TOWN OF DEERFIELD

January 2011-Happpy New Year

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2011 Town Budget Highlights

Another year has come and gone, and by the looks of it, winter has come early and will keep our highway employees very busy. I enjoy this time of the year, since it allows us to reflect on what was accomplished during the previous year's time. Senior Center - while almost complete, the senior kitchen has been upgraded to include some new cabinets, a more "user" friendly sink, lowered the coun-

tertop and reinsulated the rear wall of the building so pipes will no longer freeze. Painting will be completed soon. A goal for 2011 will be to replace the worn carpet and vinyl flooring. Parks - The trail system, which was the result of countless volunteer hours, has been a great success. We partnered with the Whitesboro School System to host their practices and meets while their school underwent construction. We also were the host of an Invitational Run from the schools, which was a huge success, as

well as the 3rd Annual Skeleton Run with over 140 participants – great job.

Highway Garage – As you are aware, the new highway garage and associated issues dating back to it construction has not been without issues, including improper insulation in the ceilings and walls, inadequate heating design and electrical issues associated with the poor insulation. As of this newsletter, the Town Board has declared the main contractor in default and will seek all remedies available under the law. You will see additional information on this topic in the upcoming year as I work towards getting these issues resolved with the Town Board, as well as trying to decrease the heating costs associated with the above issues.

Budget - Once again, as you will see later in this newsletter, there is no General Fund tax. There will be a decrease in the Highway tax as well. The Town Board worked very closely to put forward a very responsible spending plan based upon the uncertainty of future revenues.

Services – Both myself and the Highway Superintendent sit on an Oneida County Committee that is focused on shared/consolidation of services. The main focus of this committee will be to look at and make recommendations as to where not just Deerfield, but other local governments can share and consolidate services to ultimately save the taxpayer money. While we take advantage of state contract pricing where we can, there are many more opportunities to become more efficient.

In closing, please have a safe and happy holiday season with your family and friends. Also, take the time to become involved in your town and attend a board meeting. Ouestions and or comments can be sent to smahardy@roadrunner.com or 724-0413 x50.

Scott Mahardy

LOCAL LAW 2-2010 THE DEERFIELD DOG LAW

DOG LICENSING IN 2011

Effective January 1, 2011, the New York State Department of Agriculture & Markets has eliminated the statewide dog licensing program, delegating the authority for dog licensing to each municipality. As such, the Town of Deerfield is now responsible for issuing dog licenses for all pet dogs harbored in the town.

The town enacted Local Law # 2 of 2010 entitled "Town of Deerfield Dog Control Law" effective January 1, 2011. This local law can be found in its entirety on the town's web site, www.townofdeerfield.org

The town clerk's office will be sending "Notice of Renewal" letters, generated by a revised town wide dog license data base, to owners of dogs harbored in the town. Owners will be asked to review the information on the renewal notice, make necessary corrections and return it, with appropriate fees, to the town clerks office.

As established in the town dog control law, annual fees for licensing dogs are as follows. For each spayed or neutered dog: Seven dollars (\$7.00), which includes the assessment of a statutory one dollar (\$1.00) surcharge for the purpose of carrying out animal population control.

<u>For each unspayed or unneutered dog</u>: Fifteen dollars (\$15.00), which includes the assessment of a statutory three dollar (\$3.00) surcharge for the purpose of carrying out animal population control.

Replacement ID Tags: Three dollars (\$3.00).

Enumeration fee: When the Town Board determines the need for a dog enumeration, a fee of Twenty-Five dollars (\$25.00) shall be assessed, in addition to the dog license fees, to all dogs found to be unlicensed or not renewed at the time the enumeration is conducted. For each Purebred License: 1 -10 dogs - Thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) plus six dollars (\$6.00) per dog; 11-25 dogs - Seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) plus six dollars (\$6.00) per dog; 26 or more dogs - One hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) plus six dollars (\$6.00) per dog, which individual assessment includes a statutory surcharge of three dollars (\$3.00) for the purpose of carrying out animal control.

For each dog licensed the applicant must provide a copy of the dog's current rabies vaccination certificate issued by a licensed veterinarian. In the case of a spayed or neutered dog, every applicant must also provide a certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian showing that the dog has been spayed or neutered, unless such certificate is already on file with the Town Clerk.

