



West Dundee Village Newsletter

WINTER
2011

Dickens in Dundee

Join us for the Dundee area's 24th annual classic holiday celebration!
(Locations are in West Dundee unless otherwise noted.)

Friday, December 2nd

- 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 St
6:00 - 8:00 pm Living Windows - Main St, Downtown West Dundee
Warming House (cookies, cocoa & Santa!) - Village Hall, 102 S 2nd St
7:30 pm Fezziwig's Family Festivities - Emmett's Tavern & Brewery, 128 W Main St, 2nd fl

Saturday, December 3rd

- 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 Santa's Workshop (crafts & Santa), Festival of Trees Decorating Contest, Santa's Petting Zoo, and Community Giving Tree (donate hats, gloves, scarves and non-perishable foods) - Grafelman Park, 4th & Washington
10:30 am - 1:30 pm Gingerbread Village (1 kit per family) - 1st United Methodist Church, 410 W Main
1:30 pm Reading of A Christmas Carol - Mansion Bed and Breakfast, 305 Oregon Ave
9:00 am - 1:00 pm Cookie Walk, Bazaar & Nativity Walk - 1st Congregational Church, 900 S 8th
9:00 am - 3:00 pm Sweets & Crafts Shop - 1st United Methodist Church, 318 W Main (4th & Main)
9:00 am - 3:00 pm Dickens of a Sale - Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 410 W Main (5th & Main)
11:00 am - 2:00 pm Bethlehem Kitchen (soup/sandwiches) - Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 410 W Main
3:00 pm Muppet Christmas Carol Movie - Dundee Library, 555 Barrington Ave, East Dundee

Sunday, December 4th

- 2:00 - 4:00 pm Victorian Christmas - Centerville School, Randall Oaks Park, 1150 N Randall Rd
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

- 2-4 **Dickens in Dundee** (dickensindundee.org)
- 5 Regular Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 6 Appearance Review Commission 7:30 pm
- 12 Committee of the Whole Meeting 7:30 pm
- 19 Regular Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 23 **Regular Friday Refuse Collection**
- 23+26 **Village Offices Closed** (*Merry Christmas!*)
- 31 **SATURDAY Refuse Collection**

January

- 2 **Village Offices Closed** (*Happy New Year!*)
- 9 Regular Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 3 Appearance Review Commission 7:30 pm
- 7 **SATURDAY Refuse Collection**
- 7 **Free Christmas Tree Pick-up**
- 16 Committee of the Whole Meeting 7:30 pm
- 13 **Free Christmas Tree Pick-up**
- 23 Regular Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 30 Planning & Zoning Commission 7:30 pm

February

- 6 Regular Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 8 Appearance Review Commission 7:30 pm
- 13 Committee of the Whole Meeting 7:30 pm
- 14 **Happy Valentine's Day!**
- 20 Regular Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 27 Planning & Zoning Commission 7:30 pm

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

DON'T LET A CROOK RUIN YOUR HOLIDAYS

Protect your home, yourself and your belongings from theft this holiday season, and year-round, by taking a few extra precautions:

- If you are away, have someone watch your house to shovel snow and pick-up mail and newspapers. Program interior and exterior lights to go on and off by an automatic timer. Turn on the outside lights to your residence at night to deter criminals from using the cover of darkness to their advantage.
- When shopping, avoid carrying large amounts of cash and don't park in unlit or secluded areas. Teach your children to go to a store clerk or security guard for help if you become separated. Children should never walk into a parking lot alone.
- Beware of con games and fraud. When someone asks you for a donation, ask to see identification. Donate only to charities you know, and never give your credit card number over the phone.
- Don't leave any valuables, such as a GPS unit, MP3 player, purses, wallets or money inside your vehicle. Lock your car, roll up all the windows and set the alarm system or anti-theft device.
- Park your vehicle inside your garage instead of on your driveway or street.

POLICE DEPARTMENT PROMOTIONS

The Village of West Dundee is pleased to announce the promotion of two members of the West Dundee Police Department:

Richard Riggle has been promoted from Sergeant to Lieutenant. Rich has been with the West Dundee Police Department for nearly 24 years. His extensive law enforcement experience makes him an excellent choice for "Second in Command". As Lieutenant, Rich oversees the Patrol Division and Investigations.

Jason Antonacci has been promoted from Patrol Officer to Patrol Sergeant. Jay began his career in East Dundee and joined the West Dundee Police Department in 1999. Jay has continued to increase his supervisory responsibilities within the department, including his most recent role as K9 Officer.

