## VILLAGE OF Deerfield

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### MEETING SCHEDULE

Meeting times/dates subject to change For a complete list of meetings, please visit www.deerfield.il.us

### **September**

**Board of Trustees** 

September 8 & 20, 7:30 p.m.

**Plan Commission** 

September 9 & 23, 7:30 p.m.

**Fine Arts Commission** 

September 13, 6:00 p.m.

Community Relations Commission

September 14, 6:00 p.m.

**Appearance Review Commission** 

September 20, 7:30 p.m.

### October

**Board of Trustees** 

October 4 & 18, 7:30 p.m.

**Community Relations Commission** 

October 12, 6:00 p.m.

**Plan Commission** 

October 14 & 28, 7:30 p.m.

**Appearance Review Commission** October 25, 7:30 p.m.

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# D-TALES

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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The Village of Deerfield is fortunate to have a diverse economic tax base comprised of a residential, commercial and industrial profile. The Village promotes a diverse and progressive economic development approach to make Deerfield one of the best communities of its size to live, work and play. Village elected officials and staff actively pursue opportunities to attract high-quality retailers, restaurants and services along with world-class corporate office users in order to create a more vibrant Village and diversify the property tax base.

The Village continues to work with local and regional partners such as the Deerfield-Bannockburn-Riverwoods Chamber of Commerce and Lake County Partners to promote economic development in the Village. Many of the Village's businesses have been significantly and adversely affected by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Restaurants have been particularly hard-hit by the impacts of COVID-19 and the Village recognizes these establishments are a crucial part of the social and economic fabric of the Village and worked diligently and creatively to support their businesses. The Village waived various business licenses and liquor license fees and granted administrative approval for expanded outdoor seating arrangements to help keep residents, guests and restaurant employees safe.

Several new businesses have opened or are anticipated to open later this year. Other redevelopment projects are underway and will open to the public in 2023. Here are some of the highlights:

**Brick & Mortar**, 807-811 Waukegan Road – This membership-based, office coworking space will occupy 6,125 square feet on the first and second floors at 807 - 811 Waukegan Road. The space was formerly occupied

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## SAVE THE DATE: HARVEST FEST SEPTEMBER 18-19

Let's celebrate! Deerfield's Harvest Fest is back September 18 and 19 with fireworks and fun community events for everyone.



### Saturday, September 18

- Start the day at the Deerfield Farmers Market between 7 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., featuring a touch-a-truck event.
- Make your way to Village Hall at 10 a.m. for the dedication of Harriet's Garden to honor former Mayor Rosenthal's more than 40 years of public service.
- Gates open at Shepard Park at 4:30 p.m. for events including a live concert from local band Not For Profit, food vendors, a beer tent, carnival games and Deerfield's largest fireworks display ever!

### Sunday, September 19

- Get out your running shoes for the Rotary Race. On-line registration is available at www.deerfield.il.us.
- Take a step into Deerfield's past at the Deerfield Area Historical Society's Fall Festival noon to 4 p.m. at the Deerfield Historic Village.

Harvest Fest is hosted by the Village of Deerfield and the DBR Chamber of Commerce. Watch for an event mailer.

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by the Music Center of Deerfield on the first floor and offices and apartments on the second floor. Brick & Mortar's office coworking environment provides a vibrant community of professionals, entrepreneurs and businesses in the heart of downtown Deerfield. The space will be separated into lounge style seating, private offices, dedicated desks and meeting rooms. They offer flexible membership options allowing workers to pay for what they need, ranging from dedicated and private office space to daily memberships, or hourly reservations. It will be available to members 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Brick & Mortar connects with local restaurants and business to host meetings and events that introduce members to local options for food, drink and services. They will begin their building renovation work this year.

Brunch Café, 250 Lake Cook Road – Last year the Village Board approved a Special Use application to allow Brunch Café to occupy the south end cap of the Cadwell's Corners Shopping Center. Brunch Café is a 5,100 square foot restaurant serving traditional breakfast and lunch favorites, along with decadent specialty items. Brunch Café also features a full-service catering company, providing food for business meetings, corporate functions and social gatherings. They have recently applied to the Village for building permits and have begun their interior buildout workout.

