



Summer 2011

West Dundee Village Newsletter

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YOUR NEW VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Thank you for opting-in to continue to receive the Village Newsletter.

The decision to eliminate the mass-mailed Newsletter has resulted in a cost saving effort for the Village in terms of both postage and printing.

That decision was not made lightly, as we recognize the value in this service and the Village Board's strong desire to continue our efforts to improve communication with the community. Your continued participation is appreciated!

We need your help to reach even more West Dundee residents and business owners.

Around 50 mailing addresses and 800 email addresses (some of which belong to individuals in the same household) are currently receiving the Village Newsletter. With approximately 2200 households in West Dundee, we still have a ways to go.

Our goal is to reach every household and business in West Dundee.

Please remind your friends and neighbors to go to wdundee.org to sign up for our Email Newslist, or to call Village Hall at 847-551-3800 to request a photocopy by mail.

Your thoughts and comments regarding the Village Newsletter and Newslist are welcomed and appreciated. Please feel free to call Village Hall or email us at villagehall@wdundee.org.

NEWSLIST SIGN UP

Your Email Address

John@gmail.com

Send me email about

- News and Alerts
- Upcoming Events
- Volunteering for Outdoor Labor
- Volunteer for Village Events

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The **West Dundee Village Newsletter** is published quarterly as a public information service for Village residents and businesses.

VILLAGE BOARD

West Dundee is governed by a Village President & Board of Trustees, elected at-large.

The Village Manager is responsible for the administration of Village activities and services.

Village President	Larry Keller
Village Board of Trustees	Rebecca Gillam Patrick Hanley Norm Osth Thomas Price Julie Voss Andy Yuscka
Village Manager	Joseph Cavallaro

The **Village Board meets** on the **1st, 2nd** and **3rd Mondays** of each month at **7:30 pm** at **Village Hall** unless noted. The public is invited to attend and citizen participation is encouraged.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Village Hall: 102 S. Second Street	Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Public Safety Center #1: 555 S. Eighth Street (Rt. 31)	Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 6:00 pm
Public Safety Center #2: 100 Carrington Drive	Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Public Works: 900 Angle Tarn	Monday - Friday 7:30 am - 4:00 pm

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Police/Fire Emergency	911
Non-Emergency Dispatch	847-428-8784
Village Hall	847-551-3800
Police Administration (PSC 1)	847-551-3810
Public Works	847-551-3815
Fire Administration, Bldg Dept & Community Development (PSC 2)	847-551-3805



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE

- 25 Downtown Gardening** 9am-Noon
27 Planning & Zoning Commission 7:30 pm

JULY

- 4 Happy Independence Day!**
4 Village Offices Closed
5 Appearance Review Commission 7:30 pm
8 Concert & Movie - Grafelman Park 7:00 pm
9 Saturday Refuse Collection
11 Regular Board Meeting 7:30 pm
15 Concert & Movie - Grafelman Park 7:00 pm
18 Regular Board Meeting 7:30 pm
20 Blood Drive - Spring Hill Mall 3-7 pm
22 Concert & Movie - Grafelman Park 7:00 pm
27 ECC Concert - Grafelman Park 7:00 pm

AUGUST

- 1 Regular Board Meeting 7:30 pm
2 Appearance Review Commission 7:30 pm
2 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 6-8 pm
8 Committee of the Whole 7:30 pm
15 Regular Board Meeting 7:30 pm
22 Planning & Zoning Commission 7:30 pm
27 Downtown Gardening 9am-Noon

**REFUSE COLLECTION WILL BE
MOVED TO SATURDAY FOLLOWING
THESE UPCOMING HOLIDAYS:**

*Independence Day
Labor Day*

Please visit our website at wdundee.org for meeting agendas, news and information.

WATER & SEWER RATE INCREASE

In conjunction with the Village's 2011-2012 Budget, the only increase that was passed on to the community with this budget year was in the form of the Village's water and sewer rates.



The water and sewer rates were raised specifically in two areas:

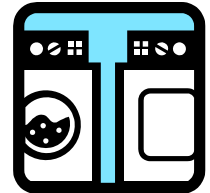
The first was a rate increase of 3.5% to meet operational expense increases and an additional 1.5% to meet capital maintenance needs within the utility systems.