Please go to the town's web site to view the Town of Deerfield Dog Control Law. You may also call the town clerk's office at 724-0413, ext.23 if you have questions.



REMEMBER

Dogs must be on a leash at ALL TIMES or confined to the owners property. DO NOT let your dog defecate or cause damage to other property. DO NOT allow your dog to bark, whine or howl excessively while outdoors.

FROM THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

DO NOT GO TO THE CITY OF UTICA FOR A HANDICAPPED PARKING PERMIT IF YOU LIVE IN DEERFIELD!

Call the office and we will send you an application. The application consists of three parts:

- 1. Your information
- 2. Doctor's information & signature 3. The Town Clerk's information We will also NEED the last 3 digits of your drivers license ID number. Please call before you come in case we needed to step out.

The Town Clerk's Hours:

Monday: 7:30-4:00pm Tuesday: 4:00-9:00pm Wednesday:7:30-4:00pm Thursday: 6:30-4:00pm Friday: 7:30-4:00pm



PARK RENTAL

The Deerfield Wilderness Park fills up fast. If you are interested in renting the park for 2011, please give the Clerk's Office a call at 315-724-0413, ext. 23. We will send the paperwork to all renters in the Spring.

The Town Clerk's Office
issues:
Marriage Licenses
Dog Licenses
Hunting Licenses
Park Rentals
Registrar of Vital Statistics
Notary Public

If you have a refrigerator, freezer, or air conditioner that you would like disposed of please stop by or send a check to the Town Clerk's Office. Please make checks payable to the "Town of Deerfield" for \$10.00. We will then call the Highway Department and ask them for a pick-up

date. We have to charge you because the Solid Waste Authority charges the Town \$10 for white goods that contain Freon. Any other large items without Freon will be picked up by calling the Highway Department at 826-7014.





Thank you John Atanasoff for the beautiful wreath that you hang on the Municipal Building every year. It is appreciated!



The Court has a NEW PHONE & FAX NUMBER. Phone: 507-3058 Fax No: 507-3060



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NOTICE

Protect Your Farmland
Open Enrollment Period to apply
for Inclusion in an
Agricultural District

January 1-January 31 Apply Now!

Anyone with questions should call the Oneida County Planning Dept. Guy Sassaman, Oneida County Planning-Phone: (315) 798-5710

Forms are available from the Town Clerk's Office.

Return forms postmarked by January 31, 2011

2011 TOWN BUDGET OVERVIEW

Total Budget 2011

General Fund \$702,917 Highway Fund \$954,917 Special Districts \$395,498 Total \$2,053,332

Tax Impact

General Fund: 0 Tax

Highway Fund: \$6.7501 per thousand or

a 14% decrease



Employee Payroll Raises

Raises of 3% were given to full-time employees ONLY.

Sewer District

2010 2011 Rate: 2.8605 Rate: 0

BOND PAID OFF



Special Districts

Modest Change in EDU's

Water District #1 Trenton/Miller Roads
Water District #2 Walker/Miller Roads
Water District #3 Smith Hill/Grace Roads
Water District #4 Lower Walker Road
Water District #5 Bell Hill/Graham Road
Water District #6 Doyle Road

Up \$8.00 per EDU No Change No Change

Down \$1.00 per EDU Down \$16.00 per EDU

No Change



Deerfield Fire Protection District

2010 2011 \$202,023 \$215,000

- Revenues up \$12,977 for 2011
- Tax Rate up 31¢ per thousand of assessment
- Rate set by the Board of Fire Commissioners Amount collected by the Town

Poland Fire Protection District

2010 2011 \$22,400.00 \$22,400.00

- Tax Rate down .01¢ per thousand of assessment
- Amount of \$22,400 per year by contract for 5 years with the town

Projected Fund Balances

General Fund: Estimated to be at 1.35 million dollars for 2011 Highway Fund: Estimated to be at 175,000 dollars for 2011

SAD NOTE JUDGE WALTER LOIN resigned from his 41 years of service to the Town of Deerfield. Walt was honest & hardworking; and was one of the longest serving employees of the Town. Walt was one of the very few that would come up to court anytime of the day to help someone with a problem. Thank you Walt for your years of service and commitment to the Town of Deerfield. You will be missed by many, especially by your friends at the Municipal Building.

UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE

2011 Town Board Meetings

2011 Planning Board Meetings

Monday, January 10th Monday, February 14th Monday, March 14th Monday, April 11th Monday, May 9th Monday, June 13th Monday, July 11th Monday, August 8th Monday, September 12th Monday, October 10th Monday, November 14th

Meetings Begin at 7:30pm

Monday, December 12th



Meetings are conducted at the Deerfield Municipal Building, 6329 Walker Road, Deerfield, New York. Meetings are open to the public, and the building is accessible to the handicapped. If you would like to speak at one of the Town Board meetings, please call the Town Clerk's Office at 724-0413, ext. 23.

Wednesday, January 5th
Wednesday, February 9th
Wednesday, March 9th
Wednesday, April 6th
Wednesday, May 11th
Wednesday, June 8th
Wednesday, July 6th
Wednesday, August 3rd
Wednesday, September 7th
Wednesday, October 5th
Wednesday, November 9th
Wednesday, December 7th

Meetings Begin at 7:00pm

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION



PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to Article 7, Section 122 of the State Agriculture & Markets Law, which became effective January 1, 1980, and by a Resolution that was passed by the Oneida County Board of Legislators at their meeting of December 29, 2010, directing that in order to prevent deer depredation in Oneida County, all dogs in the County of Oneida are to be securely confined during a period of time beginning 24 hours after publication of this notice that will be printed in both official County newspapers; the Rome Daily Sentinel on January 3rd and the Utica Observer Dispatch on January 4th, 2011 and continuing until April 15, 2011.

WHITESBORO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION:

Whitesboro Central School District's Kindergarten Registration for the 2011-2012 school year will be held from 9AM-1:30PM and 2-5:30PM:

March 28th Deerfield Elementary March 29th Hart's Hill Elementary March 30th Marcy Elementary March 31st Westmoreland Road Elementary

To be eligible to enter kindergarten in September 2011, a child must be 5 years of age on or before December 1, 2011 and must reside in the Whitesboro Central School District. Proof of age (birth certificate), residency (i.e. National Grid or telephone bill, rental receipt/agreement, etc.) and immunization records must be presented at the time of registration. If you have a child who will be eligible to enter Kindergarten in September 2011 and have not received a registration packet, or know of someone who has a child who needs the packet, please call your school office for a registration packet:

Deerfield School: 266-3412 Marcy School: 266-3420

Westmoreland Road School: 266-3440

Hart's Hill School: 266-3430

IMPORTANT-ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

Dear Residents,

Exemption season will be arriving soon. The application and renewal time for exemptions is January 1st to March 1st. Please take the time to read each section and see what applies to you.

EXEMPTION RENEWAL INFORMATION

There are three exemptions in particular that need renewal during the first two months of 2011. They are the Senior Exemption, the Enhanced STAR Exemption, and the Agricultural Exemption. If you currently receive one of these exemptions you will be receiving a renewal form from this office around January 1st. Please fill it out and return it to the Assessors' Office at the Deerfield Town Building, 6329 Walker Road, Utica, New York 13502, by March 1, 2011.

ENHANCED STAR EXEMP-TION INFORMATION

First the Enhanced STAR exemption. There has been a slight change in the qualification criteria for the Enhanced STAR Exemption. To qualify for this exemption you must be 65 years of age by December 31st 2011 and your 2009 federal adjusted gross income must now be less than \$79, 050. This exemption must be renewed annu-



ally if you have not enrolled in the income verification program. If you currently receive the Enhanced STAR Exemption you will be mailed the renewal form or an income verification post card during the first week in January. If you receive an income verification post card (which is a small green mailer) you only need to report back to the assessors' office if changes in your residency occur. If you receive a renewal form, return the completed form along with a copy of page one of your 2009 federal income tax return no later than March 1. 2011 to the Assessors' Office at the Deerfield Town building, 6329 Walker Road, Utica N. Y. 13502. An important note to those who receive the Senior Exemption - you automatically get the Enhanced STAR Exemption when you renew your senior exemption. Note if you don't file income tax, please contact our office for a special worksheet to list your income.

BASIC STAR EXEMPTION INFORMATION

Second the Basic STAR Exemption. This is available to all owner occupied residences in the Town of Deerfield. There is no income constraint for this exemption. There is no renewal process for this exemption, you file for it once and continue to receive it annually.