The Dog Stop, 495 Lake Cook Road – This luxury dog facility opened earlier this year and provides boarding accommodations, an interactive and social daycare experience, a spa-like grooming retreat, retail store and more. They have over 24,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor space for dogs to have clean, safe fun.

Egg Harbor Cafe, 740 Waukegan Road, Suite 103 - The recently approved Egg Harbor Café table service restaurant will serve breakfast and lunch only and will be approximately 3,900 square foot with an additional 300 square feet of outdoor patio dining. Egg Harbor Café was founded in 1985 and now has 20 locations throughout Chicagoland, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin and Atlanta, Georgia and is a third generation family-owned restaurant. The restaurant will be open from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily.

Horizon Therapeutics, 1 Horizon Way - Last year, Horizon Therapeutics completed its purchase of the threebuilding campus that formerly belonged to Takeda Pharmaceuticals. The campus totals 70 acres and consists of more than 650,000 square feet of building space. Horizon reportedly purchased the campus for \$115 million and made significant capital expenditures during 2020 in order to prepare the campus for occupancy. Horizon Therapeutics is a biopharmaceutical company focused on researching, developing, and commercializing medicines that address critical needs for people impacted by rare and rheumatic diseases.

### The Shops at Deerfield Square, 833

Deerfield Road – The Village Board is considering final approval of the property owner's proposal for redevelopment of the site to include a 5-story, 40-unit luxury rental apartment community containing two workforce housing units. The proposed project will replace an existing two-tenant retail building. The multi-family residential apartment building will be comprised of 20 one-bedroom units and 20 two-bedroom units and 89 off-street parking spaces. Shared amenities include a lobby, fitness studio, dog run and two elevators. This matter will be presented to the Village Board for final consideration in September.

Carson's Ribs, 200 Waukegan Road – Deerfield's long-standing, sit-down rib joint serving classic barbecue and comfort fare is investing approximately \$1 million in an interior and exterior remodel to the restaurant. The renovations include several back-of-the-restaurant updates to provide for more efficient food preparation and storage. The renovations also include an updated entrance, larger bar area, and better curbside/pickup operation for carryout orders.

**Zion Woods**, 10 Deerfield Road – In 2018, the Zion Lutheran Church, Brinshore Development and Housing

Opportunity Development Corporation received approval for a 25-unit workforce housing development on the 8.8 acres site. The unit mix will consist of 13 onebedroom units, 7 two-bedroom units, and 5 three-bedroom units. The project will be designed to achieve the Enterprise Green Communities Certification, which includes using sustainable features such as Energy Star appliances, low flow water fixtures, high efficiency lighting, native landscaping, environmentally preferable flooring, and be a smoke-free building. While all occupants must meet workforce housing requirements, half of the units will be available for people with a disability who can live independently. The developers have secured financing for the project and are expected to begin demolition and site grading work this fall.

### Recent and Upcoming Business Openings:

- Club Pilates, 47 Waukegan Road
- Fit Den, 130 Waukegan Road
- Hairlab Chicago, 707 Lake Cook Road, Suite 122
- Hassleless Mattress, 360 Lake Cook Road
- Marcus, 720 Waukegan Road
- Marshalls, 94 S. Waukegan Road
- NorthShore Center for Oral & Facial Surgery, 700 Osterman Avenue
- Once Medical, 730 Waukegan Road
- River Trails Animal Hospital, 711
   Waukegan Road
- Premier Martial Arts, 656 Deerfield Road
- Rosebud, 711 Deerfield Road, Suite A
- Scrambled, 660 Lake Cook Road
- Sweetgreen, 775 Waukegan Road
- Tropical Smoothie Café, 190
   Waukegan Road

### 2021 Fortune 500 Companies

- Walgreens Boots Alliance Rank 16

   Line of Business: Drug Stores and proprietary stores
- Caterpillar Rank 78 Construction Machinery
- Fortune Brands Home & Security
   Rank 456 home equipment,
   furnishings

## **PUBLICWORKS**



## FALL LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM

The Village's annual leaf collection program provides residents with an alternate way to dispose of their leaves. Residents who do not mulch or bag their leaves may rake them to the curb or carriage walk line the night before their scheduled pickup.

Beginning the week of October 25 and continuing through November 24, Public Works Department crews will make one pass by each house in the Village every week during the four-week program.

