



West Dundee Village Newsletter

WINTER
2010

Dickens in Dundee

Join us for the Dundee area's 23rd annual classic holiday celebration!
(Locations are in West Dundee unless otherwise noted.)

Friday, December 3rd

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 4th

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, 4th & Washington
10:30 am - 1:30 pm	At Grafelman Park: Festival of Trees Decorating Contest , Santa's Petting Zoo , and Community Giving Tree - donate hats, gloves, scarves and non-perishable foods.
10:30 am - 1:30 pm	Santa's Workshop (crafts & Santa) - Bethlehem Lutheran Annex, 5th & Main
10:30 am - 1:30 pm	Gingerbread Village - 1st United Methodist Church, 410 W. Main (1 kit per family)
1:30 pm	Reading of A Christmas Carol - Mansion Bed and Breakfast, 305 Oregon Ave
9:00 am - 1:00 pm	Cookie Walk, Bazaar & Holiday Boutique - 1st Congregational Church, 900 S. 8th
9:00 am - 3:00 pm	Sweets & Crafts Shoppe - 1st United Methodist Church, 318 W. Main
10:00 am - 2:00 pm	Crafts & Refreshments - Dundee Historical Society Museum, 426 Highland Ave
11:00 am - 2:00 pm	Bethlehem Kitchen (soup/sandwiches) - Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 410 W. Main
11:00 am - 6:00 pm	Festival of Nativities - Immanuel Lutheran Church, 310 E. Main East Dundee
3:00 pm	A Christmas Carol Movie - Dundee Library, 555 Barrington Ave, East Dundee

Sunday, December 5th

2:00 - 4:00 pm	Victorian Christmas - Centerville School, Randall Oaks Park, 1150 N. Randall Rd
2:15 pm	Holiday Concert - Dundee Library, 555 Barrington Ave, East Dundee
3:00 pm	Christmas Carol Sing - St. James Church, 516 Washington

For more information visit www.dickensindundee.org

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 - 3:30 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

December

3-5	Dickens in Dundee (dickensindundee.org)	
6	Regular Board Meeting	7:30 pm
7	Appearance Review Commission	7:30 pm
13	Committee of the Whole	7:30 pm
20	Regular Board Meeting	7:30 pm
24	Regular Friday Refuse Collection	
24	Merry Christmas! Village Offices Closed	
31	Regular Friday Refuse Collection	
31	Happy New Year! Village Offices Closed	

January

3	Regular Board Meeting	7:30 pm
4	Appearance Review Commission	7:30 pm
7	Free Christmas Tree Pick-up	
10	Committee of the Whole	7:30 pm
14	Free Christmas Tree Pick-up	
17	Regular Board Meeting	7:30 pm
24	Planning & Zoning Commission	7:30 pm

February

1	Appearance Review Commission	7:30 pm
7	Regular Board Meeting	7:30 pm
14	Committee of the Whole	7:30 pm
14	Happy Valentine's Day!	
21	Regular Board Meeting	7:30 pm
28	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 26, from 10 am - 6 pm. Regular hours are:

Thursday & Friday from 6 pm - 8 pm
 Saturday & Sunday from 10 am - 6 pm

Dundee Lions will collect non-perishable food items and diapers for the FISH Pantry, and also eyeglasses, cell phones and battery chargers, hearing aids and old keys for recycling.



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 (all decorations removed) to 1900 Sleepy Hollow Rd (at Rte 72) until January 14.

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

FREE CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

FREE Christmas tree collections are scheduled for **January 7** and **January 14**, 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 your building owner or refuse hauler regarding the disposal of your tree, or recycle it (see above).

ICE SKATING

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

Prairie Meadow Park, located on Village Quarter Road (south of Target), is open from sunrise to 10:00 pm for outdoor ice skating. Washrooms are available.

Leaf's Ice Centre on Wesemann Drive off of Route 72 (west of Randall Rd) offers indoor skating. Visit www.leafsicecentre.com or call 847-844-8700 for hours of Public Skating, Active Adult Skating, Teen Nights and more! Admission is \$6 and skate rental is \$2.

Grab your skates, we'll see you there!