FIRE CHIEF RECRUITMENT

After 35 years in the fire service and 27 years of service to the Village of West Dundee, Fire Chief Frank Buhrmann retired at the end of October.

Please join us in congratulating Chief Buhrmann on his retirement and showing him our sincere thanks for his dedication and professionalism, and the positive impact that his leadership has had on our community.

A professional recruitment process has been undertaken to identify a new Fire Chief to lead the West Dundee Fire Department. It is anticipated that a new Chief for the department will be in place just after the start of the new year.

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 25, 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

Start the New Year off right by recycling your Christmas tree with the Dundee Township Highway Commission.

Bring your tree (all decorations removed) to the Township Garage at 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 SATURDAY, **January 7** & FRIDAY, **January 13**, 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 \$7 and skate rental is \$3.

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 for spring installation 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.



WINTER PARKING BAN IN EFFECT

On November 1st, the winter street parking ban goes into effect, which prohibits parking on Village streets **between the hours of 2 am and 6 am**.

The purpose of the winter street parking ban is to ensure that in case of an overnight snowfall, the roads are unobstructed and can be completely cleared by the Public Works Department prior to the morning rush.

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

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 if it will inhibit snow removal operations.

The parking ban will remain in effect **until April 1, 2011**.



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.

ATTENTION: Senior Homeowners

The Village of West Dundee offers 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 are 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 or download the form from the Village's website, www.wdundee.org.

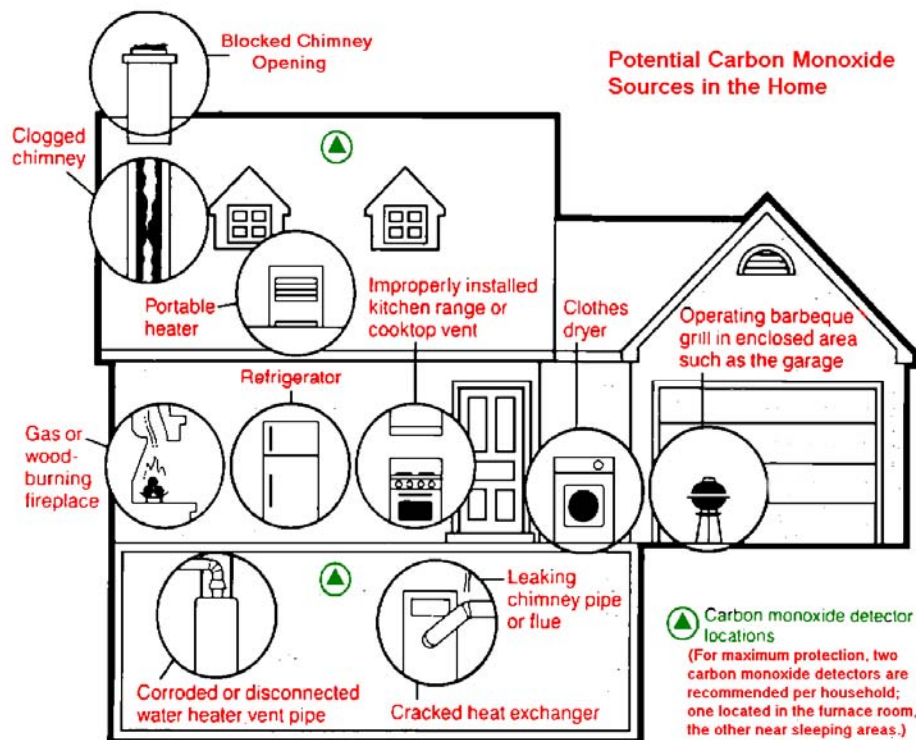
EXPOSING THE DANGERS OF CARBON MONOXIDE

In the United States, unintentional carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning claims the lives of more than 400 and sends 20,000 people to the emergency room every year. A colorless gas, CO is impossible to see, taste, or smell, and is known as the "silent killer".

At lower levels of exposure, mild effects of CO cause individuals to experience flu-like symptoms, headaches, dizziness, disorientation, nausea and fatigue. The effects of CO exposure vary greatly from person to person depending on age, overall health, and the concentration and length of exposure.

