

TOWN OF DEERFIELD



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A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR

At last, there appears to be a light at the end of the tunnel. We are preparing for a very busy season ahead of us, with much needed road work, ditching and shouldering of roads, as well as tackling some much needed stormwater mediation projects. With that being said, we are going to implement some changes to allow the highway department more man hours to accomplish these tasks. Please see the enclosed Curbside trash pickup notice included in this newsletter.

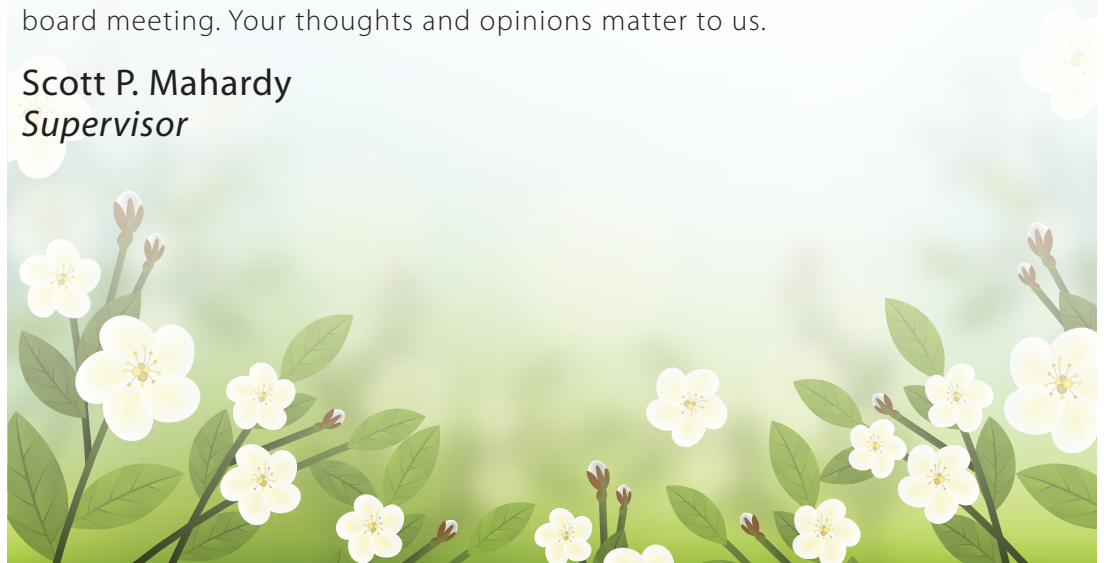
As most of you are aware, a committee was put together to develop solar guidelines and regulations. The Town has adopted a moratorium on solar but had received an application prior to the enactment of the moratorium. What that means is the application legally had to be reviewed by the Planning Board and ultimately the Planning Board issued Clear Path Energy a special use permit

Another very large proposed solar project by a solar developer has appeared. This one is different. The information we have gathered indicates it will encompass in excess of 900 acres and it a 130 mw project. This process is very different in the State of New York would be the approving agency and not the town. We are in the process of contacting our state representative to get us a "seat" at the table so we can voice our opinions.

As a continued update, a reminder that motorized vehicles (4-wheelers and dirt bikes) are not allowed on town property/trails. As you are 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.

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



As spring weather slowly gets here, the Highway Department hopes everyone is well and got

through the winter months safely. When everything finally thaws out, we will begin spring clean-up.

As the weather gets warmer, the Highway Department is scheduled to be out on our spring clean-up; this includes picking up leaves from the fall, tree limbs that fell during the winter months, and sweeping up the sand. We also will be repairing plow damage as we come around town. As in past years, spring clean-up material can be piled out at the curb loose; this is the only time we will be picking up material loose at the curb. Throughout the rest of the year for our green waste pick-ups, brush shall be piled separately at the curb to be chipped. All other material shall be put in a reusable container to be dumped in a compactor truck. As we were plowing snow this season, I saw some people still plowing snow across the road. This creates a problem for the traveling public and the plow drivers, as the snow builds up from pushing it across the roadway. Please do not plow snow across the road.

The Highway Department has a busy construction season planned this year. With our construction season so short to get road work done, one rain or windstorm pushes our projects back from completion in that construction year. Some of the projects we are going to be working on are from 2021 that we were unable to complete. We will be starting on these projects right after spring clean-up is complete. Our projects in 2022 will be split between maintenance projects and construction projects.

