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30+

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Winter Lighting Celebration and Market Return

Deerfield's Winter Lighting Celebration and Winter Market Return December 5-6

Celebrate a weekend of winter fun with the Village of Deerfield! The festivities begin with the Winter Lighting Celebration on Friday, December 5, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Village Hall. Enjoy live ice sculpting, tractor rides and performances by the Deerfield High School Choraliers and Frozen Robins. Warm up with roasted chestnuts and complimentary treats as Mayor Shapiro illuminates Village Hall to kick off the holiday season.



The festivities continue on Saturday, December 6, with the Winter Market from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Patty Turner Center (375 Elm Street). Enjoy a festive day filled with craft and retail vendors, live music, delicious food, children's activities and opportunities to connect with local civic organizations. Featured attractions include a giant outdoor snow globe, a visit from Santa and a Polar Express train ride.

A special thanks to event sponsors: K9 Resorts, Fortune Brands, Comfort Air, Alpha Graphics, Lucky E, Celebree School, Northshore Montessori, Douglas Law, LoMastro, New York Life Insurance, Sports Clips Bannockburn, Patty Turner Center, Italian Kitchen, Deerfield Auto & Tire and Deerfield BP.

For more information please visit deerfield.il.us.



Hazel Avenue Reconstruction Project

Construction is expected to be completed by late November.

The Village Board launched the 2025 Hazel Avenue Reconstruction Project by awarding the contract in December 2024. The project undertakes a complete overhaul of the water main, reconstructs the entire roadway and enhances sidewalks along Hazel Avenue from Waukegan Road to Wilmot Road.

Thanks to federal funding criteria, the Village secured nearly \$5 million in grants for the project in 2023.

Construction kicked off in March and is nearing completion, with tree planting and other minor tasks scheduled for the spring.

To keep residents informed, Village staff actively maintain a project blog. Subscribe via the Village website for the latest updates.

For more details, visit the Village's website or reach out to Tyler Dickinson, Assistant Director of Public Works & Engineering, at 847.719.7463 or tdickinson@deerfield.il.us.



Adopt-A-Hydrant to Keep Clear of Snow

In the winter months, heavy snowfall makes finding and accessing fire hydrants difficult, and every second counts during an emergency.

The Village is asking residents, business owners and community groups to consider participating in the Adopt-A-Hydrant Program. Participants get to name their hydrant to show their commitment to public safety.

Participation involves the following:

- Ensuring the adopted fire hydrant is clearly visible from the street.
- Keeping the fire hydrant free of snow and ice.
- Keeping clearance of at least three feet all around the hydrant. Please use caution when shoveling.
- Keeping the hydrant free of grass, weeds and debris.

For more information, visit www.deerfield.il.us or contact Communications Coordinator David Fitzgerald-Sullivan at dfitzgerald@deerfield.il.us or 847.719.7400.



PUT THE 'DEAR' IN DEERFIELD

Every act of kindness, large or small, spontaneous or planned, defines the spirit of our community. The Deerfield Community Relations Commission seeks to shine a light on acts of kindness that make Deerfield a special place to live and work. The Commission invites you to share a story of a person or group that illuminates the "Dear in Deerfield."

Visit deerfield.il.us or use the QR Code to share your story. Watch this space for updates.

Mayor's Message

As we approach the end of the year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible momentum in our Village and to share some exciting developments shaping our community's future.

We're proud to welcome Fortune Brands Innovations to their new home at 1 Horizon Way. With more than \$11 million in interior improvements, this site now hums with the energy of 500 employees, strengthening our local economy and reaffirming Deerfield as a place where business and community thrive together. Also, plan on visiting Field House Kitchen + Bar, a new restaurant in Village Centre across the plaza from Starbucks, for a great new way to enjoy dining out in Deerfield.

Across our Village, we can see progress building from the ground up. New residential projects from Continental Properties, Pulte Home Company and VennPoint Real Estate are adding over 600 new homes; a mix of rentals, townhomes and single-family residences that reflect the evolving needs of our residents. Continental's Lake Cook Crossing is already well underway, bringing 254 modern units, a pedestrian path to the Metra station and 25 affordable homes. Pulte's LeClair Estates is transforming a portion of the former Wilmot Road Walgreens site into 42 single-family homes and VennPoint's townhome community will soon bring 144 new families to Parkway North.

We're also advancing our commitment to sustainability. This month, installation will begin on a 574.6 kW-DC solar array at our Wastewater Treatment Plant, in line with our Climate Action

Report and our mission to cut emissions by 45% by 2030 and reach carbon neutrality by 2050. Thanks to state, federal and utility incentives, more than 70% of the project cost has been covered. Once online, this array will produce over 645,000 kWh of clean energy each year, saving money and protecting the planet.

