



West Dundee Village Newsletter

*Winter
2009*

Dickens in Dundee

This 22nd annual classic holiday celebration is brought to you by the Village of West Dundee, community volunteers, local businesses and organizations.

Friday, December 4th

6:00 pm	East Dundee Tree Lighting Ceremony - The Depot, 319 River St, East Dundee
7:00 pm	West Dundee Tree Lighting Ceremony - Village Hall, 102 S 2nd, West Dundee
6:00 - 8:00 pm	Living Windows - Downtown West Dundee & Warming House at Village Hall
7:30 pm	Fezziwig's Family Festivities - Emmett's Tavern & Brewery, 128 W Main St

Saturday, December 5th

10:00 am	Spirit of Christmas Parade - Main St; 2nd St in W-Dundee to River St in E-Dundee
10:00 am - 6:00 pm	Christmas Tree Sales - Grafelman Park Tennis Courts, 5th & Washington
10:30 am - 1:30 pm	At Grafelman Park: Holiday Tent (with Santa!), Santa's Petting Zoo , Festival of Trees Decorating Contest and Community Giving Tree - Bring gently used hats, gloves, scarves and non-perishable food items to donate to the those in need.
10:30 am - 1:30 pm	Gingerbread Village - 1st United Methodist Church, 318 W Main - \$8 (1 per family)
1:30 pm	A Christmas Carol - The Mansion Bed and Breakfast, 305 Oregon Ave
9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Sweets & Crafts Shoppe - 1st United Methodist Church, 318 W Main
9:00 am - 3:00 pm	Cookie Walk, Bazaar & Holiday Boutique - 1st Congregational Church, 900 S 8th
10:00 am - 2:00 pm	Bethlehem Kitchen - Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 410 W Main
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Advent Concert - 1st Congregational Church, 900 S 8th

Sunday, December 6th

3:00 pm	Christmas Carol Sing-Along Concert - St. James Church, 516 Washington
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**For further information visit
www.dickensindundee.org**

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

VILLAGE BOARD

West Dundee is governed by a Village President and a Board of Trustees who are 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 A. Cavallaro
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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 – 3:30 pm

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS



Police/Fire Emergency 911
Non-Emergency Dispatch 847-428-8784

Village Hall	847-551-3800
Police Administration	847-551-3810
Public Works	847-551-3815

Fire Administration, Building Dept
& Community Development 847-551-3805



Happy
Holidays
from the
village of
West
Dundee!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 26/27 **Happy Thanksgiving!** Village Offices Closed
28 **Saturday Refuse Pick-up**
Final Yard Waste Pick-up



DECEMBER

- 4/5 **Dickens in Dundee**
7 Regular Board Meeting 7:30 pm
8 Appearance Review Commission 7:30 pm
14 Committee of the Whole 7:30 pm
21 Regular Board Meeting 7:30 pm
24/25 **Merry Christmas!** Village Offices Closed
26 **Saturday Refuse Pick-up**
31 **Happy New Year!** Village Offices Closed

JANUARY

- 1 **Happy New Year!** Village Offices Closed
2 **Saturday Refuse Pick-up**
4 Regular Board Meeting 7:30 pm
5 Appearance Review Commission 7:30 pm
8 **Free Christmas Tree Pick-up**
11 Committee of the Whole 7:30 pm
15 **Free Christmas Tree Pick-up**
18 Regular Board Meeting 7:30 pm
25 Planning & Zoning Commission 7:30 pm

FEBRUARY

- 1 Regular Board Meeting 7:30 pm
2 Appearance Review Commission 7:30 pm
8 Committee of the Whole 7:30 pm
14 **Happy Valentine's Day!**
15 Regular Board Meeting 7:30 pm
22 Planning & Zoning Commission 7:30 pm

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

ANNUAL LIONS CLUB CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

Come over to Grafelman Park to purchase your **Christmas tree, wreaths** and **garland** from the Dundee Lions Club.

Sales begin "Black Friday", November 27, from 10 am - 6 pm. Regular hours are:

Thursday & Friday from 6 pm - 8 pm

Saturday & Sunday from 10 am - 6 pm

Final sale days will be December 14 & 15.

The Lions Club will also collect non-perishable food items for the FISH Pantry.



CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Get a start on your eco-friendly New Year's resolutions by recycling your Christmas tree with the Dundee Township Highway Commission.

