WELCOME TO DOLTON
A Word from our Mayor...

Welcome Resident:

Dolton has a past steeped in history even before its incorporation as a village in 1892. The Dolton family served the Underground Railroad in the mid-19th century. In the second half of the 20th century, Dolton thrived as a home to auto and steel manufacturers, educators and other professionals, and their young families. The village has struggled in more recent decades with the collapse of the manufacturing economy in northwest Indiana and the south suburbs, and of course, the great recession of 2008.

As newly elected mayor in 2013, I pledged to move Dolton forward. We are a community ideally located next to the City of Chicago and major transportation routes. We are the proud home to Thornridge High School, public and private schools, Dolton Park, and Dolton Library Districts.

I invite you to join us at “Coffee with the Mayor” for regular updates on what’s happening in the village on the second Saturday of each month at the Dorchester Senior Center.

Mayor Riley H. Rogers
## Directory (Area Code 708)

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**Police/Fire 911**
Waste Maintenance

Water - Sewer - Garbage

Residents receive one quarterly bill for water, sewer, and garbage pick-up. The water portion of a bill will show an “A” Actual if the meter has been read, or an “E” Estimate if not.

For residents with inside water meters: If a resident is not at home or fails to allow access, a meter reader will leave a yellow card for the resident to fill in the meter numbers and return immediately.

Village ordinance requires home admission once per year. Each bill notifies residents that water will be shut off without further notice for households which have not paid two successive quarterly bills.

For payment, **cash is not accepted**. Credit/Debit/Money Orders are accepted. Residents may also pay online on the village website (www.vodolton.org). Payments and yellow cards may be placed anytime in the Payment Center’s drop box.

Residents who find themselves unable to pay a balance in full are invited to contact the Payment Center to arrange payment plans. Payment plans require a down-payment of one-half of the outstanding balance.
Garbage and Debris

Garbage pick-up for residents is billed quarterly along with the water and sewer bill. Homewood Disposal picks up weekly by designated area (map attached).

Village-issued garbage receptacles are to be placed at the curb no earlier than 3 p.m. the day before the pick-up day and to be removed from the curb by no later than 7 p.m. on pick-up day.

Placing garbage on the curb before 3p.m. the day before pick-up and leaving the garbage receptacle at the curb after 7 p.m. pick-up day are subject to ticketing. Failure to secure garbage in the receptacles will be ticketed.

To order a new or replacement garbage receptacle, telephone the village hall at 708-849-4000.

Homewood Disposal will also pickup one item of furniture excluding electronics per week on the designated pick-up day.

State law prohibits garbage pickup of electronics, including televisions. Look for periodic community electronic recycling events at www.vodolton.org, cable access, and at the village hall. Best Buy accepts certain electronics for free but charges a fee for televisions (www.bestbuy.com).

Placement of debris of any kind in alleys will be ticketed.

Homewood Disposal picks up leaf bags for composting from April to November. Homewood Disposal will not pick up yard waste in plastic bags. Homewood Disposal will pick up tree branches no longer than 4 feet in length and tied together tied with rope or string. Residents are to call Public Works to arrange for larger branch pickups.
Village of Dolton Garbage Pickup Days

Please find your area on the map and follow these pickup days according to the color on the map.

Monday  
Tuesday  
Wednesday  
Thursday  
Friday
Public Maintenance

Home and Grounds Maintenance

Grass is not to exceed 8 inches and shrubs and trees at the rear of residents’ property should be trimmed or removed so that they do not obstruct alleys.

Residents are reminded that their property lines extend to alleys regardless of fences and that they will be held responsible for maintenance of their properties to the alley line. Residents without alleys will be held responsible to their plat of survey property line.

Report violations or issues with abandoned properties to the Housing Department.

Do not discard trash on streets or alleys. Littering is subject to a fine of up to $750.

Alarm Systems

Residents must register installation of alarm systems with the police department and renew each year by May 1st. There is an annual registration fee. Failure to register or false alarms will be ticketed.
Pets

No more than three dogs or cats per household is allowed. Livestock is prohibited.

