

Deer Creek

Bridging Past, Present and Future

Village News

Fall/Winter ~ 2023



Halloween Parade

Saturday, October 28

Line up at the corner of Main and First beginning at 1:30pm

Parade kicks off at 2:00pm

Whether you are new to Deer Creek or have been around forever, you will not want to miss out on the fun at this treasured, community tradition.

Everyone is invited!

The annual Halloween Parade will be an outside event that begins at the corner of First and Main and ends at the park. Refreshments will be served under the pavilion immediately following the parade.

Dress up and decorate your golf carts, your wagons, hayracks, bicycles and pets and come be a part of the parade. Or bring your chairs and watch from the sidelines. Candy throwing is encouraged.

Family-friendly fun for all ages.



If you are interested in providing treats or would like to help serve refreshments after the parade, please call the Village office at 309-447-6749.

CALENDAR REMINDERS

Deer Creek
Fall Community Garage
Sales

Saturday, October 21

Trick or Treat Hours:

Tuesday,
October 31st
5pm - 8pm

FALL BACK

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DAYLIGHT
SAVING TIME
ENDS

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SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 5



Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, November 23



Christmas Day
Monday,
December 25





Reminders from the Village...

- **Snow route parking.** Remember during heavy snow events, do not park along the marked snow routes and be careful about parking along the streets in general as the plows need to be able to get the snow off the streets which may result in your vehicle getting snowed in or towed in.
- **With talk of snow,** do you or someone you know plow snow in the area?? Maybe you need your driveway and/or sidewalks cleared after snowfalls (which the Farmer's Almanac is predicting to be a thing this winter!).
- **Online payments.** Did you know you can pay your water bill online? For a small fee to the card company, you can pay your water bill from the comfort of your own home. With the cold weather coming, who wouldn't want to stay inside and with just a couple of clicks of the mouse...done! Go to the village website: www.deercreekillinois.org and click on the "Pay Your Water Bill Here" tab. It's just that simple.
- **With fall, comes fall clean-up.** We do have a burn area north of town that you can take your yard waste (leaves, limbs, yard waste ONLY). You can burn your own leaves but do NOT burn on the street, including the edges of the street. It is illegal to burn anything other than yard waste. Finally, be mindful of your neighbors. It's just not nice to burn when the neighbors windows are open and the wind is blowing in their direction.



American Red Cross | Blood Services

The next American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Friday, November 29th at the community center.

Sign up now and give the gift of life.

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive>

Thank you for supporting these drives.
Here are the results of the September drive:

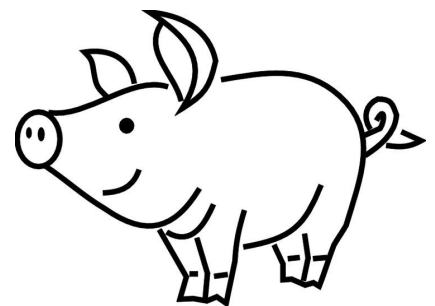
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Presenting: 24 donors
Deferred: 1 donors
Collected: 23 pints

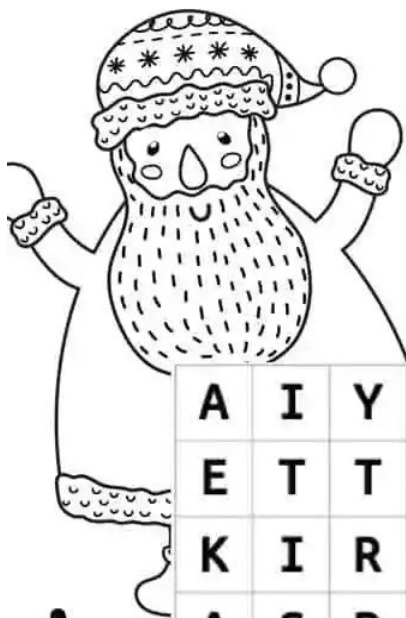
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**Deer Creek Intermediate School PTO
Pancake & Sausage Supper**

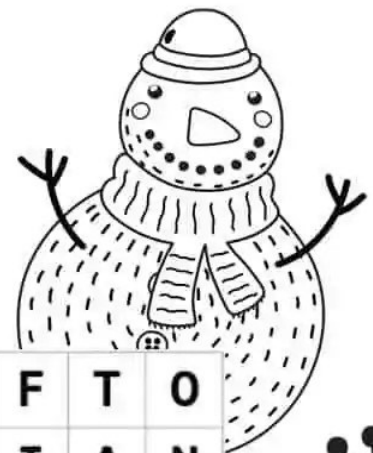
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Keep and eye on the DC World News Facebook for further information on ticket prices, time, and a link to sign up to volunteer.





