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250
years of the United States of America

70+
parade entries

63
years of annual Deerfield Fourth of July festivities

Deerfield Family Days

Deerfield Family Days returns Friday, July 3, and Saturday, July 4, for two days of festive fun as the community comes together to celebrate Independence Day and America 250.

The celebration begins Friday, July 3, at 5:30 p.m. at Shepard Park with live music, food and drinks, children's activities and fireworks at approximately 9:15 p.m.

The fun continues Saturday, July 4, at Jewett Park and around town with the 5K Rotary Race, Breakfast in the Park hosted by the Deerfield Lions Club, a dog show, children's activities and rides, the bike parade at the Rosemary Terrace lot, a pie-eating contest and more. The Fourth of July Parade steps off at noon from Deerspring Pool, heads west on Deerfield Road, heads north on Waukegan Road and ends at Hazel Avenue and Park Avenue.

The Village is proud to recognize Judy Geuder as the 2026 Deerfield Family Days Parade Marshal. A Deerfield resident for 45 years, Judy is being honored for more than two decades of volunteer service and leadership, including 14 years on the Family Days Commission and more than 20 years with the Deerfield Optimist Club. She currently serves as president of the Friends of the Deerfield Public Library.

Join us for a memorable holiday weekend filled with celebration, tradition and hometown pride.

For more information, please visit deerfield.il.us/familydays





Police: Lock It or Lose It

The Deerfield Police Department would like to remind you to remove your keys and lock your vehicle when parked, even on your street or in your driveway.

Warmer weather has historically resulted in an increase of stolen and burglarized vehicles. Criminals can target a neighborhood and quickly check multiple cars parked outside or in open garages to find the ones that are unlocked. Once inside, they will rummage through the contents and help themselves to anything valuable before moving to the next vehicle. If the keys are located inside, it increases the risk of the vehicle being stolen.

You can protect your property by keeping valuables out of sight or taking them with you when parked (even if you only intend to leave the vehicle for a short period) and always locking your vehicle no matter where it is parked. Don't hesitate to report any suspicious behavior at 847.945.8636 or by dialing 9-1-1. Be smart. Stay safe.

For more information, call the Police Department at 847.945.8636.



Harvest Fest



Harvest Fest returns to Deerfield on September 19 with a full day of activities for all ages on Park Avenue.

Kick off the day at the Deerfield Farmers Market from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., featuring special children's activities and the popular Touch-a-Truck event. Then, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., check out the Lions Club Cruise Into Harvest Fest Car Show, showcasing classic and vintage vehicles, live music by Lost in Rockford and refreshments.

The festivities continue from 5 to 10 p.m. with Harvest Fest, featuring live music, food and beverage vendors, and the annual bags tournament. Roger That will take the stage from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., followed by headliner 90's Pop Nation for an evening of high-energy entertainment.

Harvest Fest is hosted by the Village of Deerfield. Watch for an event mailer with more details and a list of sponsors in late August.



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 the Village of Deerfield commemorates America 250, we are proud to join our local partners in participating in Illinois America 250, alongside communities throughout Illinois and across the nation in marking the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States on July 4, 2026.

This milestone offers an opportunity to reflect on Deerfield's history and to recognize the generations of residents whose dedication, service and leadership have shaped the community we know today. From early settlers and civic pioneers to elected officials, community leaders, educators, first responders, business owners, volunteers and veterans, Deerfield's story is defined by a longstanding spirit of service and shared purpose. We honor those who came

before us and acknowledge the many individuals whose vision, sacrifice and hard work strengthened our neighborhoods, institutions and traditions. Their contributions established the strong foundation on which Deerfield continues to build, and their example continues to inspire our commitment to civic engagement, compassion, respect and community pride.

This summer also provides an opportunity to celebrate the people, values and civic spirit that continue to guide our community. In partnership with the Deerfield-Bannockburn Fire Protection District, Deerfield Park District, Deerfield School District 109, Township High School District 113, Deerfield Public Library, West Deerfield Township, Deerfield Rotary Club, Deerfield Optimist Club, Deerfield Area Historical Society and Deerfield Lions Club, the Village is proud to honor our shared heritage while creating meaningful opportunities for residents to engage with Deerfield's past, present and future.

One of the most meaningful elements of this commemoration will be the burial of a community time capsule on the front lawn of

Village Hall, to be opened in 50 years. The time capsule will preserve a collection of mementos that reflect both Deerfield's history and the character of the community in 2026. It will include items representing participating organizations and community life, such as photographs of residents enjoying parks and public spaces, memorabilia from events held throughout the year, school yearbooks, letters from students to their future selves, commemorative publications, keepsakes from partners and other artifacts that capture the spirit, values and everyday life of Deerfield during this milestone year. Together, these items will offer future generations a meaningful connection to our community's history and to the aspirations we hold for its future.

