



VILLAGE OF DEERFIELD

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32
years of operation

35+
weekly vendors

19
Farmers Markets per year

15+
Farmers Market volunteers

Deerfield Farmers Market Kicks Off Season June 13

The Deerfield Farmers Market returns for the 2026 season, bringing the community together for another summer and fall of fresh, locally grown produce, baked goods, specialty foods and more. The market will be held on Park Avenue, between Jewett Park Drive and Hazel Avenue, every Saturday from June 13 through October 24, from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

This year's extended season includes two additional market dates at the end of the schedule, giving shoppers even more opportunities to enjoy late-season fruits, vegetables and other fall favorites. Throughout the season, visitors can also look forward to live music, children's activities, community organization booths and themed market days, making the market a lively weekly destination for residents of all ages.

Shoppers are also encouraged to complete the Farmers Market customer survey using the posted QR code. Feedback will help the Village continue to improve the market experience and plan for future seasons.

For everyone's safety and enjoyment, bicycles are not permitted inside the market, and dogs must be kept on a non-retractable leash no longer than six feet.

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





Deerfield Art Festival Returns June 6-7

Two days filled with beautiful art, live music and delicious food are coming up to kick off the summer season.

Kick off summer at the 4th Annual Deerfield Art Festival, returning to downtown Deerfield on Saturday, June 6, and Sunday, June 7, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Held in partnership with the Village of Deerfield Fine Arts Commission, this free, family-friendly event will feature more than 80 juried artists.

Visitors can explore a vibrant outdoor gallery showcasing original works in painting, photography, ceramics, furniture, jewelry, wood, fiber and more. In addition to shopping for one-of-a-kind art, guests can enjoy live music, interactive “Start to Paint” classes, and children’s activities in the “Kids Art Zone” and “Kids Art Stop.” A youth artist area will also highlight handmade creations by emerging young artists.

Festivalgoers can enjoy on-site food and nearby restaurant options throughout the weekend. Admission and parking are free, the event is accessible for strollers and wheelchairs, and leashed dogs are welcome.

For more information, contact Amdur Productions at 847.926.4300 or visit www.AmdurProductions.com.

Village Vehicle Stickers Due by July 1

Applications for 2026 vehicle stickers will be mailed in mid-May. Stickers must be displayed on all vehicles registered or garaged in Deerfield by July 1. Stickers for passenger vehicles cost \$30 if purchased by June 30. After June 30, a 50 percent late penalty is assessed. If you do not receive your application, you still need to have your stickers by July 1. Additional applications are available online or at Village Hall. The Village offers an online payment system for vehicle stickers. Visit www.deerfield.il.us and click the “Pay Online” button on the website’s homepage. There is no additional charge for online payment. Additional vehicle sticker purchasing options include in-person at Village Hall, returning the renewal application by mail, or using the payment drop box located in the median just south of Village Hall on Jewett Park Drive. The deadline to display a new 2026 sticker is July 1.

For more information, contact the Finance Department at 847.945.5000 or visit www.deerfield.il.us.



Public Art Program Call for Artists

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 jury review artwork proposals submitted by artists interested in having their works displayed in the community.



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

The 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 Fine Arts Commission is responsible for reviewing artwork submissions and making a final recommendation to the Village Manager’s Office regarding final artwork selections.

Artists may submit up to three pieces of art for consideration and must submit a completed application packet for each individual artwork being submitted. The deadline for submissions is May 30, 2026. Applications are available at deerfield.il.us and using the QR code.

For more information, contact the Village Manager’s Office at 847.719.7400.

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 to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Union Drainage District No. 1.

Approved a Resolution to award the contract for the 2026 Street Rehabilitation Project.

Approved a Resolution to approve an agreement for Phase II engineering services for the Arbor Vitae & Appletree Lane Project.

Approved a Resolution in support of the Illinois America250 Commemoration.

Approved an Ordinance authorizing approval of the 2026 Zoning Map.

Approved a Resolution approving and authorizing an agreement with the Village of Bannockburn.

Approved a Resolution approving an agreement for professional therapy services with First Responders Wellness Center LLC, 911 Wellness Group, and Living Pono Counseling.

Approved a Resolution authorizing a purchase order for centrifuge repair.

Approved an Ordinance amending Section 2-185 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Deerfield, as amended, regarding injunctive relief in administrative adjudications.

Approved a Resolution waiving competitive bidding and authorizing the purchase of a submersible pump from Xylem, Inc.



Deerfield High School Boys Basketball Team 2025-2026 Class 3A IHSA State Runner-Up.

