

AGENDA
FAMILY DAYS COMMISSION
May 11, 2026
4:00 P.M.
Village Hall, 850 Waukegan Road Deerfield, IL 60015
Community Conference Room 206

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Consideration of Minutes from April 21, 2026
4. Public Comment
5. Discussion of Events Timeline
6. Discussion of Brochure
7. Commissioner Updates:
 - Fireworks
 - Rides & Games
 - Entertainment
 - Bike Parade
 - Parade
 - Dog Show
 - Arts & Crafts
 - Food Vendors
 - Pie Eating Contest
 - Rotary Race
 - Sponsorships
8. Other Items for Discussion:
 - Parade Route
 - Park Layout

9. Next Meeting Date:

10. Adjournment



MAKING MEMORIES



SHARING TRADITIONS



SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE





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**THANK YOU TO OUR FAMILY DAYS
COMMISSIONERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Angie Butera, Chair
Jillian Acuña

Philip Bettiker
Michael Butera

Caren Ettleman
Esther Finne

Herb Isaacs
Emily Lusardi

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Jonathon Schallman

Deerfield Family Days

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JULY 3 & JULY 4, 2026

The Village of Deerfield invites you to celebrate America 250 with fireworks, food and fun with family and friends! Thank you to all of our local partners!



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Mayor Daniel C. Shapiro Welcome to Deerfield Family Days

For more than 60 years, Family Days has brought our community together to celebrate our nation, our neighbors and our shared traditions. This year's celebration is especially meaningful as we mark the 250th anniversary of the United States.

With fireworks, parades, carnival games and great food, Family Days is a time to connect, reflect and have fun. We have carefully planned for a safe and enjoyable celebration, and I'm grateful to the many Village teams and partners supporting this event — especially the Deerfield Police and Fire, Public Works staff and emergency management and event personnel — for the behind-the-scenes work that helps keep Family Days safe and welcoming for all.

On July 3, we'll commemorate the nation's 250th with the biggest fireworks display in Village history — a special moment for our community.

Thank you to the many individuals, sponsors and organizations that make Family Days possible, especially the Family Days Commission.

I wish you and yours a safe and happy July 3 and 4.

Best regards,
Daniel C. Shapiro



Judy Geuder 2026 Deerfield Family Days Parade Marshal

The Village is proud to announce that Judy Geuder has been named the 2026 Deerfield Family Days Parade Marshal, recognizing more than two decades of volunteer service and long-standing leadership in community programs. Judy, a Deerfield resident for 45 years, retired last year as Family Days Commission co-chair after 14 years on the commission, helping shape Deerfield's July 4 celebration season after season. Over the years, she organized the annual parade and coordinated entertainment, floats, bands and arts and crafts booths. Judy has also been active with the Deerfield Optimist Club for more than 20 years, including serving as an officer, and she led the club's Christmas tree sale for many years. She currently serves as president of the Friends of the Deerfield Public Library.



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The Spectacular Fireworks Show & Parade

Bring the whole family for two exciting days filled with non-stop fun and engaging activities! Enjoy a fantastic time with games, entertainment and lasting memories for all ages!

FRIDAY, JULY 3RD

Shepard Park

Poster Contest

Submit entries at
Italian Kitchen

Noon on or before July 3
648 Deerfield Road



Scan for more information

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fireworks Display
Approximately 9:15 p.m.



No Dogs or Sparklers Permitted

SATURDAY, JULY 4TH

Jewett Park & Around Town

Deerfield Rotary 5K Race
Walden School
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 Parking Lot
8:30 - 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. - 3 p.m.

Spice City Music
10 a.m. - 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

Free Swim
Mitchell and Deerspring Pools
Noon - 5 p.m.

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



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