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Deerfield Community Organizations Unite to Celebrate America's 250th Anniversary

The Village of Deerfield and a coalition of community partners have officially committed to participating in Illinois America250, joining communities across the state and nation in commemorating the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States.

Participating organizations include the Deerfield-Bannockburn Fire Protection District, Deerfield Park District, Deerfield School District 109, Township High School District 113, Deerfield Public Library, Deerfield Rotary Club, Deerfield Optimist Club, Deerfield Area Historical Society, Deerfield Lions Club, West Deerfield Township and the Village of Deerfield.

Together, these organizations are working to elevate local voices, celebrate community heritage and create meaningful opportunities for residents to connect with Deerfield's past, present and future. Planned initiatives include community-wide celebrations, educational programming, a time capsule, historical exhibits, arts and cultural events, volunteer and service opportunities and storytelling projects that highlight Deerfield's unique role in the broader American story.

Residents are encouraged to follow participating organizations' communication channels for upcoming events and opportunities. Local businesses, community groups and residents interested in partnerships are invited to get involved.



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United States Founded

1818

Illinois Founded

1839

Lake County Founded

1903

Deerfield Founded

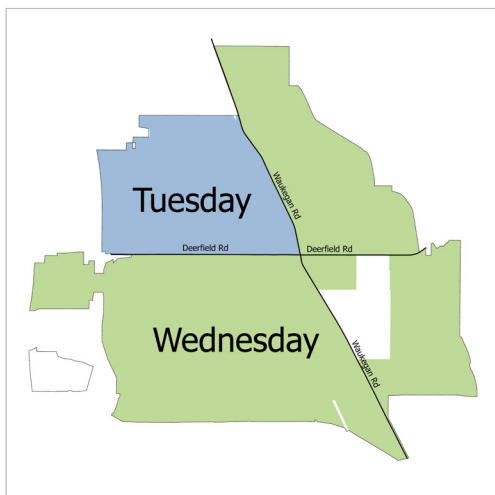
LRS Collection Day Change

Monday collections move to Wednesdays

Beginning with the next solid waste contract term in April, many Deerfield residents should expect a change to their weekly pickup day. Homes currently collected on Mondays will move to Wednesdays under the renewal of the Village's solid waste collection agreement with Lakeshore Recycling Systems (LRS).

The proposed renewal will shift Deerfield to a two-day residential collection schedule, with service occurring on Tuesdays and Wednesdays only. As part of that change, properties now serviced on Mondays would be reassigned to Wednesday collection, simplifying the weekly route schedule while maintaining regular service.

Village staff began negotiations with LRS in summer 2025 to evaluate whether renewing the contracts would be feasible and cost-effective. LRS currently provides service to approximately 5,862 single-family residences, 495 multi-family properties and 300 commercial customers.



Honor a Hero: Celebrate with a Legacy Veteran Banner

The Village of Deerfield is inviting families, residents and local organizations to help honor the veterans who have served our nation — whether a loved one, a friend or a local hero. As part of Illinois America250, celebrating the 250th birthday of the United States, Deerfield will proudly display veteran banners throughout the downtown area as a meaningful way to recognize service, sacrifice and the stories that helped shape our community and our country.

Each banner will feature the veteran's military photo, branch of service and years of service, and will be displayed in Downtown Deerfield from approximately late May through early July. Sponsors will need to upload a clear headshot of their veteran and submit a \$25 per banner cost share payment, which can be made at Village Hall or mailed to 850 Waukegan Road, Deerfield, IL 60015.

All applications are due by May 1, and veterans should have a community tie to the Village of Deerfield. Sign up online today.

For more information or to participate, please contact Cmdr. Oliver Cachola at 847.945.8636 or ocachola@deerfield.il.us.



Save the Dates: Spring Recycling Events and Compost Giveaway

The Village's spring paper shredding, electronics and textile recycling and compost giveaway events give residents convenient ways to dispose of materials safely while reducing waste. Shredding helps protect personal information, recycling keeps electronics and textiles out of landfills and allows materials to be reused, and compost supports healthier lawns and gardens while reducing the need for fertilizer. Together, these events help Deerfield residents protect the environment and keep the community clean.