Approved a Resolution approving a Fourth Amendment to the Lake-Cook Corridor Agreement with the Village of Northbrook.

Approved a Resolution authorizing an amendment to the Train Station Vendor Agreement.

Approved an Ordinance amending the Municipal Code of the Village of Deerfield, as amended, to adopt elevator safety rules.

HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

Promoted Sergeant Bryan Foster to Commander.

Promoted Officer Mike Ranieri to Sergeant.

Recognized the Deerfield High School Boys Basketball Team 2025-2026 Class 3A IHSA State Runner-Up,

Proclaimed April 24 to be Arbor Day.

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 summer camp counselor, swim instructor, summer groundskeeper, lifeguard, pool cashier and swim instructor at deerfieldparks.org/jobs.

Park Beautification Day is on Saturday, May 2, from 10 a.m. to noon. Celebrate America's 250th Anniversary with the Deerfield Park

District by giving back to your community. Gather friends and family to help clean up Maplewood Park — sign up today! Deerfieldparks.org/park-beautification-day-signup

Summer Concerts return to Floral Park on Sunday nights from 5-6:30 p.m. beginning June 21 - August 2. Visit our calendar to check out the bands and our concerts for adults at the Patty Turner Center! deerfieldparks.org/events.

Help keep reusable

items out of the landfills. **ReUse-A-Rama** is returning to the Sachs Recreation Center on Saturday, May 16 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Visit deerfieldparks.org/events for a full list of accepted items!

Stop to shop for great deals and support young entrepreneurs at the **Flea Market** on Saturday, June 13, from 10 a.m. - noon in the Jewett Park Community Center's parking lot.

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.

Outbound A Cappella Performance
Saturday, May 9, 2 p.m.
Join Outbound A Cappella as they perform a diverse repertoire of songs ranging from Whitney Houston to Moana. Sponsored by the Deerfield Fine Arts Commission.

Finals Study Room (Youth Programming Room)
May 19-27
An extra space for High School students to study or take a break before Spring finals.

Bird Watching Basics
Tuesday, May 19, 6 p.m.
Curious about birdwatching, but not sure where to begin? Learn birding basics during this indoor presentation, then head outside and test your new knowledge.

Summer Reading Program Kickoff
Saturday, June 6, 10 a.m.-
Children & Teens, Family Friendly
Start your summer on the right track and celebrate our reading program.

Public Works Open House - Saturday, May 16

Join the Village of Deerfield and Deerfield Park District from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 16, 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.

This event is free for all ages and will feature:

- Tours and Exhibits
- Fun Giveaways
- Hands-On Activities
- Touch-a-Truck
- Prizes
- Vendors & Education
- Public Works Merchandise
- Free Compost Toolkits
- Hefty ReNew Bags

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



Lawn Sprinkling RPZ Regulations

From May 15 through September 15, lawn sprinkling regulations will be in place.

Even numbered addresses may water on even numbered dates from midnight to noon and/or from 6 p.m. to midnight. Odd numbered addresses may water on odd numbered dates from midnight to noon and/or from 6 p.m. to midnight. This applies only to lawn sprinkling.

All irrigation systems are required to have a backflow prevention device called a Reduced Pressure Zone

Backflow Preventer (RPZ) that is certified annually by a licensed inspector. This testing must be completed every year. The deadline for residential RPZs is June 30.

The Village has contracted with Backflow Solutions, Inc. (BSI) to administer the backflow prevention tracking program. The annual backflow assembly test report must be submitted electronically by your inspector via the BSI Online system at www.BSIOnline.com.

For more information, contact the Community Development Department at 847.719.7484.

2026 Fire Hydrant Flushing & Painting

The Village of Deerfield began the annual fire hydrant flushing program in mid-April, with completion anticipated by mid-May. This routine maintenance supports water quality and system reliability while allowing crews to evaluate the conditions of the more than 1,300 hydrants throughout the system.

Hydrants identified for restoration will be scheduled for sandblasting and repainting immediately following flushing, with approximately 100 hydrants planned for painting this year.

For questions regarding fire hydrant flushing or restoration, please contact Public Works and Engineering at 847.719.7469.

Flood Information

Flood Hazard Areas

Special Flood Hazard Areas (100-year floodplain) in the Village of Deerfield are located near the Middle Fork and West Fork of the North Branch of the Chicago River. The eastern portion of Deerfield is in the Middle Fork watershed, while the western part of town is in the West Fork watershed.

