

TOWN OF DEERFIELD



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A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR

Spring has sprung and we are slowly trying to return to a new sense of normalcy. The last years has been a trying time for all of our residents in the town. The Town offices and programs have returned to "normal" operations following all relevant protocols currently in place. We are excited to have our seniors back to their weekly programs effective May 1, 2021. We are moving forward with our summer youth program and our board meetings are back to in person, once again following appropriate safety protocols.

As previously communicated, our annual curbside trash pick up has been moved to the fall time to enable the highway department to concentrate on road work. We are also very excited to have the new playground project started in the Wilderness Park, as well as creating a T-ball field located near the new playground.

The town has been receiving complaints on damage being done to the trail system, including but not limited to motorized vehicles on the trails. The town passed a local law banning motorized vehicles on the trails. If you see it, please report it and we will pursue all legal avenues. The trails were developed for residents and non-residents of the town to enjoy with their families.

Please take the time to attend a town board meeting. Your input is very important. If you cannot attend a meeting, but have thoughts to share, please feel free to send me an email to supervisor@townofdeerfield.org.

Scott P. Mahardy
Supervisor



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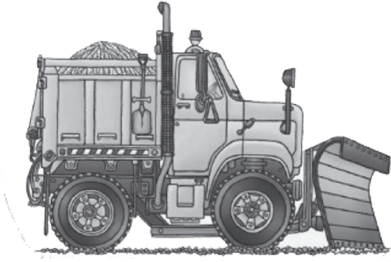
Take our survey and
help us bring
broadband to Herkimer
and Oneida Counties.

**PLEASE VISIT
MVEDDBROADBAND.COM**

SURVEY CLOSES AUGUST 7th, 2021



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT



It is hard to believe that almost half the year has gone by already in 2021, as I am writing this newsletter I hope everything is well and all are safe from the COVID pandemic. It has been very difficult sixteen months since everything

started to shutdown; we are hoping to get back to some kind of normal life as we were use to.

The highway department has a very busy construction season planed in 2021 along with all the normal green waste pick-ups every month, repairing drainage problems, cleaning ditches, and other things we do throughout the year. We would have hoped that the weather would be consistently warmer by now but we will be moving ahead with our projects as soon as possible. As our road construction projects progress this year call with any questions you may have; highway department # 315-826-7014. In past years some ask why we have to do things the way we do them, with our paving work in mind the first thing we look at before committing to paving work is drainage. With our seasonal weather cycles as they are; freeze and thaw cycles greatly affect our roads and we try to get any new pavement to last as long as possible. One of the things we are trying this year is moving curbside trash to September to try to gain extra time for construction and paving work.

Green waste seems to be going well with some continuing to put out green waste loose to the curb. After spring clean up is done we won't be collecting loose green waste anymore this season please put out a reusable container to be dumped. Brush can be piled to the curb separate and piled neat to be chipped by a separate crew. As always green waste can be brought to the highway garage anytime throughout the year and placed in the piles out back of the highway garage. Residents can also bring their trash items from their homes in town to the highway garage during our normal work hours, Monday through Thursday 6am to 4:30 pm please call ahead to schedule an appointment so we may have someone here to help unload. Items we do not accept are tires, batteries, household chemicals, used oil, we will accept electronics for recycling. Please remove the root ball from any brush placed to the curb for pick-up we will not be able to put the material through the chipper. Things have been much better with leaving trash outside the doors after hours. We are still finding some piles at times outside the doors after a weekend or overnight. Do not leave anything outside the doors after highway department hours.

Thank You!

The Highway Department

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT DATES TO REMEMBER IN 2021:

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.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS Building Permits:

When in doubt if you need a permit to do certain home improvements, please take a minute to email the codes office to ask. Most small projects do not need a permit unless it involves structural changes or plumbing and electrical installations. You can also go to townofdeerfield.org to get Applications, forms, and links for more information.