As always, our community spirit shines brightest when we come together. From November 7-11, I invite you to visit Jewett Park for the Field of Honor, a breathtaking display of 500 U.S. flags, each one representing a story, a family and a hero. Sponsorships are available, with proceeds supporting the Midwest Veterans Closet and Lake County Honor Flight.

And as the winter season draws near, join us for our Winter Celebration on December 5 at Village Hall, followed by the Winter Market at the Patty Turner Center on December 6. It's a season to gather, to share and to celebrate all that makes Deerfield home.

Thank you for your continued participation in building a thriving, welcoming and sustainable community. Together, we are shaping a future worthy of our shared hopes and hard work.



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 awarding purchase of server and storage hardware

Approved a resolution waiving bidding and approving an award of contract to Urban SDK, Inc., for data analytics and traffic management software

Accepted the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

Approved a resolution waiving competitive bidding requirements and approving a contract with Heartland Business Systems, LLC, of Little Chute, Wisconsin, for network equipment and implementation services

Approved an ordinance authorizing a special use permit for a jewelry repair shop in the C-1 Village Center District at 687 Waukegan Road - Elegant Repair, LLC

Approved an ordinance amending Chapter 9 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Deerfield, as amended, and repealing ordinance O-25-15 concerning a municipal retailers occupation tax and a municipal grocery service occupation tax

Approved a resolution in support of Stronger Together Deerfield

Approved a resolution approving amendment No. 2 to the power supply agreement with MC Squared Energy Services, LLC, for the Village's electricity aggregation program

Approved an ordinance amending and revising the annual budget of the Village of Deerfield for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2025

Approved an ordinance authorizing the execution of an option agreement for the purchase of the property located at 700 Deerfield Road

Approved an ordinance authorizing the execution of a lease with U.S. Bank National Association for the property located at 700 Deerfield Road

Approved a resolution authorizing purchase of one 5-ton dump truck

Approved a resolution authorizing purchase of Avon C50 First Responder Respirators

HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

Proclaimed September 15-October 15 as National Hispanic Heritage Month

Appointed Robert Feiger to the Cemetery Commission

SNOW PLOWING BY THE NUMBERS

70 lane
miles
of roadway to clear
per snow event

2,500 tons
of road salt used
per year

14 plow
routes
to clear per snow
event

25 miles
of sidewalk near
schools to clear per
snow event

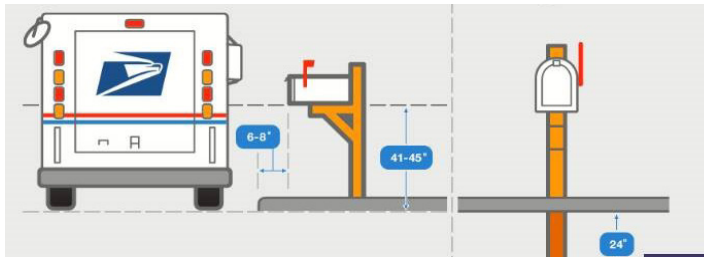
Village Snow Plowing Operations

The Village's Public Works Department is prepared for snow and is able to effectively clear Deerfield's 70 miles of roadway quickly to make safe travels possible for all who use our streets.

Keeping vehicles off the street assists plows and salt trucks in clearing the streets more effectively. As a reminder, vehicles cannot be parked on the street for 24 hours after two inches of snow have fallen, per Village ordinance.

By Village ordinance, you may not deposit snow from your property onto the street or sidewalk. This can hinder safe passage of vehicles and pedestrians and make it harder for Village plow crews to keep streets clear.

Please remember to shovel an extra area on your driveway apron or parkway to properly stage your refuse, recycling and compost bins for pick up by Lakeshore Recycling.



Prevent Damage to Mailboxes

Mailboxes are sometimes damaged when snow storms affect Deerfield. If your mailbox is damaged or if you are planning to install a new one, please consult the guidelines on how to properly install a mailbox in a way that meets postal standards.

The majority of mailbox knockdowns occur because the post supporting the mailbox has deteriorated or the mailbox was installed incorrectly. (See graphic to the left.)

Per the United States Postal Service installation requirements, mailboxes should be positioned 41 to 45 inches from the road surface to the bottom of the mailbox and six to eight inches back from the curb. The post should be strong, but should be able to break away if struck by a vehicle that leaves the pavement.

If you decide to install a new mailbox, contact JULIE by dialing 811 before you dig. This will allow you to identify where buried utilities are located.

