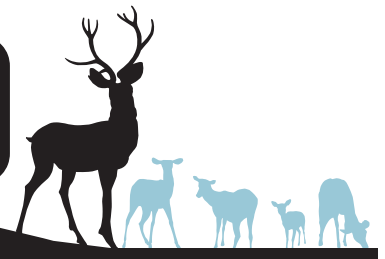


TOWN OF DEERFIELD



January 2023

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A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR

Welcome to the start of a New Year!

By the time this message reaches you, winter has begun. Please be mindful of children that may be playing near the roads or on the snowbanks.

As most of you are aware, a committee was put together to develop solar guidelines and regulations. We have enacted a local solar law thanks to the hard work of the committee and the input of residents who attended the meetings. We are now in the process of working on enacting battery storage (solar) and recycling of solar equipment laws. A second public comment session was held on December 28, 2022 at 6:15 p.m. to gather additional input from the residents. We will continue to keep residents updated regarding solar via the town's website.

As a continued update, a reminder that motorized vehicles (4-wheelers dirt bikes, and snowmobiles) 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. We will begin grooming the trails in the park system, so please take the time to enjoy them.

Scott P. Mahardy
Supervisor



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT



The Highway Department hopes everyone has a great holiday season and everyone is in good

health. With winter getting a slow start this year, the Highway Department would like to remind everyone as winter gets started to please drive with caution; road temperatures are varying and can cause slick spots on the roadways. As the snow piles up, the Highway Department has a few reminders for everyone. Please keep cars off the street during overnight hours. This helps the Highway Department clear the streets more efficiently. In May 2009, our town adopted local law # 1-2009 which states that parked or abandoned vehicles on any public highways in the Town of Deerfield during snow storms, floods, fires, or other public emergencies can be removed at the owner's expense. As winter starts out, we ask that residents do not push snow across the road. As winter progresses in the next few months, snow plowed across the road builds up and takes up part of a lane in the road so traffic needs to go around it, **PLEASE DO NOT PUSH SNOW ACROSS THE ROADWAY.**

This could cause an accident, and the person pushing the snow in the road could be held liable. With winter weather just starting out, keep in mind the type of tires you have on your car. All season tires are not the best tires in snow and ice; snow tires work the best in the winter months. Please keep trash cans clear of the curb so the plow won't knock them over. When winter snowbanks start to get higher, our children like to play in them and dig tunnels. Please remind them how dangerous this can be, as the plow drivers can't see them and we would not want to see any of our children get hurt.

We hope everyone had a fun filled summer and enjoyed the nice summer weather we had this year. The Highway Department had a very ambitious road construction season planned but was cut short with one very large reconstruction project on two miles of road. When the 2022 summer construction season came to a close, the Highway Department still had projects to get to and

things to finish. When the winter snow melts, we will be out to finish the things we could not get to before the snow came in 2022. The Highway Department is planning another busy year in 2023. We will be splitting the construction season between maintenance projects and construction projects in 2023. We were slow getting around town with the leaf vacuum our old leaf vacuum is a very slow operation. The town had a new vacuum on order but did not show up until late November. After the snow fell on them, it was a very hard process collecting them but I think we picked up most of them. We will be around at spring clean-up to get any we missed.

The Highway Department's trash collection site at the firehouse and the Highway Garage have worked out and has been well attended. We are going to continue having Saturday drop off times in 2023. Trash can be brought to the Town Highway Garage during our normal work hours throughout the year; just call ahead so we can have someone there to help you load items into the dumpster. The Highway Department business hours are M-F 7:00AM to 3:30 PM. **Please do not drop off trash items after hours.** Green waste can also be brought to the Highway Garage any time and can be put in the designated area.

We would like to thank everyone for a good year in 2022 and look forward to a great year in 2023. Thanks to all who remembered the Highway Department during the holidays with the thoughtful cards, Christmas cookies, and food sent to us. It is nice to know we are appreciated.

Thank You,

Hope you had blessed Christmas and great Holiday season.

The Highway Department

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT DATES TO REMEMBER IN 2023:

April :

3 – Spring clean-up Start,
picking up material from
fall and brush from winter
tree damage.

22 – Saturday Trash
(Trenton Road Firehouse)

May:

1 – Green Waste

June:

5 – Green Waste

24 – Saturday Trash
(Trenton Road Firehouse)

July:

3 - Green Waste

August:

7 – Green Waste

September:

5 – Green Waste

October:

2 – Green Waste

21 – Saturday Trash
(Town Garage)

November:

6 – Green Waste / Leaf
Collection

The November green waste will only happen if the 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 separately 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.

