

TOWN OF DEERFIELD



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A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR

I am hopeful this message finds everyone in the community, as well as your family and friends living outside of our community, healthy and looking forward to a much better year than the last few. As we kick off the summer season, it is a time to get outdoors and plan that barbeque, family get together, or just to take a walk/ride a bike to enjoy the nice weather with family and friends.

As you are aware, there are a few items that are affecting the town residents. The first one is the Clear Path Solar project that was issued a permit by the Planning Board to proceed. While this project has yet to break ground, it is moving forward as the process was submitted prior to the Town Board adopting a moratorium on solar. Additional information on this project will be posted on the town's website in the very near future. The second one is a proposed project that the town has very little say in. This project is a 130mw proposed solar project encompassing 900+ acres in the northern end of town. Any project greater than 25mw and the State of New York becomes the authorizing agency. Again, information on this will be posted on the town's website, including your state representatives contact information.

As mentioned in the previous paragraph, the town enacted a solar moratorium which a dedicated committee of members of the town board, planning board, zoning board and town residents worked on establishing rules and regulations for solar moving forward. We are now close to starting to hold public hearings on these proposed rules. Please check the town's website or contact the Town Clerk for dates and times.

The town board has been very active in researching and obtaining grants to try and offset the cost of a variety of projects within the town. As of this date, we are happy to announce that a grant from Oneida County in the amount of a little over \$40,000 has been obtained for flood mitigation, as well as a \$125,000 grant from Assemblywoman Buttonschon towards the purchase of a leaf vacuum truck has been obtained. This piece of equipment will cut down on the number of man hours needed to pick up leaves as well as reduce the risk of injuries to our workers.

In closing, please take the opportunity to attend a board meeting. Your input is valued by the town board.

Regards,

Scott P. Mahardy
Supervisor

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT



The Highway Department hopes everyone is safe and is doing well; it is

hard to believe half of 2022 has come and gone already. When the last heavy snow came it took down a lot of trees with it. With clean up taking about three weeks it put the Highway Department behind in our work. The Highway Department is finishing some projects from 2021 that we did not get done before the snow started. We are starting to catch up and getting ready to start some of our road projects for 2022.

The highway Department is picking up green waste once a month as in past years. Grass clippings, small plants, and loose material shall be picked up at the curb in a container to be dumped in a compactor truck. Brush from tree trimming shall be piled separately with but ends facing one direction to be chipped by another crew. As the highway employees come around we are still finding material piled to the curb loose, the only time we will be picking up loose material is at spring clean-up and leaf collection in the fall. We have been having great luck with our Saturday trash collections dates, the next date will be July 30 at the Firehouse on Trenton Road from 8AM

to 2PM. The dumpsters also are available during our work hours 6am to 4:30pm Monday through Thursday please call ahead for an appointment; Highway Garage # (315) 826-7014. We also take household electronics for recycling; white goods with a coolant in them can also be brought to the highway garage for disposal for a fee of \$10.00 each. The highway department can also schedule a curbside pick-up on a single large item if needed. Please don't pile trash outside the doors at the highway garage after work hours or if no one is here to open the doors. Please call ahead to schedule a drop off appointment.

The town road projects for 2022 are very large, we will be working on these all summer to get them completed. We will be out to do road maintenance work as needed throughout the summer months. If anyone ever has a question about a project please call the highway garage and we can answer them for you. We hope everyone has great and safe summer.

Thank You
The Highway Department

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT DATES TO REMEMBER IN 2022:

August:

1st - Green Waste

September:

6th - Green Waste

October:

3rd - Green Waste

22nd - Trash town garage
Curb side trash date – (TBA)

November:

7th - Green waste if weather permits or leaf collection.

The November green waste will only happen if weather permits.

We will be switching over our equipment for leaf season as soon as possible. Green waste will be collected from a container at the curb to be dumped in a compactor. Brush shall be piled separate for collection by a different crew to be chipped. Limbs shall be no more than 10' long or small enough to be handled by one person.

Thank you for your cooperation

NOTE FROM THE TOWN CLERK

I want to thank the residents of our Town for your patience, with my office and myself, as this Spring, the Covid Virus did catch up with me. My office was closed for a week or more as I recovered.

While I am back to my usual duties, I am still playing catch up in the office.

As a reminder, the Clerk's office offers:

- Assessable Tags (formerly known as Handicap tags) for your vehicle
- Dog Licenses
- Marriage Licenses
- Provides copies of death certificates, birth certificates and marriage certificates with proper paperwork
- Wilderness Park Pavilion Rentals

Just to name a few.