As soon as the town can get cost estimates on the projects, we can fit them into our budget.

Green waste pick-ups this year will be the same as in past years. We will be picking up green waste once a month from May through November. Brush (defined as tree limbs 1" and larger) shall be piled at the curb with butt ends facing in the same direction for ease of pick-up to be chipped. Brush shall be no longer than 10'. Other green waste shall be put in a reusable container for a separate crew to pick up with a compactor. Larger green waste material can be put out for collection in no larger than 50-pound pieces. Please do not put out root balls with your green waste; we won't be able to put the material through the chipper for collection.

We have added three more Saturday collection dates for trash this year starting on April 23 at Trenton Road Firehouse. Other dates are May 21 at Trenton Road Firehouse (after Garage Sale Weekend), July 30 at Trenton Road Firehouse, August 27 at the Highway Garage and October 22 at the Highway Garage. As in past years, town residents can bring trash items to the Highway Garage for disposal during our normal business hours, 8 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Please call ahead so we can have people here to open the doors and help unload.

Thanks to all our town residents for their kind words throughout the year. Call with any questions at 315-826-7014.

The Highway Department

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT DATES TO REMEMBER IN 2022:

April:

23rd - Trash (Trenton Road Firehouse)

May:

2nd - Green waste

June:

6th - Green Waste

July:

5th - Green Waste

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

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONCERNING THE TOWN OF DEERFIELD TRASH PROGRAM**

Dear Residents,

Due to the amount of labor and time required, the Town will no longer be able to provide curbside trash pick-up. Last year's curbside trash pick up required approximately 1,000-man hours and almost 30 days to complete. Due to reduced manpower, we need this time to complete the very necessary work of road improvement (paving), shoulder and ditch repair, as well to address long standing stormwater mitigation projects that have been causing flooding in various areas of the town.

You are always welcome to bring trash to the Highway Department on Mondays-Thursdays between the hours of 8:00 am-3:00pm. Please call in advance to ensure someone is there to unlock the dumpsters and assist you in unloading your trash. The Highway Department can be reached at 315-826-7014.

In addition to dropping trash off at the Highway Department, we will be holding additional Saturday drop off dates at the Deerfield Trenton Road Firehouse and the Deerfield Highway Department as follows:

Deerfield Fire Department located on Trenton Road

April 23rd from 8:00am-2:00pm
 May 21st from 8:00am-2:00pm
 July 30th from 8:00am-2:00pm

Deerfield Highway Department

August 27th from 8:00am-2:00pm
 October 22nd from 8:00am-2:00 pm

Thank you for your understanding and continued support

NOTE FROM THE TOWN CLERK

With the Tax Collection out of the way, the hope that some normalcy will return to the Clerk's Office.

The Office is continuing its Monday – Thursday office hours. I still ask that you understand that the office is staffed by only by me and may not be covered if I am out of the office for reasons beyond my control.

Much of the services can be handled over the phone, postal mail, or email, saving you the trip up to the Office building. Of course, if you want to enjoy a lovely country drive by all means come on up.

Dog Licenses are annual and cost \$12.00 for a spayed/neutered dog, \$25.00 if not. Please be sure to provide the Rabies Certificate if it is due.

Accessible Tags (formerly Handicap Tags) will be issued providing the resident has the proper medical form, from his/her doctor. Tags are currently good for 5 years and will need to be renewed after that.

As Registrar, **Marriage, Death, and Birth certificates** can be filed and/or obtained here in our archives. If you are interested in the research of a certificate, you will need to provide the proper identification, completed form, and fee. Please do not expect immediate service as this process does take time.

Marriage License applications are available by appointment, the cost is \$40.00.

Wilderness Park rentals are conducted through this office. Dates can be booked up to 13 months in advance are strictly a first come – first serve basis. All rentals are subjected to a \$100.00 deposit in addition to a rental fee. Resident fee - \$100.00 and non-resident fee is \$175.00. To check open dates – please go to our website, calendars – Wilderness Park.

Town and County Tax Collection in the Clerk's Office has ended as of March 31st 2022. All payments should be directed to the Oneida County Finance Department at 800 Park Ave. Utica NY 13501.

