

TOWN OF DEERFIELD



September 2021

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A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR

If there has been one thing that has been a constant over the course of this past year it has been that Mother Nature always wins! The town highway department has been dealing with multiple storm cleanups this year and it feels like with each storm that passes through, the intensity and subsequent cleanup is greater than the last one and takes longer to recover – your patience and understanding is what makes this community great.

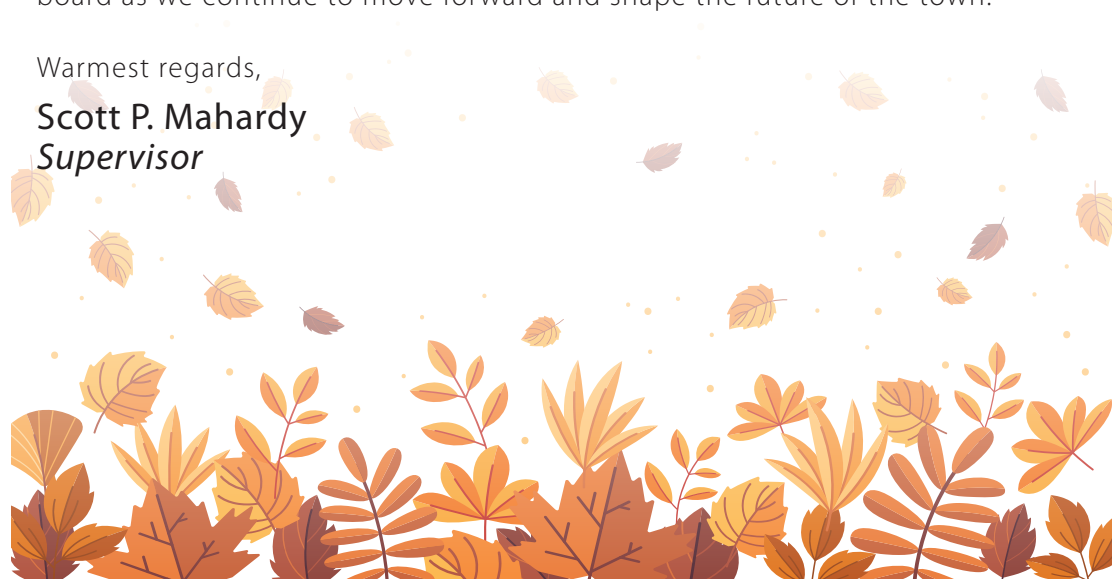
As I am sure that most members of the community are aware, the town is currently working through a solar farm application. The town board passed a moratorium back 2020 to allow zoning to be reviewed and updated since there currently is none zoning regulations in the town for solar, or for that matter wind. A committee has been formed, and of this writing, will have meet three times to date to make recommendations. It will be a long process as the committee will be looking as many items, including a host fee, a PILOT program, decommissioning bond recommendations, setbacks, locations, etc. I want to take the time to thank the committee for volunteering their time to date and look forward to working with them throughout this process.

As we close out summer, please take the time to spend time with your families and enjoy the natural resources that the Town offers. Once the children head back to school it feels like time slips away even faster than summer did.

Please take the time to attend a board meeting. Your input is valuable to the town board as we continue to move forward and shape the future of the town.

Warmest regards,

Scott P. Mahardy
Supervisor



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT



With summer rapidly coming to a close, we hope everyone had a great summer with all the rain we have had. The

highway department is still working to complete our scaled back road projects list that is underway. With the weather playing a large part in our paving and the need to coordinate with other companies, it has put us behind this year. Nonetheless, the Highway Department is still anticipating finishing all our projects in the near future.

Green waste pickups will continue through November, leaf collection will start when enough leaves have fallen to get the crews out and continue for as long as weather permits. Green waste pickups still start the first Monday of each month; all dates were posted in the first newsletter of the year. On our green waste dates, we will start early in morning the day of the pickup. **ONCE WE HAVE GONE BY, WE CAN NOT COME BACK**, please have your green waste material out ahead of the pick-up start date. We have received several complaints of green waste out at the curb for several weeks. As always, you can bring green waste to the highway garage between pickup dates. Please do not put out your green waste until 48 hours before the scheduled date and do not put green waste, brush, leaves etc. in the ditches or over drainage. When drainage gets blocked, it may cause flooding or washouts. Please put green waste grass clippings, leaves in metal or plastic cans it helps us be more efficient.