As you may know there have been few Bear Sightings in our town, and in reaching out to the DEC – I was relayed this message:

See the link to our nuisance bear website. <https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/6995.html>

DEC has not received specific complaints from the Town of Deerfield this spring or summer, but bears do reside in the town and can be seen almost anywhere. If I do get calls from your town its generally related to observations or chicken or beehive damage. Might also get the occasional roadkill reported. Currently, bear activity is being documented all over the state this year and its vital that residents help keep bears wild by not encouraging animals to seek human food sources. I've received calls all over the Valley and bear activity is not just confined to the Adk's or the big woods.

DEC recommends the following:

- Eliminate all attractants from the property
 - Cease bird feeding until early fall
 - Secure garbage in good containers and store in locked sheds and garages
 - Clean BBQ grills and cooking areas immediately after use
 - Do not leave uneaten pet foods out on porches or in yards
 - Secure (or empty) refrigerators and freezers that may be on porches or decks
 - Do not store food in vehicles and keep doors locked
 - Same is true for maintaining clean camping sites while on vacation!



Residents should minimize or eliminate attractants to their property so they can avoid encouraging or escalating bear behaviors which would require significant responses from DEC staff. The more careful we are now, the better off the bears will be! Enjoy them as part of the Deerfield landscape.

Steven R. Heerkens

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SOLAR COMMITTEE

Dear Residents:

The Town Board of Deerfield has composed a group of town residents from various backgrounds to write the Town of Deerfield Solar Local Law. The solar committee has spent the last year meeting bi-weekly and more recently weekly, reviewing, compiling and interviewing constituents from the Oneida County IDA, NYSEDA and various towns throughout New York State in an effort to create the town's Solar Law. At this time we have a 5MW project and a 130 MW, 900 acre Deerfield-Newport solar farm (see attached layout) that has been approved by the NYS Governor's office. The completed law is available for review at the Deerfield town municipal building. The Town Board will hold two public meetings for comment (July 27 at 6 pm and August 10 at 6 pm).

Some questions to ask yourself...

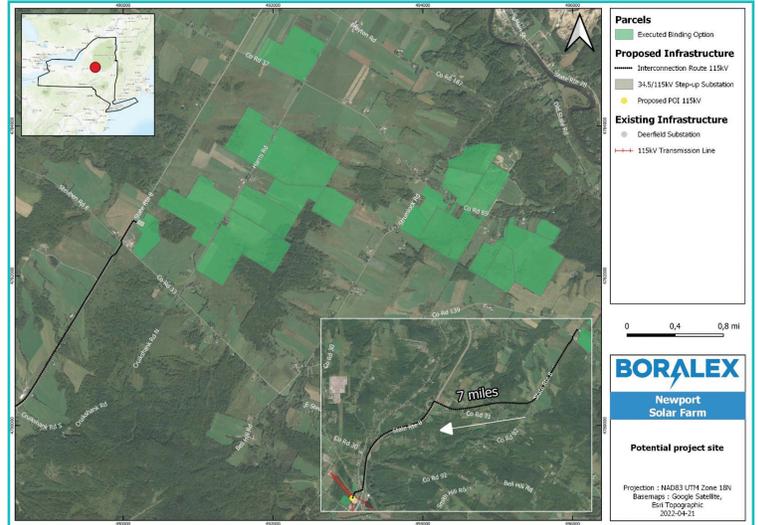
1. What incentives are available to the Town if community solar comes in the area?
2. What are the benefits to Town residents of community solar and distributive generation?
3. What incentives are available if distributive generation comes in the area?

4. How will property value be affected?

5. What will property setbacks be?

We look forward to hearing from you at the first Public Hearing on July 27th.

Thanks,
Solar Committee



We welcome your participation at the Town Board meetings which are held on Monday evenings at 6:30 pm at the Town Municipal Building. It is the best way to find out what is going on in your town and to express your thoughts and concerns. For the 2022 year we will be meeting on the following dates:

8/8/22

9/12/22

10/3/22

11/7/22

12/12/22

Your 2022 Councilperson roster is Mike Collins, Dave Kolek, Greg Sacco, Phil Sacco, and Supervisor Mahardy.

Sam Arcuri – Highway Superintendant, George Haskell – Town Assessor, Randy Foley – Building & Codes Officer, Lura Raymo Zoning Chairperson and Senior Director. These are your Town Officials and are here to assist you with your concerns.

SENIOR NEWS

We meet every Thursday from 10am -2:30pm at the Deerfield Municipal Building. And we have trips scheduled alongside the Singing Hills Seniors.