Dogs must be licensed by the village each year by May 1st with county rabies tag required.

Residents who do not purchase an annual dog license, allow their dogs out without leashes, or allow pets to defecate off property will be ticketed.

Housing Department

Home sellers must obtain a village property inspection which is good for one year. The water bill and any liens must be paid in full for a transfer tax stamp to issue.

Landlords must renew their licenses with the village each year. An annual inspection is required. Tenants with complaints are encouraged to contact the housing department.

Parking

Absent posted restrictions, street parking is open to everyone.

The Village of Dolton issues handicap-only parking spaces in front of homes to residents who apply and qualify. Violators will be ticketed.

Vehicles parked on the wrong-way side of a street will be ticketed.
Ordinances

Village ordinances are in place so that Dolton residents can have pride in their community. These ordinances have been in place for many years and are similar to surrounding communities. While it is never enjoyable to get a ticket, village ordinances help to protect village property values and harmonious relationships between neighbors. After all, would you rather live next to a house that is in serious disrepair, or next to a house that is clean and tidy? Your quality of life is affected both positively and negatively. Listed below are several village ordinances that will be enforced in the future. These are not new ordinances; however increased attention will be focused on them.

If your home needs some attention, why not take care of it now, before it attracts the attention of a village official?

Traffic Offenses Include

- Speeding
- Not stopping at stop signs
- Parking on the wrong side of the street
- Not yielding to emergency vehicles
- No valid Village of Dolton vehicle sticker
- Expired license plates
- No valid insurance
Housing Offenses Include

Failure to abate grass and weeds in excess of 8”
Failure to trim overgrown bushes
Garbage can placed at curb for over 24 hours
Dogs running at large & no rabies tag on animal
Failure to prevent accumulation of dog waste
Failure to remove junk vehicle Failure to repair damage to gutters, door(s) or window trim
Failure to display house address numbers
Failure to obtain proper permits
Failure to adhere to crime free & chronic nuisance ordinance

These are just a sampling of the Village of Dolton ordinances. A complete list may be obtained by contacting the Village of Dolton Housing Department at 708-201-3263. The ongoing maintenance of property is essential to maintain property values and it also helps to provide a safe and healthy environment for our residents. Housing Court hearings for violations and tickets are held monthly in the Village board room. Presided over by a Hearing Officer, the violators are assessed fines which vary according to the severity.

Concerned residents can report any violations in their neighborhood. For more information, please contact the Village of Dolton Housing Department at 708-201-3263.
The New Village Hall

The New Village Hall opened in February 2015 at 14122 Chicago Road. The new building was donated by MB Bank.

In February 2019, at the request of Mayor Rogers, the Village of Dolton Board of Trustees voted to rename Chicago Road as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive.

The Village hall consists of two buildings: The Payment Center, which includes the water department; and the larger building for Administrative Offices, which include the office of the mayor, village clerk, village administration, and departments of housing, permits and licenses, building and code enforcement.

The Village Hall is open from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday.

The Dolton Police and Fire Department is located at 401 East 144th Street, on the right side of the railroad tracks between Chicago Road and Indiana Avenue. The office is open from 7:30 am to 3:00 pm.
Village Board Meetings

The Village of Dolton is governed by a seven-member board of trustees. The mayor is president of the board. Village board meetings are at 6:30 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of the month at the village hall, summer and December schedules excepting. Meetings are streamed live on the village website and are available on the village’s cable access channels.

Village Website

www.vodolton.org

Village Cable Channels

Comcast Channel 4 and AT&T Channel 99

Coffee with the Mayor

Information of interest and value to residents on the second Saturday of each month at 8:30 a.m. at The Dorchester, 1515 E. 154th St.

Melanie Fitness Center

The village owns and operates the gym and aquatic center located at 14900 Greenwood Road. The center also offers fitness classes, massage therapy, and healthy snacks at the Detox Café. Membership for Dolton residents is $25 per month and is certified eligible by Medicare “Silver Sneakers” and other insurance plans.
Elected Officials

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