Deerfield Youth Program has ended its Fall – Spring Program and we are looking forward to the 6-week Summer Program. The program will begin Tuesday July 5th 2022, and will run 4 days a week – Monday – Thursday. It is free to town resident families and charges a non-resident fee for children of our sister towns. Information will be posted in the July Newsletter as well as on our - Deerfield Youth Program Facebook page

We are looking for a **Youth Leader** to assist in running the Summer Program. We are looking for an adult who is good with children, organized, dependable, and enjoys summer fun. If you are interested, please send a letter of interest to the Youth Director – Karen Day. 6329 Walker Rd, Deerfield, NY 13502.

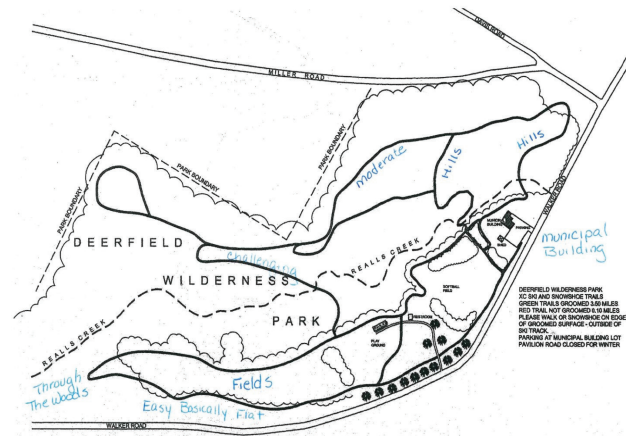
Wilderness Park – 6329 Walker Rd Deerfield

If you enjoyed our wonderful Park in the Winter, while snowshoeing or skiing, you will love the awesome hiking trails within the woods, over the stream and through the wildflower meadows. There are a variety of trails for all, some easy and scenic, while others are more challenging. While Town law prohibits motorized vehicles, the trails are perfect for bike riding, strolling or power walking. Bring your children to play on our newly installed playground equipment. It is a perfect family destination.

Remember to take out what you bring in and keep our parks clean.

Dogs are welcome if leashed and cleaned up after.

Also feel free to check out our other 2 neighborhood parks, "**Brazie Park**" on Pauline Ave, with all its basketball and tennis courts as well as its playground. On the other side of Town there is "**Youlen Park**" on Highview and Ravine which is a small simple park for children to enjoy.



ANIMAL CONTROL

Pet safety tips to keep your family protected

Pets can be valuable members of your family. When you introduce an animal into your home, help keep everyone safe with these helpful animal safety tips:

- Know the breed of dogs and their disposition. Some dogs tend to bond to one person or family member and become defensive around others.
- Do not try to pet an animal while they are eating, sleeping or caring for their young. Also let them see and sniff you first. Teach children this animal safety approach.
- Teach your children not to provoke or tease a strange animal. Half of all attacks to children are considered provoked.

- Do not hug an unfamiliar dog or other animal, especially around the animal's neck.
- Always supervise small children that are near animals.
- If an animal attacks, you may be able to decrease injury by feeding them your jacket, purse, bike or anything else that can serve as a barrier between you and the animal.
- If you're knocked to the ground, curl into a ball with your hands over your ears and lie still until the animal goes away. Teach this animal safety technique to children.
- For the safety of all, animals should be leashed or in a fenced area at all times.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Grievance Day - Every year the Town has Grievance Day on the 4th Tuesday of May. This year Grievance Day is scheduled for May 24, 2022. You can be heard from 1-3 and/or from 7-9 P.M. The only assessment that may be reviewed (grieved) is the assessment on the current tentative assessment roll completed by the local Assessor. As a rule, a separate complaint should be filed for each separately assessed parcel.

PLANNING BOARD

Summary January, February, and March 2022 - The planning board is currently reviewing plans for four sub-divisions in the town. Three are located in the northern part of the town. The fourth is located on Trenton Road. It has been named Pine Ridge Estates. The project has been reviewed by the planning board and other agencies that have input. At the March meeting a few minor changes and additions were recommended by the town engineer. We are anticipating a public hearing on this development in a few months. The moratorium on solar facility development is still in effect. A committee comprised of members of the town board, planning board, zoning board of appeals and residents has been working to create zoning to regulate the future construction of solar facilities in Deerfield. Along with Tier 3 solar projects, this proposal will also address Tier 1 and Tier 2 solar systems. A draft is nearing completion and will be sent to the appropriate agencies for review. The remaining planning board meetings for 2022 are April 6th, May 4th, June 8th, July 6th, August 3rd, September 7th, October 5th, November 9th, and December 7th. All meetings are held at the Municipal Building and begin at 6pm.

