

TOWN OF DEERFIELD



July 2023

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A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR

It is time to once again to pass on the message of vehicle safety to all driving through our town. With school out and summer upon us, children will be riding their bikes, playing ball or just outside Please pay extra attention to your surroundings as you drive.

After a lengthy period of time without an active Parks Committee, a group of individuals has come forward to volunteer their time to assess and present to the town board a plan as to the needs of our various parks. The board met with the committee of June 27, 2023 to review the initial assessment and will be working with various agencies to try and locate any grant funds to assist in the improvements needed.

The Town has gone out to bid for the proposed recycling center and will be opening bid during the middle of July. Unfortunately, Congressman Williams office rejected our application for grant assistance. We are exploring other grant opportunities to assist in offsetting the cost of the facility.

We continue to field complaints of damage to town property, particularly motorized vehicles driving on the trails or lawns. There is a local law in place prohibiting this activity. We will work very closely with law enforcement to have all offenders arrested and prosecuted for damaging town property.

In closing, please take the time to attend a town board meeting. Your thoughts and opinions matter to us.

Scott P. Mahardy
Supervisor



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT



The Highway Department hopes everyone is doing well and has a fun filled summer planned this year. With the summer being so

short the highway department tries to pack a lot of projects in our short construction season, we will be out working on roads and maintenance projects throughout the construction season. We will try not to hold up traffic any longer than necessary for the safety of the public and our road crews. Please drive safely and give our crews on the road the time to get their job done. Our children are out of school now, please have a watchful eye for them while driving on our roads.

Several years ago, the town moved to collecting green waste at the curb with a compactor. By collecting green waste in this manner it saves the Highway Department time in collection process and keeps our town looking neat. This gives us more time in our short summer months to complete other important projects. After several years of collecting green waste in this manor we are still getting green waste piled loose at the curb. The town will not be picking up loose green waste, after spring cleanup is done, we will ask you to remove it from the curb. Residents should put out loose material in a reusable container to be left for next month's collection. Brush defined as tree trimmings 1/2" or larger in diameter should be put out in a separate pile to be collected by a chipper crew. We are also noticing large debris such as tree stumps and large pieces of concrete that cannot be picked up by hand as we will not be out with the loader to collect large heavy material. As a reminder, Residents can always bring their green waste and hard fill materials to the highway garage to dispose of. As I am driving around town, I am noticing green waste and brush at the curb weeks before the collection starts. Green waste should not be put out more than 48 hours before the Scheduled collection date. The collection always starts and ends in the same places every month once we have gone by we will not be coming back until the next green waste date. **PLEASE DONOT MIX ANMIAL FECES WITH YOUR GREEN WASTE.** Just to clear up some questions from new residents in town as to the definition of green waste, Grass clippings, small plants, clippings from bushes shall be put out in a reusable container that can be dumped into our compactor. Tree trimmings and brush shall be put out to the curb piled

net with the butt ends facing out for ease of collection, no longer than 8' to be chipped by the highway crew. In the area at the highway garage for green waste material we are finding scrap lumber piled which is not considered green waste material, this material is considered construction debris for the dumpsters. Please do not put scrap lumber in this area.

Reminder to the town residents trash items can be brought to the highway garage at 6892 State Route 8 Deerfield during our normal work hours, Monday through Thursday 6am to 4:30pm, please call ahead and let us know when you can bring trash so we may have help available to open doors to access the dumpsters and to assist loading trash into them. The town still has one Saturday trash collection date left this year (October 21 at the Highway Garage on State route 8 from 8 AM to 2 PM). As a reminder to all that use the dumpsters at the highway garage, we welcome all town residents to use the sight during our normal work hours, however the town employees come in after a weekend off we find trailer loads of trash dumped in front of the doors marked with **NO DUMPING AFTER HOURS SIGNS** on the doors. We are going to be putting up cameras on our buildings to find out who is doing this. We are also finding trash put in the green waste area this is not the place for trash. Thank for your cooperation.

The Highway Department is looking at a very busy summer with some large road projects and the normal maintenance work that needs to be done. As we work on our projects the weather affects and delays what we do and the companies we work with for paving projects. We have started some of our Maintenance work for the 2023 season and working on our road projects for 2023 construction season. We will continue to work on them until completion or the season won't allow us to complete the projects until the following season. As the Highway Department projects continue along, please feel free to call 315 826-7014 with any questions. The Highway Department has been short-staffed for some time, please be patient.