Flood Recommendations

The following common-sense guidelines can help protect you from the dangers of flooding:

- Stay away from power lines and electrical wires. If your house is about to be flooded, turn off the power at the service box. Electrical current can travel through water. Electrocutation is the second leading cause of death during floods.
- Be alert for gas leaks. Turn off the gas to your house before it floods. If you smell gas, report it to a Village official or your gas company. Do not use candles, lanterns or open flames if you smell gas or are unsure if your gas has been shut off.

- Keep children away from the flood waters, ditches, culverts and storm drains. Flood waters can carry items that have dislodged themselves.
- Clean everything that has gotten wet. Flood water will be contaminated with sewage and other chemicals that pose severe health threats.
- Look out for animals, especially snakes. Small animals flooded out of their homes may seek shelter in yours.
- Do not use gas engines, such as generators, or charcoal fires indoors during power outages. Carbon monoxide exhaust can pose serious health hazards.

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.

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

Police Department News

National Police Week

National Police Week is Sunday, May 10, through Saturday, May 16, 2026. National Police Week is a time of remembrance, reflection and gratitude for law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice, as well as those who continue to serve. Its origins trace back more than 60 years and have grown into one of the most significant annual observances by law enforcement. During the month of May, Deerfield Police Officers will wear subdued memorial patches on their uniforms in honor of the courage, service and sacrifice behind the badge — and the enduring legacy of those who gave their lives in protection of others.

2026 Cop on a Rooftop May 15

The Special Olympics Illinois Cop on a Rooftop is Friday, May 15, from 5 a.m. to noon at Dunkin', 499 Lake Cook Road. 2026 marks the 23rd Anniversary of the Dunkin' partnership with the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Illinois. Deerfield Police volunteers and Special Olympics athletes will be onsite collecting donations and raising awareness to support the Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. Last year, approximately \$5,800 was raised for this great cause and the fundraising goal this year is \$6,000. Dunkin' coupons, Special Olympics merch and DPD swag will be available. You DONUT want to miss this event!

Police Civilian Personnel Appreciation Week

Law Enforcement Civilian Personnel Appreciation Week, the first full week of June, is a time dedicated to recognizing and honoring the hard work and commitment of the civilian personnel who play a crucial role in supporting law enforcement agencies. At the Deerfield Police Department, civilian personnel include a diverse range of positions, such as telecommunicators, records specialists, social workers, a community service officer and a management analyst. Their responsibilities range from providing administrative support to offering specialized expertise and services, all of which support officers and ensure an efficient, effective law enforcement environment.



Community Roll Call

Community Roll Call is scheduled once a month during the summer months with the first one of 2026 taking place on June 10 at Jewett Park. Community Roll Call is an opportunity to meet Deerfield officers, investigators, social workers and others who serve the community, get updates on recent crime trends and calls for service, and share your questions or concerns in an open, friendly setting. This is a family-friendly event — bring the kids! There will be fun giveaways and a chance to connect with your police department.



THE GREEN LINE

The Village will host a compost giveaway in May and a free electronics recycling event in June

Compost Giveaway May 9

Reap all of the benefits of using compost soil for your spring gardening, flowerbeds, landscaping or lawn!

Complimentary compost will be available May 9 at the Deerfield Metra Lot at Robert York and Jewett Park Drive. Please bring your own buckets. There is a 10-gallon limit per household, while supplies last. Brought to you by the Village of Deerfield in partnership with the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County.

Recycle Rally Event June 6

Start setting items aside now for the upcoming Recycle Rally on Saturday, June 6, from 9 a.m. to noon at Public Works. The event offers a convenient way to recycle unwanted electronics and donate gently used items. Accepted electronics include computers, tablets, TVs, monitors, printers, scanners, phones, DVD/VCR players, gaming consoles and more.

Residents may also bring all types of footwear and clean, bagged textiles for reuse and donation, including clothing, blankets, towels, tablecloths and stuffed animals. Please tie shoelaces together or secure pairs with a zip tie before drop-off.

The Recycle Rally is presented in partnership with the Village's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Working Group and the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County. For a full list of accepted items, scan the event QR code.



Food Truck Wednesdays Return

Join your friends and neighbors on the first and third Wednesday of the month this summer for Food Truck Wednesdays.



The Village of Deerfield is excited to welcome back the popular Food Truck Wednesdays summer series at Jewett Park.

Building on last year's strong turnout and positive feedback, the series returns with another full lineup of evenings featuring great food, live music and family-friendly activities in a relaxed park setting.

This year, the events will once again be held in the Hazel Avenue parking lot near the park, giving attendees easy access to more shade, grassy areas for picnic blankets, and nearby picnic tables and

park amenities. The location offers a comfortable, convenient setting for families, friends and neighbors to gather and enjoy a summer evening outdoors.