Fall Leaf Collection Continues

The Village's annual leaf collection program provides residents with an alternative for disposal of their autumn leaves.

Residents who do not mulch or bag their leaves may rake leaves to the curb or carriage walk before their scheduled pickup day.

The Village began collecting leaves on October 27 this year and will continue this service through November 26.

Public Works Department crews will make one pass by all homes in the Village each week during the five-week program. The southeast quadrant is collected Mondays, southwest Tuesdays, northeast Wednesdays and the northwest on Thursdays.

We ask that you do not put out leaves more than one day prior to your scheduled pickup day. Leaves should be raked in a long, neat row that does not exceed five feet in width.

They should be raked as close to the curb as possible, so long as they are not placed in the street or on top of the carriage walks or sidewalk, as this causes safety hazards. If you have landscapers, please direct them to abide by the Village's leaf collection guidelines.

Crews will not follow the normal collection schedule during the week of Thanksgiving, but will still service every street in the Village. Therefore, it's important to have your leaves out by Monday morning of this particular week.

Sidewalk Clearing Program

The Village asks all residents to please be considerate of pedestrians by clearing sidewalks of snow and ice.

Trash bins should be placed on the driveway apron or parkway to keep the sidewalk unobstructed.

After two inches of snow fall, the Public Works Department clears 25 miles of sidewalks throughout the Village.

The snow clearing route focuses on strategic locations that include the

sidewalks along major thoroughfares such as Deerfield, Waukegan and Lake Cook Roads as well as the sidewalks around schools and Metra parking lots.

The sidewalk snow clearing program prioritizes keeping students and pedestrians safe and clearing snow from sections of the sidewalk that are critical to public safety.

For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 847.317.7245 or visit www.deerfield.il.us.

Police Department News

Traffic Safety Campaigns for Holiday Season

As the holiday season approaches, the Deerfield Police Department is committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of our community. Deerfield Police Officers will conduct multiple traffic safety campaigns with increased enforcement on seatbelt and DUI regulations throughout November and December. It is crucial to remember that seatbelts save lives, so make it a non-negotiable habit to buckle up every time you get in the car. Equally important is celebrating responsibly. Driving under the influence endangers not only your life, but also the lives of others. If you plan on drinking, arrange for a sober ride, whether it be a designated driver, a cab or a ride-sharing service to help you get home safely.

Seatbelts can reduce the risk of death by 45% in car accidents, and drunk driving claims thousands of lives each year. By adhering to these safety measures, we protect not only ourselves but also our family, friends and fellow community members.

'Cram a Cruiser' November 22

The Deerfield Police Department invites you to participate in their annual "Cram a Cruiser" holiday food drive, a cherished community event. We are once again thrilled to partner with the Midwest Veterans Closet, whose mission is helping families in need across the county. Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 22, and join us at Jewel, located at 16 S. Waukegan Road, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Suggested donations include non-expired canned fruit and vegetables, canned meat, macaroni and cheese, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, canned soups, chili or spaghetti sauce, brownie and cake mixes, coffee, water, powdered milk and juices. Help us "cram" several cruisers again this year and start the holiday season off right.

Toy Donation for Lutheran General & Ronald McDonald House

The Deerfield Police Department is proud to announce the continuation of its heartfelt tradition of collecting gifts for children facing medical challenges. We are dedicated to bringing joy and hope to children undergoing treatment at Lutheran General Hospital and those residing at the Ronald McDonald House while receiving care at Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital. This annual initiative, now in its 15th year for Lutheran General Hospital and marking



the 5th anniversary for Ronald McDonald House, has been consistently supported by the generous Deerfield community.

We invite you to contribute to this worthy cause by donating gifts and toys suitable for all age groups, ranging from toddlers to teenagers. Donations can be conveniently dropped off in the lobby of the Deerfield Police Department. Please ensure that all items are brand new, in their original packaging and unwrapped. For more details on specific wish list items or additional ways to get involved, please reach out to Commander Juan Mazariegos at jmazariegos@deerfield.il.us.

Accident/Crash Emergency Plan

As winter approaches, the Deerfield Police Department wishes to remind residents of the Accident/Crash Emergency Plan that is activated during heavy snowfall. When road conditions become treacherous and crash reports surge, specific measures are put in place to ensure safety and efficiency in handling vehicle accidents. If involved in a minor crash where both vehicles are drivable, residents are encouraged to exchange driver's information (name, contact information, insurance details and license plate numbers) at the scene and proceed to the Deerfield Police Department to complete a crash report. This measure helps in decongesting accident scenes and allows emergency services to focus on the most critical incidents. Drivers involved in minor accidents can also report the crash at a later time. This flexibility ensures residents are not put at further risk by attempting to reach the station during hazardous conditions.