The distribution charge was increased from \$20.00 to \$22.50 per bi-monthly bill.

Based on these increases, an average user of approximately 10,000 gallons per bill would result in a \$5.94 increase to their bill once every two months.

The difficulty with the sewer and water fund is that over 65% of the Sewer and Water Fund's expenditures are attributed to four specific areas: electricity, treatment salt, treatment charges to the Fox River Water Reclamation District and East Dundee, and debt service. The Village has little or no control over these areas and they are in direct correlation to production or treatment costs for both water and wastewater in terms of gallons produced or treated.

These numbers constitute 60% of the expenditures attributable to a \$1.8 million budget. Only 35% of the sewer and budget is attributable to personnel services and benefits.



Specifically, the Village saw an increase in our fees charged by Fox River Water Reclamation District, up by \$118,000 from last year.

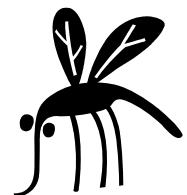
The increased rates and distribution fee will provide projected new revenues of \$111,000 village-wide. Specifically, of that amount, \$65,000 is earmarked for capital maintenance items.

The Sewer and Water Fund has, for many years, continued to be subsidized for its capital and facilities needs by Home Rule Sales Taxes and capital purchases funded outside of our sewer and water rates. For the last three years, capital maintenance of the systems has been deferred or defrayed due to a lack of funding.

Deferred maintenance cannot continue and attention to certain capital maintenance issues related to the pumps, wells and lift stations within the community are essential to maintaining a reliable water and sewer system for the community.

WEST NILE VIRUS INFORMATION

Each summer, hordes of mosquitoes descend on backyards, parks and campgrounds. While most mosquitoes are merely nuisances, some can transmit serious diseases.



In order to control mosquito borne diseases, residents should check clogged gutters and flat roofs that have poor drainage, cover unused swimming pools, regularly change water in your bird bath, cover boats or store upside down, and fill in holes or depressions near your home that accumulate water. Protect yourself while outdoors with a mosquito repellent.



EARTH DAY, EVERY DAY in West Dundee Community Gardening Project

Saturday, June 25th 9:00 am - noon

Saturday, August 27th 9:00 am - noon

Registration begins at 8:30 am at Village Hall, 102 S. 2nd Street

Mark your calendars for two summertime gardening events! Please join us in our continuing effort to improve our downtown public spaces for all to enjoy.

In June, efforts will be focused on First Street. Our goal is to get a more cohesive landscaping scheme, which will entail relocating some perennials and planting some bushes. In August, we'll continue to remove overgrown plants, adding new perennials to our existing beds in preparation for Heritage Fest.

Our April Earth Day, Every Day event saw more than 50 residents (our largest turnout yet) adding roses, lilies and annuals to the new planter boxes on Main Street, as well as digging out existing overgrown plants, replanting some and potting up the rest to be relocated around the Village. We hope you won't miss these service opportunities, as we extend the Earth Day spirit throughout the growing season.

Everyone is welcome to participate! This is an excellent opportunity for families, individuals and groups to work together to make a real difference in your community.

Please bring along your garden gloves and tools.

For more information, please check our website www.wdundee.org, or contact Village Hall via email at villagehall@wdundee.org or phone 847-551-3800.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT Public Safety Center #1 Open House

Please join your local police and fire departments for an open house at **Public Safety Center #1, 555 S. Eighth Street**, as we celebrate this year's National Night Out on **Tuesday, August 2nd from 6pm-8pm**. Meet and greet your local public safety partners, tour our Public Safety Center and enjoy a FREE hot dog.

Other activities planned include: inflatable moon walk, games provided by Dundee Township Park District, DJ and more...



ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE Donate to Save a Life

Heartland Blood Bank will conduct a blood drive on **Wednesday, July 20th at Spring Hill Mall from 3:00 to 7:00 pm**.



Please call Village Hall to schedule a time for your donation, or sign up at www.heartlandbc.org. This year our goal is to obtain at least 50 pints of blood. Walk-ins are welcome until 7:00 pm.

A certificate for a free quart of Oberweis Ice Cream will be provided to all donors.

Volunteers Needed For HERITAGE FEST!

Plans are underway for the 14th annual Heritage Fest to be held **September 16th, 17th and 18th** in downtown West Dundee.