SENIOR EXEMPTION

Like the Enhanced STAR Exemption, a renewal form will be sent to those already receiving the Senior Exemption during the first week in January. This exemption potentially gives tax relief for School, Town, and County taxes for those over 65 years of age by March 1, 2011. The amount of the exemption varies drastically based upon the 2010 owner income. The income figure includes all Social Security benefits and income from stocks, bonds, bank interest, etc.

Beginning November 2nd, office hours are Tuesday nights from 6:30–9:00pm or by appointment. Please stop in or call during these office hours (phone: 724-0413 ext. 21).

Sincerely, George Haskell, Assessor

JOB OPENINGS IN THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Town of Deerfield Highway
Department
JOB OPENINGS

☼ Mechanic position
☼ Motor Equipment Operator

Must have
Commercial driver license and
High school diploma or
equivalency.
Applications available at



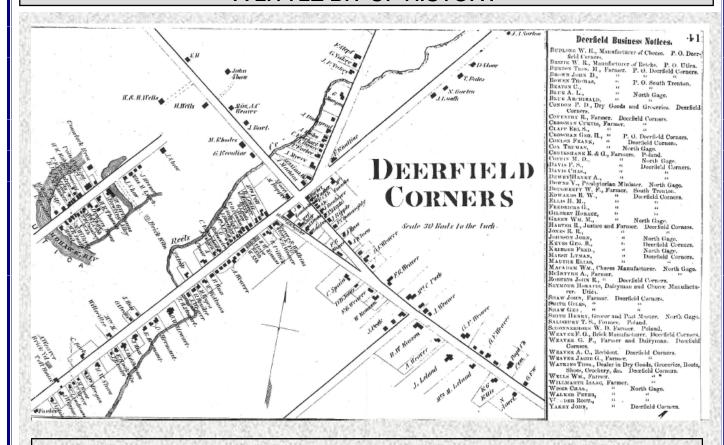
Town of Deerfield Highway Department 6892 State Rt. 8 Deerfield, NY 13502

TOWN OF DEERFIELD PHONE LIST 2011	6329 Walker Road, Deerfield, NY 13502	
PHONE LIST 2011	Municipal Building Phone: 724-0413 Fax: 793-3032	
,	Highway Department Phone: 826-7014	

TITLE	NAME	HOME
Supervisor	Scott Mahardy	738-0311
Highway Superintendent	Sam Arcuri, Jr.	735-6420
Councilman	Jim Sullivan	733-2760
Councilwoman	Peggy Boshart	797-2939
Councilman	Charlie Ellsworth	732-5384
Councilman	Richard Ruskey	732-5423
Town Clerk & Registrar & Notary Public	Mary G. Ruckel	798-1037
Deputy Clerk	Nicholas DeRosa	826-3031
Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics	Nicholas DeRosa	826-3031
Tax Collector	Donald Key	723-3661
Town Justice	TBA	
Town Justice	Joseph Oczkowski	724-9773
Assessor (Chairman)	George Haskell	732-1789
Assessor	Jane Buchner	732-5757
Planning Board (Chairman)	Pati Goldsmith	797-5816
Zoning Board of Appeals (Chairman)	Linda Wills Barr	
Senior Citizen Director	Lura Raymo	724-0658
Town Historian	Jozef Malinowski	
Youth Director	Karen Day	724-6308
Dog Control Officer (Home #)	Gail Charboneau	865-6615
Deerfield Fire Chief	Mike Catera (home)	735-3659

Telephone Extensions at the Deerfield Municipal Building		Important Phone Numbers	
		Deerfield School: 266-3410	
Assessor	Extension 21	Whitesboro Parkway Sch: 266-3175	
Building Inspector	Extension 22	Whitesboro Middle Sch: 266-3100	
Codes Dept.	Extension 34	Whitesboro High School: 266-3200	
Planning Room	Extension 27	State Police: Business @ 736-0122	
Senior Citizen's	Extension 28	Sheriff's Dept: Business @ 736-8364	
Supervisor	Extension 50	Deerfield Fire Department: (Business) 732-2693	
Town Clerk	Extension 23	Whtb.Transportation Dept.: 768-9740	
Court Room # 507-3058	Court Fax # 507-3060	Poland High School: 826-7900	
		Poland Elementary: 826-7000	

A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY



Deerfield Anniversaries in 2011

(excerpted from "Deerfield, New York: A Glimpse into the Past" by Virginia C. Loin)