When the time capsule is opened in 2076, Deerfield will no doubt reflect the changes brought by new development, new technology and new generations of residents helping to shape the Village's future. Yet I am confident that the values that define Deerfield today will remain enduring and strong.

We are already building that future through important progress across our community.

New housing developments such as The Springs at Lake Cook Crossing, LeClair Estates and PARK5 are expanding residential opportunities, while the Deerfield Supportive Living Facility is broadening affordable housing options for seniors. The Village is fostering long-term economic growth through the Lake Cook Road TIF District and supporting local businesses through initiatives such as the Restaurant Task Force. At the same time, we continue to invest in sustainability and infrastructure, including the Village's new solar array at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Just as importantly, Deerfield continues to be strengthened through the events, traditions and shared experiences that bring our community together, including Food Truck Wednesdays, the Deerfield Art Festival, Family Days, Harvest Fest and the Farmers Market.

It is my hope that when future residents gather to open this time capsule, they will see that in 2026 Deerfield embraced this historic moment not only to honor its past, but also to reaffirm its commitment to freedom, democracy, unity and the ongoing work of building a stronger future for all.

Community Calendar

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

VILLAGE BOARD ACTION

Approved a resolution authorizing the purchase of a new police vehicle and a new unmarked police vehicle

Approved a resolution to approve an agreement for engineering review services for the District 109 referendum development

Approved a resolution approving a public right-of-way use agreement with i3 Broadband LLC

Approved a resolution to award a contract for 2026 street light system upgrades.

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Approved a resolution approving the 2026 SRO Agreement with District 113

Approved a resolution approving the Lake County Health Department Animal Control Agreement.

HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

Recognized Drew Becker, 2026 State Wrestling Champion in Single A, 70 pounds

Issued a proclamation for National Public Works Week, May 17-23, 2026

Issued a proclamation for National Police Week, May 11-17, 2026

Issued a proclamation for LGBTQ Pride Month

Issued a proclamation for Juneteenth

2026 Street Rehabilitation Program

The Village of Deerfield's 2026 Street Rehabilitation Project continues to make steady progress. Since construction began in early April, significant work has been completed throughout the project area, with additional improvements scheduled to continue through the summer months.

The project remains on track, and work is anticipated to be substantially completed by the end of September, weather permitting.

Residents should expect to see ongoing construction activity in various locations as crews continue roadway, utility, and restoration improvements. The Village appreciates the patience and cooperation of residents throughout the construction process.

Updates are shared via the Village website when available. Residents can sign up to receive email and/or text message updates on the project blog at www.deerfield.il.us under "Notify Me."



Lawn Irrigation RPZ Regulations

As a reminder, all irrigation systems are required to have a backflow prevention device called a Reduced Pressure Zone Backflow Preventer (RPZ). This must be certified annually by a licensed Cross Connection Device Inspector. This testing and certification must be completed every year prior to the system going into service.

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 Public Works Department at 847.317.7245.

Flood Information Natural & Beneficial Functions

Floodplains provide a lot of benefits and play a role in providing natural and

Private Fiber-Optic Utility Expansions

Private fiber-optic utility companies have been expanding throughout the Chicagoland area in recent years to bring enhanced high-speed internet service to residential areas.

Many neighboring communities have already benefited from these infrastructure improvements, which support increased connectivity, remote work, online learning, entertainment and future technology needs.

The Village anticipates that fiber-optic expansion projects may begin within its boundaries during the second half of 2026 and it could take up to two years to fully build out the Village. Construction activities will require access to public rights-of-way and, where available, rear-yard utility easements.

The Village is committed to ensuring these projects are completed safely and efficiently. To help minimize impacts on residents, the Village has established strict construction standards and will work closely with utility contractors throughout the project. Residents who will soon see fiber optic installation in their area will be notified in advance of the work beginning.

Additional information and project updates will be shared as they become available.

For more information regarding this project, please contact the Engineering Department at 847-317-7245.

beneficial functions to the Deerfield area. Parts of both the Middle and West Forks of the North Branch of the Chicago River floodplain help filter chemical run-off so these areas can maintain bio-diversity and ecosystem sustainability. They enhance waterfowl, fish and other wildlife habitats and provide open space and natural erosion control to reduce further flood damage.