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:

4/18/22

5/9/22

6/13/22

7/11/22

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 Superintendent, 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.

NOTICE FROM THE CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Randy S. Foley CEO/ZEO

Be alert for CO poisoning

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a leading cause of accidental poisoning deaths in the U.S. – second only to drug poisoning.

Literally a “silent killer,” CO is a highly poisonous, colorless, odorless and tasteless gas. It is produced when propane, wood, heating oil, natural gas or other fuels burn without sufficient oxygen. CO can build up in enclosed areas quickly, exposing victims to harmful or even fatal levels without their realizing it. Children and the elderly are the most likely to get sick from CO exposure, but everyone is vulnerable. People who are sleeping or intoxicated can die from CO poisoning before they notice any symptoms.

Most CO poisoning incidents are due to improper equipment installation, maintenance or use, which means such incidents are almost entirely preventable.

Here some possible sources of dangerous CO levels:

- A vehicle running in an enclosed garage.
- A generator running indoors, or outdoors within 20 feet of a door, window or vent.
- A gas range or oven used for heating.
- Fuel-burning space heating or water heating equipment that is inadequately vented.
- A propane camping stove, charcoal barbecue or kerosene lantern used indoors.
- A fireplace with a blocked chimney or vent pipe.
- Equipment and appliance exhaust vents that become blocked by flooding, ice or snow.
- Smoldering insulation on overheated electrical wires. This can send CO through electrical conduits and into buildings.

Signs of CO poisoning

Watch for these common signs of CO poisoning:

- Headaches
- Dizziness

- Weakness
- Nausea and vomiting
- Confusion
- Sleepiness
- Tight chest

When you suspect CO poisoning, take everyone outside into the fresh air. Seek medical attention for the victims immediately.

Responding to an incident involving CO

If a CO incident is reported in a building served by natural gas, notify National Grid or the local gas utility and take these steps:

- **Use full SCBA and PPE.**
- **Evacuate the building.**
- **Make sure victims get fresh air and immediate medical attention.**
- **Ventilate the building.**
- **Shut off the gas at the aboveground service valve before the meter,** provided you have been trained to do so.
- **Work with National Grid to determine the source of the carbon monoxide** and when it is safe for occupants to return.
- **Exercise extreme caution.** CO is not only **highly** toxic, but also highly flammable. It will ignite when its concentration is 12 to 74 percent gas-in-air.
- **If possible, carry a CO meter.** It will help you identify the presence of CO when responding to medical calls and other situations where CO is not immediately suspected.

CO alarms save lives

CO poisoning can be prevented with the installation of CO alarms, which alert people before CO reaches dangerous levels. These devices are required in the hallway outside every separate sleeping area of a home.

SENIOR NEWS

The Seniors continue to meet every Thursday from 9 until 3 at the Municipal Building. Currently, we do not have a representative from the Office of the Aging doing a site visit once a month.

On April 24th we have planned a trip to Theodore's for a dinner show at noon. The cost is \$34 and we will meet at Theodore's. A seven-day, six-night trip to Branson is planned for early November. For more information on Theodore's or Branson please contact Lura at 315-724-0658 or 315-724-0413 ext. 228.

As events or trips come up you can contact Lura on check the Town Website.



TOWN WIDE GARAGE SALE



You will need to provide the following information

1. Name, Address, & Phone number (only your address will be publish)
2. Give us the dates of your sale

(for that weekend)

3. List items beginning with the most important – (We will include as many as possible)

Color posters have been printed for your use, you can pick them up at the Town Clerk's Office at the Deerfield Municipal Building 6329 Walker Rd.

The completed list will be available at the following locations:

Deerfield Municipal Buidling 6329 Walker Rd

Tasty Treat, Coventry Ave, North Utica

The Deerfield Website: www.townofdeerfield.org

TOWN HISTORIAN

Welcome Mr. Talerico !

Jerry and his wife are new members to our Deerfield Community, recently purchasing one of the oldest homes in the Town of Deerfield on Walker Rd. Jerry – a lover of history has agreed to step up to the job of Town Historian. His love of history and his desire to give back and become a part of this community, says he will be a good fit for the job. As he settles into this new position and readies for our next Town Newsletter, we will leave you with a bit of history from a former Town Historian. This photo was found in the "Deerfield NEW YORK ` A Glimpse into the Past" by Virginia C. Loin.



