VILLAGE OF Deerfield

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MEETING SCHEDULE

Meeting times/dates subject to change.

For a complete list of meetings visit, www.deerfield.il.us

May

Board of Trustees

May 5 & 19, 7:30 p.m.

Village Center Commission

May 7, 7:30 p.m.

Plan Commission

May 8 & 22, 7:30 p.m.

Community Relations Commission

May 13, 7:00 p.m.

Sustainability Commission

May 22, 7:00 p.m.

Village Hall Closed

May 26, Memorial Day

<u>June</u>

Family Days Commission

June 2, 4:00 p.m.

Board of Trustees

June 2 & 16, 7:30 p.m.

Plan Commission

June 12 & 26, 7:30 p.m.

Appearance Review Commission

June 23, 7:30 p.m.

Sustainability Commission

June 26, 7:00 p.m.

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DEERFIELD RESIDENTS & SMALL COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS TO CONTINUE TO SAVE ON ELECTRICITY RATES FOR THIRD YEAR

The North Shore Electricity Aggregation Consortium ("Consortium") has worked collaboratively during the last two years to save participating residential and commercial customers in eight member communities more than \$32 million* off of Commonwealth Edison's ("ComEd") electricity supply rates.

During this time, the average customer has saved more than \$463* on electricity versus current ComEd rates.

In late March, the Consortium secured electricity rates of 6.688 cents per kilowatthour ("kWh") for the June 2014 through May 2015 billing cycles for residential and eligible small commercial customers. ComEd's proposed rate through September is 7.596 cents per kWh, representing an estimated savings to customers of 12%.

In 2012, the municipalities of Deerfield, Glencoe, Highland Park, Lake Bluff, Lake Forest, Northbrook, Park Ridge and Skokie, collectively known as the Consortium, entered into a three-year contract with MC Squared Energy Services, LLC ("mc2") to serve as the alternative electricity supplier to the almost 70,000 Consortium customers. This is the final year of that contract.

The new price is an increase from the current rate for the electricity commodity due to the significant rise in the price of capacity effective June 1, 2014. Capacity is the cost of generating electricity to meet demand during peak times and paid by customers of all suppliers.

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DEERFIELD FESTIVAL OF FINE ARTS - MAY 31-JUNE 1

Save the date! The 2014 Deerfield Festival of Fine Arts will be held May 31 through June 1 from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Park Avenue at Deerfield Road.

This year's festival will showcase more than 140 artisans' works.



Now in its 12th year, the Festival of Fine Arts has

proven to be an entertaining, family-friendly community event, and the show's popularity continues to grow, with several thousand visitors from all over the Chicagoland area in attendance to peruse or purchase art. As in past years, all art media will be represented.

This year's festival will again feature local restaurants and live music through a partnership with the DBR Chamber of Commerce. Please come and Dine Out in Deerfield!

For more information, please visit the Village website at www.deerfield.il.us or contact the Village Manager's Office at 847.719.7400 &

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In the last two years, this capacity cost was lower and represented a smaller portion of the electricity price. However, with an expected increase in the capacity price of more than 300%, it is now a substantial part of the electricity supply price.

Customers interested in participating in the 100% Green Power Program can sign-up for an additional cost of .140 cents per kWh. Those customers already purchasing enhanced renewal energy certificates as part of the Green Power Program do not need to take any action.

Customers received a letter from the Consortium in April regarding new pricing terms. If customers are already receiving the Consortium's electricity supply rate, no action is necessary. Customers interested in signing up for the Consortium rate, such as those who have moved into the community or may want to change providers, can sign-up through the customer portal at www.northshoreelectricityaggregation.com. Individuals may also call mc2 directly at (888) 808-7731, or e-mail at NorthShore@MC2energyservices.com, for more information.

*The savings estimate for the Consortium reflects a period of June 2012 through May 2014 and is based on an estimate of all Consortium members.

For more information about electric aggregation please contact mc2 at 888.808.7731 or the Village Manager's Office at 847.719.7400.

Visit www.NorthShoreElectricityAggregation. com to register a new account or opt in to the 100% Green Power Program.