Bring your tree (free from decoration) to 1900 Sleepy Hollow Rd (at Rte 72) until January 15.

Watch for signs in the area, or call Hwy Commissioner Larry Braasch at 847-426-0898 for more information.

FREE CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

FREE Christmas tree collections are scheduled for **January 8** and **January 15**, along with regular refuse collection within the Village.

Trees need to be stripped of all decorations and placed at the curb with the cut end facing the street. Trees do not have to be cut up, bundled or placed in yard waste bags. **Trees in plastic bags or wrapped in plastic will not be accepted.** In addition, trees or greenery covered with artificial snow can not be accepted.

Garlands and wreaths must be disassembled. The organic portion should be placed in a yard waste bag while the rest is discarded as refuse. If you live in a building with more than three units, contact either the building owner or your refuse hauler regarding the disposal of your tree.



ICE SKATING

Take a break from the holiday stress to enjoy a little ice skating with family and friends this winter.

Prairie Meadow Park, located on Village Quarter Road (south of Target), is open from sunrise to 10 pm for outdoor ice skating. Washrooms are available.

Cold outside, or not cold enough? **Leaf's Ice Center** on Wesemann Dr off of Rte 72 is open for public skating. Admission is \$6 and skate rental is \$2. Hours are:

Friday *Active Adult Skate* 10:30 am - Noon

Friday & Saturday..... Noon - 2 pm & 8 - 10 pm

Sunday 1:30 - 3:30 pm

Grab your skates, we'll see you there!

Looking for a great HOLIDAY GIFT idea?

Grafelman Park & Riverwalk Paving Bricks

What do you get for the Dundee resident who has everything? A personalized granite paving brick in Grafelman Park or along the Riverwalk!

They make an extraordinary and thoughtful gift for the holidays, or any time of year, to honor or memorialize an individual, family or group.

Bricks are \$40, and gift certificates are available. To order your brick today, stop by Village Hall or download the Gift form at wdundee.org.

For more information, call LoriSue or Kim at Village Hall, 847-551-3800, between 8:00 am & 4:30 pm, Monday-Friday.





2009: A Year in Review

From the VILLAGE President and BOARD of Trustees

For more than just the past year, we have all had to deal with a lagging economy. For some of us it has posed difficult financial and personal challenges. The Village of West Dundee has also had to **tighten our belt** while continuing to provide quality public services such as Police, Fire, Paramedics, Public Works, Sewer and Water, and Refuse and Recycling Collection.

In this time of economic constraints, **volunteer gardeners** have helped maintain the Village's natural beauty. New plantings in front of Village Hall were generously provided by the Backyard Garden Club. Downtown flower boxes were filled thanks to residents and local businesses. Residents also donated and planted over 100 perennials on the Riverwalk, spearheaded by Trustee Gillam.

Back in April, resident **Jill Harris** came to the Village Board with a desire to offer free monthly events for the community. With numerous hours of work and support from family, friends and the village, she put on 6 events - Kite Flying, Dundee Dog Days, Water Balloon Fight, Sports Day, Baggio Tournament and Halloween Party. Donations for the FISH Pantry were collected at each event, resulting in a **donation of over \$1000** in non-perishable food items and other goods.

In addition to these new events, the Village sought to maintain our **sense of community** by continuing to support and co-sponsor popular events such as parades, concerts and movies in the park, National Night Out, Heritage Fest and Dickens in Dundee.

The Village also received **grants** this past year **totaling over One Million Dollars** for such projects as riverbank stabilization, new police and fire equipment, roadway projects, and beginning next year, the **improvement of our downtown streetscape**.

Based on popular demand, we expanded our **electronics recycling program** this year. You may now bring household electronics (no kitchen appliances) to the Public Works Dept at 900 Angle Tarn year-round during regular hours of operation; Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm.

We released 2 new websites this year, wdundeeheritagefest.org and dickensindundee.org, thanks to staff and volunteer efforts. We've also improved communication with residents through the **village's e-mail News List** (Sign up at wdundee.org). Stay tuned for a redesigned wdundee.org in 2010.

With our last Newsletter, we sent **discount cards** for dining and shopping at select local businesses, good until the end of the year. We hope you have taken advantage of this program and patronized the participating establishments. If you didn't receive the cards or would like extra cards, please stop by Village Hall.