Drainage System Maintenance

Keeping smaller ditches and streams free of debris can dramatically improve the run-off capacity of low-lying areas, as well as greatly reduce incidental blockage that significantly contributes to flooding. Please alert the Deerfield Engineering Department of any illegal

dumping of materials into a regulated waterway as violators may be fined.

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. Anyone with questions should contact the Village Engineering Department at 847.317.2490.

If you need more detailed information regarding flood-related issues in Deerfield, please visit the Additional Flood Information page on the Village website.

Fireworks Safety Tips

The best way to enjoy fireworks will be at the Deerfield Family Days professional display at dusk on July 3 at Shepard Park. The use of fireworks in Deerfield is significantly restricted by Village Ordinance.

Fireworks are dangerous and unpredictable by nature and discharging of fireworks (including firecrackers, bottle rockets and Roman candles) is a violation of State law and Village ordinances. Also, keep in mind that backyard fireworks displays can be a nuisance to your neighbors, especially those with young children, pets and people living with PTSD and sensory sensitivities. The Deerfield Police Department enforces the local ordinance and State law where applicable.

Applications Now Open for Deerfield's Junior Police Academy in August

The Deerfield Police Department is excited to announce the return of its Junior Police Academy, taking place August 3–7, 2026. This unique program gives middle school-aged students a behind-the-scenes look at the world of law enforcement while building positive connections with Deerfield Police Officers. Through a mix of engaging instruction and hands-on activities, participants will explore various aspects of police work and public safety. The program emphasizes leadership, service, physical fitness, and safety, offering valuable insight into the responsibilities of law enforcement professionals. All participants will receive an official Junior Police Academy T-shirt.

There will be two daily sessions, each running Monday through Friday:

- Morning Session: 9 – 11:30 a.m.
- Afternoon Session: 1 – 3:30 p.m.

Each session is limited to 10 participants, for a total of 20 spots. Registration is now open and will close once both sessions are full. After registering, participants will receive a confirmation email with session details. The program is FREE and open to Deerfield residents ages 10–13 at the time of the Academy. The Deerfield Police Department reserves the right to deny enrollment at its discretion.

Register now at: <https://www.deerfield.il.us/854/Junior-Police-Academy>

For questions or more information, please contact School Resource Officer Lauren Maldonado.



Bias-Based Policing

In 2025, the Deerfield Police Department continued to collect and report traffic stop, field contact and seizure/forfeiture data as required under Illinois law. Public Act 93-209, enacted in 2003, requires officers to document certain information during motor vehicle stops to help prevent racial profiling and support statewide transparency.

For 2025, 29% of the Department's traffic stops involved minority drivers, which is consistent with prior years and unchanged from 2024. The Department received no complaints of bias-based policing in 2025. The annual review and release of this information reflects the Department's ongoing commitment to professional service, accountability and transparency.

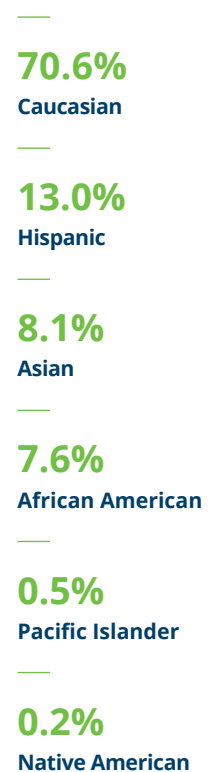
Bike Safety at Farmers Market

The Deerfield Police Bike Unit is hosting a booth at the Deerfield Farmers Market on July 18, August 15 and September 12 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. They will be sharing important safety tips and information on bike safety and e-bike laws. We'll also be handing out some DPD swag!

For more information, call the Police Department at 847.945.8636.

2025 Stops by Race



THE GREEN LINE

Sprinkling regulations in place May 15 - September 15

Lawn Sprinkling Regulations

The Illinois Division of Water Resources requires that municipalities using Lake Michigan water restrict lawn sprinkling between May 15 and September 15. Accordingly, Deerfield's restrictions during this period are as follows: Even numbered addresses may sprinkle on even numbered days from midnight to noon and from 6 p.m. to midnight. Odd numbered addresses may sprinkle on odd numbered days from midnight to noon and from 6 p.m. to midnight.

Sprinkling is not allowed for anyone between the hours of noon to 6 p.m. Fines for violators are \$25 per occurrence for residential properties, and \$100 for non-residential properties. These restrictions apply only to lawn sprinkling. Newly sodded areas of lawns may be watered at any time on any day for the two-week period following the installation of such sod.