ASSESSOR'S NOTE – GEORGE HASKELL

Hours – Tuesday Evenings 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm or Call for an Appointment

(315) 724-0413 x 221

TAXABLE STATUS - Date : 3/1/23 All exemptions are due PRIOR to 3/1/2023.

BASIC STAR Procedure – Call 518-453-8146

ENHANCED STAR - NEW ONLY – Call the Deerfield Assessor 315 724-0413 x 221 (leave Message)

RENEWALS – are automatic by New York State

SENIOR EXEMPTION is for Incomes Less than \$28,000 for the year 2022

VETERANS DISABILITY UPDATE – Percentage must be changed prior to 3/1/2023.

SENIOR NEWS

The seniors meet every **Thursday** at the Municipal Building from 9 am until 3 pm. Since we are in the winter season, if Whitesboro School is closed the senior center will be also. The winter months are very quiet due to the weather.

Thank you for your support and attendance throughout 2022.

We are working on 2023's schedule.

Have a wonderful New Year.

For further information, please contact Lura at **315-724-0658** or **315-724-0413, ext. 228** - remember if you get the answering machine, please leave a message.

**It's not the
years in your
life that count.
It's the life
in your years!**

(Abe Lincoln)

NOTE FROM THE TOWN CLERK /TAX COLLECTOR

This is the busiest time of year for the Town Clerk's office. On top of my usual duties, it is tax season. My office will be accepting Tax Payments, while also continuing with the normal duties of the town. Much of what the Clerk's office handles can be done via postal mail, phone and sometimes email. Please feel free to do so.

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Taxes once again will be accepted Tuesday – Thursday from 10 am – 2:30 pm. Beginning January through March 31st, 2023. Taxes can be paid via check, money order, bank check – No CASH will be accepted. Credit Card Payments can be made through the link on our website. Late Fees will be charged after January 31, 2023. A few years ago, a steel drop box was installed on the outside of the Municipal Building, for evening or weekend drop-offs. Please use, it is checked daily and a receipt will be mailed to your address.



The Clerk's office handles, death, birth and marriage licenses, dog licenses, building permit payments, accessible car tags, and much more.

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 to assist you.

TOWN BOARD MEETING DATES

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 2023 year we will be meeting on the following dates:

January - Monday 9th
Organizational
meeting: 6:00pm

February - Monday 13th

March - Monday 13th

April - Monday 10th

May - Monday 8th

June - Monday 12th

July - Monday 10th

August - Monday 14th

September - Monday 11th

October - Monday 9th *

November -
Monday 13th **

December - 11th

* Preliminary budget to be adopted by the Board on this date

** Budget hearing must be held by the Thursday following Election Day 11/7/23 but can be adjourned until the 14th.

We will conduct hearing on the 13th.

The following dates are suggested for budget workshop dates –
9/11/23 @ 6:00pm and 9/25/23 @ 6:00pm

PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS (MONTHLY)

January 4, 2023

February 8, 2023

March 8, 2023

April 5, 2023

May 3, 2023

June 7, 2023

July 5, 2023

August 9, 2023

September 6, 2023

October 4, 2023

November 8, 2023

December 6, 2023

Monthly Planning Board meetings are held at the Deerfield Municipal building at 6pm.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Giving Back to Pets in Need

Anita's Stevens Swan Humane Society is the Town of Deerfield's contracted animal shelter. Each year Deerfield Animal Control brings several homeless dogs and cats to the shelter. They are well cared for and loved while they wait to be adopted into their forever home. Each day the shelter cares for hundreds of homeless pets and is always in need of donations. In the spirit of the holidays I have listed some items that can be donated to help the animals at Anita's SSSH. These items can be dropped off during regular business hours or in bins located in front of the shelter.

- Blankets & Towels (can be used but clean items)
- Laundry Detergent
- Bleach
- Dry & Wet Cat food

- Dog Treats
- Martingale Dog Collars
- Dog Leashes
- Monetary Donations to help with vet care and shelter costs



The biggest way we can help is by adopting pets from the shelter and giving a homeless pet the love and forever home they need! The next time you are looking to add a pet to your family please consider adopting.

Have a wonderful holiday!

Deerfield Animal Control
Andrea Kaszycki & Angela Brennan

YOUTH PROGRAM – KAREN DAY / PAUL ZALESKI

January 15, 2023 - Ice skating New Hartford Rec Center 3pm – 4:30 **Come early to get your skates.**

January 27, 2023 – Utica Hockey at the Aud. UCHC VS Nazareth College

For tickets meet Paul or I at the West Entrance of the Aud. (nearest the Restaurant) between 6:30 - 7pm to sign in for your Tickets. Thank you.

