

Deer Creek

Bridging Past, Present and Future

Village News

Spring 2024

Lead Service Line Inventory

Included in this newsletter is a water service line material identification form. It helps show you what kind of water line you have coming into your home or business. The EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) is **requiring** the village to provide them a detailed inventory of all service lines within the village to determine if there are any lead lines. It is important (and required) that everyone fill this simple form out and return to the Village Hall as soon as possible. The form can be left in the water payment box or dropped off during business hours.

If we have not received a form for your property by May 1, 2024, we will have a village employee come to your residence to do the inspection. Please contact the village hall at 309.447.6749 if you have any questions or if you need help determining what type of material your lines are.

The purpose of the LSLRNA is to require owners and operators of community water supplies to develop, implement, and maintain a comprehensive water service line material inventory and lead line replacement plan. This means that the EPA is requiring any municipalities to identify any and all lead lines, to put a full replacement plan together, and complete it by a specific date.

The Village of Deer Creek tests regularly for lead in our water. You may be one of the many who have provided samples to us for this. No lead shows up in our test results so we are not anticipating any issues with this inventory. It is just an unfunded mandate we are required to do to stay compliant.

So please help us out and fill the enclosed form out at the bottom of page 2 as soon as possible. Or you can just email us at clerk@deercreekillinois.org and provide your physical address and the type of service line you have.

Thanks for your cooperation!

Mark your calendars!



Monday, April 22



Sunday, May 12



Monday, May 27



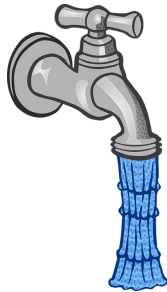
Sunday, June 16



Thursday, July 4

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

Each year, the Village is required to generate a Consumer Confidence Report detailing the water quality and treatment techniques. This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water during 2023. If you would like a paper copy mailed to your home, please call (309) 447-6749.



This year's annual water quality report can be found at:

www.deercreekillinois.org/annual-drinking-water-report.html

Why do we flush hydrants?

The first Wednesday of each month the village flushed all of the fire hydrants in town. This is NOT a good day to wash your white clothes. When you see us out flushing hydrants, we aren't just wasting water. This is a controlled procedure that is vital to the general maintenance of the village's water distribution system. It ensures adequate water flow is available to fire fighters, residents and businesses. Flushing the water system on a routine basis removes sediment from lines and keeps the entire distribution system "refreshed". The flushing route is carefully planned. You may experience rusty brown, or cloudy water. These conditions should subside after the flushing is completed.

This same philosophy of water line preventive maintenance is one that you should also use in your home to ensure the quality of water. If you go out of town and there is no water use in your home for a week or more, it's always a good idea to run all your faucets for a minute or so when you return before using the water. This ensures that you don't use any stagnant water that may have developed in your home's pipes while you were away.

Regular flushing serves the following purposes:

- Identifies inadequate water volumes and pressures in the mainlines.
- Helps determine fire flows at the hydrant.
- Enhances long term water quality by removing sediments from inside the mainline and flushing them out through the hydrant.
- Identifies malfunctions of the hydrant and related valve issues.
- Helps determine weaknesses in the water distribution system.

Service Line Material Identification

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency recently revised the lead and copper rule for community drinking water, requiring municipalities to gather and update water service line material information for all structures connected to the distribution system.

Participation from water customers is essential for completing this inventory and the **(Insert)** _____ Water Department is asking for your help.

Please return this form with your name, address, and whether you have a lead, galvanized steel, copper, or plastic service line, and year home was built, to (Insert contact person name) _____. If you have questions regarding this inventory, please call _____.



1. Lead
2. Galvanized Steel (Iron)
3. Copper
4. Plastic (Black/Blue Color)

How to identify service line material

1. Locate the water meter.

(Found inside the building.) Follow the water pipes in the basement or crawl space. Look near your water heater, furnace, or washer/dryer. The meter may also be under a kitchen or bathroom sink, inside the cabinet.

2. Locate the service line.

This is the pipe which comes up from the floor or out of the wall before the water meter. Water meters generally have an arrow printed on the body. The service line will be on the upstream side of the arrow. (See photo.)