NEW TEENCONNECT PROGRAM

Deerfield's new TeenConnect program aims to connect Deerfield teens who are available to do outside yard work, with Deerfield residents who need the service. Earlier this year, the Village started to collect a list of area teens looking to perform yard work. The TeenConnect list contains contact information for Deerfield teens, the type of work they are willing to do and their expected rate of pay.

Residents can receive the list by mail or e-mail by calling Management Analyst David Fitzgerald at 847.719.7400. The resident will be responsible for contacting the teen and for making financial and scheduling arrangements directly.

Applications are available on the Village's website. The application requires a parent or legal guardian's signature for teens under the age of 18.

The list will be updated every year. Teens can indicate what kind of work they are willing to perform, when they are available, and their minimum payment accepted per hour of work.

The intent of this program is to assist residents who are unable to do physical work themselves, unable to afford the cost of a professional contractor on a regular basis or only would require assistance on an as-needed basis.

For more information on the program or to find an application, visit www.deerfield. il.us or call the Village Manager's Office at 847.719.7400.

FINE ARTS COMMISSION LOOKING FOR ARTISTS FOR PUBLIC ART PROGRAM

The Village of Deerfield is soliciting artwork loans from artists as part of a new rotating public art program. Artists must be willing to loan works of art for public display for up to one year.

The Deerfield Fine Arts Commission will review artwork proposals submitted by artists interested in having their works displayed in the community as part of this public art initiative. The program is soliciting paintings, murals, drawings and other pieces to be displayed in Deerfield Village

Hall, the Public Works Facility, Deerfield Park District facilities, the Deerfield Public Library and other government buildings.

For more information on the program or to find an application, visit www.deerfield. il.us or call the Village Manager's Office at 847.719.7400.



DEERFIELD FARMERS MARKET CELEBRATES 20 YEARS OF FRESH FLAVORS

The Deerfield Farmers Market's 20th season begins June 14 and continues every Saturday through October 11, from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., rain or shine.

Savor the flavor of the seasons each week with the finest locally grown fruits, vegetables and specialty items such as freshly baked breads and cookies, fabulous flowers, tasty maple syrup and honey, salsas, and a variety of hand-crafted cheeses.

Over the years the market has become a fun communal gathering spot for Deerfield residents and a destination point for those in neighboring communities. The market is located in the commuter parking lot at Deerfield Road and Robert York Avenue.

Visit the Village of Deerfield website at www.deerfield.il.us to see Farmers Market updates and information about vendors and special events.

PUBLICWORKS



EMERALD ASH BORER

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is a metallic green beetle native to Asia. The beetle is 1/2 inch long and 1/8 inch wide and its larvae bore into trees and feed on the inner bark and phloem. In time, this cuts off the flow of nutrients and water, causing the tree to display signs of stress, weaken and perish.

In the summer of 2011, EAB was discovered in the Village of Deerfield's southwest quadrant. Trees infested with EAB will start with a slow decline and then can die very quickly. This causes trees to become brittle and start to lose their limbs.

Since this discovery, the Village has worked with an arborist to complete a parkway Ash tree inventory. During this inventory, trees were rated on a scale of 1-6, with a 1 being a healthy tree, and 6 being a dead or dying tree. To date, the Village has removed over 550 infested Ash trees. This spring, the Village will be inspecting Ash trees throughout the Village for signs of decline. The Village plans on removing 200-250 Ash trees this year.

The Village is not treating any public Ash trees due to the cost and limited success of treatment. If a homeowner is interested in treating a parkway tree with their own certified arborist, they must fill out a permit application. The application and permit fees are waived for Ash tree treatments or removal.

Homeowners may treat the parkway tree, but if the tree becomes a hazard the Village still has the right to remove the tree. Ash trees on private property are the responsibility of the homeowner to maintain. If your tree is found to have EAB and is starting to decline, the Village may require you to have the tree removed for safety reasons. Please report any known infestations of EAB to the Village.

For more information please visit www. deerfield.il.us, e-mail publicworks@deerfield. il.us or call the Engineering Department at 847.317.2490. Additional resources are also available from www.IllinoisEAB.com or www. emeraldashborer.info &

DEERFIELD FLOOD INFORMATION: INSTALLMENT 1 OF 3 FLOODPLAIN PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

All development within the 100-year floodplain (not just construction of buildings, but filling, excavation, fences, etc.) is 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 percent 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 percent of the structure's value. Please contact the Engineering Department at 847.317.2490 for further information.

