

TOWN OF DEERFIELD



February 2021

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A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR

As we move into 2021, we are hopeful that the worst of the pandemic is behind us and we can get back to a sense of normalcy, albeit the new normal will be different than the past.

The town board is excited to report that we have purchased a new playground structure for installation in the Wilderness Park. This playground will be all-inclusive for all children. I would like to thank Mr. Greg Sacco for suggesting and following through with engaging the children of Deerfield Elementary in a color selection survey/ contest. Also, part of the installation of the new structure will be to refurbish the small ballfield in the park to make this a T-ball field.

A few other updates, with specific dates forthcoming, we will be moving the town-wide curbside collection from May to September. The highway spends the better part of three weeks performing this service and it takes away from much needed roadwork in the spring. By moving it to early fall, this will allow them to focus on the roads. We are also looking at the overall collection process due to dealing with folks from outside the town bringing items into the town during collection period.

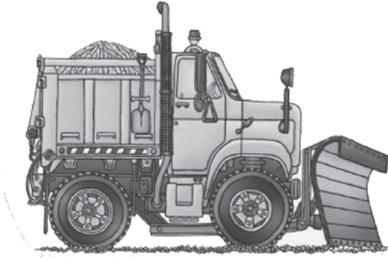
As a continued update, a reminder that motorized vehicles (4-wheelers and dirt bikes) are not allowed on town property/trails. As you should be well aware, there is a local law prohibiting this activity on the trails. If you are caught on the trails with a motorized vehicle, the Town will pursue all legal remedies.

As the year goes forward, we would like to hold the Town Board meetings in person, however with the ever-changing rules and regulations due to Covid, we suggest that you call prior to attending to be sure of the status. If we must revert, we will continue to conduct town board meetings virtually. If you would like to participate in a meeting, please email supervisor@townofdeerfield.org twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting and meeting link will be sent to you.

In closing, take time to enjoy the resources the town offers as well as attend a board meeting. Your thoughts and opinions matter to us.

Scott P. Mahardy
Supervisor

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT



The Highway Department hopes everyone is doing well and staying safe with hopes that soon this pandemic will be behind us. With winter weather still ahead of us please drive safely on the roads, remember not to plow snow across the road this could create a problem for

traffic. Even though cold weather is still with us, the highway department is already looking forward to the warmer months ahead. We are starting to think about summer road construction projects and in the early stages of planning. As this newsletter comes out we hope the weather will be getting a little- warmer and spring weather is just around the corner. The Highway Department will be out as soon as possible when the weather permits to work on projects planned for the 2021 construction season.

Spring cleanup is scheduled to start the first full week of April or as soon as the weather permits. The Highway Department will be out fixing plow damage, sweeping streets, picking up sand piles swept up by residents, picking up brush from the trees that came down over the winter months. Pile the brush up separately at the curb to be chipped. Leaves left from the fall months can be piled loose at the curb. **Spring clean-up material can be piled loose at the curb for this pick-up or in a container we will pick it up either way.** All other green waste collections throughout the year need to be in containers with brush piled separate for collection.

As many of the town residents may know, the Town Board and the Highway Department moved to a new Green Waste Collection Plan several years ago. The town purchased a used compactor truck for green waste collections and trash collections. We are finding that material for green waste collection is still being put out to the curb loose throughout the summer months; **we will not be picking up this material in this manner after spring clean-up is complete.** Green waste material should be put in reusable containers weighing no more than 50 lbs. each. Brush should be piled separately with the butt ends facing the same direction to ease the pick-up by the highway crew for chipping. **PLEASE DO NOT PUT ANIMAL FECES IN YOUR GREEN WASTE - WE WON'T COLLECT IT.** NO GREEN WASTE OR TRASH SHALL BE PUT OUT TO THE CURB UNTIL 48 HOURS BEFORE THE COLLECTION START DATE. WE WILL ASK YOU TO REMOVE IT FROM THE CURB. **Please mark the green waste dates on your calendar, as we will not come back until the next month after we have gone by.** Green Waste can always be brought to the Highway Garage anytime and put in the marked area. Please see all collection dates in this newsletter and mark your calendar.