See the following guidelines and reminders for leaf pickup:

- Rake leaves into piles no greater than 5' in width.
- Do not rake leaves into the streets, sidewalks or carriage walks.
- Do not put out leaves more than one day prior to your scheduled pickup day.
- Do not park on the street the day of your pickup.
- Do not rake grass clippings, sticks, rocks, branches or mud to the curb with your leaves.
- Try to put leaves out each week.
- Inclement weather may delay pickups, but crews will make at least four trips through each neighborhood.

• Direct landscapers to abide by the Village's guidelines for leaf collection.

For more information, visit the Village's website at www.deerfield.il.us or contact the Public Works Department at 847.317.7245.

### FLOOD INFORMATION:

An important component of promoting flood insurance is dispelling the myths that persist about it. Below are a few of the most salient misunderstandings about flood insurance and some straightforward explanations of what is really true.

### MYTH My homeowner's insurance covers flooding.

This may be the most prevalent misinformation of all. In fact, almost no homeowner's insurance policies cover flood damage. That is why the federal government created the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Flood insurance is sold as a separate policy, so even if a person's regular agent doesn't handle flood insurance, it can be obtained from another agent who serves that area. To find one, people can contact the NFIP call center at 800.427.4661 or www.FloodSmart.gov.

## MYTH I don't need flood insurance, because I'm not in a high-risk zone.

The reality is that it can flood almost

anywhere, and it doesn't take much water to cause expensive damage. In fact, about one third of all flood disaster assistance and one third of all flood insurance claims payments go to people who have been flooded even though they were outside of the mapped high-risk zone. With a changing climate, scientists say that extreme weather events will be more likely in the future. So living in a location that so far has been thought to be at low risk does not mean that it is safe now.

### MYTH I can't get flood insurance, because I'm not in a high-risk zone.

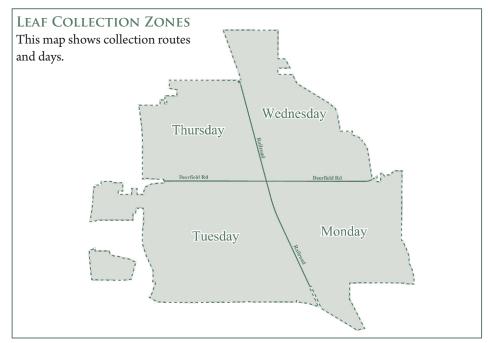
Virtually anyone who lives in or owns property in an NFIP-participating community can buy flood insurance for a residential building, business, condo, or apartment, and the contents can be insured as well. Flood insurance through the NFIP has never been restricted to people located in the high-risk zone. In fact, for people outside the high-risk zone, flood insurance is an even better deal because the premiums are lower. An overview of the availability, coverage and costs of flood insurance can be found on the FloodSmart website.

### MYTH Even if my house did flood, it wouldn't be by much.

There may not be very much water, but that doesn't mean there won't be much damage. Only one inch of water in an average home can cause more than \$25,000 in damage.

## MYTH I don't need flood insurance because FEMA gives disaster assistance.

FEMA can only provide disaster assistance when the president issues a disaster declaration, which happens for less than half of all floods. Even if there is a disaster declaration, FEMA can only provide small grants, not enough to cover all losses and certainly not enough to rebuild. For example, in Hurricane Harvey the average individual grant FEMA distributed was only \$7,000. Most other federal disaster assistance comes in the form of loans, which must be repaid. By contrast, in Hurricane Harvey, the average NFIP claim payment was over \$100,000, which does not have to be repaid. And, a flood insurance policy pays for any covered damage, even if it results from a small flood.



# VILLAGENEWS

### 2020 CENSUS RESULTS

The Village of Deerfield is growing. According to recently released 2020 Census data, Deerfield is home to 19,196 residents, up from 18,225 residents ten years ago, a 5.3 percent increase.

A decennial Census is required by the U.S. Constitution and is conducted for an accurate and fair count of all persons living in the United States. The Census directly affects how billions of dollars in federal and state funding are allocated to state and local governments. The Village's growing population means more per capita State funds specifically from the State income tax and motor fuel tax.

Thank you to residents for taking the time to complete the 2020 Census and to those who participated in the regional Complete Count Committee.