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. Usually these policies cover the building structure, but not the 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.

If you should require further or more detailed information regarding flood-related issues in Deerfield, here are some additional sources:

- FEMA.gov website
- Village of Deerfield Engineering Department
 465 Elm Street
 Deerfield, IL 60015
 847.317.2490
- Floodplain FAQ page on the www.deerfield.il.us website.
- Deerfield Library

2014 HOUSEHOLD ELECTRONIC COLLECTION EVENTS:

In cooperation with the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO), the Village will sponsor household electronics collection events this year.

The events are held at the Village of Deerfield Public Works Facility, 465 Elm Street, between 9 a.m. and noon. The remaining four events are:

- Saturday, May 17
- Saturday, June 14
- Saturday, August 16
- Saturday, September 27

For a listing of items accepted, please visit the SWALCO website at www.swalco.org. If you have questions, please contact SWALCO at 847.336.9340 or Deerfield Public Works at 847.317.7245.



The following is a synopsis of actions taken by the Village Board since the last issue of D-Tales. For complete sets of minutes for Village Board meetings or to watch meetings on demand, please visit the Village's website at www.deerfield.il.us.

VILLAGE BOARD ACTION

Approved ordinance amending the Municipal Code to license the keeping of fowl within the village Approved ordinance amending the Municipal Code to license commercial scavengers

Approved 2014 zoning map

Authorized award of a two-year contract for EPA-required groundwater sampling services for Reservoir 29A

Authorized request to submit joint purchasing requisition to purchase salt under the State of Illinois Joint Purchase Contract

Approved ordinance authorizing an amendment to an existing sign plan to allow a ground sign for Morgan Stanley at 111 S. Pfingsten

Road office building

Authorized purchase of network equipment

Authorized request to renew network equipment maintenance contracts

Authorized execution of a contract for inflow and infiltration (I&I) program

AWARDS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Proclaimed the week of March 17-23, 2014, Youth Appreciation Week

Proclaimed April, 2014, Fair Housing Month

Proclaimed the week of April 13-19, 2014, National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

Proclaimed April 22, 2014, Earth Day

Proclaimed April 25, 2014, Arbor Day

Proclaimed April 27, 2014, Breathe Deep North Shore Day

Recognized the Water Reclamation Facility's Environmental Award from the American Public Works Association's Chicago Chapter Presented Deerfield Police Communication Division with the Donald E. Gehrig Award for Outstanding Police Service Recognized the members of the Village Center Development Commission for their service to the Village



COMMUNITYCALENDAR

DEERFIELD PARK DISTRICT

May 18 – Hershey Track & Field Meet at DHS

May 21 – Deerfield Park Foundation & Warriors Wrestling Alumni & Friends Golf Outing, noon at Deerfield Golf Club

May 22 – "Fiesta de la Casa" at Patty Turner Center

May 23 – Half Day Happening for School Day Out – Grades 1-8 at Jewett Park Community Center

May 30 – Middle School Pool Party at Mitchell Pool (Raindate June 13)

May 31 - Deerspring Pool opens

TBA – llinois PGA, Illinois Open Qualifier at Deerfield Golf Club

June 7 – Mitchell Pool opens

June 7 – Triathlon at Deerspring Park/ Pool

June 15 – Summer Sampler free musical entertainment kickoff at Mitchell Park

June 16 - Public Swim Lessons begin

June 21 – NEW! "Park-In" Movie at Maplewood Park

June 22 & 29 – Summer Sampler

June 28 – NEW! "Dive-In" Theater at Deerspring Pool

For more information or to register for Park District programs, call 847.945.0650, or visit www.deerfieldparkdistrict.org

DEERFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

All Library programs are free and open to the public. Please register in advance by phone at 847.945.3311, online at www. deerfieldlibrary.org, or in person at the Library.

Jazmer Trio
Sunday, May 4, 2:00 p.m.
Enjoy a variety of vocal and instrumental
Jewish music, including Klezmer and Yid-

dish music, and touches of jazz.

Fingerprint Forensics
Monday, May 5, 7:00-8:00 p.m. (Grades
7-12 and Adults)

Find out what crime scene investigation is really like from a Forensic Scientist with the Illinois State Police.