Looking for a great HOLIDAY GIFT idea?

A personalized granite paving brick installed in Grafelman Park or along the Riverwalk make a long-lasting and thoughtful gift for the holidays, or any time of year, to honor or memorialize an individual, family or group.

The cost is \$50 per brick and personalized gift certificates are available. Stop by Village Hall or download the Gift Selections form from www.wdundee.org today!

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



SNOW REMOVAL

Please help us to ensure safe travel for both pedestrians and vehicles throughout the Village:

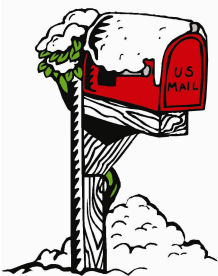
- Please clear snow from around the hydrants near your residence to allow emergency crews quick access in case of fire.
- Keep public and private sidewalks clear of ice and snow for everyone's safety, including that of school-age children who walk daily to their bus stop.
- Do not stockpile snow at street intersections. This can create a vision obstruction that places everyone at risk.
- Please do not deposit or blow snow or ice onto Village streets.
- Please help neighbors who are unable to clear snow from sidewalks. Everyone benefits.
- Do not allow children to play in snow stockpiles, as this is a dangerous activity.



MAILBOX REPAIR & REPLACEMENT GUIDELINES

In the unfortunate event that a mailbox is damaged due to snow removal or other Village operations, the below guidelines shall apply:

- A properly installed mailbox damaged during Village operations will be repaired or replaced at a maximum cost of \$75.
- A temporary mailbox shall be provided pending repair and/or replacement, if eligible.



- Damage to mailboxes as a result of events beyond Village's control shall not be eligible for replacement.

The Village of West Dundee's Mailbox Replacement Policy can be viewed at www.wdundee.org.

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 from the Village of West Dundee's website, www.wdundee.org.

PREPARE YOUR HOME FOR WINTER

Whether your home is new or old, now is the time to winterize to protect your home (and you!) against the winter elements and reduce unnecessary energy consumption or heat loss.

Avoid Frozen or Burst Water Pipes:

Every winter, many homeowners face the expense and inconvenience of frozen water pipes. By taking a few simple precautions this can be avoided.

- Disconnect and drain outdoor hoses to allow water to drain from the pipe.
- Insulate pipes or faucets in unheated areas by wrapping water pipes.
- Consider installing heat tape or similar materials on exposed water pipes. Be sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions carefully.
- Seal off access doors, air vents and cracks. DO NOT plug air vents used by your furnace or water heater.
- Find the master shutoff valve (usually where the water line enters the house, near the water heater or washing machine). Paint it a bright color and make sure everyone in the home knows the valve location to shut off the water in the event of a burst pipe.
- If you go on vacation, leave the heat set to at least 55 degrees.



Should pipes freeze and you know where it occurred, you can thaw pipes yourself using a hair dryer with a low heat setting. DO NOT USE AN OPEN FLAME. Wave the warm air of the hair dryer back and forth along the pipe. DO NOT heat only one spot on the pipe, as this can cause it to burst.

If you don't have a hair dryer, you can wrap the frozen section with rags or towels and pour hot water over them. This is messy but it works. Be careful when heating the pipe because it may already be broken and not leaking due to frozen water, and could come gushing out when thawed.

Improve Energy Efficiency and Safety:

Drafty windows and doors can be obvious culprits for heat loss. For better draft protection, use weatherstripping along doors and windows to block out the cold and form tighter-fitting bonds. Insulating shades, shutters, heavy blinds and lined drapes help your windows perform better.

Caulking around windows and doors will also help. Start by scraping away loose or cracked caulk, then use a caulk gun to form a tight bead along the edges of surfaces, filling any openings or cracks. Press the caulk down into the openings and smooth the seal in the cracks.

Have your furnace serviced and be sure to change filters regularly to maximize airflow and the efficiency of your heater. Remove all flammable material from around your furnace.

If you have a fireplace, close the damper when it is not in use. This can be a major source of heat loss. If you plan to use your fireplace this winter, ensure that it is clean and in proper working order.