Merry Christmas



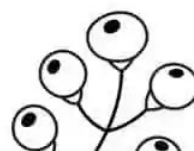
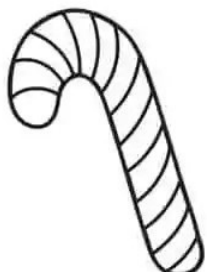
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Deer Creek District Library News

Library Director: Meghan Meadows
dcpatrons@gmail.com
deercreeklibrary.org or find us on Facebook

Library Hours

- Monday – 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm
- Tuesday – 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm
- Wednesday – 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm
- Thursday – 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm
- Friday – 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
- Saturday – Closed
- Sunday – Closed



New for 2023!

Deer Creek Fall Community Garage Sales

We heard you ~ with 50 votes for yes!
Deer Creek Fall Community Garage sales
will take place on

Saturday, October 21st

A good time to clean out your attic, basement
or garage & sell those items you no longer
use or need, & keep your sale proceeds!

Address and items for sale must be turned in
to the Village office by Wednesday, October
18th to secure your spot on the map! No fee
for map advertisement, but donations will be
happily accepted. Maps will be available for
pick up at the Village office on Friday,
October 20th and will also be posted on the
Deer Creek Facebook page.

Their will **not** be dumpsters for disposal of
items after sales.

Thank you to everyone who participated in
our online poll!



Paint Nights with Jeff

Would you like to participate in or host
a paint night with your friends? We
have the perfect spot and our very own
Bob Ross-ish right here in Deer Creek.

The Olde Town Hall and it is ready for
you to schedule your group to Paint
with Jeff. You may have seen his
lovely paintings on Facebook.

Contact Jeff Graham at 309.219.2171
to book your party now.

Did you know that there are property tax exemptions that you might qualify for? Here are just a few:

General Homestead Exemption (GHE)

- This annual exemption is available for residential property that is occupied by its owner.
- The amount of exemption is the increase in the current year's equalized assessed value. Up to a maximum of \$6,000 in all counties.

Senior Citizens Homestead Exemption

- This annual exemption is available for property that is occupied as a residence by a person 65 years of age or older.
- The maximum amount of the reduction in equalized assessed value is \$5,000 in all counties.

Low-income Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption (SCAFHE)

- This exemption "freezes" the senior citizen's property's equalized assessed value the year that the senior citizen qualifies for the exemption. Total household income must be less than \$65,000.

Homestead Exemption for Persons with Disabilities

- This exemption is an annual \$2,000 reduction in the EAV of the primary residence that is owned and occupied by a person with a disability who is liable for the payment of property taxes.

Homestead Exemption for Veteran's with Disabilities

- A qualified veteran with a service-connected disability of at least 30% but less than 50% will receive a \$2,500 reduction in EAV; if the veteran has a service-connected disability of 50% but less than 70%, the annual exemption is \$5,000; and if the veteran has a service-connected disability of 70% or more, the residential property is exempt from taxation.

For more information visit

[https://tax.illinois.gov/localgovernments/property/
taxrelief.html](https://tax.illinois.gov/localgovernments/property/taxrelief.html)



Santa's Mailbox will be put up early December outside of Village Hall. Kids, be sure to drop your letters in the mailbox or bring them with you to have breakfast with Santa.

Parents: Santa will send a note back to your young one as long as there is a name and address sent along with the letter.



Come have **Breakfast with Santa**

Deer Creek Community Center
100 N Main Street
Saturday December 9
9 to 11 a.m.

This free breakfast is open to the community.
Donations will be accepted to help offset costs.

This is an open house event ~ come anytime between 9 and 11.
Pictures with Santa will be taken too.
So mark your calendars and bring the kids!



Thank you!

Lori would just like to say Thank You! To you who shared your excess produce at the table. And to you who helped keep that table clean.



Christmas Help Fund

Another holiday season will soon be upon us. For some, it has been a difficult year...the cost of gas and food and utilities has continued to rise . If you know someone who could use a little help, (maybe it's you) please let Lori at the village office know. We recognize the need for discretion so do not hesitate to reach out for a little help.

For as many people there are who could use a helping hand this year, there are just as many who are able to and want to help. If you are one of these helping hands, you can drop off your cash or gift card donations at village hall. A little help with the water bill, or maybe a tank of gas can ease a bit of the burden during the Christmas season.

It really does takes a village...and boy, do we have an amazing one!

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Police: 309.447.6265

Non-emergency: 800.322.0166

Fire Department: 309.447.6490

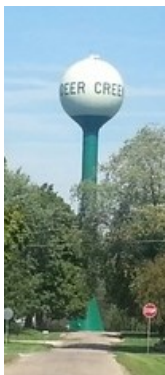
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DEER CREEK, IL 61733



The Deer Creek Village Board meets at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month. These meetings are held at the Village Hall/Community Center.

Your Village Officers:

President: Jim Hackney

Clerk: Lori Lewis

Trustees: Grant Hackney, Ross Kraemer, Stefanie Lee Berardi, Josh Rossman, Jake Smith

Treasurer: Jodi McMahon

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