Be a Clown!

Tuesday, May 6, 4:30 p.m. (Grades 5-8) Have a great time learning how to apply clown make-up, make balloons and how to bring more joy into your world.

Steinbeck's America Saturday, May 10, 1:00 p.m. (Adults, Families)

Storyteller Brian "Fox" Ellis will share some of Steinbeck's stories and the stories that inspired him.

Just Dance Party!

Monday, May 12, 7:00-8:00 p.m. (Grades 6-8)

Play the Wii game "Just Dance" while enjoying snacks and hanging out with friends.

All Things Small Tuesday, May 13, 4:30-5:30 p.m. (Grades 3-5)

Explore the world of the teeny-tiny through crafts and other activities.

Movie Discussion: The Grapes of Wrath Thursday, May 15, 6:00 p.m. Watch and discuss the classic film.

Author Visit: Estelle Laughlin Sunday, May 18, 2:00 p.m.

Local author Estelle Laughlin will discuss her memoir, Transcending Darkness: A Girl's Journey Out of the Holocaust.

Vermicomposting (Composting with Worms!)

Monday, May 19, 4:30 p.m. (Grades 1-8) Come learn about frogs and pond life (hands-on!).

Woody Guthrie, the Great Depression, and American Protest Saturday, May 24, 2:00 p.m. Musician Bucky Halker combines performance and commentary for a review of

the life and songs of Woody Guthrie.

Note: Please register in advance for all programs by calling 847.945.3311. For more information and a full listing of events, please visit the library on the web at

WEST DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP

www.deerfieldlibrary.org

Township Board meetings will be held May 20 and June 17 at the Township Offices, 601 Deerfield Road. Visit www.westdeerfieldtownship.org



POLICEDEPARTMENT



BE 9-1-1 READY

Use a Landline: Whenever possible, use a landline to call 9-1-1. Cell phone calls aren't always routed to the closest call center and it takes time to transfer your call to the call center. Even the best technology available right now can't tell us a caller's exact location, which is why 9-1-1 telecommunicators rely on the caller to be sure they provide exact information about their location so the police, fire or EMS team can find and help them.

Know Where You Are: Where are you right now? Could you tell 9-1-1 exactly where to find you?

Don't Text to 9-1-1: Your local 9-1-1 may not be able to accept text messages, photos and video. A voice call continues to be the best way to reach 9-1-1.

Stay Calm & Ready to Listen: 9-1-1 is here to help you until help arrives. Be ready to listen and follow directions.

When calling 9-1-1, one of the first things you'll be asked to provide is the location of the emergency you're reporting.

The call taker may not automatically know your location or may ask you to confirm it. Tell the call taker the location of the emergency. Provide landmarks such as cross streets and mileposts.

Always be aware of your surroundings.

Try to stay calm, listen carefully, give information and follow all instructions.

In an emergency, seconds matter, so being knowledgeable and prepared can make all the difference.

Knowing when to call and what to expect when you dial 9-1-1 can help reduce fear and feelings of helplessness in an emergency.

For more information, please visit www. know911.org, the website of "9-1-1: The Number To Know" developed by the National 9-1-1 Education Coalition. &

'COP ON TOP' EVENT AT DUNKIN' DONUTS MAY 30

On Friday, May 30, 2014, Deerfield Police Officers will spend the day on the roof of our local Dunkin' Donuts, 499 Lake Cook Road, not on surveillance, but rather raising awareness and funds for Special Olympics Illinois.

Officers will participate from 5 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the annual "Cop on Top of Dunkin' Donuts" event in the hopes of raising \$4,000. Last year, more than \$3,000 was raised.

Dunkin' Donuts of Illinois will be making a corporate contribution of \$10,000 to Special Olympics Illinois for our efforts.

As part of our commitment to this cause, we are also selling Special Olympics merchandise and raffle tickets for \$10 a piece for prizes including a new Harley Davidson or one of five big screen HDTVs.

For more information, please contact Communications Director Mary Anne Glowacz at 847.945.8636 or mglowacz@deerfield.il.us?

JUNE 14 GRILL OFF TO SUPPORT SPECIAL OLYMPICS

The 4th annual Whole Foods Grill Off between the Deerfield & Bannockburn Police Departments and the Deerfield Bannockburn Fire Protection District has been scheduled for Saturday, June 14, 2014.