1801-Second Baptist Society was organized on Herkimer Road

1831-North Gage Post Office Established

1861-Civil War Begins

1961-St. Vincent Mission House built on Cosby Manor Road

1971-Horatio Mall Shopping Center built

1981-Town of Deerfield Municipal Building on Walker Road is dedicated

DEERFIELD IN 1874

Town Historian News

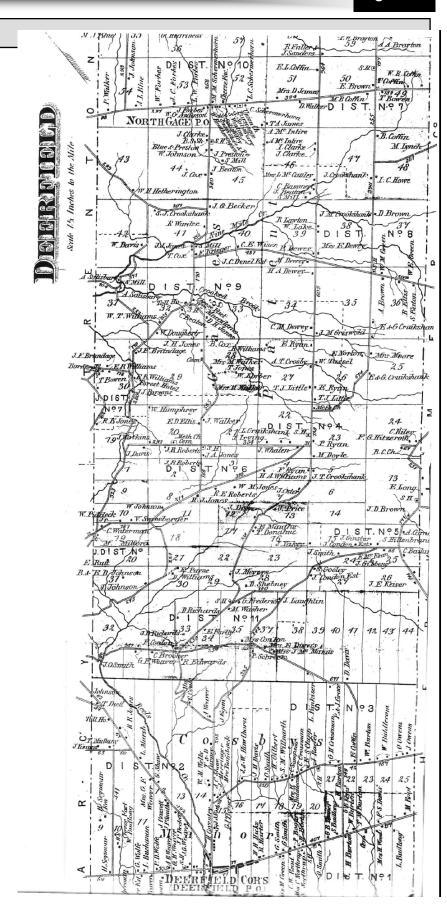
As we close out 2010 and enter 2011, I would like to thank all of the wonderful people that I have had the opportunity to meet, speak with, and get to know throughout the year. I would also like to thank all those that have donated articles and historical items to the town. Our town has a rich history. While many of us reflect on fond memories of the past, it is important to know that our history continues. History hasn't stopped with yesterday; it continues every moment. We have the wonderful opportunity to create new chapters in our town's history.

As you celebrate this season with your family, I would like to encourage you to consider documenting your family history. It is a great way to preserve your family memories for future generations.

Have a great 2011!

Pictures & articles are written by Jozef Malinowski, Deerfield Town Historian. He has been very helpful to residents with all types of questions pertaining to family histories, and town history.

His e-mail is:
ourdeerfieldhistory@gmail.com



YOUTH PROGRAM NOTES



What a terrific year we had in 2010. Our Winter, Spring and Fall months were filled with fun events, shared with neighbors, friends and family, such as Skating, Mini Golf, Movies, Snow Tubing, MOST Museum and more.

The warm weather brought our 6 week Summer Park Program, and every week was very exciting. We got together 3 days a week with a wonderful group of kids and teens and had a blast. On average 50+ children joined together to share summer park fun, crafts, sports, nature adventures. We were visited by a Master Puppeteer Nancy Sander, The Reptile Guy, (Wood Creek Reptiles), Mr. Ding-a-ling, and Magician-Jeff Sterling. We visited Howe Caverns, the Movie Theater, shared in a candle making clinic. and learned how to make name plaques using an engraving machine (thanks go out to neighbors, Ann Christopher and Ray Roman). Our summer park program ended with a Carnival Party. It was an



exciting joint venture where everyone decorated, and participated. Moms and Dads came by to help out, and join in the fun. Face painting, clown dress ups, games and activities were constant through out the day, as was the *Carney Goodies*, corn dogs, popcorn, snow cones, pizza, popsicles to name a few. Chuck E Cheese made an appearance, with bags of cotton candy for all the kids.

During our busy schedule the YWCA educated us with a bullying clinic. The Red Cross held a baby sitting class for Tweens who wanted to be certified.

Paramedic Derek Macero, of the Deerfield Fire Department, provided 2 classes in Heart Saver CPR for parents and teens in our town. It was a year full of fun, adventure, and learning for all of us. Our Youth Program Staff and Town Board, would like to



thank you for sharing your families with us. I myself would also like to thank the awesome group of counselors and leaders and parents I had to work with this year. They are kind, caring and responsible people who have the utmost respect and concern for the youth in our Town. Our New Winter/Spring Program Schedule will be posted on the Website: http://www.eteamz.com/De erfieldYouthProgram/index. cfm?subsite=4179145 or Email us at drfldrecprogram@aol.com

You can also pick one up at the Town Hall on 6329 Walker Road Deerfield during Town Clerk hours.