3. Identify the material and year home was built.

Lead, Galvanized Steel, Copper, or Plastic

Complete information below & return to Village Hall

Name: _____
 Address _____
 Year House Built _____
 Type of Service Line _____

Material details for identification

Lead

- Grey in color.
- Non-magnetic
- Soft metal, easy to mark.
- Connections resemble a bulb shape.

Galvanized Steel

- Silver/grey in color.
- Magnetic
- May observe red/rusty areas.

Copper

- Similar color and shine of a Penny.
- May have green and blue coloration.
- Non-magnetic

Plastic

- Blue or black in color.
- Lettering or stripes may be imprinted on the pipe.



Water meter and service line originating from the floor.

Summer Means Fresh Veggies

The table will be back outside the community center doors this year! If you have too many tomatoes or are overloaded with green beans or fresh greens, bring them up and put them on the table. See something that looks good to add to your dinner table? Help yourself.

We have something new happening this year too! The Morton High School Skills USA and FFA have donated a beautiful raised garden bed to us. So this summer, along with the table at the community center, there will be fresh vegetables to harvest. Help yourself if you are passing by and need a tomato for dinner!



Other summer fun

Painting in the Park - there will be a couple of times this summer that Jeff and Lori will be hosting a Paint in the Park afternoon. If you are interested, let Lori know at the village hall. This is for kids of all ages!

The splash pad should be open for the season Memorial Weekend!



Friends of the Deer Creek District Library,

On behalf of the Deer Creek District Library, we are sharing our exciting plan for Summer Reading June 3rd through June 28th. This year's theme is **'Read, Renew, Repeat'** from the iREAD organization. Summer Reading programs matter because students experience the summer slump every year and lose some of their educational progress. The Read, Renew, Repeat Summer Reading Program will include weekly programs that provide context for exploring conservation including reducing, reusing, and recycling as well as learning about and protecting life on earth. Last year's Summer Reading Program had more than 60 participants.

Our program will again be open to all ages. Kids who see the adults in their lives reading are more likely to commit to reading. **Plus, educational studies say 15 minutes of reading daily is the magic number to start seeing substantial positive gains in reading achievement.** This is an achievable goal no matter what the individual reading level. Individuals will be encouraged to track their daily reading in a log to earn weekly incentives for reading and attending the weekly programs. There will be a grand prize for a child and an adult. This year the library will have a drawing for those 13 and above and a separate drawing for those 12 and under.

Stop by the library the last week of May to get your goody bag and reading logs and join in on the fun, enjoying a program on every Friday in June at 10:00 to 11:00 this summer!

Deer Creek District Library Board
dcdlboard@gmail.com

www.deercreeklibrary.org

Current 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

Mackinaw American Legion Shadow Box Project

The Mackinaw American Legion Post #607 is collecting names to recognize and honor veterans in the Dee-Mack School District who have served in the United States Armed Services in the Korean War Conflict to present day conflicts. The names will be listed in a memorial cabinet adjacent to the current World War I and II cabinet in the Mackinaw Community Building. This includes all veterans who are now living in the school district and veterans who once lived here but have moved away or are deceased. For Killed in Action veterans, reply Yes on the appropriate line. Also state the date of service and the conflict involved for all replies. If someone was a reservist and you were activated for at least six months during the conflict, please add your name.

Name: _____

Conflict: _____

Year(s): _____ KIA: _____



If you have any questions, call Stuart at 309.620.4343.

Return this information to:

Mackinaw American Legion Post 607
P.O. Box 67
Mackinaw, IL 61755



**PRESCHOOL
FOR ALL
2024-2025
SCHOOL YEAR
SCREENINGS**

AVAILABLE CLASSES:
FULL-DAY PFA AND CHILD CARE (TUITION BASED)
PART DAY PFA (FREE FOR THOSE WHO QUALIFY)
*All students must be 3 by the scheduled screening date.

**Screening Dates:
June 27th and July 23rd
Call Ms. Jackie to set up a screening time
at 309-359-5683.**
ADDITIONAL DATES AVAILABLE BY REQUEST

**405 LEOPOLD STREET
MACKINAW, IL 61755**
CONVENIENTLY LOCATED OFF ROUTE 9.



Spring Snickers...

How excited was the gardener about spring?

So excited he wet his plants!

Why are frogs so happy?