2025 Traffic Enforcement Campaign Results

January 6-31

Distracted Driving
59 Citations

March 7-18

DUI
12 Citations

April 1-30

Distracted Driving
99 Citations

May 16-27

Seatbelt & DUI
20 Citations

June 20-July 7

Seatbelt & DUI
42 Citations

July 8-31

Speeding
101 Citations

August 1-14

Speeding & Distracted Driving
67 Citations

THE GREEN LINE

New Native Plantings Going in Along Metra Tracks

In line with the Village's commitment to ecological diversity and sustainability, numerous initiatives have enhanced Village property with native plantings. These efforts, which include reducing stormwater runoff and improving air quality, also create resilient ecosystems.

Currently, the Village manages about eight locations in various stages of ecological maintenance, focusing on native vegetation, pollinator gardens and rain gardens. These landscapes foster biodiversity, provide habitats for local wildlife and mitigate environmental issues such as flooding and pollution.

A major project now underway is the native habitat restoration along a 3,300-foot stretch of the Metra right-of-way on Waukegan Road, covering 2.2 acres. This involves removing invasive species and installing high-quality native vegetation. Previous restoration projects have been completed at the Water Reclamation Facility, Sunset Parking Lot, Woodvale Avenue, Elysian Way and Deerfield Road, Chestnut Street and North Avenue, and Tennaqua Lane.

The Village continues to explore new ecological improvement sites, reinforcing our dedication to a greener, more sustainable community for future generations. These initiatives not only beautify our surroundings, but also contribute to a healthier and more diverse environment.



Transform Waste: Compost

Compost with LRS

Are you a bit hesitant about composting? Let's explore why embracing the LRS organics collection is a win for everyone. Food waste accounts for 20% of landfill content, and your participation can significantly reduce this number while supporting the Village's ambitious climate goals.

This service is conveniently included in your regular waste and recycling charges. Composting your yard waste is hassle-free — just toss it in the cart with no need for a sticker. Diverting organic waste from landfills also reduces methane production, a greenhouse

gas 85% more potent than carbon dioxide.

By composting, you actively support the Village's Climate Action Report goal of cutting waste emissions by 66% by 2030. Additionally, turning waste into nutrient-rich soil supports local agriculture and gardens, reinforcing our broader sustainability efforts to create a resilient ecosystem.

Not sure where to start with composting? Visit Village Hall to pick up a free compost starter kit, complete with a counter top container, liner bags and handy tips to get you started easily. Many residents have already seen the benefits,

so it's the perfect time for holdouts to experience the value of cleaner waste management and improving our environment.

The Village's Climate Action Report is a key driver in our sustainability efforts, aiming to cut emissions by 45% by 2030 and reach carbon neutrality by 2050.

By embracing composting, you're not just disposing of waste; you're actively contributing to Deerfield's climate objectives. Let's close the loop on waste management, nurture our environment and build a resilient community together! Join us in transforming waste management.



Redefine 109: Stay Informed!

Throughout the fall, District 109 has reached out to the community to share information and gather feedback about a possible capital facilities referendum to address critical systems and infrastructure needs, accessibility issues and inadequate learning spaces.



If you weren't able to attend an information session, visit dps109.org/redefine to watch a recorded session and explore the details of the proposal, which includes:

- Building new elementary schools at Walden & Wilmot.
- Full renovations/additions at Kipling & South Park.

On the website, you can see concept renderings, ask questions, find answers and use the tax impact estimator to gauge potential effects on your property tax bill.

Public opinion polling will occur in November. After careful review of community input, the District 109 Board of Education is scheduled to vote December 18, 2025, on whether to place a referendum on the March 2026 ballot.

Register for 'Notify Me' to Stay in the Loop

In today's fast-paced world, staying informed about local happenings is crucial. The Village makes it easy with the "Notify Me" feature on our website, allowing you to receive weekly e-Newsletter containing all the latest Village news and updates. By subscribing, you'll never miss important information, including notices about new meeting agendas and minutes.

Signing up for "Notify Me" is straightforward. Visit the Village website and navigate to the "Notify Me" section. Here, you can customize your preferences to receive updates on various topics that interest you. Whether it's community events, public safety announcements, or upcoming Village Board meeting agendas, you'll have everything you need right in your inbox.

The "Notify Me" service ensures you're always in the loop with real-time updates. This proactive approach keeps you engaged and informed, empowering you to participate actively in community decisions and events.

Stay connected and be a part of our vibrant community. Sign up today and let "Notify Me" keep you informed about all the exciting developments in Deerfield.