Finally, 2009 marked the **100th birthday** of West Dundee's **Village Hall**. To commemorate this historic occasion, the Dundee Township Historical Society presented the Village with a hand-painted plaque that will soon grace the front of the building to begin a new decade and, with any luck, another 100 years of service to you, the residents of West Dundee.

From the COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT department

The economy has more or less interrupted major commercial growth in West Dundee, or anywhere in the US, for that matter. The newly revamped **Spring Hill Gateway**, on the other hand, has provided new stores in town: **Nature's Fresh** (supermarket), Famous Labels (clothing), and soon, a Dollar Tree.

A new light industrial building was also completed near **Leaf's Ice Center** on west Route 72, as well as a new multi-use building (offices and retail) in this industrial park, next to Dundee Middle School. There are a number of other projects, both residential and commercial, that are ready to go once economic conditions improve.

The department has been busy handling permits for the renovation of Jewel, Spring Hill Gateway, **Maxwell's** and many residential projects. We have encouraged and supported **historic renovation** and **adaptive reuse** of buildings in the historic district, resulting in new businesses coming to West Dundee. The renovation at 3rd and Main is one example, currently underway.

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We continue to help residents through the **Residential Facade Loan** Program, thus keeping the housing stock in West Dundee vibrant. This, along with strong enforcement of our building maintenance code, will keep our village looking great for all to enjoy, now and in the future.

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From the PUBLIC WORKS department

The Public Works department provides for many of the services West Dundee residents enjoy day to day, such as **snow plowing**, **leaf pick-up**, **infrastructure maintenance** and **production of water**.

Last winter, we plowed the streets over 60 times. This fall, we've removed over 230 truckloads of leaves, versus 185 last year. 16 water main breaks have been repaired, as well as the repair and rehabilitation of 1 of the 3 deep wells that provides water to the Village. We've produced 350 Million gallons of water, much of it coming from the new Randall Road Water Treatment Plant.

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The **metal tags** that you may have noticed on the **parkway trees** are part of a program to inventory and map public trees for species, health, age and location. This information will be incorporated as another valuable data layer in our GIS system.

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Your Public Works department has been very active in seeking and obtaining grant funding. Grant and Federal TARP money was recently used to resurface Route 72 west of Route 31 and will also be used to resurface Boncosky Road. Construction will start in 2010 on **new traffic signals at 5th & Main**, which will synchronize all the signals on Main Street and provide a smoother flow of traffic, especially during rush hours. A **reconfigured intersection at 72 & 31**, providing additional stacking and turn lanes, is scheduled to start next year using State funding. A downtown landscape project is scheduled for completion in 2010 to give our "front door" a new look and provide a safer walkway.

Grants totaling over \$800,000 allowed these and other projects to move forward without the need for local tax dollars, allowing for continued public improvements within the constraints of the economy.

*(2009: A Year in Review, continued...)***From the POLICE department**

The Police Department received a grant which enabled the purchase of a **hybrid vehicle** utilized for DUI and traffic enforcement, as well as patrol and surveillance duties. Fuel economy is 32 mpg versus a 20 mpg standard cruiser. Department **grants** for this and other purposes over the course of this year have **totaled over \$95,000**.

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The Village of West Dundee established the Photo-Enforced **Red Light program** to assist with efforts to reduce accidents, not only where the cameras are located (Route 31 & Boncosky Road and Routes 31 & 72), but also village wide. If this goal is accomplished, it allows officers more time to address other needs, and makes the streets safer for the motoring public.

Since the implementation of this program, there have been over 50,000 violations captured between the 2 locations. 7,696 violations (14%) were forwarded to the West Dundee Police for action, of which the 2,575 most flagrant violations were issued citations, only 4% of the potential citations recorded.

As of August 24, 2008, the Village has seen a **reduction in crashes** at both intersections: a 16% reduction at the intersection of Routes 31 and 72 and a 50% reduction at Route 31 & Boncosky Road. A comprehensive program report can be found on the Police Department page of wdundee.org.

Between January and October of 2008 there were a total of 344 traffic accidents within the community. During that same period of 2009, with the implementation of the Red Light program, the Police Department has seen a 13% reduction in total accidents. With increased traffic enforcement by Officers and continued community education, we can expect the safety of our roadways improve even more.

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From the FIRE department

The Fire Department received two **grants totaling almost \$237,000** that provided for the replacement of all portable and mobile communications equipment, as well as 50 sets of turn-out-gear-ensembles, which include boots, pants, coats, gloves and helmets.

