 5 p.m.
Park Avenue

VILLAGE OF DEERFIELD

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MEETING SCHEDULE	
<p>September</p> <p><i>Board of Trustees</i> Sept. 3 & 16, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><i>Community Relations Commission</i> Sept. 10, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><i>Plan Commission</i> Sept. 12 & 26, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><i>Appearance Review Commission</i> Sept. 23, 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>October</p> <p><i>Board of Trustees</i> Oct 7 & 21, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><i>Community Relations Commission</i> Oct. 8, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><i>Plan Commission</i> Oct. 10 & 24, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><i>Appearance Review Commission</i> Oct. 28, 7:30 p.m.</p>