The event is sponsored by our local Whole Foods, 760 Waukegan Road. Customers will pay \$3.00 per plate with the proceeds being donated to the Illinois Special Olympics. Customers will vote on which grilled item is better and a local celebrity panel of judges to will oversee the grilling operation.

The Department that wins will not only have bragging rights but will also be treated to food trays catered by Whole Foods.

Watch our website for details.

Please note- the Deerfield Police are the reigning champs, 3 years running. &

BURGERS AND BADGES AT TOM & EDDIE'S JUNE 21

The 4th annual Burgers and Badges will be held on Saturday, June 21, at Deerfield's Tom & Eddie's, 740 Waukegan Road. This is a fun-filled fundraiser for Special Olympics where our uniformed officers "take orders" and wait on customers from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tips and 10 % of the day's proceeds will be given to Illinois Special Olympics.

For more information, please contact Communications Director Mary Anne Glowacz at 847.945.8636 or mglowacz@deerfield.il.us?

FOLLOW THE POLICE DEPARTMENT ON TWITTER AND FACEBOOK

The Deerfield Police Department has joined the social networking sites Facebook and Twitter to more effectively provide timely information to the community.

The Department uses the social media sites to post information such as press releases, current events, fundraisers, department programs and to enlist the public's assistance with missing persons and other cases.

Follow us at:

- facebook.com/DeerfieldPD
- twitter.com/DeerfieldILPD

For more information, please contact Communications Director Mary Anne Glowacz at 847.945.8636 or mglowacz@deerfield.il.us &

PICK UP AFTER YOUR PET

Please be reminded that no person owning, keeping or harboring a dog shall permit such animal to urinate or deposit waste on any public street, alley, parkway or other public place or any premises other than those of the owner or person in control of such dog, without collecting and properly disposing of said animal waste.

Violators will be fined between \$10 and \$50 for each offense.



VILLAGE VEHICLE STICKER REGISTRATION

The applications for 2014 vehicle stickers will be mailed to all currently registered vehicle owners in mid-May. By July 1, stickers must be displayed on all vehicles registered in Deerfield.

If you purchase your sticker by June 30, the sticker fee is \$30. After June 30, the fee includes a 50% late penalty. Seniors may purchase one sticker for \$1 per household; additional stickers are regular price.

Residents may purchase vehicle stickers in person at Village Hall or may return their renewal forms via mail or in the drop box located in the median just south of Village Hall on Jewett Park Drive.

Remember: The deadline to display a new 2014 sticker is July 1. Stickers will be sold beginning in mid-May.

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

DEERFIELD HISTORIC VILLAGE OPENS JUNE 2

The Deerfield Historic Village, 517 Deerfield Road, is open Sundays from 2 - 4 p.m., June through September. Visit the oldest building in Lake County, the Caspar Ott log house (1837), to see how Deerfield's earliest settlers lived.

The Histroic Village also includes a farmhouse, carriage house, visitor center and a one-room schoolhouse that has been a favorite with children for many years.

The Deerfield Area Historical Society, a donor-supported, nonprofit organization, created and maintains the Historic Village. Admission is free. Donations are appreciated.

For more information call 847.948.0680 or visit www.deerfieldhistoricalsociety.org \approx

PARK DISTRICT SPRING GOLF OUTING MAY 21

Deerfield Park Foundation (DPF) and Warriors Wrestling Alumni & Friends (WWAF) present the 2nd annual Spring Golf Outing at Deerfield Golf Club, in Riverwoods, on Wednesday, May 21, 2014.

The event starts at noon with check-in and complimentary range use, followed by a 1 p.m. tee-off. All adults are invited to sign up their foursome –or contact the Park District to have a twosome paired up. Outing includes 18 holes of golf, free contests with team and individual prizes, carts with GPS and automatic scoring, after-golf food and desserts, raffles, silent auction and more.

Sponsorships are available and donations of gift certificates and select merchandise is welcome. Sponsors already on board include Nicholas and Associates; Italian Kitchen, Deerfield; and Whole Foods Market, Deerfield.