The Highway Department will again this year have the Saturday

trash collections at the Firehouse and at the Highway Garage. The first Saturday collection is on **April 24 at the Firehouse** on Trenton Road - please note this date. The other Saturday date is **October 23** at the Highway Garage. The Highway Department will also have curbside trash this year with some date changes. Due to time to get road work done in the summer months, the town board and the highway department decided to try a September date starting on **Monday, September 20 - once we have gone by your home, we will not be able to come back.** There are some new changes in the trash collection process; the town is no longer accepting electronic waste as trash from the curbside. We will accept electronic waste at the Highway Garage or at our Saturday drop-off sites for recycling. The Oneida Herkimer Solid Waste Authority will accept electronic waste at no charge on Leland Ave. in Utica. The dumpsters are available at the Highway Garage during our normal working hours, 7am to 3:30pm; please call ahead to schedule an appointment so we can have people available to help you and unlock the doors.

The Town Highway Department has a very busy year planned for 2021; hopefully our summer weather will cooperate. With our construction season being so short and winter being very hard on the roads this year. The Highway Department has some large repairs to make because of the many freeze thaw cycles this winter. With the green waste pickups and trash pickup plus a manpower shortage we will be getting as much as we can done, please be patient. I am sure as you drive around town you will notice the freeze and thaw cycles have created problems on roads in some spots. The Highway Department will be working on road projects and some normal road maintenance such as ditch cleaning and removing high shoulder buildup for better drainage. If there are any questions on the repairs we are going to be making, please call the Highway Garage at 826-7014.

As we move forward for the first time in our history, we need to worry about the covid19 pandemic. We all need to keep each other in mind and stay in or within six feet of each other and wear masks. The highway department is still working and open for business with precautions in mind. We hope all are safe and in good health. Please be safe.

We will be updating the town website with information about things the Highway Department will be doing around town. Town residents can also e-mail us at townofdeerfield@centralny.twcbc.com. Also, you can visit the Highway Department's newly created Facebook page for more information. Residents can call the highway garage with questions at 315-826-7014.

Thank You!

The Highway Department

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT DATES TO REMEMBER IN 2021:

April:

4th - Spring Trash (Trenton Road Firehouse)
5th - Spring Clean Up Starts (weather permitting)

May:

3rd - Green Waste Collection

June:

7th - Green Waste Collection

July:

6th - Green Waste Collection

August:

2nd - Green Waste Collection

September:

7th - Green Waste Collection
20th - Curbside Trash Collection Starts

October:

4th - Green Waste Collection
23rd - Trash at Town Garage

November:

1st - Green Waste/ Leaf collection
(weather permitting)

Remember: Residents can always bring trash to the highway garage during our business hours. 6am through 4:30pm during the summer months, please call ahead so we can have someone available.

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE - KAREN DAY, TOWN CLERK

Thank you to all the residents for your patience this past year. Between the experience of being a first time Town Clerk and the Pandemic, this past year has been extraordinary for me. We have made some minor changes in how we have functioned as an office. Much more services were handled online or by postal mail instead of the personal contact, we once enjoyed. As Tax Season began in January 2021, I welcomed Anne Christophory, as my temporary assistant. She has been outstanding asset to this office as we were inundated with the Taxes and the everyday work process of the Town Clerk.

As we move forward in 2021, we still have some changes to our office procedures. Once Tax season is passed, this office will once again become a single staffed office. Please be aware that there will be times when the office will be closed, within

of our normal scheduled hours.

The office will be closed at times for sick days, appointments, and vacations, please feel free to call the office prior to stopping by to be sure there will be someone here. 315 724-0413 x 223.