Please be aware of the following safety precautions that may be taken to avoid CO poisoning:

- Do not heat a home with a gas range or oven;
- Do not burn charcoal inside houses or garages;
- Always fully open the chimney flue when using a fireplace;
- Do not run a combustion engine, i.e., car, lawn mower or snow blower in enclosed areas;
- Have a qualified professional check all fuel burning appliances, furnaces, venting and chimney systems on an annual basis.



Illinois State law requires the installation of a carbon monoxide alarm with an audible warning signal to be placed near each bedroom in a residential dwelling. CO alarms measure levels of CO over time and are designed to activate before an average, healthy adult would experience symptoms.

Carbon monoxide detectors can be purchased at any home improvement store. Battery operated, hard-wired and electrical models with battery backup are available. **Test your carbon monoxide and smoke detectors on a monthly basis, and change batteries at least once per year.**

If the CO Alarm is activated and no one is feeling ill:

- Silence the alarm;
- Turn off all appliances and sources of combustion (furnaces, fireplaces, etc.);
- Ventilate the house with fresh air by opening windows and doors;
- Call a qualified professional to investigate the source for the possible CO buildup;

If illness is a factor or immediate assistance is needed:

- Immediately evacuate all occupants from the house;
- Determine how many occupants are ill and track symptoms;
- Dial 911 and inform the dispatcher of the situation and the number of people that are ill;
- Do not re-enter the house without first consulting the Fire Department staff that will be responding to your home.

For additional questions, please feel free to contact the Fire Department at 847-551-3805.

PREVENT PIPES FROM FREEZING THIS WINTER

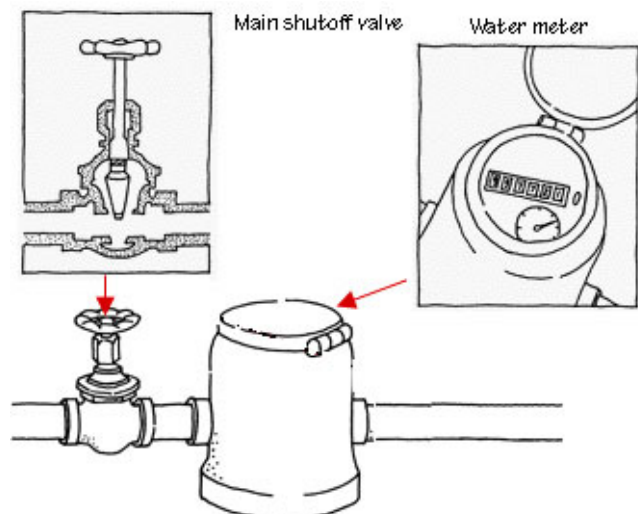
Every winter, many homeowners face the expense and inconvenience of frozen water pipes. By taking a few simple precautions this can be avoided.

- Wrap exposed pipes, especially in a basement or crawl space, with insulation or heat tape.
- Eliminate drafts and flow of cool air round water pipes in your basement or crawl space.
- Locate the main water shutoff valve in your home (usually near your water meter) and make sure everyone in the home knows how to operate it. Tag the valve and/or paint it a bright color to make it easy to find in the event of a burst pipe.
- If you go on vacation, leave the heat set to at least 55 degrees.
- Open vanity or cabinet doors to allow warm air to circulate.
- During extreme cold, run a thin stream of water in at least one faucet in your home.

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.



SNOW REMOVAL

Removal of snow and ice from Village streets is the primary concern of the Public Works crews during the winter months.

Heavily traveled streets are the Village's top priority and are cleaned of snow and ice first. Once the main streets have been cleared, crews begin removal from secondary collector streets, cul de sacs, dead end streets and parking lots.

Removal of snow and ice from sidewalks and private property is the responsibility of the property owner. Please help us to ensure safe travel for both pedestrians and vehicles throughout the Village by doing your part:

- 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 and corners 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 visual 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.
- When snowfall exceeds two inches in accumulation, all street parking is prohibited.



HOUSE WATCH PROGRAM

West Dundee residents who will be out of town for an extended period of time should consider registering 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 Department at 847-551-3810 for more information.



BUDGET PROCESS BEGINS

The Village has begun planning and preparation for the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Budget.

In the next several months, the Finance Department, Staff and Board of Trustees will devote a considerable amount of time in developing a budget that is fiscally responsible and will allow the Village to operate within the constraints brought on by this challenging economy.

The Village remains in good fiscal health, however, the Board will begin the challenging process of evaluating revenues needed to continue to provide quality service levels provided to the residents and businesses of West Dundee.

Stay tuned for more information on the Budget in our Spring Newsletter.