Install carbon monoxide and smoke detectors. Test those you already have and change the batteries to make sure they work. Replace fire extinguishers that are more than 10 years old.

Visit www.wdundee.org for a complete **Winter Preparedness Guide** from the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, including tips on safe winter travel, survival situations and much more.

SAFETY TIPS FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Cars can be easy targets for criminals. Place all gifts and packages in the trunk. This also applies to phones, electronics, laptops, purses and briefcases. Nothing of value should be left in plain view.

Park in a well lit area. Also be sure to lock the car doors, close all the windows, and hide shopping bags and gifts in the trunk.

Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Pay with a check or credit card whenever possible.

Deter pickpockets and purse-snatchers. Don't overburden yourself with packages. Be extra careful with purses and wallets. If you carry a purse, keep it close to your body, not dangling by the straps. Put your wallet inside your front pants pocket.

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 6 am.**

The purpose of the winter on-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 Department.

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, 2011.**

BEWARE OF STRANGERS

The West Dundee Police Department can never overstate the importance of teaching your children about stranger danger. Please review the following tips to keep your children safe.

There is safety in numbers. Children should be encouraged to walk and play with other children whether it is at the playground or bus stop. A person looking to harm a child is not going to want the added risk of other children being able to identify them.

Provide your child with the definition of a stranger. The definition is simple; A stranger is a person that your child does not know, period.

Explain the power of their voice. In the event your child is approached by a stranger, tell your child that he or she should be ready to use the loudest possible voice they can manage in order to bring attention to the fact that a stranger could be attempting to harm them.

Practice. Refresh these safety tips often with your child. The more you practice, the more confident they will feel if they are ever approached by a stranger. Remind them that strangers can look like anybody and not just someone with a mean face.

VILLAGE TO INTRODUCE ON-LINE SHOP & DINE LOCAL PROGRAM



In the last few issues of the Village Newsletter, the Village has published Shop & Dine Local discount cards to promote patronage of local shops and restaurants. After several successful campaigns, the Village will be improving and expanding this program into a web-based format.

The new on-line Shop and Dine Local Program is currently under construction. West Dundee businesses will be able to promote themselves directly through a new web portal on the Village’s website.

This will allow users to easily identify local businesses and gain access to promotions and specials.

Businesses will have the ability to display more information such as new merchandise or services, current coupon offerings, available job openings, information about special events, and other topical news, which the business can update as often as they wish.

Citizens will have a direct platform to communicate with businesses and will have the ability to print out coupons, see menus, ask questions, determine hours of operation, join mailing lists and find the business location.

The on-line Shop & Dine program will also connect to social networking forums including Twitter, MySpace, Linked-In and Facebook. Citizens will have the ability to “follow” favorite merchants and restaurants to receive exclusive information on upcoming events, sales, coupons or whatever else businesses choose to share.

West Dundee is pleased to introduce this green initiative to help fuel our local economy. When you shop and dine in your neighborhood it makes a great difference to local businesses and to the Village’s finances, and supports a sustainable local economy. This expansion of the Shop and Dine Program will make it easier for citizens and businesses to communicate.

The program is expected to be up and running in early 2011. Stay tuned to www.wdundee.org for more details!



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 _____ E-Mail _____

PLEASE JOIN THE VILLAGE E-MAIL NEWSLIST

In the upcoming budget cycle, the Village Board will be considering a move from the printed Village Newsletter to a primarily e-mail based news distribution system.

Our goal is effective and efficient communication with the residents of West Dundee. The e-mail Newslist allows Village Staff to reach you with important updates using only a few keystrokes.

This service has been in place for some time, and has included news alerts from the Police Department regarding suspicious activity and notices of refuse collection and Village service schedules, as well as information regarding events such as Heritage Fest and the Best Block in America taping.

You may choose the types of information that you would like to receive based on a few criteria. Rest assured that your e-mail address will remain private and will not be sold or provided to any third-party organizations.

Please take a moment to **sign up for West Dundee's e-mail Newslist by visiting www.wdundee.org** to ensure that you continue to receive pertinent news and updates from the Village.

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

◆ **SHOP LOCAL THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!** ◆

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