How To Avoid Scams

Know the red flags

The most common types of scams target you through fake emails, text messages, voice calls, letters or even someone who shows up at your front door unexpectedly. No matter which technique the scammer uses, you may be:



Instructed to not trust your bank, or to respond to questions in untruthful ways

- Pressured to send money
- Threatened with law enforcement action
- Told to purchase gift cards and provide codes as a form of payment
- Asked to cash a check for a stranger or send money via wire transfer
- Asked to deposit a check that overpays for something you're selling, then send the difference elsewhere

If you authorize a transfer or send money to a scammer, there's often little that can be done to help get your money back.

[Know the best ways to avoid being scammed](#)

- **Don't respond:** If you're not 100% certain of the source of the call, email or text, then hang up the phone, don't click on the link in the email and don't reply to the text message.
- **Don't trust caller ID or answer phone calls from unknown numbers:** If you recognize the caller ID but the call seems suspicious, hang up the phone. Phone numbers can be easily spoofed to appear to be from a legitimate caller.
- **Don't give out your information:** Never provide any personally identifiable information unless you're absolutely certain the person and reason are legitimate. Remember: your bank will never ask you to send personal information such as an account number, Social Security number or Tax ID over text, email or online.
- **Research and validate:** If the individual or organization seems suspicious, make sure the request being made is legitimate by calling the organization through an official number from their website or consulting with a trusted family member or friend.

If you feel you may have been a victim of a scam, contact the company or bank that issued the credit card, debit card or account involved.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Our Top 10 Summer Safety Tips for Dogs

Posts by:
Pet Health Network Contributors

Help your pooch make the most out of summer

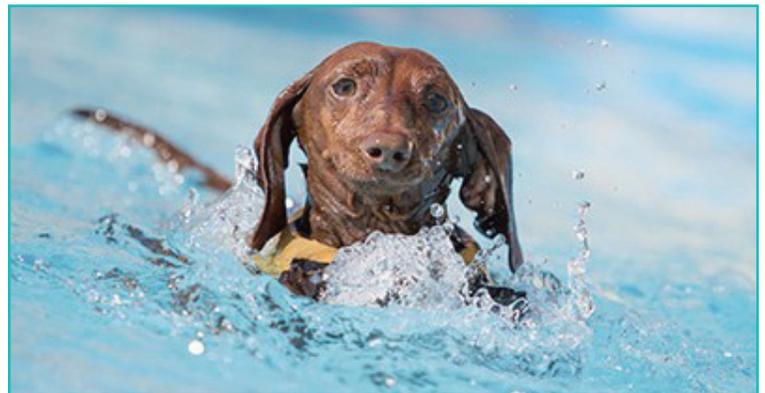
[Dog Checkups & Preventive Care](#)

Our pets love summer just as much as we do! For many, it's the best time of year to be out, about, and enjoying all that the season has to offer.

While there is certainly nothing wrong with taking your pet out for picnics, hikes, swimming, or running, keep in mind that warm weather can be dangerous. It's hard for pets to keep cool when the sun is beating down, and animals don't sweat like people do. Dogs do sweat, but not very much, and it does little to cool them off. As you probably know, dogs more commonly cool themselves down through panting. When there is only hot air for a dog to breathe, it's a lot harder for that dog to keep cool. Read on to learn some important summer safety tips for dogs.:

1. Never, ever, EVER leave your dog in a hot car

Okay, you've probably heard this one before, but it's so important that we still decided to list it first. It can take minutes – yes, **MINUTES** – for a pet to develop heat stroke and suffocate in a car. Most people don't realize how hot it gets in parked cars. On a 78 degree day, for instance,



temperatures in a car can reach 90 degrees in the shade and top 160 degrees if parked directly in the sun! Your best bet is to leave your dog home on warm days. If you're driving around with your dog in the car, bring water and a water dish and take your dog with you when you leave the car.

2. Make sure your dog is protected from parasites like fleas, ticks, and mosquitoes

If not protected, your dog is at risk for heartworm, Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, and a host of other nasty and dangerous conditions. And don't forget, many of these diseases can be caught by people too!

3. Keep your dog's paws cool

When the sun is cooking, surfaces like asphalt or metal can get really hot! Try to keep your pet off of hot asphalt;

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not only can it burn paws, but it can also increase body temperature and lead to overheating. It's also not a good idea to drive around with your dog in the bed of a truck – the hot metal can burn paws quickly (and they can fall out to be injured or killed in an accident).

4. Your dog should always have access to fresh drinking water and shade

Our dogs get much thirstier than we do when they get hot, and other than panting and drinking, they really have no way to cool themselves down. Keep your pet in the shade as often as possible. While dogs and cats like to sunbathe, direct sunlight can overheat them (especially dogs) and cause heat stroke.