Inspections: With the building season gearing up, please remember that inspections **MUST** be made at certain phases of your construction. These inspections phases will be provided with your Building Permit. The Town of Deerfield Rules and Regulations for the Administration and Enforcement of the Building Code makes the **OWNER, APPLICANT, OR HIS/HER CONTRACTOR** responsible for informing the Code Office when work is ready for inspection and to schedule such inspections. These Regulations do not allow a **CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY (CO) OR COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE (CC)** to be issued unless the necessary inspections have occurred. **THEREFORE, IF THE INSPECTIONS ON YOUR PERMIT ARE NOT PERFORMED, NO C.O OR C.C. WILL BE ISSUED FOR YOUR PROJECT.**

Swimming Pools: Please note that many residents bought inflatable pools last year. These pools have the same safety rules and regulations as other above /in ground pools, so please call us before purchasing any inflatable pools this year. More importantly, local laws regarding fencing and other safety requirements for swimming pools may be more restrictive than requirements for swimming pools contained in the Uniform Code. If you are considering the purchase of a swimming pool, you should review the Uniform Code provisions which can be obtained at the

Building & Codes Office. In addition, you should consult the building inspector on the local laws, ordinances, codes, and regulations for any further requirements before purchasing a pool. Along with the permit, you will also need to call us for your final inspection before using your pool. At that time, we will process your certificate of compliance and return your deposit for the electrical inspection report.

Property Maintenance: This time of year, is when we start to get complaints for high grass and weeds along with rubbish and exterior home maintenance issues this year. Please try to talk with your neighbor about issues that may affect you and your neighborhood before reaching out to the code's office. It may be that they are having temporary financial trouble or health issues instead of just being neglectful; and they might just need a helping hand rather than an official knocking on their door. However, if the latter is the problem, please do not hesitate to contact this office. The Town of Deerfield is committed to maintaining quality neighborhoods and an excellent community environment. Our citizens expect us to do everything we can in this regard. We know that this can only be achieved through the cooperation of everyone involved. Have a great summer!

Randy S. Foley,
Codes Enforcement

SENIOR NEWS

Welcome Back Seniors! We are so happy to have you back.

The Deerfield Seniors Club are open each Thursday from 9 am to 3 pm. We are at 50% capacity at this time, but as the guidelines ease, so shall we be easing up. As of May 19, 2021 people who are vaccinated will not be required to wear masks or social distance.

We are looking forward to our good ole times to start again.

We will be playing cards and Bingo.

We are planning a trip to Pennsylvania to see Queen Esther in October, depending on guidelines. If you have any questions, please call Lura at 315-724-0658.



TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

I am so happy to see Sunshine and green from the windows of my office. The nice weather is finally here. The Town Clerk's Office is open for business. For those who have acclimated to the distanced service, please feel free to continue. A lot of what we do here can still be done via Email, Phone and postal Mail. However, if you are up for a ride to the northern side of town, come on up.

The Town's Town-Wide-Garage Sale was quite a success. Our streets were full of visitors, helping many of us, clean out our homes and make some money doing so.

Wilderness Park Pavilion rentals have returned, and most all weekends are booked. There is a calendar posted in our website which has the schedule of booked days through October 2021. Our park system has been greatly utilized by our community, which shows how wonderful we are to have them. As such, we ask that everyone one look out to protect them from vandalism and littering. Last Fall, the Town acquired a Grant to assist in the purchase and installation of new playground equipment, making fun more assessable for all children. Kudo's to Councilperson Greg Sacco for beginning the initiative and the Town Board for its approval.

A friendly reminder to Love and License your Puppies and Dogs, the cost is \$12.00 for fixed pooch and \$25.00 for unfixed. A current rabies certificate is required.

Tax collection is completed here at my office, if you have not paid your Town and County Taxes, please address this with Oneida County Finance Department.

