



# Welcome to the Village of Dolton Your Guide to Village Services and Regulations

Mary Kay Duggan, Village Clerk

Village Hall and Payment Center 14122 King Drive (Chicago Road) Dolton, Illinois 60419

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Hours: Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



#### 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 2021, 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 get the latest information on events taking place in the Village of Dolton by visiting our website <a href="www.vodolton.org">www.vodolton.org</a>

#### Mayor Tiffany A. Henyard



# **Directory (Area Code 708)**

| Police/Fire 911                     |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Melanie Fitness Center              | 849-2400 |
| Code Enforcement                    | 201-3261 |
| Permits/Licenses/Buildings          | 201-3296 |
| Housing                             | 201-2174 |
| Public Works                        | 201-3280 |
| Payment Center/<br>Water Department | 201-3293 |
| Village Clerk                       | 201-3295 |
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| Mayor's Office                      | 201-3270 |
| Fire Non-Emergency                  | 849-2145 |
| Police Non-Emergency                | 841-2533 |

# Village Hall

The Village hall consists of two buildings: The Payment Center, which includes the water department; and the larger building for Administrative Offices, including 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 Departments are located at 141<sup>st</sup> and Park Avenue next to the former village municipal building (Lincoln and Park Ave.).

The Public Works department is located at 401 East 144th Street, on the east side of the railroad tracks between Chicago Rd./MLK Drive and Indiana Ave. 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 and website.

(Note: Due to the covid-19 pandemic and until further notice, village board meetings are conducted virtually via Zoom and livestreamed.)

Village Website: www.vodolton.org.

Village Cable Channels: Comcast Channel 4 and AT&T Channel 99.

# **Elected Officials**

The Board of Trustees as of May 2023:

Mayor Tiffany A. Henyard - President

Stanley Brown

**Andrew Holmes** 

**Tammie Brown** 

**Brittney Norwood** 

Jason House

Kiana L. Belcher

Alison Key Village Clerk

# Waste

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. Residents may also send or bring in their meter readings to avoid an estimated bill. Village ordinance requires residents with inside meters to allow the village access at least once a year.

Each bill notifies residents that water will be shut off without further notice for households which have not paid two successive quarterly bills.

Cash is not accepted for payment. 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 village 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 below).

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 3 p.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 per week excluding electronics per week on the designated pick-up day.

Homewood Disposal picks up leaf bags for composting from April 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.

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

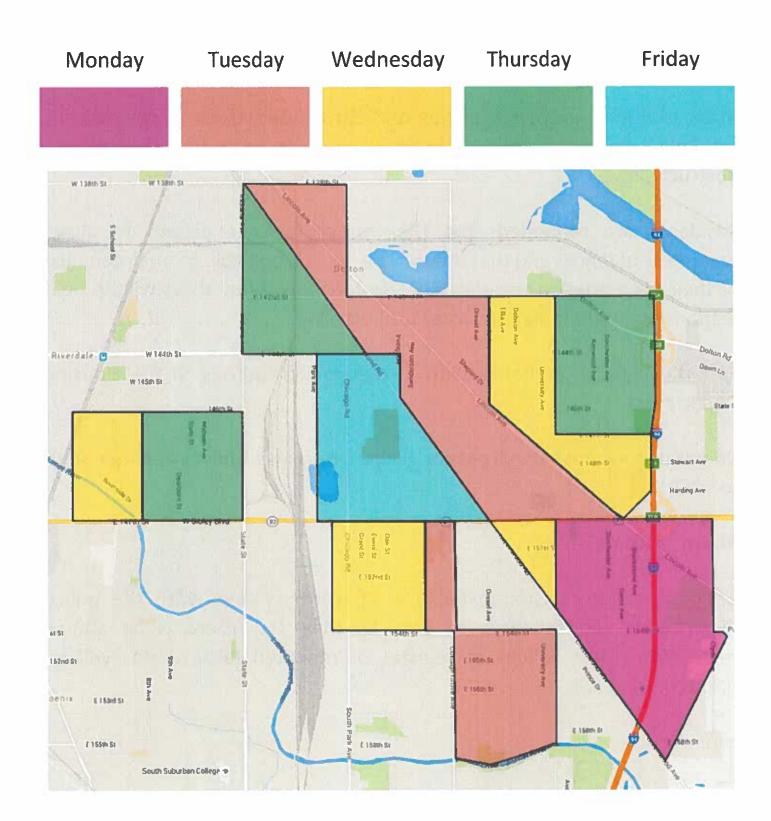
#### **Electronics**

State law prohibits regular garbage pickup of electronics, including televisions. Homewood Disposal will pick up certain electronics upon request. There is a \$35 per unit fee to pick up televisions. Telephone Homewood Disposal at 708-798-1004 to make arrangements for pick-up.

Best Buy accepts certain electronics for free but also charges a fee for televisions (<u>www.bestbuy.com</u>).

Look for periodic free community electronic recycling events at www.vodolton. org, cable access, and at the village hall.

## Village of Dolton Garbage Pickup Days



# **Property 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 repeated false alarms will be ticketed.

#### **Pets**

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

Dogs must be licensed by the village each year. Proof of current rabies vaccination is required.

Residents with dogs who do not purchase annual dog licenses, allow their dogs out without leashes, or allow pets to defecate outside of their own 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 all passenger vehicles.

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.

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