The Foursome team fee is \$550. Event takes place rain or shine. All net proceeds are shared between DPF and WWAF. DPF supports Grants-in-Aid (scholarships) for Deerfield Park District residents in serious financial need to attend programs. WWAF supports Warriors Wrestling. Deerfield Park Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization. Donations are deductible to the extent allowed by law.

To golf, register online at www.deerfieldpark-foundation.org or in person at Deerfield Park District, 836 Jewett Park Drive, in Deerfield or at Deerfield Golf Club, 1201 Saunders, in Riverwoods.

For more information about sponsorships, donations or golfing, please call, 847.945.0650 or e-mail info@dfpd.org 🎓

PARK DISTRICT TINMAN TRIATHALON JUNE 7

Tinman Triathlon (Swim-Bike-Run) takes place on Saturday, June 7, 2014, at Deerspring Park. The event is open to anyone eight years of age or above and

includes a 300 meter swim (6 lengths in a 50 meter pool), 6-mile bike ride (w/required helmet) and 3-mile run. Checkin for registered triathletes is at 6:30 a.m., with pre-race instructions at 7:15 a.m., race starting time at 7:30 a.m., and ending time at 10 a.m.

Advanced registration is highly suggested for the Triathlon (Activity #463301 – Section 01) at www.deerfieldparks.org.

Designed for experienced triathletes and beginning participants, Deerfield Park District's Tinman Triathlon, sponsored by the Coho Swim Club, offers enough to challenge competitors of all levels. There are no age group awards; everyone who finishes is a winner.

For more information, call

Jeff Napolski at 847.572.2626 or
e-mail jeff@deerfieldparks.org

SIGN UP FOR VILLAGE E-NEWS NOTIFICATIONS



Stayed informed! Sign up for the Village's electronic newsletter to receive e-mail notifications such as road closures and special events. Visit the Village's website at www.deerfield.il.us and click on the Connect CTY logo to register.

It is important to keep your contact information up-to-date because this is the same database used to reach residents in the case of an emergency.

You can enter multiple phone numbers, e-mail addresses and indicate if you would like to receive emergency notifications via text message.

Please note your information is safe, secure, never shared and only used for Village purposes. ≈

COMMUNITYINFO



"GREEN" TIPS FROM THE SUSTAINABILITY **COMMISSION**

Spring is prime gardening time. Here are a few "green" tips from the Sustainability Commission for those with and without - "green" thumbs.

The best time to suppress weeds is before they germinate. Corn gluten fertilizers are great for lawns or flowerbeds. These fertilizers keep seeds from sprouting and are not toxic to pets or people. If you have to kill weeds, try using boiling water, digging by hand, or looking on-line and at garden centers for other non-toxic weed control options. Some chemical lawn care products may not be safe for children, pets or people with severe allergies.

Two pernicious weeds to watch out for in your yard are Garlic Mustard and Buckthorn. Garlic Mustard is very difficult to eradicate once it flowers and produces seeds—which happens in spring—so now is the time to tackle it. Try to dig out the whole plant, including the entire root if possible!

Phosphorus is a major water pollutant. It promotes overgrowth of algae in our watershed systems. Look for lawn fertilizers with zero phosphorus. Don't cut your grass too short. Leave it at least three inches tall and it will help screen weed germination. Leave cuttings on the lawn. They break down quickly and are a good source of nitrogen.

Many gallons of water run right off your roof and into storm sewers. If you have a large garden or do a lot of lawn sprinkling, your summer water bill can run into the hundreds of dollars. A one-time investment in a rain barrel allows you to catch and use free rainwater for years.

For more information, including plant images and tips on controlling invasive plants, visit the "Green Up Deerfield" webpage at www.deerfield.il.us >>

UPCOMING EVENTS @ PTC

For a complete listing of programs or to register to be a member, please contact the Patty Turner Center (PTC) at 847.940.4010 or visit www.pattyturnercenter.org

May 14, PTC Book Club "The Grapes of Wrath" with Deerfield Library May 16, "Museums of the World" - The Metropolitan Museum May 19, 60 Minutes with Barry Bradford: "The Election of 1968" May 20, Men's Club: "Favorite National Parks" with James Sayres May 22, "Fiesta de la Casa" May 23, Grandchildren Visits and Home Safety Class May 24, Grandchildren Visits and Home Safety Class May 24, Sketching Class

May 27, Men's Club: PTC Classic Car Show (weather permitting)