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The Fire Department entered into a **Memorandum of Understanding** with the neighboring fire departments of Carpentersville, East Dundee and Rutland-Dundee. Although collaborative and cooperative efforts have been in place for nearly 20 years, the Understanding will allow for a more efficient use of resources in all locales, to maintain and enhance delivery of emergency services.

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At 3 minutes and 35 seconds, the average response time for emergency services within the Village of West Dundee remains below the nationally recognized standard of 4-6 minutes. The West Dundee Fire Department continues to maintain an Insurance Rating System (**ISO**) **Class 3 Rating**. The rating is used by insurance companies in the calculation of property insurance premiums. The Village's Class 3 Rating is an admirable accomplishment which is based upon our water distribution system, facilities, apparatus, equipment and staffing, and results in lower insurance costs for the residents and businesses in West Dundee.

2010 CENSUS WE NEED YOUR PARTICIPATION!

Some residents may be asking themselves, "Why should I participate in the 2010 census?" A decennial census, which is required by the U.S. Constitution, is conducted to ensure an accurate and fair count of all populations at all geographic levels in the nation.

The census directly affects how more than \$300 Billion per year in federal and state funding is allocated to communities for local projects. You should be receiving your census form in the mail on or about March 15, 2010. Spending just a few minutes to fill out your census form will help ensure the Village of West Dundee gets its fair share of federal and state funding.

Census data are used to define legislative districts, school district assignment areas and other important functional areas of governments. The data will inform the West Dundee Village Board and Staff about changes that are necessary to planning and providing services to our residents. It is also extremely important, as the Village receives over \$100 per capita in state shared revenue to fund Village operations.

The Village of West Dundee and the U.S. Census Bureau are relying on you, our residents, to answer the census questionnaire - which should take no more than 15 minutes to complete. Responses are kept confidential to protect the privacy of respondents and the information is provided pursuant to federal regulations.

A Friendly Reminder About Wildlife:

Please be alert when walking your dogs, or when leaving them unattended in your yard, as there have been several coyote sightings in the area.

HOUSE WATCH PROGRAM

West Dundee residents who will be out of town for an extended period of time should register for the House Watch program. While you are away, a police officer will check on your house at least once per night and monitor for suspicious activity. Call the Police Dept at 847-551-3810 for more information.

ATTENTION: Senior Citizen Homeowners

During the upcoming snow season, the Village will again offer driveway approach snow removal to senior and disabled residents.

Snow removal is limited to the driveway approach from the public sidewalk to the curb, for snowfall events of 2" or more. Snow removal is performed at the conclusion of the Village's snow removal obligations for all streets, parking lots, etc.

The cost for this service is \$10 for each removal. Participants will be billed monthly, with payment due upon receipt of an invoice from the Village.

To sign up for the driveway approach snow removal program, please stop by or call Village Hall at 847-551-3800 to request an application. You can also download the form on-line at wdundee.org.



SPEAK OUT ...provides another way for you to communicate with Village Officials. Your advice, questions, suggestions and opinions are appreciated. Comments can be mailed or placed in the drop box outside Village Hall. If you need more space, please attach an additional sheet of paper.

Name _____ Address _____ Phone _____

WINTER PARKING BAN IN EFFECT

On November 1st, the winter on-street parking ban went into effect, which prohibits parking on Village streets **between the hours of 2 am and 5 am.**

The purpose of the winter off-street parking ban is to ensure that in case of an early morning snowfall, the roads are unobstructed and can be completely cleared by the Public Works Dept.

However, if you have short-term guests or your vehicle is inoperable and cannot be moved, permission *may* be granted for overnight on-street parking if you call the Village's emergency dispatch center, QuadCom, at 847-428-8784 and provide them with the vehicle's location, make, model and license plate number.



Please be aware, however, that in the event of two or more inches of snowfall, the vehicle may have to be moved at your expense and/or ticketed so it does not inhibit snow removal operations. **The parking ban will remain in effect until April 1, 2010.**



CHRISTMAS PARADE

Join us on **Saturday, December 5th at 10:00 am** during the Dickens in Dundee celebration for our annual "Spirit of Christmas" parade!



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From Main Street to Spring Hill Mall and throughout the Village, West Dundee has many unique offerings to satisfy everyone on your list.

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