- Shredding Event: May 2, 9 a.m. – noon, at Public Works
- Compost Giveaway: May 9 – time and location TBD
- Electronics and Textile Recycling Event: June 6 – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Public Works



Attention artists and vendors!

Join us for the 2026 Family Days Arts & Crafts Fair on July 4. Submit your applications along with a small, \$40 fee by June 5, 2026. Scan the QR code for the application and more details.



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 an Ordinance amending Chapter 3 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Deerfield, Illinois, 1975, as amended, to increase the number of Class F-1 liquor licenses.

Approved a Resolution selecting and designating the Delegate and Alternate Delegates to the Northeastern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy (NIPSTA) Board of Directors.

Approved an Ordinance amending the Village of Deerfield Wage and Salary Plan.

Approved a Resolution authorizing the Village to issue a purchase order to Synagro Central, LLC for biosolids removal services.

Approved a Resolution waiving competitive bidding and authorizing the Village to issue a purchase order to Solenis LLC for biosolids polymer.

Approved a Resolution approving an agreement with Strand Associates Inc. for design engineering services.

Approved a Resolution authorizing a purchase order for a DEW pump.

Approved a Resolution approving a Master Services Agreement and Statement of Work with MGT Impact Solutions (Tampa, Florida) for employment search services for a Human Resources/Risk Manager.

Approved a Resolution authorizing the Village to enter into an Emergency Dispatch Services Agreement with the Village of Bannockburn.

Approved a Resolution authorizing the Village to enter into an Emergency Dispatch Services Agreement with the Village of Riverwoods.

Approved a Resolution approving a pavement condition services contract.

Approved a Resolution to purchase bulk rock salt through the Lake County Division of Transportation.

Approved an Ordinance amending Chapters 6, 8, and 13 of the Municipal Code regarding building regulations.

Approved an Ordinance adopting an annual fine resolution.

Approved a Resolution authorizing the purchase of ferric chloride.

Approved a Resolution authorizing the waiver of competitive bidding and approving the purchase of SCADA software from Q-mation LLC.

Approved an Ordinance amending Chapter 3 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Deerfield, Illinois, 1975, as amended, regarding alcohol delivery.

Approved a Resolution approving an agreement with Foot Stone Inc. (Glenview, Illinois) for native landscaping and ecological restoration services.

Approved a Resolution approving first amendments to the residential and commercial waste collection franchise agreements with Lakeshore Recycling Systems, Inc.

Approved an Ordinance authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2026A, and Taxable General Obligation Bonds, Series 2026B, of the Village of Deerfield, Illinois.

Approved a Resolution approving an agreement with Mad Bomber Fireworks Production (Elgin, Illinois) for the Family Days fireworks show.

Approved a Resolution ratifying an agreement with Commonwealth Edison Company for the interconnection of distributed energy resources facilities.

HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

Proclaimed February as National Black History Month.

Recognized Jeff Marks for 27 years of service on the Fine Arts Commission.

Recognized North Suburban Free Church for Project Share Thanksgiving food collection.

Appointed Dottie Fiedler as Chair of the Fine Arts Commission.

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 and Pool Pass Sales

begin March 2 for residents, nonresident Program Registration begins March 9. Early Bird Pool Pass Rates end April 30 at 5 p.m.

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).

From Ireland to You: An Afternoon of Lively Irish Saturday, March 21, 2 p.m. Join us this Saturday afternoon for exciting

traditional Irish music with Seán Cleland, master fiddle player and executive director of the Irish Music School of Chicago.

The Revolutionists Saturday, March 28, 2 p.m.

The Revolutionists is a hysterical and historical (or more accurately, herstorical) play that invites audiences to experience the French

Revolution from a female perspective.

Language Cafe Friday, April 3, 2 p.m. Modeled after the Chicago Language Cafe, this is a meetup where you can make some new friends and practice speaking a language that you are learning or already know. All languages and fluency levels are welcome.

Fire Hydrant Flushing in April, May

Beginning in late April and early May, the Public Works Department will be 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 Department at 847.317.7245 for more information.