Thank you and have a safe summer.
The Highway Department

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT DATES TO REMEMBER IN 2023:

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.

TOWN CLERK NEWS

My office is in the process of constructing a new Town Website. I am very excited to see its completion, which will likely be towards the end of this Summer. Our old Website has seen no upgrades since its original design and is difficult to navigate and load information. Our new upcoming one will be more user friendly for both the Clerk and Town Departments as well as the public. I am looking forward to this new venture.

As always, the Town Clerk's Office can handle many of your town related needs: Dog licensing, Marriage licenses, Birth and Death records, Wilderness Park Pavilion rentals, Handicap assessable tags, Tax payments during Tax Season.

Please note that I am a single staffed office and if I am out of the office for any reason, there will likely be no one available to assist you. So, feel free to call the office prior to visiting to be sure that I am here. There is a locked drop box outside at the building's entrance, for your convenience, as well as the use of email and postal mail. Townclerk@townofdeerfield.org and Town Clerk 6329 Walker Rd, Deerfield, NY 13502.

Karen Day
Town Clerk

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:

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

SENIOR NEWS

Our Seniors Group meets every Thursday from 9am-3pm at the Deerfield Municipal Building on Walker Rd. It's a great day-out to share companionship and make new friends. While here, enjoy conversation, games, cards, and Bingo.

A representative from The Office of the Aging - visits the first Thursday of every month to assist and answer questions you may have, privately. They are on site between the hours of Noon - 1pm - Please feel free to stop by.

In August we will be joining **The Singing Hills Seniors** for a trip to Lancaster, PA to the Sight & Sound Theater to see **"MOSES"** on August 21- 23.

For more information about our Seniors Group, please contact Lura at 315-724-0658 or 315 724-0413, ext 228.



PARK COMMITTEE NEWS

Thank you to Town residents Hal Brown, Cathy Brown, Christine Redmond, Dan Redmond, Dave Yager, Marci Yager, Joe Pizzo, Margaret Fusco, and Deborah Burke for volunteering their time to service on the Town's newly formed Parks Committee. In April, the Committee toured the Town's 3 parks - Brazie Park on Pauline Ave, Donald S. Youlen Park on Highview Dr, and Wilderness Park and Trails on Walker Rd. The purpose for the tour was to inventory each park, determine any repairs needed, and create a list of recommended improvements. The Committee presented their findings, along with input from other Town residents to the Town Board in June and are working with the Town Board to develop a plan for park projects/improvements, outline a budget and develop a timeline to attain the Committee's recommendation.

The Deerfield Summer Park Program

We are so excited to announce that our Summer Park Program will begin on **July 5th** and run through **August 16th 2023**. As in the past years we will be open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30 until 3:00 pm. (with a strict pick-up time at 3PM) We have the same outstanding staff that your children enjoyed working with last year.

Anne C - Youth Leader

Lily W - Youth Councilor

Jessie W- Youth Counselor

Keara - Youth Leader

Ryann D - Youth Counselor

Ryan Y - Youth Counselor

Gino S - Asst Youth Leader

Dominick R - Youth Counselor



We are all looking forward to another summer of fun and activities. We hope to plan 3 trips out of the Park as field trips, many great activities and some down time for your children. Our calendar schedule will be available during our first or second week at the program.

This Summer we are opening registration to non-residents from our surrounding towns, villages, & cities. There will be a non-resident fee of \$250 per child for the 6-week program, except for the Town of Schuyler families. Schuyler Families will pay half price due to an agreement with the Town of Schuyler to pay the other half per child.

You can find registration forms on our FB page, at our Town Clerk's office, or the first day that you arrive at the park.

- Daily attendance is not a requirement of this program, nor does the child need to attend the full day, however, the participant's parents or specified guardian must sign the child in and out, to enter or leave the program site, to remain in the program. A violation of this policy shall result in dismissal from the program.
- The summer playground program is not intended to be a day care or day camp program.
- Daily attendance is not mandatory to remain in the program.
- Local elementary schools may be contacted to confirm your child's enrollment and grade completed.

What your child will need?

- If your child is here during lunch time, a lunch, and snacks are required.
- A refillable water Bottle – with name on it to be brought every day - Mandatory.
- Appropriate clothing for the weather and for days of messy crafts. Back up clothes or swimsuits (towels) for our "Water Fun" days
- A good attitude and willingness to have a good time.