As announced in past newsletters, this year we moved our curbside trash to September this year to gain more time for road work. As things went in 2021, moving the date would

have worked well if we did not get four rainstorms. We are still going to have our last trash drop off at the Highway Garage on Saturday, October 23. Please take advantage of the dumpsters at the highway garage during our normal work hours; please call ahead to let us know you are coming so we can have someone here to help and unlock the doors.

The Highway Department is still working on debris clean-up from the last rainstorm. Please have some patience we only have seven people on staff here, and we are still working on our road projects as well. The highway department had a lot of drainage projects planned for 2021. We are still planning on working on them if weather permits around our normal yearly work.

Remember all culvert pipes in the right of way need to be permitted; the Highway department will size the pipe and require specific backfill material to be installed over the pipe. If culvert pipes are installed without permits, we have the right to pull the pipes out. Please call for the proper permits and information so this doesn't happen.

With fall fast approaching and winter just around the corner, just a few reminders please do not park in the right of way it makes plowing the roads very difficult. Do not plow snow across the roadway; you could be held responsible if it causes an accident.

Please call the highway department at (826-7126) if you have any questions

Thank you for your cooperation,
The Highway Department

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT DATES TO REMEMBER IN 2021:

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.



The Deerfield Skeleton Run (Utica Roadrunner sponsored) will be back this Fall and is scheduled for October 17th at the Deerfield Wilderness Park. Information and details can be found on the Utica Roadrunner Website:

www.uticaroadrunners.org/races/deerfield-skeleton-run/

NOTE FROM THE TOWN CLERK

Greetings from the Office of the Town Clerk. At this time, I would like to remind all that my office is open as it has been all through the pandemic. The hours my vary from time to time, as I continue to be the single staff member of the office for most of the scheduled hours. Due to this, it is suggested that before one travels to the Municipal Building for Clerk service, please make a call to see if the office is open. The current Clerk office hours are 9:00 am – 4:00pm
Monday - Thursday.

Much of the services that I can provide for our residents can be done via phone, email, and postal mail so if you are concerned about travel or exposure, please feel free to contact me that way.

When **Tax season** begins again in January of 2022, we will again use the tax drop box attached to the building, as well as the Postal Mail system to receive your Town and County Tax Payment. Once received and processed, my office will mail to your address the paid receipt. This year you will be able to make your tax payments yourself online via your credit card from the link provided on our Town Website and print your own receipt. Taxes can be paid by personal check, bank check, money order in person, drop off or postal mail. Credit card payments will only be accepted online via the link on our website. **No partial payments or cash payments will be accepted.**

The Town of Deerfield has a Vendor Policy, which means any organization, business or sales type vendors must register with the Town Clerk's Office to obtain a Vendor Permit.

These applications, require the identifying information of the company or organization, personnel, and vehicles they may be driving. This is for the protection of our residents. It is true that some vendors disregard our town policies. You as a resident, do not have to answer the door or allow these solicitors on to your property. If they do not hold a valid Town of Deerfield Vendor Permit, feel free to remind them that they are not following proper Town of Deerfield protocol and you are free to inform Law Enforcement.

Recently the Town of Deerfield received a letter from the CITIZENS CAMPAIGN FOR THE ENVIRONMENT stating that they will conduct a door-to-door canvass asking resident to sign a support statement, make a contribution, and write a letter. They had informed us that they will canvass in the town beginning August 17th – November 17th 2021 from 4pm-9pm Monday – Friday and Saturdays 9am – 6pm.

They followed this notification by citing:

"Because Citizens Campaign for the Environment is engaged in constitutionally protected political speech in its canvass operation, it is not required to obtain a permit prior to engaging in this activity. Watchtower Bible & Tract Society of New York v. Village of Stratton, 536 U.S. 150 (2002)"

Unfortunately, the Town of Deerfield has its hands tied with this case. If you are not interested in their campaign, simply ask them to leave or place a sign on your door that says No Soliciting by the Citizens Campaign for the Environment.