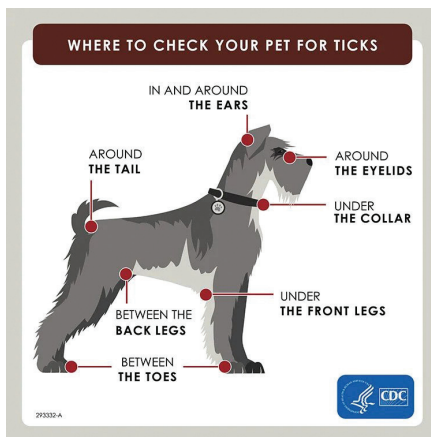
In normal times our Town Newsletter is produced and mailed quarterly. It is full of information; you may need to answer your concerns. Please take the time to read through it and save for the future. It will have contact numbers for the different departments and the representatives of your town.

Neighbor disputes happen, it is understandable however we are asking that positive attempts be made to correct the issue before involving the town. If these issues can not be corrected, you may request and return a filled out and signed "Complaint Form". With this, if warranted, the town will take issue.

A reminder of the Town Clerk's hours – Monday – Thursday 9 am – 4:00 pm. Please note that this office, employs me as Clerk and no regular assistant. My hours may change due to illness, appointments, and vacations. Feel free to call first before arriving to be sure that I am in the office. Thank you for your ongoing patience. 315 724-0413 x 223

Karen Day
Town Clerk

ANIMAL CONTROL



Tick Prevention & Removal

As many may have noticed the ticks are beginning to emerge again. Ticks are most active during the months of April-September. Dogs, cats, and children are very susceptible to tick bites and tick-borne diseases.

waist/groin, and even the belly button!

Removing a Tick

- Use tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the skin as possible.
- Pull upward in a steady even manner. Avoid twisting or rubbing the tick as this may cause the mouth to break off and remain in the skin.
- If the mouth breaks off attempt to remove it with the tweezers. If you are unable to remove it cleanse the area with soap and water or rubbing alcohol and leave it alone.
- Dispose of the tick by placing it in a sealed bag or covered container filled with rubbing alcohol. Place in the trash.

Preventing a Tick Bite

- Keep your yard free of brush, leaf piles, and tall grass.
- If in a heavily wooded area treat clothing with products containing 0.5% permethrin or a natural method of oil of lemon eucalyptus.
- Walk in the center of trails.
- Shower soon after coming indoors from a wooded or overgrown area.
- Check children, pets, and yourself for ticks. Commons spots for tick bites include armpits, in/around ears, back of knees,

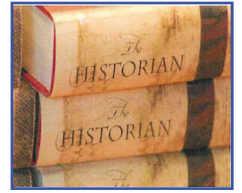
Typically, if a tick is removed within a timely manner (<24 hrs) the risk of contracting Lyme disease is very low. Usually, no prophylactic Lyme disease treatment is indicated or needed. However, you should monitor for signs of Lyme disease which include rash, fever, fatigue, headache, muscle pain, joint swelling/pain. If you are concerned check with your healthcare provider.

Stay safe and enjoy the nice weather!
Andrea Kaszycki & Angela Brennan
Deerfield Animal Control

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.



FUTURE PLAYGROUND AT WILDERNESS PARK



YOUTH PROGRAM



Summer is almost here ! It is seeming that our Summer Park Program is a go. Of course, there will be changes in the program due to the past year + of Covid restrictions and education.

We are scheduled to begin on July 5th Monday – Thursday from 8:30 AM to a **strict pick-up time** of 3:00 PM. We will start the program, with daily temperature checks and forms to complete. At this time, children will need to follow the same protocols used when attending in-school learning.