February 4, 2023 – Deerfield's Winter Carnival Wilderness Park 1pm – 4pm

February 19, 2023 – Bowling at Vista Lanes 550 Oriskany Blvd Yorkville, arrive 1pm – 4pm Bowling to begin promptly at 1:30pm

February 25, 2023 Movie at the Marquee Theater New Hartford NY- time and movie to be determined.

March 11, 2023 Roller Skating- 1- 4 pm Skate Awhile Longer Ridge St. Rome NY

March 19, 2023 Movie at the Marquee (tentative)

April 23, 2023 Candy Bar Bingo. 1:30 pm – 4pm Location to be announced.

This event is open to the public – so invite your friends and family.

*Events are subject to change – due to weather, staffing and further unexpected situations. **UPDATES WILL BE POSTED ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE!***

The Deerfield Youth Program is a Town of Deerfield sponsored program, it is meant for the youth and family residents of the Town. It is not a Deerfield School program.

HISTORIAN – GERARD TALERICO



History in the making! Kids, imagine this for a moment. Pictured here is your school. Basically, a 1 room house with a wood stove as heat, no running water, or HOT water, and the water came from a local spring when someone, whomever was assigned the task, filled the water jug. In 1928-29 there were about 30 students and only ONE Teacher for all grades and ages! The students were all neighbors that lived within a couple of miles from what was known as District #7 Poplar Tree School, from 1849-1949, on Harris Rd (off Walker Rd, on top of the hill).

Take a drive by this local piece of history while you can. The former Washburn residence may soon be razed for a new, more modern residence.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



Kindergarten Registration for the 2023-2024 school year will be held one day only on the following date at Deerfield Elementary School:

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2023

To be eligible to enter kindergarten in September 2023, a child must be 5 years of age **on or before December 1, 2023** and must reside in the Whitesboro Central School District. You must bring proof of age (birth certificate); and proof of residency: including *three (3)* of the following: National Grid, telephone bill, current NYS driver's license, oil/propane delivery bill, cable bill, insurance bill, and/or paystub. Immunization records must be presented at the time of registration.

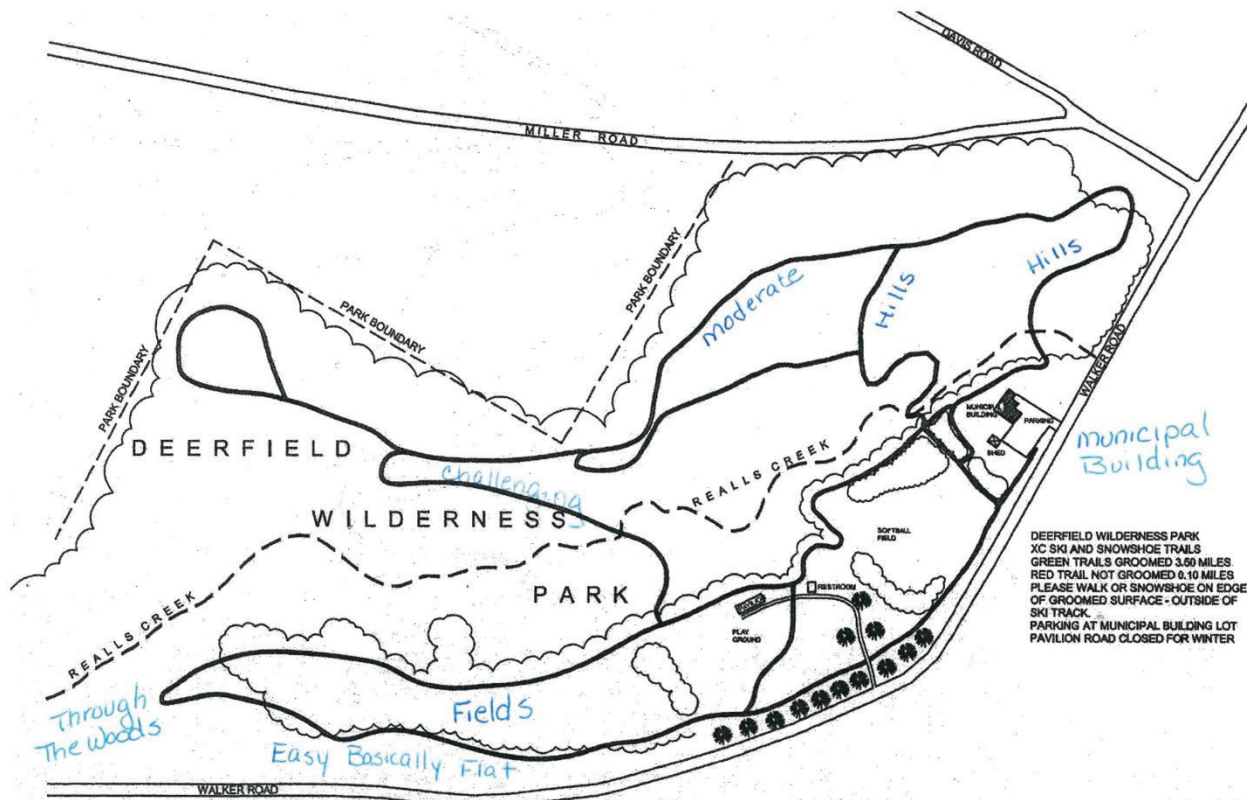
If you have a child who will be eligible to enter Kindergarten in September 2023, or know of someone who has a child who will be eligible, please call Deerfield School at 315-266-3412 for a registration packet to be mailed out to you in January.