Wells Garden, 1941, was an early housing development on Walker Road. Large trees and remodeling have changed this scene beyond recognition today.

The Deerfield Volunteer Fire Company 2022 Officers

2022 Fire Officers

Chief: Christopher Heretz

Assistant Chief: James Griffiths

Assistant Chief: Stephen Pawlinga

Captain: Justin Yourdon

Captain: Corky Risley

Captain: Ed Dudek

Captain: Kevin Powers

Lieutenant: Robert W. Day

Lieutenant: Brian Bova Jr

Lieutenant: Lisa White

Lieutenant: Kevin Yourdon

Civil Officers:

President: Stephen Pawlinga

Vice-President: Nicole Arcuri

Secretary: Lisa White

Treasurer: Corky Risley

Financial Secretary: Robert W. Day

Board of Directors

Chairman of the Board of Directors: Wayne Brosemer

Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors: Sam Arcuri Jr.

Director: David Yahnke

Director: Lawrence Pawlinga

Director: Angelo Gigliotti

Director: Sam Arcuri III

Chaplin: Rev. Richard Prusko



The Deerfield Volunteer Fire Company is in full swing in 2022. Our members have been responding to numerous alarms and our training and fundraising events are keeping us busy. We want to extend our gratitude and say THANK YOU to the Deerfield residents who continue to offer support to

the department's events and fundraisers. We are proud to serve such an amazing community!

The Deerfield Volunteer Fire Company NEEDS YOU! If you are interested in getting involved in your community and have an interest in the fire service, please contact us! The fire company has a Junior Firefighting Program for individuals who are at least 16 years of age or if you are 18 years or older you can apply for full active membership. We provide training and assist you in developing your skills. If responding to fire calls is not for you but you would like to be part of your community and help at our events, please consider an Associate Membership to the Deerfield Fire Department.

You can get more information on our web page at www.deerfieldfire.org or contact the station at (315) 732-2693 and leave a message in the Chief's office.

A poster for "Field Days" at the Deerfield Vol. Fire Co. The text is in red and blue. It says "DEERFIELD VOL. FIRE CO. FIELD DAYS" at the top. Below that, "JUNE 16 TH 17 TH 18 TH" and "THURS. FRI. SAT." are listed. Underneath, it says "RIDES BY: MAIN EVENT AMUSEMENTS". At the bottom, it lists "FIREMENS PARADE 7 FRI.", "MOTORIZED FIREMATICS 12PM SAT.", "GAMES REFRESHMENTS", and "ENTERTAINMENT NITELY".

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April 2022

Supervisor	Scott Mahardy	315-738-0311	Telephone Extensions at the Deerfield Municipal Building	
Highway Superintendent	Sam Arcuri, Jr.	315-826-7014 Work 315-735-6420 Home	Assessor	Extension 221
Councilperson	Phil Sacco	315-796-2034	Building & Codes	Extension 222
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
Town Justice	Jim Sullivan	315-507-3058	Court Room	# 315-507-3058 Fax # 315-507-3060
Town Justice	Thomas Larkin Jr.	315-507-3058	Important Phone Numbers	
Assessor	George Haskell	315-732-1789	Deerfield School:	315-266-3410
Planning Board (Chairperson)	Pati Goldsmith	planningboard@townofdeerfield.org	Whitesboro Parkway Sch:	315-266-3175
Zoning Board of Appeals (Chairperson)	Lura Raymo	315-724-0658	Whitesboro Middle Sch:	315-266-3100
Senior Citizen Director	Lura Raymo	315-724-0658	Whitesboro High School:	315-266-3200
Town Historian	Gerard Talerico	Historian@townofdeerfield.org	State Police: Business @	315-736-0122
Youth Director	Karen Day	315-724-0413 x 231 315-723-4971	Sheriff's Dept: Business @	315-736-8364
Dog Control Officer	Andrea Brennan	315-520-1606	Deerfield Fire Department:	(Business) 315-732-2693
County Legislator	Dave Buck	315-601-0445	Whitb.Transportation Dept.:	315-768-9740
Deerfield Fire Chief	Christopher Heretz	315-732-2693	Poland High School:	315-826-7900
			Poland Elementary:	315-826-7000