INFORMATION FROM YOUR BUILDING AND CODES DEPARTMENT

INDOOR AIR QUALITY (IAQ) You look to your home as your sanctuary. It's safe and inviting. But what about the air in your home? Can it be dangerous? Indoor Air Quality or IAQ isn't something that most homeowners or renters think about. But recent studies prove that indoor air pollution can lead to drowsiness, discomfort, and even serious illness. According to a Berkeley Lab study, "... the aggregate health consequences of poor indoor air quality ... are as significant as those from all traffic accidents or infectious diseases in the United States." We want to help you learn the truth about IAQ and the contaminants in the indoor air you breathe every day. And how to control them. Breathing fresh, clean, and pure air helps your family live happier and healthier. So let's find out more ... The movement toward air tight homes started with the energy crisis of the 1970s. The cost of oil was so high that energy efficiency became a top priority in new building and design. The home construction industry responded with better insulation, roofing, and more efficient HVAC systems. And now, with today's

global concern with climate change, energy efficiency is an even greater priority. The result is less fresh air flowing through homes, making the air quality more toxic. You can reduce your risk of breathing unhealthy air in your home by understanding and controlling dangerous pollutants. Here's more about common indoor air pollutants and IAQ, some which may surprise you. If you suffer from sneezing, watery eyes, or coughing you may be allergic to the air in your own home. Other symptoms include shortness of breath, dizziness, lethargy, fever, and digestive problems. More serious diseases transmitted by air are tuberculosis, measles, staphylococcus infections, and Legionella. So, let's take a look at some of the biological contaminants, or germs, in your home or office. Mold: Indoor molds can cause health problems because they produce allergens and irritants. If you inhale or touch mold or mold spores, you may get reactions such as sneezing, runny nose, red eyes, and a skin rash. If you're an asthma sufferer, molds can also cause asthma attacks. Mold is a fungus that grows as a multicellular

filament called hyphae. Hyphae cause biodegradation of natural materials such as food, paper, or wood. Mold needs water to grow, so the major source for mold in your house is in places where moisture is allowed to accumulate. Or from moisture in the air. The best way to eliminate mold in your home is to control moisture. Fix the sources of surface water problems such as leaks from indoor pipes, seepage in places such as the cellar or attic, and condensation from your air conditioner. Control the moisture in the air by keeping a comfortable indoor humidity of 30-60%. To do this, vent bathrooms, dryers, and other sources of water and steam from within your home. Air conditioners and dehumidifiers are also a great way to dry the air. Use exhaust fans when you're cooking or cleaning and increase the ventilation throughout your home when you can. All these tips will help improve the IAQ in your home. Molds can grow on wood, paper, carpet, and food...so wherever you find moisture, dry it up and do everything you can to prevent condensation. DUST Indoor dust can include tiny bits of organic matter such as plants, skin, soil, insects, food, fibers, and animal matter (see Pet Dander below). It can also be parts of your carpet or furniture as they slowly deteriorate. It's estimated that one-third of the dust in your home comes from indoor inorganic sources like carpet fibers. Two-thirds comes from both soil tracked in and outdoor air particles. One of the most powerful biological allergens in the house is caused by dust mites, according to the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). It's not the dust mites themselves that cause problems, it's the mite feces that can cause an allergic person to suffer asthma or nasal allergy symptoms. Pet dander and pollen are the other two organic sources of dust that cause some people allergic reactions. See below for more on IAQ. PET DANDER: Manufacturers of shampoos, lotions, cosmetics, and deodorants use phenol to preserve their products. Phenols are also found in plastic materials such as water bottles and in household cleaning products. They can cause reproductive system toxicity and hormone disruption. FLUORINATED CHEMICALS There's a good chance that you are a happy pet owner who loves