## STORMWATER MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Last year, the Village began the process of developing a Village wide Stormwater Master Plan. This plan is designed to identify areas within the Village that are susceptible to structure, street and yard flooding. Through extensive site visits, resident input and Village interaction, the Village's consultant was able to closely model the Village storm sewer system to help identify flood prone areas. In all, the consultant studied and developed recommendations for 42 areas of concern within the Village.

A public comment period was held during July, when public comment and feedback was solicited. The Village received many comments regarding the plan and the applicable comments were incorporated into the final Stormwater Master Plan. This final plan has been made available to the public via the Village's website.

For more information regarding the Stormwater Master Plan, visit the Village's website or contact the Engineering Department at 847.317.2490 or engineering@deerfield. il.us.

## COMMUNITY RELATIONS STUDENT COMMISSIONERS WANTED

The Village of Deerfield Community
Relations Commission (CRC) is seeking
applications for two open Student
Commissioner positions on the committee:
one Sophomore and one Junior position.
Applicants should be involved in (or
have an inclination for) community and
civic activities (such as but not limited
to): athletics, individual and communitybased service, organizational projects, and
service for the overall betterment of the
community as a whole.

The CRC Student Commissioner shall assist with the following functions and duties:

- Study and recommend means of developing better relationships among all residents in a diverse and inclusive community of Deerfield.
- Encourage residents to be "serviceoriented" in the opportunities to assist one another in the community and the neighborhood.
- Promote and support initiatives with federal, state and local governmental agencies, commissions, businesses, schools, civic and religious organizations, neighborhood and community events aimed at increasing goodwill and civil engagement among the residents and the global community at large.
- Recognize and approve honors or awards for persons, firms, or entities that serve or advance understanding, mutual respect, cooperation and positive relations between and among residents of Deerfield.

Applications are due by 3:59 p.m. on October 8, 2021. The candidates will be selected in November.

The on-line application is available on the Village's homepage www.deerfield.il.us

## SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION TREE WALK

Members of the Village's Sustainability Commission and Deerfield Park District invite you to join us at Floral Park, 951 Wilmot Road, for a guided educational tree walk on Saturday, September 25 at 10 a.m.

The Village and Park District Arborists will provide participants with a guided tour of the trees in the park. Participants will learn about heritage trees, diseased trees (and treatments), invasive species, root girdling, soil compaction, proper planting techniques, benefits of planting native trees, structure pruning, proper tree protection and more. The first 50 participants will receive a free reusable "Green Up Deerfield" tote bag.

Please be advised this is a walking tour and not all areas of the tour will be on a paved path or ADA accessible. The event will be held rain or shine. Participants are advised to park at the Hazel Avenue parking lot on the north end of Floral Park.

### **USE FACE MASKS INDOORS**

To slow the spread of the highly transmissible COVID-19 Delta variant, all Illinois residents over the age of two are required to wear a mask in all public indoor settings. The requirement is applicable to both vaccinated and unvaccinated residents statewide.

While face coverings are not required outdoors, masks are strongly encouraged in crowded outdoor settings like festivals, concerts and activities that require close contact with people who are not vaccinated.

Vaccination is the key to ending the COVID-19 pandemic and returning to normal life. All Illinois residents over the age of 12 are eligible and encouraged to receive the COVID-19 vaccine at no cost and proof of immigration status is not require. To find a vaccination center near you, go to *vaccines.gov* 

## BOARDREPORT

The following is a synopsis of actions taken by the Village Board since the July/August 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 an Ordinance for an amendment to a special use permit for an electric substation, an essential services antenna support structure, and a variation from Deerfield Zoning Ordinance

Approved an Ordinance for an amendment to a special use permit for a personal fitness training center, special needs school, and private sports team instruction and a special use permit to operate a carryout food service

Approved a Resolution authorizing a residential lease agreement at 1219 Carlisle Place

Approved a Resolution authorizing a grant to the Chamber of Commerce of Deerfield, Bannockburn, and Riverwoods

Approved a Resolution authorizing a grant to the Lake County Convention and Visitor Bureau

Approved an Ordinance authorizing a special use to allow a coworking Office at 807, 809, and 811 Waukegan Road for Brick & Mortar

Approved a Resolution for the provision of electricity for the Village's Electric Aggregation Program