During Tax season a Drop Box was installed for tax payments. This worked extremely well for tax payment collections for those who could not get here during work hours or wanted to distance themselves due to Covid. I have decided to leave it installed for use through out the year, for the continued use to our residents for their convenience.

Assessable Parking Tags - (blue - permanent) or (red - temporary) can be obtained in our office once your Doctor completes the application. Blue Tags are now 5 year renewable, in the Town of Deerfield.

YOUTH PROGRAM

I wish that I had some solid news to share, however until we know where we are at during this Covid Pandemic, we want to play it safe and protect our youngsters and their families. At this time there will not be a Spring Youth Schedule. We all miss you very much. Stay safe and enjoy life.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER - ANDREA KASZYCKI

I wanted to take a moment to send out a reminder to our town residents to please call animal control if you come across a loose or stray dog. Over the past few months, we have received several calls regarding loose and stray dogs. Fortunately, these dogs were safely caught and taken to the shelter. They are given fresh water, food, and a warm place to spend the night. They were either returned to their owners or placed up for adoption if not claimed after the state mandated hold period. Our local shelter ensures dogs relinquished back to

the owner are vaccinated for rabies and licensed within the town. Animal control is available 24/7. We encourage you to please contact us. We are here for you as well as the cats & dogs of our town.

Thank you,
Andrea Kaszycki
Angela Brennan
315-520-1606



ASSESSOR'S NOTE

TOWN OF DEERFIELD EXEMPTIONS FOR 2021

BASIC STAR: All new applications must be filed with the NYS Tax Department at 518 457-2036 or online at www.tax.ny.gov

ENHANCED STAR: All applicants must be 65 years of age by December 2021. Their combined adjusted income on their 2019 Federal Income Tax must be less than or equal to \$90,550.00.

Two forms must be filed with the Assessor, they are **RP-425 E** and **RP-425- IVP** by no later than **March 1st, 2021**.

SENIOR CITIZENS: An addition exemption is available for resident 65 years and over. Town and County income levels are

Incomes less than \$26,899. Whitesboro School level is less than \$18,700.00. this exemption uses 2020 income and medical expenses. The form number for this exemption is **RP-467**.

NEW ENHANCED STAR & SENIOR CITIZENS exemptions must be field with the Assessor by **No Later than March 1st, 2021**.

Only residents currently receiving **Basic Star Changing to Enhanced Star or Senior Citizens** are required to contact the Assessor prior to **March 1, 2021**.

ASSESSORS OFFICE HOURS ARE TUESDAY EVENINGS – 5:30 PM – 9:00 PM 315 724-0413 X 221

BUILDING CODES DEPARTMENT: RANDY FOLEY – CODES OFFICER

Frequently asked questions about what would require a building permit.

Without a permit: What can I do without a permit?

- Make ordinary repairs with like or similar material to restore original conditions that do not affect structural features or involve the installation or extension of electrical or plumbing systems.
- Install sidewalks or grade level patios (without a roof) on private property
- Install roofing shingles or siding
- Replace gutters or downspouts
- Replace plumbing fixtures such as a toilet or sink, or replace a hot water tank in the same location and of the same type (gas or electric)
- Install doors in existing openings without structural alteration
- Install gas appliances that are not required to be vented, such as dryers and stoves
- Repair existing gas appliances
- Add insulation

Permits required: Generally, What requires a permit?