What your child will not need?

- We ask that your child does not bring any motorized vehicles, scooters, hover boards, skateboards, or bicycles.
- We appreciate your donations of goodies, craft supplies, games, and entertainment. We know your children are looking forward to summer fun, but it doesn't hurt to have some educational programs as well, ie Zoo mobile, bulling clinic, first aid education, and we hope to be able to provide a little of that kind of activities as well. If you know of an organization that can help us out, please let us know.
- We are looking forward to this summer as we hope you and your families are as well.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please contact - Karen Day (Youth Director) 315 724-0413 ext 223 or 315 723-4971 via text.

The Town of Deerfield Youth Program Staff wants to thank Maryann Buttonschon for guiding us in the direction of the Office of Children and Family Services State Grant Information, to which we were accepted and will receive assistance in purchasing needed equipment and bussing for our Town Youth Program.

Karen Day
Youth Director

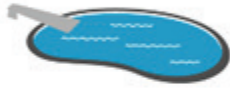
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Make sure you maintain quality relationships with your neighbors during the summer months.



TELL YOUR NEIGHBORS WHEN YOU'RE HAVING A PARTY -- better yet, invite them.



CLOSE YOUR POOL COVER -- drowning isn't cool.



CLEAN UP AFTER YARD WORK -- don't leave a mess in your neighbor's yard.



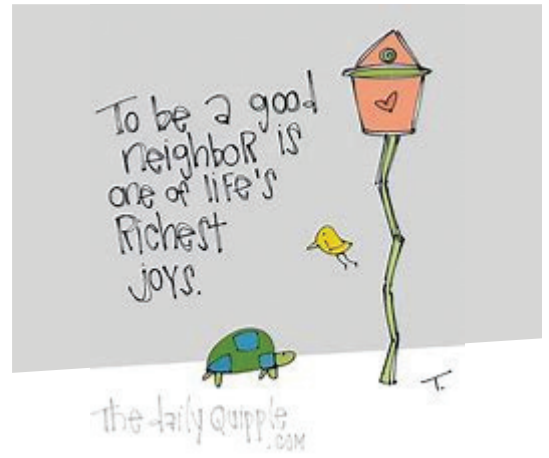
BE MINDFUL OF YOUR PETS -- don't leave your barking dog outside at midnight or 5 a.m.



DON'T MOW THE LAWN AT 5 A.M.



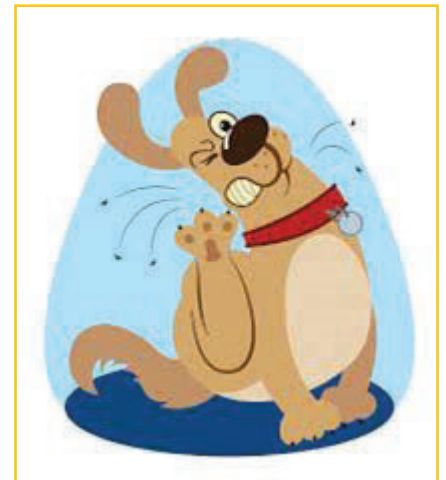
BE AWARE OF HOW LOUD YOUR MUSIC IS -- windows are often open in the summer months.



ANIMAL CONTROL

Can Dogs Get Poison Ivy?

During the summer months pet parents enjoy taking advantage of the nice weather with walks on nature trails. It is likely that on walks there will be some poison ivy in the foliage. Luckily most dogs are protected from the effects of poison ivy. This is due to their fur which helps protect their skin from direct contact with the plants sap. This sap called urushiol is what causes the itchy rash associated with poison ivy exposure. Although fur creates a protective barrier it is not impenetrable and there are some breeds that are more prone to getting a poison ivy rash. Dogs with less fur coverage or hairless breeds and dogs that are lower to the ground which allow their bellies to brush against the plants. Symptoms include redness, swelling, itching, rash, and blisters. It is beneficial as a pet parent to carry a pair of gloves, doggie cleaning wipes, and a bag when going into areas with poison ivy as the sap from the plant can transfer from their fur to your skin. If you believe your dog has a skin rash due to poison ivy consult your veterinarian as there are symptomatic treatments to help manage the itchiness. Remember "leaves of three, leave them be".