There will be exciting live entertainment and delicious food and beverages from local vendors throughout the weekend. Friday night will feature a spectacular fireworks display and a Battle of the Bands. Saturday and Sunday will be action packed with a business expo, craft fair and classic car show downtown, as well as fun activities for kids, an antique fair, chili cook-off contest and Baggo tournament at Grafelman Park.



In order to make our community festival a success, we need volunteers to help out with operations. Most shifts are two hours, with the primary volunteer activities being beverage sales and assistance with the Battle of Bands. If there is a particular activity that you are interested in helping out with, however, we will be happy to assign you to that activity.

Please call the Village Hall at (847) 551-3800, stop by, or visit www.wdundeeheritagefest.org for an application to volunteer.

CONCERTS & MOVIES IN GRAFELMAN PARK

Come out to Grafelman Park this July to enjoy FREE open-air concerts and movies (weather permitting).

Friday, July 8

- 7 pm Petty Cash - *music of Tom Petty and Johnny Cash*
- 9 pm Imagine That - *featuring Eddie Murphy*

Friday, July 15

- 7 pm Party Freaks - *party rock from the 70s thru today*
- 9 pm Mall Cop - *featuring Kevin James*

Friday, July 22

- 7 pm Soul Cookin - *sounds of the Motown era and beyond*
- 9 pm Sleepless in Seattle - *featuring Tom Hanks & Meg Ryan*

Wednesday, July 27

- 7 pm ECC Concert Band

In the event of rain, the ECC Concert Band will perform at the Senior Center at the Dundee Township Park District, 665 Barrington Avenue, Carpentersville.

For more fun events from the Dundee Township Park District, including additional concerts and movies in area parks, visit www.dtpd.org.



MOTORIZED SCOOTERS & MINI MOTORCYCLES: Safety and the Law

The West Dundee Police Department would like to make the residents aware that Motorized Scooters and Mini Motorcycles are illegal to operate on Village streets and sidewalks.

Small motorized scooters resemble skateboards with electric or gasoline engines and mini motorcycles or "pocket bikes" stand approximately two feet high and resemble full-size motorcycles. Both of these vehicles are widely available and are very popular.

Parents should be aware that even though these machines are not illegal to purchase they are illegal to use on public property. Some of these machines are capable of reaching speeds of 30 miles per hour, although even the less powerful ones are illegal and unsafe for use on roads and sidewalks.

Children operating one of these devices on the street are in a dangerous situation because they are unfamiliar with the traffic laws and because drivers of full-size vehicles may not see them.

Illinois Law classifies these devices as motor vehicles. The Illinois Vehicle Code requires motor vehicles used on public roads to be registered through the Secretary of State. Motor vehicles must also be covered by liability insurance and operators must possess a valid driver's license, permit or restricted drivers permit.

These devices were not built to conform to the required federal safety, equipment and emissions regulations and cannot be registered to be used on the streets. Without registration they cannot be operated on public way even for riders who possess a valid driver's license.



The only motorized vehicle that can be operated on a public sidewalk is a personal assistive mobility device and a wheel chair.

The only location that Motorized Scooters and Mini Motorcycles can be used in West Dundee is on private property with the consent of the property owner.

Each year the West Dundee Police Department receives complaints about the use of these devices. Riders and parents should be made aware that enforcement action will take place to ensure that everyone has a safe and happy summer.

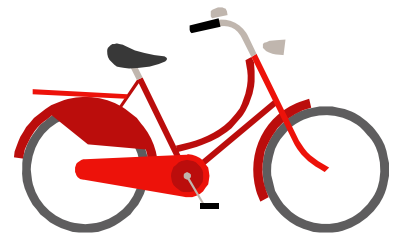
MISSING YOUR BICYCLE?

Check with the West Dundee Police Department

The West Dundee Police Department is in possession of several bicycles that have been recovered, but have not been reported as missing or stolen.

We need your help to reunite these bicycles with their rightful owners.

If you are missing a bicycle, please contact the Police Department by email at police@wdundee.org or by phone at (847) 551-3810. Please provide a description (color, make, model) to help the Police Department identify your bicycle.