- Construct a house or building
- Add or make structural alterations to a building
- Install new windows (Energy Code and Egress Requirements)
- Construct or replace a deck
- Install or replace a pool, spa, or hot tub
- Kitchen or bath remodels
- Build or enclose a porch
- Construct an accessory building (shed or other structures detached from the principle bldg)
- Convert garage, attic, or basement to usable space, such as a recreation room
- Install new, or extend existing plumbing
- Alter or extend the electric system
- Demolish any building interior or building section, except utility sheds
- Repair structures damaged by fire
- Install any wood burning appliance (e.g. woodstove, fireplace, etc)

- Install a chimney liner or repair chimney
- Erect any sign
- Install a septic tank
- Drill a well
- Add fill, excavate or change existing drainage
- Move any building
- Install a fence in accordance with the town Zoning Ordinance

What If My Proposed Project Is Not Permitted in The Zone District? An appeal process is established to for people who seek relief from the zoning requirements in the form of a variance. An application is made to the Zoning Board of Appeals through coordination with the Office. The Zoning Board of Appeals is a volunteer board appointed by the Town Board that meets on a need basis, reviews applications and rules on the appeals after evaluating required evidence depicting an unreasonable hardship or restriction on the applicant. Applications to the Zoning Board of Appeals that fail will need to reconsider their project or made zoning compliant modifications to the plan.

Who Applies for The Building Permit? The person or company doing the work must apply for the permit. New York State law requires that all contractors provide proof of worker's compensation insurance when applying for the building permit. Contractors that are sole proprietors that may be exempt must submit a Certificate of Attestation of Exemption from NYS Worker's Compensation. Application is online at <http://www.wcb.state.ny.us/content/ebiz/OnlineServices.jsp>. Homeowners performing the work will be required to complete a BP-1 form and have their signature notarized. Building inspectors are required to contact the NYS Worker's Compensation Board if violations are witnessed.

Can the Homeowner Perform the Construction Work? The homeowner is authorized to physically perform all work for which they believe are qualified. All electrical work must be inspected by an approved certified inspection agency with certification submitted to the Codes Office. Contact the codes officer for a list of approved certified electrical inspection agencies.

Email any other questions to buildinginspector@townofdeerfield.org.

WHITESBORO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

If you or someone you know resides in the Whitesboro Central School District and have a child who will be eligible to enter kindergarten in September 2021 (must be 5 years of age on or before December 1, 2021), [please call your school for a registration packed to be mailed out you:](#)

Deerfield: 315 266-3410 | **Marcy:** 315 266-3420 | **Hart's Hill:** 315 266-3430 | **Westmoreland Rd.:** 315 266-3440

DEERFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT



GET READY!!! The Deerfield Volunteer FD Lenten Friday Fish Fry's start on February 12, but with a limited menu and drive thru only. Drive thru will be the same set up as we have had since last spring!

We will be offering 4 options this time..... Fish Fry or Baked Fish or Chicken Tenders or Fried Shrimp. All dinners will be \$10.00 each. Fish Fry, Chicken Tender and Shrimp meals come with French fries - coleslaw - bun. Baked Fish comes with baked potato - coleslaw - bun. No substitutions with dinners.

Friday Fish Fry's will run for 9 weeks 4pm-7pm February 12th through April 9th!

We look forward to seeing everyone soon!!

WILDERNESS PARK LOCATED ON UPPER WALKER RD. DEERFIELD



There is no cost to use the trails and they are open to all, who will care and respect them. We ask that you take out everything that you bring in. **NO LITTERING!**

Animals are welcome if leashed and do their business off the groomed trails.

Absolutely NO MOTOR VEHICLES ALLOWED ON TOWN WILDERNESS TRAIL - UNDER TOWN LAW- VIOLATORS WILL BE PROSECUTED.



It's not just a terrific place for summer fun. It also provides for some outstanding winter fun as well.

We have over 6 miles of incredible trails which can be used for cross country skiing, hiking and snow shoeing. Our Park offers safe flat, intermediate, and more difficult challenging trails. The scenery is lovely year-round but exceptionally beautiful during a winter snow fall. The Deerfield

Youth Program has Snowshoes for all sizes to sign out - call ahead to reserve your shoes. 315 724-0413 x 231.