your animal and couldn't imagine life without them. In fact, according to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) it's estimated that there are 70-80 million dogs and 74-96 million cats owned in the U. S. 37-47% of all households have a dog and 30-37% have a cat. All of those pets produce allergens from their skin, saliva, urine, and feces. Cats cause allergies because of the Fel d 1 protein produced by their skin, saliva, and sebaceous glands. In dogs, it's the Can f 1 and Can f 2 protein that trigger allergic reactions. These microscopic pet allergens remain suspended in the air for long periods of time and they easily stick to furniture, bedding, and fabrics reducing IAQ. For many people, animal allergens may cause them to experience congestion, sneezing, runny nose, wheezing, and tightness in the chest. Everyone is different but controlling pet dander is a big solution for controlling IAQ. POLLEN IN THE HOUSE: Pollens originate from plants. They get inside your home through open doors and windows or tracked and carried in on clothing. Many pollens are allergens that contribute to allergic disease and asthma. Even though these large size pollen grains quickly settle, they can return to the air when disturbed creating unhealthy IAQ. Scientists believe that climate change and resultant warmer temperatures will cause pollen season to start earlier in the year. According to the Berkeley Lab, "Between 1995 and 2013, the ragweed pollen season increased in 10 or 11 central U. S. and Canadian cities by 1-27 days per year..." And higher temperatures and higher carbon dioxide levels are linked to increased plant biomass, which could potentially cause them to create even more pollen. CONTROLLING MOLD, DUST, DANDER, AND POLLEN IN YOUR HOME: The keys to controlling these biological contaminants and IAQ are cleanliness, adequate ventilation, and moisture control. Maintenance of heating and air conditioning systems helps along with pest management to control insect and animal allergens. Air conditioning, vacuuming with a heavy duty HEPA filter, and a quality air purifier are all effective in controlling the organic dust, pollen, mold, and pet dander that accumulates in your indoor air.

NOTE FROM OUR COUNTY LEGISLATOR – PHIL SACCO



Oneida County Board of Legislators:

A new local law adopting a PILOT Youth Deer Hunting Program was approved by the Board of County Legislators of the County of Oneida,

State of New York.

The intent of this Local Law is to authorize Oneida County to permit 12- and 13-year-old individuals to participate in the new and safe hunting opportunities in accordance with Environmental Conservation Law. The enacted 2021-2022 New York State Budget includes a pilot program allowing

the opportunity for young hunters, ages 12 and 13, to hunt deer with firearms and crossbows through 2023, if a county authorizes such action within their municipality. Oneida County is passing this Local Law as hunting is a valued tradition of many families, and this new opportunity allows experienced, adult hunters to introduce the value of hunting to the next generation. Furthermore, teaching young people safe, responsible, and ethical hunting practices will ensure a rewarding experience for the youth, while providing quality food to families and contributing to important deer management population control practices.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Not all People Food is for Pets

In many households our pets are like family and we treat them as such. This includes sharing “people food” with our pets. In moderation and with the right food choices sharing is typically not a problem. However, there are some common foods that should be avoided as they can be detrimental and, in some cases, deadly to dogs. It is important to not only avoid feeding your pet these foods but also secure these foods from being accidentally ingested by your pet.

Some foods that should be avoided (list not limited to):

- Garlic and Onion
- Macadamia Nuts
- Chocolate, Coffee, Caffeine

- Grapes and Raisins
- Products containing Xylitol such as gum, candy, and even certain peanut butter brands

The harmful effects of these foods can result in renal failure, anemia, seizures, low blood sugar, and death. If your pet has ingested any toxic food it is important to immediately contact your veterinarian. In addition, there is the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center which can be reached 24 hours a day/365 days a year at **(888) 426-4435**. There is a fee associated with their service but it is well worth it to protect your beloved pet.

Deerfield Animal Control

Andrea Kaszycki & Angela Brennan



TEEL FARMS



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! Our 2nd annual Vendor Fair will be happening the first weekend in October 10/2 & 10/3! Over 20 vendors have reached out to me and we want all of you there! I will begin reaching out to everyone who messaged me about having a booth, but in the meantime, save these dates! If anyone else is interest, please send us a message! We are looking forward to having these vendors showcase their talents and specialties and can't wait to allow an opportunity for the community to help support them!

DEERFIELD PARKS



Deerfield has 3 terrific parks within our town, each provides scenic views, and playground equipment for both children and adults. We take pride in these parks and recreation areas, but we need the public's help. Sometimes it is difficult to keep up and watch for vandalism. The Deerfield DPW which cares for the park system, has been challenged by the recent storms and flooding, not to mention the need to care for our road system. We ask that our residents help keep watchful eyes for damage, vandalism, and disrespect to our parks. Please remember, when you leave – please take out the trash or place it in proper receptacles for disposal.