BICYCLE SAFETY TIPS for Safe Summer Riding

As spring turns to summer, the West Dundee Police Department reminds you to follow basic bicycle safety guidelines:



- ◆ Most important is to protect your head by wearing a helmet, even on short trips. Choose a helmet that fits properly and meets government standards.
- ◆ Wearing light-colored or bright, reflective clothing when you ride can make it easier for drivers to see you. Clothing should be close-fitting to avoid being caught in the bicycle's moving parts.
- ◆ Avoid riding at night.
- ◆ Always stay alert and look out for any potential obstructions or hazards.
- ◆ Wear eye protection like sunglasses to keep dust and bugs from getting into your eyes.
- ◆ Parents should be aware of basic traffic rules and teach them to their children, and make sure their children only ride in safe places.
- ◆ Make sure that everything on your bicycle is working correctly. Check that the brakes are working, and be sure there are no loose or broken parts. Reflectors and lights make you and your bicycle more visible to drivers in the dark.
- ◆ If you ride with a child on your bicycle, use a special seat that fits behind the main seat. The child always needs to wear a helmet when riding with you. Also make sure the bike has spoke guards to prevent their feet from getting caught in the spokes.
- ◆ Always lock your bike when leaving it unattended. Keep sales receipts and a record of bicycle serial numbers in case of theft.

SUMMER BLOCK PARTIES

Please be reminded that block parties involving the closure of a street require approval from the Village. The Block Party Request Form is available at the Village Hall and at www.wdundee.org/?page=forms.

Be sure to review all of the guidelines included with the application. Assuming no conflicts arise, approval will be granted and street barricades will be dropped off by Public Works prior to the party.

HOUSE WATCH PROGRAM



If you are going away on vacation or won't be home for an extended period of time, please stop by the Police Department or visit www.wdundee.org/?page=police to fill out a House Watch form.

This lets the Police know when your home will be unattended, so they can keep a closer eye out for suspicious activity.

Register for the House Watch Program and have peace of mind while you are away.

AVOID VEHICLE BREAK-INS with the Push Of A Button

West Dundee is a lovely community with friendly neighbors and tree-lined streets, a place where most think you don't have to worry about leaving doors unlocked. Unfortunately, the same attractions that entice you to live here, also entice a criminal element to want to visit our town for different reasons. The good news is that you can help reduce their efforts with the simple push of a button.

In the last year, the entire Dundee area has seen an increase in thefts from automobiles.

In almost every case reported in West Dundee, the offenders found "easy pickins", because the cars that they entered were left unlocked.

In addition, victims left valuable items in the cars, an enticing booty that keeps thieves coming back for more.

Among the items taken were GPS units, cell phones, personal electronics (MP3 players, book readers, etc.), wallets/purses (containing the victim's identity & credit cards), cash, coins and even cigarettes.

What can be done to stop this? Although the Police Department does all it can through vigorous patrols & covert operations, we need your help on the crime prevention side. It's as easy as 1, 2, 3!

1. You can make your car & valuables less of a target by simply "*pushing a button*"...your cars' *door lock button*. Remember "**Lock It or Lose It!**" Most thieves make their rounds trying car doors...no burglar tools needed when they can find most doors are left unlocked.

It only takes a split second to lock your doors and save yourself hours on the phone cancelling credit cards, filing Police reports & making insurance claims.

2. **Do not leave valuables inside your car!** If you must leave valuable items hide them from plain view. Under a seat, under a blanket, in the glove box. If your doors are locked and the car appears empty, chances are the would-be car burglar is not going to bother with your car.

Most thieves do not want to attract attention to themselves by breaking a window or attempting other ways to force entry, *unless* they see something inside the car that they really want.

3. **Park your car inside your garage or in a well-lit area!** Clean out your garage so you can pull your car back in and close your door for the night. Thieves love the dark! Most prefer to operate in dark, low-light areas because it is easier for them to conceal themselves and their activity.

If you must park your car outside in the driveway or on the street, turn on your outside garage or porch lights. In this day and age of compact fluorescent light bulbs it won't cost much to help illuminate the area! If that is not an option, park close to the nearest streetlight.

If you see someone acting suspiciously call the QuadCom Dispatch Center at 9-1-1 or 847-428-8784.

For more Crime Prevention Tips or any questions, please don't hesitate to call the non-emergency Police Department number at 847-551-3810, Monday thru Friday, 8 AM – 6 PM.