If you see this guy, town resident **Ed Blake**, out and about or grooming our trails, please offer him some sincere thanks for his care of our Wilderness Park Trail System. Ed volunteers his time and energy through out the winter months, grooming our trails for Hiking, snow shoeing, and cross-country skiing.



SNO-MUCH FUN SCULPTURE CONTEST

The 8th annual SnowFest had to be cancelled this year because of Covid restrictions, however we held our Snow Sculpture Contest and it turned into the largest number of entrants we ever had. Each Sculpture was a creation of imagination, snow, and family fun. All the entries are on our Facebook page. Our new contest for 2022 has begun and will run until February 4, 2022. The Snow Fest for 2022 will be February 5th, put it on your calendar. We will use our Cowboy theme, let us see what we can do. Please go to the Deerfield's Snow Much Fun" Winter Fest for updates. We are looking forward to next year so we can resume all our fun. Thank you to all the participants, committee, and town board.

Linda, chairperson.



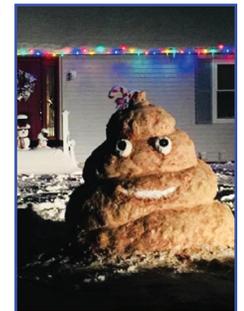
1ST PLACE - 2021



2ND PLACE - 2021



3RD PLACE - 2021



PLANNING BOARD - LISA ZUREK - CHAIRPERSON

The town planning board will be holding their meetings virtually until in person meetings can resume due to the Covid-19 pandemic. If you would like to be placed on the agenda for a meeting or just want to "drop in" please email Lisa Zurek at planningboard@townofdeerfield.org. Please email at least 5 days prior to the meeting to enable your email to be registered for the meeting. Meetings will start at 6pm, they will be recorded and placed on the town website for public access.

- February 3, 2021
- March 3, 2021
- April 7, 2021
- May 5, 2021
- June 9, 2021
- July 7, 2021
- August 4, 2021
- September 8, 2021
- October 6, 2021
- November 3, 2021
- December 8, 2021

The Town of Deerfield is seeking a new member for the Board of Assessment Review. After many years of service resident Robert Leonard has retired his position. Anyone interested in this position should contact Supervisor Mahardy for details. supervisor@townofdeerfield.org or 315 724-0413 x 250



A Fond Farewell and Thank You

by Jozef Malinowski

I've always said that I would retire as Town Historian when I've run out of topics to talk about. Well, the truth is, there will always be stories to tell, heroes to highlight, and memories to share. Our town has a rich and colorful history, and I am so glad to be a small part of it.

Recently, I decided to begin a new chapter. Throughout my time as Town Historian, I have learned so much about our great community and have been inspired by so many wonderful people. To the many colleagues and friends that I have met along the way, I extend a heartfelt thank you. I would also like to express my gratitude to Supervisor Scott Mahardy, our Town Board, past and present, Town Clerk Karen Day, Highway Superintendent Sam Arcuri, and Senior Director Lura Raymo for their support over the years.

As I now begin the next steps of my journey, please remember that history is not just about the past, it is equally about the stories that are created today, which will be retold tomorrow. Take care of one another.

2021 Town Anniversaries

1776 - First pioneers of what would become the Town of Deerfield (George Weaver, Christian Realle, and Mark Damuth) flee their homesteads, due to an impending raid on their settlement **(245 years ago)**

1801 - Second Baptist Society of Deerfield was organized on Herkimer Road, currently know as North Utica Baptist Church, **(220 years ago)**

1831 - North Gage post office was established **(190 years ago)**

1916 - Southern portion of Deerfield was annexed to the City of Utica, creating North Utica (16th Ward). **(105 years ago)**

1961 - Christ Community Church was dedicated on Herkimer Road **(60 years ago)**

1961 - St. Vincent Mission House build on Cosby Manor Rd. Current home of the Good News Foundation. **(60 years ago)**

1971 - Horatio Mall Shopping Century was Built. **(50 years ago)**

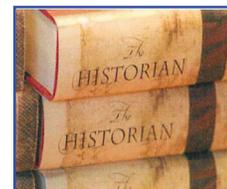
1981 - Municipal Building on Walker Road Dedication help on May 17th, 1981. **(40 years ago)**

(Source: Deerfield New York: A Glimpse into the Past by Virginia C. Loin)

Do you love History? Especially our hometown local history?