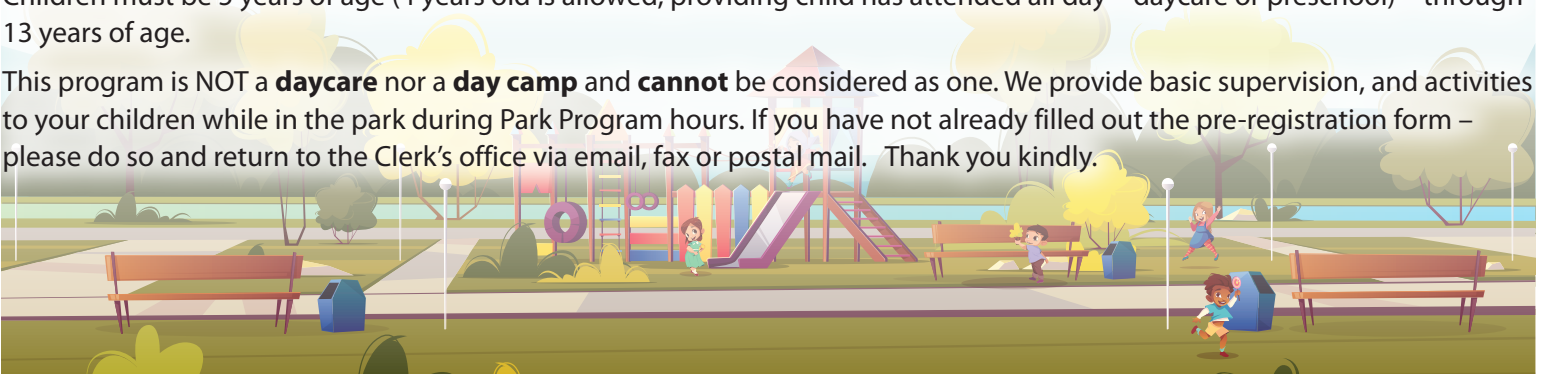
It will be mandatory that each child has their own drink bottle, Lunch and book bag or backpack to keep their belongings in. (preferably labeled) At this time we will be doing our best to bring in entertainment and activities for your children to enjoy, as it is unlikely we will be able to travel by bus out of the park with a large number of children. With that being said, our staff is looking for such entertainment and activities to bring into the group. If you know of an entertainer, magician, musician, art and crafts talent, fun learning opportunities – Please reach out to Anne Christophory or Karen Day – 315 724-0413 231. Leave a message and we will contact you back. Lastly, we are looking for an additional Youth Leader to assist with the summer program. If you know of someone that might be interested, please contact us.

We can also be reached by email, at townclerk@townofdeerfield.org or our Facebook Page – Town of Deerfield Youth Program.

Cost for resident families (those who live in the Town of Deerfield and pay taxes as such) is Free to attend. Cost for nonresident children (those who live in neighboring towns) is \$250.00 per child. There may be small fees here and there for projects or supplies. Parents will be notified in advance to these fees as the information becomes available.

Children must be 5 years of age (4 years old is allowed, providing child has attended all day – daycare or preschool) – through 13 years of age.

This program is NOT a **daycare** nor a **day camp** and **cannot** be considered as one. We provide basic supervision, and activities to your children while in the park during Park Program hours. If you have not already filled out the pre-registration form – please do so and return to the Clerk's office via email, fax or postal mail. Thank you kindly.



Deerfield Youth Program
Town of Deerfield
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Deerfield, NY 13502



Deerfield Summer Park Program – Pre-Registration Form

In the Year of Covid there are still so many changes to all our lives. It would be wonderful to get our lives back to some normalcy. Therefore, the Town of Deerfield, is making plans to re -open our Summer Park Program. The Town and our Staff are doing our best to work out the particulars and protocols. Currently, we are also looking for some guidance from Oneida County and NYS.

To help us reach our goals, we are asking families who plan to send their children to our Summer Park Program to complete the following Pre-Registration Form.

Parent/Guardians Name _____

Address _____

Phone #s _____ Do you accept text messages? Yes No

Email _____

Please list the children you intend on registering in the program.

Name _____ Age _____

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Name _____ Age _____

All children will be required to follow all safety protocols, i.e. masks, social distancing, washing hands as well as any additional safety rules deemed by Town/County/New York State.

Prior to the opening of the program, you will be contacted, with further instructions and times available.

Karen Day
Youth Director

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

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