May 30, NEW! Beginners' Spanish commences

June 2, 60 Minutes with Barry Bradford: "The Rat Pack"

June 3, BP/Blood Sugar Testing June 3, Men's Club: "The Rise and Fall of the Berlin Wall" with Anette Isaacs June 4, Opera Series with Bob Levi "Russia and the Romantic Period" June 10, Women's Club Dessert: "Travels in West Africa" with Betsey Means June 10, Men's Club: "Movie Stars of the 30s, 40s and 50s" with Gary Koca June 11 -25, Ballroom Dance class June 11, PTC Book Club: "The Storyteller"

by Jodi Piccoult

June 14, Sketching Class

June 14, Hula Hoop Jam with Body Power June 16, 60 Minutes with Barry Bradford: "Frank Sinatra"

June 17, Men's Club: "The Mystery of the Romanovs" with Hal Tinberg

June 23, 60 Minutes with Barry Bradford: "The Godfather"

June 24, Men's Club: "Journey to Machu Picchu & the Galapagos" with Fred Gold June 27, Horticulture Workshop – "4th July Floral displays"

June 27, "Jazz before Sunrise" June 27 - 28, AARP Driving Course June 28, Sketching Class

PLANTER PROGRAM **BRIGHTENS DOWNTOWN**

The Village of Deerfield is offering the Flower Planter Program for the fifth year, coordinated though the Village's landscaper Guy Scopelliti Landscape, Inc. This program allows merchants and commercial property owners in the Village Center to purchase attractive planters and have them filled with colorful plantings all year.

This year's participants in the Flower Planter Program are F.I.T. Boutique, Eisen Orthodontics, West Deerfield Township, Village Hall, Essence Pilates, Running Away, One Deerfield Place and the Deerfield Cemetery.

For more information or to sign up, please contact Associate Planner Kathy LéVeque at 847.719.7480. ~

REDUCE MOSQUITOES

The South Lake Mosquito Abatement District offers the following tips to defend your home and garden from mosquitoes and West Nile Virus.

Every week:

- Tip and toss free-standing containers such as flowerpot saucers, watering cans and buckets.
- Change the water and clean bird baths.
- Empty water that collects in folds of tarps used to cover woodpiles, boats, etc.
- Position corrugated drain pipes to ensure drainage or dump out water.

As necessary:

- Clean leaves and debris from gutters.
- Store or recycle old tires.
- Clear debris to allow water to flow freely from drainage ditches and culverts.
- Filter or aerate ornamental ponds using a circulation pump, or stock it with fish.
- Drain or fill-in puddles and areas of your yard that remain wet and soggy for more than a week.
- Check window and door screens to ensure that mosquitoes cannot enter.

For more information, visit www.slmad.org &



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Deerfield FAMILY DAY It's a

DEERFIELD FAMILY DAYS 2014 JULY 3 & 4

JULY 3- BRICKYARDS PARK:

Fireworks, Food for Sale & Live Entertainment! The Park will open at 5:00 p.m.

JULY 4 - JEWETT PARK:

All-day (8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.) Activities including: Pancake Breakfast, Dog Show, Arts & Crafts Fair, Parade, 10K Run, Bike Parade, Flower Show, Games & Rides!

SILENT AUCTION: To help fund Family Days events and activities, the Family Days Commission is planning a silent auction during the event. If you have an item you would like to donate to the auction, contact Barb Reich at 847.945.1955.

QUESTIONS?: Contact Barb Reich, Family Days Co-Chair, at 847.945.1955 or John P. Coughenour, Family Days Co-Chair, at 847.366.7554.

2014 YARD WASTE COLLECTION

The cost of landscape waste stickers is \$2.66 each. Stickers may be purchased at Village Hall, Jewel, Walgreens and Craftwood Lumber. Residents north of Deerfield Road will have yard waste collected on Tuesdays; those south of Deerfield Road will be collected on Wednesdays. Yard waste must be placed in a 30-gallon paper bag and placed at the curb with a sticker affixed for collection. A sticker is also required for each bundle of brush not exceeding 4 feet in length, 30 inches in circumference and 50 pounds in weight. Collection runs through December 15.

Questions regarding refuse collection may be addressed to the Finance Department at 847.945.5000. *❖*

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