As a community we would like to thank Deborah Burke and the Snyder family – Melissa, Sophie, Jacob and Sadie for all their hard work, pruning and the clean-up effort that they provided during the summer at the Brazie Park on Pauline Ave.



DEERFIELD YOUTH PROGRAM

Deerfield's Summer Park Program was a huge success. Over 75 children were signed up and attended the 6-week summer program at the Deerfield Wilderness Park this summer. The children were able to play outdoors with friends and classmates, rain, or shine. They enjoyed playing many team sports such as kick ball and basketball, 4-square and tag. At times they played the old-fashioned board games and did some wonderful arts and crafts. Visits from Anita's Stevens Swann Humane Society, KISS FM's DJ Roscoe Red's dance party, Mr. Magic, Gloria's Ice Cream Truck, Karate USA were all outstanding. We learned a lot too, from how to be a fire fighter (Deerfield Fire Department), Bee Keeping and Honey Making (Dawn Boyson-Bartolomie from Honey Bunny Pure Honey/ Sunshine Meadows). We experienced in our own way, about the Boston Tea party, and the battles between the British and the Patriots, sporting our very own battle on the grounds and in woods of the Wilderness Park, as well as learning about writing in codes and spy techniques. We enjoyed some of the best treats such as our Pancake Mondays and make your own Sundaes. With our end of Summer Party being a huge hit, once again enjoying the bounce houses and waterslides from *Just Bounce Around LLC* and all the donated goodies from parents and guardians. It was sad to see it all end.

Many Thank You's go out to the families who participated,

to all the vendors who came to provide entertainment and learning opportunities, the Town of Deerfield for offering this wonderful opportunity provided to our children and to our wonderful staff, who worked so hard to keep the children entertained and safe throughout the summer.

Thank you - Anne, Mike, Louis, Ryan, Ryann, Katie, Dominic, Lily and helpers Kimmy, and Scotty.

As the summer comes to an end, we are looking forward to our Fall Youth Program. We are hoping that we can get back together once again for our indoor events. As October gets closer and we get a feel for what the CDC will implement as rules of engagement, we will do our best to put together a schedule. It will be posted on the Town Web site and on our Deerfield Youth Program FB page.



Please note that we will participate in the **Skeleton Run**, offering children a spot in the Children's Run and the 1.5-mile run. Sign-ups will have to be done through the Town Youth Program at the Town Clerk's office. (*Not the Road Runner website*) and we have a scheduled visit to the **Teel Farm Pumpkin Patch** on October 23rd from 1pm - 4pm (Rain Date 10/24 same times) Watch our FB page for further information on future events.

Karen Day - Youth Director

DEERFIELD YOUTH PROGRAM SKELETON RUN APPLICATION

For Deerfield Resident Youth | October 17, 2021

Minor Child: _____

Parent/Guardian First Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Last Name: _____

Registrant's First Name: _____

Registrant's Last Name: _____

Parent/Guardian E-mail: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Used for age group calculations

Gender: Male _____ Female _____

Phone: _____

Street Address: _____

City: Deerfield Zip Code: 13502



Choose Your Event:

Kids Quarter mile Run (3-12 year old) **9:00AM - 9:30AM**

Skeleton Community Run (1.5 mile) **9:30AM - 10:00AM**

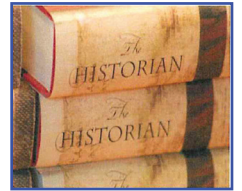
Registration ends October 14, 2021

Deerfield Youth Program Approved _____

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.



FROM FIRE CHIEF KEVIN POWERS OF THE DEERFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT

The days are getting shorter, the nights are getting cooler, a new school year is just beginning, and your Deerfield Fire Department is planning our fall fish fry's. It is certainly an exciting time of the year!

Let me begin by saying a very heartfelt THANK YOU for your continued support of our fundraising efforts. While we were disappointed that our June Field Days had to be cancelled, you helped make our three (3) summer Chicken Bar-B-Q's a great success. We look forward to seeing you all in the fall for our four (4) DRIVE-THRU Fish Fry's! They are starting on Friday September 17th from 4:00-7:00pm and running consecutive Fridays through October 8th. We will offer Fried Fish, Baked Fish, Chicken Tenders and Fried Shrimp. All dinners are served with French fries, coleslaw and a roll, baked fish is served with a baked potato, coleslaw, and a roll. Because of the increased cost of our fish and chicken products and all the related dinner items, all dinners will be \$12.00 each.