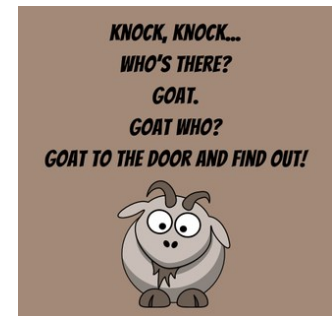
They just eat whatever bugs them.

Q: What do you call a fish that doesn't have any eyes (i's)?

A: A fish!

Q: Why should you never blame a dolphin for doing anything wrong?

A: Because they never do it on porpoise!



What do you call a woman who sets fire to all her bills?

Bernadette

Where do you find a cow with no legs?

Right where you left it.

How do you tell the gender of an ant?

If it sinks, girl ANT

If it floats.....



Village-wide Garage Sales & Dumpster Days

The Village of Deer Creek will have its town wide garage sales on Saturday, June 15. If you would like to have your garage sale listed on the map, \$2.00 covers the cost of advertising and printing of the maps. You may bring your fee along with your name, address and any special items you would like listed to the village office or you can leave it in the water payment box located in front of the office. Maps will be available at various locations including the village office and the library on Friday the 14th.

The following week, beginning Monday June 17, there will be a dumpster available in front of the water treatment plant on E First Avenue for you to dispose of large items. **This service is for village residents only.**

Do NOT leave items outside of the dumpster. **No tires or yard waste** will be collected. If you have electronics or televisions, call Rogers Scraping for costs to dispose.

If you are not sure about an item ~ please just ask before you leave it.



4th Annual River Bottom Country Run to Benefit St. Jude

Saturday June 1, 2024

Are You Country Strong?

River Bottom Country Runs for St Jude returns for our 7th Annual race on **June 1, 2024 @ 7:00AM**

It will feature a **5K & Half Marathon** that will test your strength and agility as you navigate central Illinois' finest farm country. These scenic runs start with a .25 mile hill and then flatten out for the remainder of the course. All races are out and back style ending downhill, making your last mile your fastest!

New for 2024: A water cannon for the Half Marathon course, courtesy of Goodfield Fire Department!

Prizes will be awarded to the top female and male per race.

- 5K Finishers will receive River Bottom Country Runs koozie, donuts, bananas and beer. (racers 21 years or older)
- Half Marathon Finishers will receive a finishers medal, koozie, donuts, bananas and beer. (racers 21 years or older)

Packet Pick-Up is RACE DAY ONLY starting at 6am.

All proceeds will benefit the world renowned St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. St Jude has increased childhood cancer survival rates from 20% to over 80% in 60 years while freely sharing its research and findings with hospitals around the globe. Families never receive a bill from St Jude, because all a family should ever need to worry about is helping their child live.

Stay up to date with the latest information for this event and view course maps at: <https://www.facebook.com/RiverBottomRuns/>

Macrame Anyone?



Amy Jo Perez is now offering macrame classes in town! Class sizes are a maximum of 8 people. The next available class is Saturday, May 25th from 10am-12pm. To sign up or to follow her on Facebook or Instagram, look her up under AmyjayMacrame. Please contact her with any questions or special requests for classes at 815-780-9423 or

amyjaymacrame@gmail.com.

Give the Gift of Life Give Blood

We have again coordinated blood drives this year with the American Red Cross. They are held at the Deer Creek Community Center.

The dates are as follows:

- May 22
- September 18
- November 27

These dates are all scheduled with the required number of days between so you can sign up for each one if you want!



Thanks To Our First Responders



Deer Creek Fire Protection District update

The first three months of 2024 we responded to 30 calls for service.

12 medical emergencies

6 motor vehicle accidents

5 fire incidents

4 false fire alarms

3 mutual aid calls to neighboring departments

Our department is made up entirely of volunteers. We presently have 10 members plus 2 members of neighboring departments that respond with us when they are available.

During the last couple of years we have lost 6 members that have moved out of our district. We added 2 but we can definitely use some more.

Cadet program

We also sponsor a cadet program. This is open to all young adults 15 to 18 that live in or near our community. We presently have 7 high schoolers in this program, 2 from Mackinaw, 2 from Morton and one each from Pekin, Metamora and East Peoria. They attend all our business meetings and trainings and help with chores around the station such as cleaning and maintenance of equipment. Several past cadets have gone on to careers in the fire or EMS service. I'd sure like to have some kids from the Deer Creek area participate. It's a great opportunity to learn some skills and be part of a team.