Approved a Resolution awarding a purchase of network firewall equipment

Approved a Resolution for a plat of easement for utilities at 237 Landis Lane

Approved an Ordinance amending the composition and duties of the Appearance Review Commission

Approved an Ordinance eliminating the Electrical Commission and modifying the electrical contractor registration requirements

Approved a Resolution amending the annual Fee Resolution regarding electrical contractor registration fees

Approved an Ordinance amending Section 7-18 of the Municipal Code regarding peddlers and solicitors

Approved a Resolution amending the annual Fee Resolution regarding peddlers and commercial solicitors

Approved an Ordinance granting relief from the Deerfield Zoning Ordinance for 330 Pine Street to permit the construction of a one story garage addition

Approved an Ordinance authorizing an amendment to the Deerfield Park Plaza Planned Unit Development for an outdoor seating area for Jimmy Thai Restaurant at 405 Lake Cook Road

Approved an Ordinance repealing Article 3 of Chapter 2 of the Municipal Code regarding passage of ordinances

Approved a Resolution approving an updated development agreement for Zion Woods

Appointed Linda Porter to Board of Police Commissioners

Appointed Phil Carlitz to the Volunteer Engagement Commission



#### DEERFIELD PARK DISTRICT

APPLY ONLINE FOR JOBS: After School & Before School Counselors. lifeguards, fitness floor attendant, driving range attendant, special recreation inclusion and more, at deerfieldparks.org/

Sachs Recreation Center is a great way to get fit and stay active this Fall! We offer fitness equipment, group exercise classes, personal training, gym rentals, tennis, lap swimming and more. We also offer virtual exercise classes and outdoor exercise options. Check out sachsreccenter.org to view our newest classes and offerings.

Deerfield Park Foundation Moonlight Golf Outing - October 1 for details and to  ${\bf register:}\ eventregister pro.com/moonlight.$ 

October 2, 9, 16 & 23 - Halloween Hoopla activities and events are now offered in a four part series. Check out our website for specific details for this festive series of events!

For more information or to register for Park District programs, call 847-945-0650 or visit www.deerfieldparks.org.

### **DEERFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY**

All Library programs are free and open to the public. Till further notice, all programs will be presented online only. Program descriptions and advance registration at deerfieldlibrary.org, click on "Programs" at the top. Questions? E-mail reference@deerfieldlibrary.org.

All Ages Bingo September 9, 5:30-7 p.m. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and join us at the Jewett Park Pavillion for an evening of fun. Rain date: September 13.

The Power of Nonviolent Struggle for Social Change

September 20, 6:30-7:30 p.m. On the eve of International Day of Peace, explore the history and philosophy of nonviolent action.

Animal Adaptations September 22, 4-5 p.m. Grades K-5

The Lake County Forest Preserves lead an outdoor interactive program on animals in the wild.

Genealogy One-on-One September 23, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Sign up for a virtual half hour session.

Medicare 101 October 5, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Learn what Medicare covers, what it does not, and your potential out of pocket exposure.

Indigenous Storytelling October 11, 10:30-11:15 a.m. Grades K-5

Honor Indigenous People's Day with stories and an earth-friendly activity.

Music Production Workshop October 13, 5:30-7 p.m. Grades 6-12 Learn production basics from industry professionals and make your own music.

How to Draw Zombies October 20, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Grades 3+ Learn to draw creepy cool zombies with cartoonist Paul Merklein.

Remaining Artifacts from "The White City' October 28, 6:30-7:30 p.m. A quick history of the 1893 White City and where you can still find what remains.

### FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

The West Deerfield Township's Food Pantry client numbers have increased over 32% during the last 18 months of the pandemic.

The Pantry relies entirely on donations from community members, businesses, faith communities and service groups. Food, paper goods, hygiene products, grocery store gift cards, and especially monetary gifts are most welcome. Financial gifts allow us to purchase fresh meats, vegetables or dairy products for our clients.