Over the summer months the members of the Deerfield Fire Department continued our life saving/fire safety trainings so that we can continue serving our community in the best ways possible. We had members complete trainings from New York State to become EMT's, emergency vehicle operators, and interior firefighters in addition to our own department trainings in water rescue, summer weather (heat related) EMS emergencies and tanker/water supply operations. In all our members dedicated over 600-member hours in training alone!

In August we were excited to learn that we had been awarded a federal Assistance to Firefighters Grant for the purchase of a new compressor/fill station which will allow us to fill our SCBA bottles in a timely and safe manner and get us "back in service" in a shorter period. This purchase will replace a compressor/fill station which is 30+ years old and has served us well but is now difficult to repair and operate.

August 13, 2021, proved to be one of the busiest, if not THE busiest day in the history of the Deerfield Fire Department. Starting at approximately 3:30pm, there were approximately 50+ calls for assistance as a storm which came through our town brought significant wind and water damage. The month of August saw us respond to almost 100 emergencies! I want to thank our Mutual Aid fire departments once again publicly: the Maynard Fire Department, the Whitesboro Fire Department, the Yorkville Fire Department, the Schuyler Fire Department, the Barneveld Fire Department as well as our Deerfield Highway Department, the NYS Police and crews from National Grid and Spectrum cable, all of whom came to help pump basements, remove downed trees and keep our residents safe from downed power lines. I also want to thank YOU, the residents of Deerfield! There were so many acts of kindness, and neighbors helping neighbors, from helping clean yards, to checking just to make sure your next-door neighbor was ok. And THAT is what defines the greatness of our town!



SENIOR NEWS

The Seniors are meeting each Thursday from 9:30 until 3:00. The seniors play cards and bingo each week. We have joined with Singing Hills Seniors for a trip to Turning Stone on the fourth Monday of each month. We meet at Marcy Municipal Building and the bus picks us up at 8:15 am sharp. Please let us know if you plan to attend.

We have a trip to Pennsylvania for October 6-8 to see Queen Esther at the Millennium Theater in Lancaster. We are also planning a trip to Canastota at Theodore's for the play "No Sex Please, We're British" and have a wonderful buffet.

If you have any questions, please contact Lura at 315-724-0413, ext. 228 or 315-724-0658.

Lura Raymo
Senior Director



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Highway Superintendent	315-826-7014 Work	Sam Arcuri, Jr.	315-796-2034	County Legislator
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Councilperson	315-732-1262	Michael Collins	315-723-4971	Andrea Brennan
Councilperson	315-272-0820	Gregory Sacco	315-724-0413 x 231	Poland High School
Councilperson	315-396-8077	David Kolek	315-724-0658	Whitb. Transportation Dept.:
Town Clerk, Registrar	315-724-0413 x 223	Karen Day	315-724-0658	Deerfield Fire Department:
Tax Collector	315-724-0413 x 230	Karen Day	315-42-3086	Sheriff's Dept: Business @
Town Justice	315-507-3058	Jim Sullivan	315-724-0658	State Police: Business @
Town Justice	315-507-3058	Thomas Larkin Jr.	315-724-0658	Whitesboro High School:
Assessor	315-732-1789	George Haskell	planningboard@townofdeerfield.org	Whitesboro Middle Sch:
Planning Board (Chairperson)		Lisa Zurek	315-266-3175	Whitesboro Parkway Sch:
Zoning Board of Appeals (Chairperson)		Lura Raymo	315-266-3100	Deerfield School:
Senior Citizen Director	315-724-0658	Lura Raymo	315-266-3410	Important Phone Numbers
Town Historian	315-542-3086	Jozef Malinowski	315-266-3200	Court Room
Youth Director	315-724-0413 x 231	Karen Day	315-266-3100	Tax Collector
Dog Control Officer	315-520-1606	Andrea Brennan	315-266-3200	Planning Room
County Legislator	315-796-2034	Phillip M. Sacco	315-266-3175	Senior Citizens
Deerfield Fire Chief	315-732-2693	Kevin Powers	315-266-3100	Town Clerk

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