All training is provided free of charge to members and you can become an EMT or certified firefighter through us.

If you're interested in joining as a member or cadet you can contact Chief Russ Egolf at 3092530417 or email to

deercreekchief@gmail.com

You can also stop by our station on meeting and training nights.

These are held on the first three or four Tuesdays of the month at 06:30 pm. Even if your not interested in joining visitors are always welcome.



From the Police Chief:

With spring upon us, folks will most certainly be venturing out into the warmer weather.

These are some of the many issues I am asked to handle on any given day:

1. Stop at the stop signs, fix loud mufflers, and stay within the posted speed limits. Did you know there are numerous 20 m.p.h. streets here in town?
2. Be sure your grass is kept mowed and junk does not accumulate on your property. These are hiding places for pesky varmints that neither you or your neighbors want to deal with.
3. Remove inoperable vehicles from your property. Backing it in against the garage door doesn't count. We know those tricks. An inoperable vehicle is one that hasn't been moved for more than two weeks or that doesn't have valid plates.
4. You must be a licensed driver to be in the driver's seat while cruising around in your golf carts.
5. Keep your dogs restrained so that folks out walking, either alone or with their dogs, don't feel threatened. And don't let them bark all day and night. Dog complaints should be directed to Tazewell County Animal Control at 309.925.3370.
6. Keep an eye out for those kids on bikes.

With spring finally upon us, so is the expectation of yard cleanups. We will begin sending letters regarding yards, junk, buildings, vehicles, dogs, etc. We will address these complaints by first sending letters asking you to take care of your violation. Let's not make us have to go any farther than this.

Finally...stop means stop. Believe me, we would much rather wave as you drive safely by, or hang out at the park for a bit with the kids, than pull you over because you have not stopped at that big red sign.

DEER CREEK CRUISE IN
Supporting Deer Creek
Fire Department
With help from
Madison Street Hot Rods
SATURDAY, JUNE 8
Downtown Deer Creek
4:00 – 8:00PM

Rain Date: TBD



Free Ice Cream for the first
100. (Starting @ 4:00pm)



Sweet Spot
Cakery Cupcakes



(New) “The Pizza Guys” wood fired pizza
Fire Dept cooking Rib Eye sandwiches & Hot Dogs

Returning This Year By Popular Demand
Spin Art Frisbee

- Madison Street Hot Rods T-shirt drawings & Door Prizes
- Contests/prizes for the kids at the hot rod shop
- Diamond Dan will be providing the tunes

Updates: [Facebook.com/madisonhotrods](https://www.facebook.com/madisonhotrods)
[Facebook.com/deercreekfire](https://www.facebook.com/deercreekfire)

Special Thanks to Central IL Cruisers

Water Bills

As you all know by now, we have the ability to email your water bills and you have the ability to sign up for auto-pay for these bills. We have worked through our first full cycle pretty seamlessly. You can still sign up if you haven't already. You can go to our website and print of the necessary forms:

<https://deercreekillinois.org/utilities-and-services.html>

Or stop by the village office and we will be happy to help you out.

Community volunteers

Over the years, the Village of Deer Creek has had several service organizations providing volunteers to conduct activities in our community. Parades, plant sales, Christmas lights in the park, festivals, cruise ins, and the list goes on.

We know it is tough squeezing in just one more thing to do with our kids activities and all of the other things we may be involved in.

That being said, if you would loke to help out at the Cruise In this year, let Lori know at the village office and she will definitely put you to work!

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Fire Department: 309-447-6490
Emergency: 911

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.

Your Village Officers:

President: Jim Hackney
Clerk: Lori Lewis
Treasurer: Jodi McMahan
Trustees: Stefanie Lee Berardi, Grant Hackney, Ross Kraemer, Nick McGahan, Josh Rossman, Jake Smith

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Hydrant flushing takes place on the first Wednesday of each month, weather permitting. Your water will be temporarily discolored. It is a good idea to regularly flush your hot water heaters to help reduce the mineral buildup in the bottom of your tank.