Donations can be made between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at the Township office, 601 Deerfield Road, or on our website, westdeerfieldtownship. org. &

#### RENTAL ASSISTANCE

West Deerfield Township is administrating the Federal Emergency Rental Assistance (FERA) Program, which helps both tenants and landlords, who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The program can pay both rent and utility bills. In order to qualify for help you must:

- Pay rent in Lake County
- Have a COVID-related financial hardship
- Be at risk of homelessness or housing instability

Landlords: if your tenant may benefit from this program, please encourage them to call Alyson Feiger, Township Supervisor, for more information, (847) 945-0614. *№* 

### PASSPORT SERVICES OPEN

If you need a passport, West Deerfield Township's Certified Agents are ready to help. Passport hours are from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, walk-in service. Application forms and information on the documents you'll need may be found at the U.S. State Department website *travel. state.gov*. We do not provide photo services.

Check travel.state.gov to see if you qualify for this easy option. Please feel free to call us at 847-945-0614 with any questions. &

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY FALL FEST SEPTEMBER 19

The Deerfield Area Historical Society's 41st Annual Fall Festival will be held Sunday, September 19, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Deerfield Historic Village, Deerfield and Kipling Roads. Admission is free.

The fun-filled event features activities, crafts, artisan demonstrations, food and tours of the historic buildings. Crafters include a blacksmith, weaver, potter, soap maker and more. Funds raised will go toward maintenance of the historic structures, including the oldest building in Lake County, the Caspar Ott log house built in 1837.

For more information, contact deerfieldhistory@gmail.com &

## DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

The National Association of Area Agencies on Aging recently recognized West Deerfield Township as a "Dementia Friendly Community." There are only eighteen such communities in Illinois and approximately three hundred in the entire nation. The goal of a dementia-friendly community is to create a better quality of life for people living with dementia and their families by decreasing stigma, increasing opportunities for meaningful social interaction, and offering support in addressing the changing needs of people living with dementia.

Although West Deerfield Township leads this initiative, this is truly a community effort. A committee of member organizations includes Deerfield's Village government, Police and Fire Departments, the Patty Turner Senior Center, Faith in Action Volunteers, the Deerfield Public Library, the Deerfield/Bannockburn/Riverwoods Chamber of Commerce, and the Council for Jewish Elderly. Since the Township's borders include parts of other communities, the Lake Forest–Lake Bluff Senior Citizen's Foundation is also an important contributor.

Members of the West Deerfield Township Dementia Friendly Initiative encourage residents to participate in community-wide education, starting with becoming a "Dementia Friend" by watching a short video at *dementiafriendsusa.org*.

Additional committee initiatives include training first responders to help those with dementia in an emergency situation, training businesses to serve customers with memory issues, and a Memory Café where people with dementia and their care partners can socialize and enjoy life.

For more information on the Dementia Friendly West Deerfield Township Initiative or other senior support services offered locally, please contact Alyson Feiger, Township Supervisor, at AlysonFeiger@westdeerfield. org or phone 847-945-0614. For information on Dementia Friendly America, go to dementiafriendsusa.org. &

### **DISTRICT 109 UPDATE**

District 109 is excited to begin the 2021-2022 school year! Students are attending inperson five days a week while continuing to follow COVID-19 safety protocols. We have worked very hard this summer to enhance the user experience on our website and invite you to check it out at www.DPS109. org.

Mr. Mike Simeck begins his first full year as Superintendent of Schools in DPS 109. We have created a 2-part video series introducing our new leader that you can find on our website.

Exciting news out of Kipling Elementary School! Our students came together to plant vegetables and herbs in the Meghan Bolon Education Garden, located in Kipling's courtyard. The food harvested from that garden will be donated to local charities.

You can read more about the garden at www. DPS109.org/kipling. ≈

## POLICEDEPARTMENT



### SCHOOL SAFETY REMINDERS

As a new school year begins, the Deerfield Police Department wants to remind all students, parents and guardians to focus on safe travels throughout the Village – especially in school zones. Back-to-school days bring congestion—and an increase in potential hazards. Fortunately, a few tips can help improve safety for everyone.

Driving in the School Zone Area

- Slow down and drive extra cautiously.
- Don't load or unload children across the street from the school.
- Don't double park; it blocks visibility for other children and vehicles.
- When flashers are blinking, stop and yield to pedestrians crossing the crosswalk or intersection.
- Be prepared for kids to appear in unexpected places, like from between parked cars; if they're on bikes, prepare for them to turn in front of you without looking or signaling.
- If you need to use your phone, be sure you're pulled over safely.
- Watch for kids walking while looking at their phones. One study found that a full 20 percent of high school students cross the street while distracted.
- If possible, carpool to reduce the number of cars at school.
- Don't ever block a crosswalk; it forces pedestrians to go around you and could put them in the path of moving traffic.