The Town of Deerfield is seeking to fill the position of Town Historian. If you believe this is the craft for you, please reach out to us for your application.

For further information, contact Town Supervisor Scott Mahardy supervisor@townofdeerfield.org or call 315 724- 0413 x 250 - Submission date March 7th 2021.



SENIOR NEWS

We are into the new year and things may not be as we would like. Finding places and times to get the Covid vaccine are hard to get. Not all our seniors have a computer, so ask family member or friend to assist you. The month of January is over and the days are getting longer and hopefully we will be back to seniors in April.

Until then, we all need to remember to wash our

hands, wear our masks and use common sense during this time.

Lura Raymo - Director



Supervisor	315-738-0311	Scott Mahardy	315-738-0311
Highway Superintendent	315-826-7014 Work	Sam Arcuri, Jr.	315-826-7014 Work
Assessor	315-735-6420 Home		315-735-6420 Home
Councilperson	315-732-1262	Phillip Domser	315-732-1262
Councilperson	315-798-9344	Michael Collins	315-798-9344
Councilperson	315-272-0820	Gregory Sacco	315-272-0820
Councilperson	315-396-8077	David Kolek	315-396-8077
Town Clerk, Registrar	315-724-0413 x 223	Karen Day	315-724-0413 x 223
Tax Collector	315-724-0413 x 230	Karen Day	315-724-0413 x 230
Town Justice	315-507-3058	Jim Sullivan	315-507-3058
Town Justice	315-507-3058	Thomas Larkin Jr.	315-507-3058
Assessor	315-732-1789	George Haskell	315-732-1789
Planning Board (Chairperson)	planningboard@townofdeerfield.org	Lisa Zurek	planningboard@townofdeerfield.org
Zoning Board of Appeals (Chairperson)	315-724-0658	Lura Raymo	315-724-0658
Senior Citizen Director	315-724-0658	Lura Raymo	315-724-0658
Town Historian	315-542-3086	Jozef Malinowski	315-542-3086
Youth Director	315-724-0413 x 231	Karen Day	315-724-0413 x 231
Dog Control Officer	315-520-1606	Andrea Brennan	315-520-1606
County Legislator	315-796-2034	Phillip M. Sacco	315-796-2034
Deerfield Fire Chief	315-732-2693	Kevin Powers	315-732-2693
Assessor	Extension 221		Extension 221
Building & Codes	Extension 222		Extension 222
Supervisor	Extension 250		Extension 250
Town Clerk	Extension 223		Extension 223
Senior Citizens	Extension 228		Extension 228
Planning Room	Extension 227		Extension 227
Tax Collector	Extension 230		Extension 230
Court Room	# 315-507-3058 Fax # 315-507-3060		# 315-507-3058 Fax # 315-507-3060
Important Phone Numbers			
Deerfield School:	315-266-3410		315-266-3410
Whitesboro Parkway Sch:	315-266-3175		315-266-3175
Whitesboro Middle Sch:	315-266-3100		315-266-3100
Whitesboro High School:	315-266-3200		315-266-3200
State Police: Business @	315-736-0122		315-736-0122
Sheriff's Dept: Business @	315-736-8364		315-736-8364
Deerfield Fire Department:	(Business) 315-732-2693		(Business) 315-732-2693
Whitb. Transportation Dept.:	315-768-9740		315-768-9740
Poland High School:	315-826-7900		315-826-7900
Poland Elementary:	315-826-7000		315-826-7000

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TOWN OF DEERFIELD PHONE LIST