Don't Bag Recycling in Plastic

Bagging your recyclables might seem helpful, but it actually sends them straight to the landfill. Plastic bags cannot be processed through standard recycling equipment, so when recyclables are placed in bags, the entire bagged load is often thrown away instead of recycled.

Please place your clean recyclables loose in your cart, not in plastic bags, to help make sure they can be properly sorted and recycled. Let's work together to keep Deerfield recycling right.



Going Solar

The Village of Deerfield officially celebrated the completion of its landmark renewable energy project with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Village's Water Reclamation Facility on June 26. The newly operational 574.6 kW-DC ground-mount solar array marks a monumental step forward in the Village's commitment to sustainability and long-term taxpayer savings.

Construction on the solar field successfully concluded following its mid-October 2025 groundbreaking. By strategically securing all available state, federal, and utility incentives, the Village

successfully offset more than 70% of the total project cost, delivering an environmentally impactful project with minimal local financial liability.

This initiative directly advances the goals of Deerfield's Climate Action Report, which sets ambitious objectives to reduce community emissions by 45% by 2030 and achieve total carbon neutrality by 2050. Now fully operational, the solar installation is actively delivering results by:

Generating Power: Producing more than 645,000 kWh of clean electricity annually, offsetting approximately 23% of the wastewater facility's grid power use.

Slashing Costs: Delivering more than \$1.1 million in guaranteed utility savings over the system's lifetime.

Cutting Carbon: Reducing greenhouse gas emissions by approximately 275 metric tons of CO2 annually with the environmental equivalent of removing 61 gasoline-powered cars from the road for one year or the carbon capture of 320 acres of U.S. forests.

Scan the QR code to track how much power is generated and carbon cut.





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 24 from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with a break on July 4. 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 six-foot lead or less. We are excited to celebrate our 32nd season with our dedicated market vendors and patrons and welcome any newcomers interested in joining us!

We hope to see you at the market on Saturday mornings.

For more information, visit [deerfield.il.us/ Farmers-Market](http://deerfield.il.us/Farmers-Market)



Historic Village

The Deerfield Area Historical Society offers free tours on Sundays, from 2 to 4 p.m., June through September. Located at the corner of Kipling Place and Deerfield Road, the Historic Village features several restored 19th-century buildings, including the oldest building in Lake County. Admission is free. Family friendly events for all ages include:

Plein Air Painting on July 26 from 1 to 4 p.m., when artists are invited to paint on-site.

Buzz the Garden on August 23 from 2 to 4 p.m., featuring garden tours, a Master Gardener, a beekeeper and more.

Scout Fun for Everyone on September 27 from 1 to 4 p.m., with wall climbing, a monkey bridge, s'mores and classic scouting activities.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Village of Deerfield's 50/50 Tree Program is now open, giving residents an affordable way to add high-quality trees to their property while helping strengthen Deerfield's community canopy. Most trees offered through the program will be ordered from Wilson Nurseries, Inc. Each tree available through the program is 2.5 inches in diameter, and the resident cost is \$225 per tree. This is a first-come, first-served program, and quantities of each species are limited. Apply at the QR code. Available trees include Ivory Silk Japanese Lilac (for utility conflict locations only), Autumn Blaze Maple, Swamp White Oak, Exclamation London Planetree, Chinkapin Oak, Frontier Hybrid Elm and Kentucky Coffee Tree. Residents are welcome to order more than one tree each year, but households are limited to one of each tree species. If ordering multiple trees, a separate application must be submitted for each tree requested.





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FOOD TRUCK Wednesdays

2026 DATES
June 3
June 17
July 8
July 22
August 5
August 19

4:30 p.m. -
8:00 p.m.

JEWETT PARK
Hazel Avenue Parking Lot
809 Hazel Ave., Deerfield

KID'S Activities
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MEETING SCHEDULE	July	August
For a complete list of meetings, please visit deerfield.il.us . <i>Times/dates subject to change.</i>	<i>Board of Trustees</i> July 6 & 20, 7:30 p.m.	<i>Board of Trustees</i> August 3 & 17, 7:30 p.m.
	<i>Plan Commission</i> July 9 & 23, 7:30 p.m.	<i>Community Relations Commission</i> August 11, 6:30 p.m.
	<i>Community Relations Commission</i> July 14, 7 p.m.	<i>Plan Commission</i> August 13 & 27, 7:30 p.m.
	<i>Appearance Review Commission</i> July 27, 7:30 p.m.	<i>Appearance Review Commission</i> August 24, 7:30 p.m.