5. Give your dog his very own “kiddy pool”

Dogs who love the water, naturally love it even more during the hot months, and getting wet keeps them cool. Providing a small, kid-sized pool will go over big.

6. Don't assume your dog can swim well

Just because dogs instinctively know how to swim, doesn't mean they're good swimmers. And if your dog jumps in your swimming pool, he might not be able to get out without help and could easily drown. Make sure your dog can't get into your swimming pool without you around.

7. Dogs get sunburns too!

Believe it or not, dogs can sunburn, especially those with short or light-colored coats. And just like with people, sunburns can be painful for a dog and overexposure to the sun can lead to skin cancer. Talk to your veterinarian about sunscreens for your dog (don't assume a sunscreen for people is appropriate for your dog).

8. If there's no fence, keep your dog on a leash

Summertime means all sorts of exciting sights, scents, critters running around, and new and exciting places to explore. You never want to lose your dog because he became distracted in an unfamiliar environment. And remember, not every dog is meant to be off-leash; some dogs just can never be fully trusted to come when called. Make sure you understand your dog's tendencies and err on the side of being overly-cautious.

9. Watch your dog's weight

After a long winter, many dogs put on a few extra pounds. Summer is the perfect time to increase his level of exercise and get in tip-top shape. A pet that maintains a healthy weight throughout his lifetime will live, on average, 2-3 years longer than an overweight pet! Just make sure not to over-exert your dog. Talk to your veterinarian, give him adequate rest and if your dog is especially overweight, make sure you ease him into physical activity.

10. Keep your windows screened!

You may want your house to be ventilated, but you definitely do not want your dog jumping out!

Perhaps the most important tip is to pay attention to your dog – you'll know when he seems uncomfortable. Summer can be a great time to spend with your dog, but it's important to keep these tips in mind! Be sure to check out our tips for firework safety too.

And as always, make sure you talk with your veterinarian about any questions or concerns you have about your pets in warm summer weather.

Reviewed by:

Dr. Peter Kintzer, DVM, DACVIM

PARKS

Deerfield has 3 wonderful parks that provide much enjoyment to children and families. That was the goal when they were built and continues to be as the Town moves forward, but we need your assistance to keep them a safe and healthy place for our children to play.

At times the irresponsible come to our parks, leaving behind, trash, and other undesired materials that just do not belong in a park setting. We ask that you see damage being caused

by these individuals, please contact Law Enforcement.

Also noted –It is Illegal to use motorized vehicles of any kind in the Parks – This is true for both adults and children. The Wilderness Park trails are for family enjoyment all year-round, for walking, hiking, biking, snow shoeing and skiing. A motorized vehicle could cause major injuries, as it rounds the turn of a trail, while families are out enjoying nature.

DEERFIELD'S SUMMER PARK PROGRAM

We are sorry to not have our information out timely for the start of the Summer Program. With the use of our Facebook Page and Friends and Families of Deerfield Facebook Page we have done well getting the news out there as many families showed up that first week and more each week following. This program Excels !!!!

Our Staff of Youth Leaders - Anne Christophory, Keara Blumenstock, as well as Ryan Yingling, Jesse Wilder, Dom Restive, Lily Walsh, Ryann Deperno and Gino Spina as Youth Counselors are shining Stars in the program. They are in tune with the youth under our watch, and the children love them.

We enjoy our Pancake Mondays, our Spaghetti lunch, arts and crafts, and our 4-Square and kickball games. Thank you to Magician Drew and his balloon animals, who came to entertain and made a balloon animal or sword for more than 50 kids. The ICAN Mobile Museum made its visit to the Wilderness Park on 7/19/22. We will be visiting the MOST museum for our Field Trip. And that is not all, check out our calendar of events.

The program is Free to all Town of Deerfield resident children and we have a nominal nonresident fee and discounted fee to Schuyler Residents as well.

Donations to defray the cost of bussing for our field trip, goodies, games, sports equipment are always welcome.

[Check out our Deerfield Youth program FB Page to see our Calendars!](#)

If you have any questions or would like to donate, please contact Anne Christophory or Karen Day 315 724-0413 x223



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Councilperson	Michael Collins	315-798-9344	Supervisor	Extension 250
Councilperson	Gregory Sacco	315-272-0820	Town Clerk	Extension 223
Councilperson	David Kolek	315-396-8077	Senior Citizen's	Extension 228
Town Clerk, Registrar	Karen Day	315-724-0413 x 223	Planning Room	Extension 227
Tax Collector	Karen Day	315-724-0413 x 230	Tax Collector	Extension 230
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