Driving Safely When You See a School Bus

- Most of the children who lose their lives in bus-related incidents are four to seven years old and on foot, according to the NSC. They're hit by the bus or by a motorist passing a bus that's stopped to load or unload children—something that's illegal in all 50 states.
- If you're driving behind a school bus, allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind a car—at least three car lengths.
- Stay alert for flashing lights on a bus, which warn drivers of an impending stop. Treat yellow flashing lights the same as a yellow stop light and

- decrease your speed. Stop when you see red flashing lights.
- The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough away to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus. ?>

### **WINTER COAT DRIVE**

The Deerfield Police Department is collecting new or gently used coats and gloves to benefit veterans in Lake County through the months of September and October as part of Operation Stand Down. Donation boxes are available in the Police Department lobby and the Deerfield Public Library lobby. For more information, contact Commander Oliver Cachola at 847.945.8636.

### HIDE, LOCK, TAKE!

The Village of Deerfield and neighboring communities have experienced an increase in reports of burglary to motor vehicles. In most cases these crimes are committed in unlocked vehicles. Car burglaries are crimes of opportunity and failing to lock your vehicle makes it a target for thieves. A vehicle can be burglarized or stolen while on your street, in your driveway, or in a parking lot—even if it is only unattended for a short time. Every time you exit your vehicle, remember to Hide, Lock, Take:

- 1. Hide (or remove) your valuables
- 2. Lock your car doors
- 3. Take your keys

If you see something, say something. Remain vigilant and report any suspicious people, vehicles or circumstances to the Police at 9-1-1 or 847.945.8636. &

### RAIL SAFETY WEEK

The Deerfield Police Department will participate in Illinois Rail Safety Week, a local and multi-state effort to promote vehicle and pedestrian safety around railroad tracks and trains. Enforcement details are planned throughout the week of September 22 at railroad grade crossings and commuter

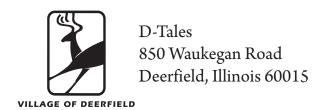
stations to contact drivers and pedestrians who disobey the laws associated with railroad grade crossings and railroad property. Police officers will distribute literature to the public that contains information on how to be safe around trains and train tracks.

If an engineer sees a person or motor vehicle on the tracks, it takes the average train more than one mile to stop, which is equivalent to about 20 football fields. Walking or playing on the tracks at any time is not only dangerous but is also illegal. Whether on foot or by car, only cross tracks at designated railroad crossings and look for the cross buck signs, lights or safety gates. Crossing at any other place on the tracks can be considered illegal trespassing. For more information about Illinois Rail Safety Week, visit www. oli.org.

### POLICE DEPARTMENT ADOPTS "TEN SHARED PRINCIPLES"

The Deerfield Police Department formally adopted the "Ten Shared Principles" in conjunction with the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police and the NAACP, becoming the 273rd law enforcement agency in the State to do so. The Department's mission statement pronounces "With respect and dignity, the Deerfield Police Department will provide professional and ethical service through partnership with citizens and proactively identifying risks to Deerfield's quality of life." By embracing the principles set by the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police and the Illinois NAACP State Conference, the Department shows the continued commitment of communication and transparency between the Deerfield Police Department and those it serves.

Department personnel are currently reviewing the principles along with additional training in an effort to gain a full understanding of the principles. Additional announcements will be made via social media as progress continues.



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## VILLAGENOTES

### **DBR CHAMBER TEXT PROGRAM**

Shop local in Deerfield! Be the first to know about special offers from our Deerfield businesses. Dining, shopping, services and wellness offerings can all be found with the latest updates. Simply text DBR to 55678 and you're in!

For more information contact the DBR Chamber of Commerce 847.945.4660. &



### GET YOUR THIRD CART TO THE CURB

Are you composting? The Village has complimentary compost tool kits available at Village Hall. It comes with a countertop container, composting tips, and a supply of BPI-Certified container liner bags. Food waste accounts for approximately 20% of all waste that ends up in landfills. Residents now play a larger role in reducing this type of waste in landfills while helping reduce greenhouse gases. Learn more at www.deerfield.il.us/compost.

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