Hazel Avenue Reconstruction Program

The 2025 Hazel Avenue Reconstruction Project included a complete water main replacement, full roadway reconstruction and sidewalk improvements along Hazel Avenue between Waukegan Road and Wilmot Road.

Construction began in early 2025 and was substantially completed by the end of the year. Parkway restoration, final paving between Wayne Avenue and Chestnut Street and tree plantings will resume this spring once weather permits. The Village would like to thank all residents along Hazel Avenue for their continued patience and support throughout this project.

For more information, please contact the Village of Deerfield Engineering Department at 847-317-2490 and ask about the Hazel Avenue Infrastructure Project.

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.

Women in Law Enforcement

International Women’s Day, observed in March, is an opportunity for the Deerfield Police Department to recognize the critical role women play in modern policing and to reaffirm our commitment to supporting the seven female police officers who serve our community every day.

Female police officers strengthen public safety operations in measurable ways such as building trust and improving communication between officers and citizens. They bring valuable perspectives to problem-solving and are often central to effective de-escalation and trauma-informed responses, especially when assisting victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and other sensitive incidents.

The Deerfield Police Department is proud not only of the women on our team, but also of the steps we take to support them professionally and personally. Each year we offer our female officers the opportunity to attend the Women in Law Enforcement Conference hosted by the ILETSB Executive Institute. This conference provides high-quality training, leadership development and networking with women across Illinois who are advancing the profession. Opportunities like this matter because they address unique issues such as bias, equipment issues and workplace culture, while proposing solutions for better recruitment and retention of women. By investing in our female officers, we strengthen our department as a whole and reinforce our commitment to a professional, inclusive workplace where every officer can thrive.

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week is April 13-19, 2026, and the Deerfield Communications Center is proud to recognize the dedicated professionals who serve as a lifeline for the communities of Deerfield, Bannockburn, Riverwoods and Lincolnshire. Often the first point of contact during a crisis, telecommunicators bring calm and direction to a situation, gathering critical information, providing immediate instructions such as CPR guidance, and coordinating the dispatch of police, fire and EMS units. Their ability to think quickly, communicate clearly and stay composed under pressure can make the difference between life and death.



Across the country and here in Illinois, there is increasing recognition that 9-1-1 professionals are not simply “administrative support,” but essential members of the public safety team. In Illinois, 9-1-1 dispatchers and emergency telecommunicators were officially classified as first responders in 2023, supporting statewide training and certification efforts as well as helping agencies strengthen retention in this demanding field.

We extend our sincere appreciation to the Deerfield Communications Center team for their professionalism, compassion and unwavering commitment to service. We are honored to have such a skilled group supporting our officers and residents every day, and we thank them for the critical work they do to keep our communities safe.

Distracted Driving Awareness Month

The Deerfield Police Department is partnering with the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Illinois State Police and more than 200 local law enforcement agencies to step up enforcement efforts across that state in recognition of Distracted Driving Awareness Month starting April 1. In 2024, there were 122 fatalities in Illinois attributed to distracted driving, with over 9,400 crashes in the state linked to cellphone use and other distractions, representing a 22% increase from previous years.

Distracted driving is often associated only with texting, but in Illinois, operating a phone in any manner other than hands-free is both dangerous and illegal. This includes using navigation maps, email and music applications while driving. Throughout April, residents should expect increased enforcement as part of this coordinated initiative. Distracted driving endangers not only the driver and passengers, but also vulnerable road users like pedestrians and cyclists. While we recognize that traffic citations are never welcomed, the goal of this effort is to improve compliance, reduce preventable crashes and ultimately save lives.

Distracted Driving Citations Issued by Deerfield Officers by the Numbers



THE GREEN LINE

It is important to remember that the Village storm sewer drains and roadside ditches lead to our nearby lakes and creeks. So, 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. Below is a small list of some of the permitted discharges as well as ways to help reduce water pollution.

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.

Common ways to help reduce water pollution:

- Clean up after pets.
- Sweep up grass clippings, soil and fertilizer from driveways, sidewalks and streets.
- Use lawn chemicals sparingly.
- Properly store and dispose of household cleaners, chemicals and oil.