Thank You, Karen Day - Youth Director

EARLY NOTICE:

"BOWLING" Date: Jan 15 (Saturday) Time: 1pm - 3pm Where: King Pin Lanes 7157 E Dominick St Rome, NY 13440

<u>Bus Transportation provided</u> - Bus leaves - Trenton Road Firehouse at 12:30pm Returning approx 3:30pm

A MESSAGE FROM THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT



The Highway Department hopes everyone had a great holiday season and everyone is in good health.

IMPORTANT

Please keep cars off the street during overnight hours; this helps the Highway Department clear the streets more efficiently.

Local Law #1 of 2009 states that parked or abandoned vehicles on any public highways in the Town of Deerfield during snow storms, floods, fires, or other public emergencies can be removed at the owner's expense.

DO NOT PUSH SNOW ACROSS THE ROADWAY!

Leaving the snow in the road could cause an accident leaving the plow driver responsible..

Finally, please keep trash

cans clear of the curb so the plow won't knock them over. When winter snow banks start to get higher, please remind the children that the plow can't see them. We would not want to see anyone get hurt.

The Highway Department's trash collection site at the Fire House and the Highway Garage were well attended and will continue with dates in 2011. Reminder to all town residents: Trash may be brought to the Town Garage during our normal work hours: just call ahead so we can have someone here to help you. Our business hours are M-F 7AM to 3:30 PM. We would like to thank everyone for a good year in 2010 and all who remembered the Highway Department during the holidays: with the thoughtful cards, Christmas Cookies, and food sent to us. It is nice to know we are appreciated. Thank You & Happy New Year!

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The Highway Department

Town Trash & Green Waste Dates

April 11th

Start Spring Cleaning (weather permitting)

April 16th

Early trash drop-off (Firehouse) 8am-2pm

May 2nd

Green Waste Pick-Up

May 16th

Start Curb-Side Trash pick-up

June 6th

Green Waste Pick-Up

July 5th

Green Waste Pick-Up

August 1

Green Waste Pick-Up

September 6th

Green Waste Pick-Up

September 10th

Trash drop-off (Firehouse) 8am-2pm

October 3rd

Green Waste Pick-Up

October 22nd

Trash drop-off (highway garage) 8am-2pm

Trash Dates at the Firehouse are subject to change.

DEERFIELD SENIOR CITIZENS

The Seniors continue to meet every Thursday from 9:00am to 4:00pm, unless otherwise posted. On the first Thursday of the month, the Office of the Aging is at the Municipal Building. In 2010 the Deerfield Seniors have gone on ten trips, with two being overnighters. We have had speakers on Emergency preparedness, Safe &







Secure in your home, Health Issues, Staying Limber, and Political Candidates.
Our kitchen is being updated and we will enjoy our covered dish meals even more.

During the winter months the seniors will close whenever Whitesboro School is closed due to "Inclement Weather". We are looking forward to 2011 and planning trips, speakers, and other activities. For further information please contact Lura at 724-0413, ext. 28 or at 724-0658.

Surf us on the web: www.townofdeerfield.org



PAYMENT OF TAXES DURING JANUARY

FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR

Taxes may be paid by mail, or at my home, 6048 Walker Road, Deerfield, New York daily, except Thursdays, 10 A.M. until 6 P.M.

Taxes may also be paid at the Firehouse, Trenton Road on Saturday, January 15th & 22nd, 2011 from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. Thursday, January 20th, 2011 from 3 P.M. to 6 P.M. or at the Municipal Building, Walker Road on Thursday, January 13th, 2011 from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. Saturday, January 29th, 2011 from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M.

For receipt when paying by mail, return entire bill to:

DONALD R. KEY - 733-5678

Tax Collector, Town of Deerfield



Town of Deerfield 6329 Walker Road Deerfield, NY 13502 Phone: 315-724-0413 Fax: 315-793-3032 Court: 315-507-3058

Extensions:

- 21 Assessors
- 22- Building Inspector
- 23- Town Clerk
- 27 Planning Board
- 28 Senior Citizens
- 34 Codes Department
- 50- Supervisor