Mark your calendars for the following Wednesdays: June 3 and 17, July 8 and 22, and August 5 and 19. Each event will take place from 4:30 to 8 p.m., offering a fun and easy way to enjoy dinner, entertainment and time in the park.

Each Food Truck Wednesday will feature a rotating selection of food vendors serving a wide variety of options, from savory meals

and snacks to sweet treats and desserts. Attendees can look forward to a mix of returning favorites and new vendors throughout the season, making each event a little different.

Bring your appetite, lawn chairs or a blanket, and enjoy an evening of food, music and community connection.

Food Truck Wednesdays continue to be a great way to make the most of summer in Deerfield.

For questions about Food Truck Wednesdays, please contact Public Works and Engineering at 847.719.7469.



2026 Street Rehabilitation Project

Road construction started in April and will end in September.

The Village of Deerfield accepted bids for the 2026 Street Rehabilitation Project in late February, and the contract was awarded by the Village Board in March. Thanks to favorable weather conditions, construction began in early April and is anticipated to be completed by the end of September.

This year's project includes the reconstruction and rehabilitation of eight streets within the Village:

- Berkley Court (Stratford Road to Linden Avenue)
- Broadmoor Place (Hazel Avenue to Greenwood Avenue)
- Earls Court (Hackberry Road to Rosewood Avenue)
- Oakley Avenue (Hazel Avenue to Greenwood Avenue)
- Somerset Avenue (Cherry Street to Broadmoor Place)
- Sprucewood Avenue (Birchwood Avenue to eastern limits)
- Stratford Road (Greenwood Avenue to North Avenue)
- Rosewood Avenue (Birchwood Avenue to Fairview Avenue)

Project updates will be shared on the Village website. Residents may subscribe to receive email and/or text notifications by visiting www.deerfield.il.us and selecting the "Notify Me" option.

For more information, please visit the Village website or contact John Guccione, Engineering Project Manager, at 847.719.7465 or jguccione@deerfield.il.us.

Lead Water Service Replacement Program

The Village Board has approved a voluntary Lead Water Service Line Replacement Program to assist homeowners with replacing lead water service lines and reducing potential exposure to lead in drinking water.

The program offers financial assistance for eligible properties, with funding available on a first-come, first-served basis.

This program is intended specifically for the voluntary replacement of lead water service lines serving residential properties. It does not apply to replacements associated with repairs, remodeling, new

construction or other required improvements. As part of the replacement process, existing exterior meter pits (if present) will be removed and water meters will be relocated inside the home.

For complete eligibility requirements, application materials and program details, please refer to the Program Packet available on the Village website under the "Lead Service Line Replacement Program (LSLR)" section.

For more information, please visit the Village website or contact Cory Siegel, Civil Engineer I, at 847.719.7466 or csiegel@deerfield.il.us.

Downtown Veteran Banners for America 250

As part of the United States' 250th Anniversary celebration, the Village of Deerfield will proudly honor veterans with ties to the community through a special street banner display along portions of Waukegan Road and Deerfield Road. These banners will serve as a visible tribute to local service members and their contributions to the nation.

The display will be featured from the end of May through mid-July, giving residents and visitors an opportunity

to recognize and reflect on



the service and sacrifice of Deerfield-connected veterans throughout the community. The program is intended to celebrate those who have served across generations while highlighting the Village's appreciation for their dedication to the country.

In total, 72 veterans will be recognized through the banner program. Collectively, these individuals represent approximately 524 years of military service to the United States.



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Deerfield Family Days EST. 1963

Friday, July 3 Shepard Park

Poster Contest
Submit Entries at
Italian Kitchen
648 Deerfield Road
Noon on or before July 3

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fireworks Display
Approximately 9:15 p.m.

Saturday, July 4 Jewett Park and Around Town

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

Deerfield Lions Club
Breakfast in the Park
Jewett Park Pavilion
8 - 10:30 a.m.

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

John Sciarretta Sr. Bike Parade
Rosemary Terrace lot
8:30 - 9 a.m.
Bike Parade begins at 9 a.m.
Dog Show
(BYOD: Bring Your Own Dog)
9 - 10 a.m.

Amusement Rides and
Inflatables

Wristbands \$20
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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

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

Music by Spice City
Jewett Park Bandshell
10 a.m. - noon & 1 - 3 p.m.

Independence Day Parade
Noon

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

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

MEETING SCHEDULE

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

May

Board of Trustees
May 4 & 18, 7:30 p.m.
Community Relations Commission
May 12 6:30 p.m.
Plan Commission
May 14 & 21, 7:30 p.m.
Appearance Review Commission
May 25 7:30 p.m.

June

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