Open House May 16, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Spend a fun morning with the Village of Deerfield and the Deerfield Park District at a kid- and adult-friendly Public Works Open House from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 16, at the Village's Public Works Facility, 465 Elm Street.

This is a behind-the-scenes chance to meet the team that keeps Deerfield running and get an up-close look at the equipment our crews use every day. Explore the fleet, climb aboard select vehicles and see how public works responds when there's a problem — everything from routine maintenance to emergency repairs.

Highlights include live demonstrations on water



safety, how crews repair a water main break and hands-on opportunities to check out vehicles and tools used in the field, including vacuum trucks, snow plows and front-end loaders.

The event is free and open to all ages and will feature:

- Tours and exhibits
- Hands-on activities

- Demonstrations
- Fun giveaways and prizes
- Vendors and educational information
- Public Works swag

Parking is available at the Patty Turner Center, 375 Elm Street.

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



Arbor Day 2026 Tree Planting

In celebration of Arbor Day, the Sustainability Commission and Mayor Shapiro will plant a tree on April 24 at a District 109 school.

The Village urges all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands. Visit Arborday.org for information about planting and caring for trees.



Arts Alive! Art Expo Returns April 25 at DHS



On Saturday, April 25, 2026, from 1 to 3:30 p.m., the entire community is invited to attend the 2nd biennial "Art Expo Open House" at Deerfield High School. This unique community event is part of the DHS festival of the arts called ARTS ALIVE!

Over 40 professional artists and AP Fine Arts Students will be presenting their work, demonstrating their techniques, and allowing the public to get hands-on with art projects. In addition, pop-up performances will run throughout the day and will include puppet shows, drum circles and student group performances. It's a veritable "arts-a-palooza"!

Weavers, painters, ceramists, potters, wood workers, silversmiths, jewelry makers, candle makers, henna artists, encaustic artists, illustrators, screen printers, paper quillers, diary box makers, mosaic makers, Native American artists, silk painters, a special effects makeup artist and so many more will be in attendance! Come make art!

For more information, contact Director Tamara Jenkins at tjenkins@dist113.org.

New Resident Resource Guide

The Village has developed a New Resident Resource Guide that will be shared with residents when they set up a new utility account with the Village. This guide is designed to make it easier for residents to get connected, find the right information quickly and learn more about the services and programs available in the community.

In addition to Village services, the guide provides an overview of other local government agencies and partners that serve Deerfield residents. Residents will also find details on special events and community happenings throughout the year, making it a useful starting point for getting involved.

Hard copies are available at Village Hall, and the guide can also be viewed online.

Welcome to Deerfield!

New Resident Resource Guide



Village of Deerfield
 850 Waukegan Road, Deerfield, IL 60015
 Monday - Friday : 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
 Saturday closed from noon - 1:00 p.m.
 847-945-5000





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Honor a Hero: Celebrate a Legacy

Call for Veterans Banners America 250 Initiative

The Village of Deerfield is inviting families and organizations to help us honor the veterans who have served our nation — whether a loved one, a friend or a local hero.

As part of the America 250 Project, celebrating the 250th birthday of the United States, Deerfield will proudly display veteran banners throughout the downtown area.

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- Veteran's photo
- Branch of service
- Years of service



This is a meaningful way to recognize service, sacrifice and the stories that helped shape our community and our country.

For more information or to participate, contact:
Cmdr. Oliver Cachola - 847.945.8636, ocachola@deerfield.il.us



MEETING SCHEDULE

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

March

Board of Trustees
March 2 & 16, 7:30 p.m.

Community Relations Commission
March 10, 6:30 p.m.

Plan Commission
March 12 & 26, 7:30 p.m.

Appearance Review Commission
March 23, 7:30 p.m.

April

Board of Trustees
April 6 & 20, 7:30 p.m.

Community Relations Commission
April 14, 6:30 p.m.

Plan Commission
April 9 & 23, 7:30 p.m.

Appearance Review Commission
April 27, 7:30 p.m.