

AGENDA
RESTAURANT TASK FORCE
April 29, 2026 3:00 P.M.
Deerfield Village Hall, 850 Waukegan Road
Deerfield, IL 60015
Community Conference Room 206



1. Introduction
2. Review of Restaurant Task Force Outline
3. Discussion of Liquor Licenses
4. Discussion of Outdoor Seating
5. Round Table Discussion
6. Next Meeting Date
7. Adjournment

VILLAGE OF DEERFIELD Restaurant Task Force Outline



VILLAGE OF DEERFIELD

Purpose

The Village of Deerfield Restaurant Task Force has been established to evaluate the current restaurant environment and identify opportunities to support the long-term sustainability of Deerfield's restaurant community, including both existing businesses and future establishments.

The Task Force will:

- Identify challenges impacting restaurant operations
- Review Village policies, regulations, and processes
- Explore opportunities to support existing businesses while thoughtfully attracting new restaurants
- Develop practical, actionable recommendations for consideration by Village staff and the Village Board

Guiding Principles

To support productive and collaborative discussions, members are encouraged to:

- Focus on solutions, not solely challenges
- Respect and consider diverse perspectives
- Think beyond individual business interests to the broader community impact
- Engage in open, constructive, and professional dialogue

Scope of Work

The Task Force will focus on key topics including, but not limited to:

- Outdoor dining regulations
- Signage requirements
- Liquor licensing structure
- Business development and incentive opportunities
- Marketing and promotion opportunities
- Other operational or regulatory barriers identified by members

To support informed discussion, Village staff will provide background materials and context for each topic.

Role of the Task Force

The Task Force serves in an advisory capacity. Its role is to provide feedback, insights, and recommendations. Final decisions will remain with the Village Board.

Membership

The Task Force consists of a diverse group of stakeholders, including:

Task Force Chairperson	Village Trustee, Larry Berg
Village Staff – Task Force Liaison	Assistant Village Manager, Justin Keenan
Village Staff	Plan & Design Specialist, Liz Delevitt
Village Staff	Planner II, Dan Nakahara
Village Consultant	Economic Consultant, Dan Gardner
Village Staff	Management Analyst, Jessica Sciarretta
DBR Chamber of Commerce	Executive Director, Chasity Savage
Restaurant Owner	Taco Vida, Susan Munic
Restaurant Owner	Jimmy Thai, Jimmy Seriuk
Restaurant Owner	Field House & Brunch Café, Andy Zatos
Franchise Owner	Chick-fil-A, Joe Rhodes
Restaurant Owner	Italian Kitchen, John Sciarretta
Property Owner	Deerfield Park Plaza, Sean Devine
Property Manager	Horizon Management, Ilija Pod

This structure ensures a balanced range of perspectives.

Meeting Structure

- Approximately six to eight meetings will be held
- Meetings will occur on a monthly basis
- Each meeting will focus on one or two key topics
- Staff will provide a brief overview of each topic, followed by guided discussion

Deliverables

At the conclusion of its work, the Task Force will provide:

- A summary of key findings
- A list of recommended policy, process, or program improvements
- Identification of potential “quick wins” and longer-term opportunities

Outcome

The goal of the Task Force is to strengthen Deerfield’s restaurant community by fostering an environment that supports business success, enhances the local dining experience, and contributes to the overall vitality of the Village.