TOWN PARKS COMMITTEE - DEBORAH BURKE

Deerfield residents are blessed with not only Wilderness Park on Walker Rd, near the Town Hall, but also Brazie Park on Pauline Ave and Donald S. Youlen Memorial Park on Highview Drive. We would like to take a look at all 3 parks to brainstorm for some ideas to improve the parks, services offered, and provide programs for both children and adults. To make all this happen we need your input and a few volunteers to join the Town Park Committee. If you would like to share your ideas and/or serve on the Park Committee please contact Deborah Burke, Park Committee Chair via email dburke@roadrunner.com or call the Town Clerk office and leave a message.

Wilderness Park – on Walker Rd has a great trail system for walking, skiing, snowshoeing during the winter months. The Town grooms the trail periodically for these purposes.

We also have a large array of snowshoes, and several used donated skis, poles and shoes for XC Skiing, for our residents to use. Please contact the Clerk's office for use- during the weekdays for weekend use. 315 724-0413 x223



WINTER SNOW-FEST 2023



Our Celebration Committee has been hard at work planning this year's Winter Fest to be held on February 4th. Our Theme for 2023 will be a Circus/Country Fair theme. Food and Decorations will give the feel of an old fashion Country Fair.

There will be fun games, contests, ice mining, yummy food, drinks, (coffee, hot chocolate, bottled water) toasty bonfire and marshmallows, Again, our famous Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides. Bring your sleds to slide on our groomed hill.

We ask families to bring a dish or goodies to share. Dress Warm!!!

Our Celebration is from 1pm – 4pm. So, Stop in and check us out!

Don't forget our Snow Sculpture Contest! Enter your Sculpture before February 4th and join us in Choosing the Winner at the Event and the presentation of Prizes!



The Town of Deerfield's SNOW SCULPTURE RULES



Our 2023 Snowfest Snow Sculpture contest is underway. Our Snowfest event is set for February 4, 2023 at the Wilderness Park. Our theme this year is a Circus/County Fair.

The voting will take place at the Snow Fest by all attendees.

We are asking you to join in the Snow Sculpture fun and create your masterpiece. We would love to have it incorporated into our Circus/County Fair theme, but it isn't necessary.

THESE ARE THE RULES YOU MUST FOLLOW TO ENTER;

1. Sculpture MUST be in the Town of Deerfield.
2. Sculpture MUST be in good taste and appropriate.
3. Sculpture CAN be created by one or many, please include all names when entering.
4. Sculpture MUST be a minimum of 3 feet on one side (length, width or height).
5. Sculpture MUST be submitted prior to February 3, 2023, 8:00am to be entered.
6. Sculpture MUST be submitted to lhajdasz49@gmail.com with an entire address, picture and entrants' names.
7. You CAN enter as many sculptures as you wish, however only one can win.

DEERFIELD FIRE COMPANY



**Deerfield Fire Company's
Famous Fish Frys will be
held at the Deerfield Fire
Hall Fridays starting on
Friday February 17th
and continuing through
April 14th.**

**Hours: 4pm – 7pm
Hope to see you there.**

TOWN OF DEERFIELD PHONE LIST



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January 2023

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	J_Talerico@yahoo.com	State Police: Business @	315-736-0122
Youth Director	Karen Day	315-724-0413 x 231 Text: 315-723-4971	Sheriff's Dept: Business @	315-736-8364
Dog Control Officer	Andrea Kaszcki /Angela 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
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