Deerfield Animal Control
Andrea Kaszycki & Angela Brennan

PLANNING BOARD UPDATES



April 2023 - Robert Bedell, Branjen Realty, gave a final presentation of the proposed subdivision of 5806 Grace Rd. zoned C-3. Mr Bedell seeks to create a separate lot for the existing cell phone that is on the property. The planning board addressed several concerns regarding this proposal and asked Mr Bedell to incorporate them into his final plan. The matter was sent to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a final decision.

May 2023 - Review of the Wind Energy Zoning Ordinance continued.

June 2023 - Board members reviewed information from Jeff Kehoe of NYS Agriculture and Markets, Farmland Protection Division. The board will look into creating a Municipal Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan. Oneida County currently has a farmland protection plan but the creation of a town plan may add an extra layer of security to help protect our agricultural lands. Grant money is available and two towns may work together to draft a plan. The towns of Trenton or Marcy seem like the most likely to partner with. This process typically takes 12-18 months to complete. Review of the Wind Energy Zoning Ordinance continued.

The remaining planning board meeting dates for 2023 are **July 5th, August 9th, September 6th, October 4th, November 8th and December 6th**. Meetings begin at 6pm and are held at the Deerfield Town Municipal Building.

BUILDING & CODES DEPARTMENT

WHAT DOES A CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER DO?

A code enforcement officer inspects buildings and land for safety, health and environmental issues. If the structure is legal, they give the property owner or builder a permit. If they find problems, they give a citation that requires the owner to make changes to the building. A code enforcement officer's job responsibilities might include:

- Inspecting homes, businesses, land, abandoned cars and commercial properties
- Investigating complaints from officials or citizens about potential code violations
- Enforcing building codes by giving permits, citations, warnings, noncompliance notices, fines and stop work orders
- Creating reports
- Educating citizens about local ordinances
- Researching and interpreting codes
- Appearing at court and providing testimony

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT WOULD REQUIRE A BUILDING PERMIT

WITHOUT A PERMIT: What can I do without a permit?

- Make ordinary repairs with like or similar material to restore original conditions that do not affect structural features or involve the installation or extension of electrical or plumbing systems.
- Install sidewalks or grade level patios (without a roof) on private property
- Install roofing shingles or siding
- Replace gutters or downspouts
- Replace plumbing fixtures such as a toilet or sink, or replace a hot water tank in the same location and of the same type (gas or electric)
- Install doors in existing openings without structural alteration
- Install gas appliances that are not required to be vented, such as dryers and stoves
- Repair existing gas appliances
- Add insulation

PERMITS REQUIRED: Generally, What requires a permit?

- Construct a house or building
- Add or make structural alterations to a building
- Install new windows (Energy Code and Egress Requirements)
- Construct or replace a deck
- Install or replace a pool, spa, or hot tub
- Kitchen or bath remodels
- Build or enclose a porch
- Construct an accessory building (shed or other structures detached from the principle bldg)
- Convert garage, attic, or basement to usable space, such as a recreation room
- Install new, or extend existing plumbing
- Alter or extend the electric system
- Demolish any building interior or building section, except utility sheds
- Repair structures damaged by fire
- Install any wood burning appliance (e.g. woodstove, fireplace, etc)
- Install a chimney liner or repair chimney
- Erect any sign
- Install a septic tank
- Drill a well
- Add fill, excavate or change existing drainage
- Move any building
- Install a fence in accordance with the town Zoning Ordinance

What If My Proposed Project Is Not Permitted In The Zone District? An appeal process is established to for people who seek relief from the zoning requirements in the form of a variance. An application is made to the Zoning Board of Appeals through coordination with the Office. The Zoning Board of Appeals is a volunteer board appointed by the Town Board that meets on a need basis, reviews applications and rules on the appeals after evaluating required evidence depicting an unreasonable hardship or restriction on the applicant. Applications to the Zoning Board of Appeals that fail will need to reconsider their project or made zoning compliant modifications to the plan.

Who Applies For The Building Permit? The person or company doing the work must apply for the permit. New York State law requires that all contractors provide proof of worker's compensation insurance when applying for the building permit. Contractors that are sole proprietors that may be exempt must submit a Certificate of Attestation of Exemption from NYS Worker's Compensation. Application is on line at <http://www.wcb.state.ny.us/content/ebiz/OnlineServices.jsp> . Home owners performing the work will be required to complete a BP-1 form and have their signature notarized. Building inspectors are required to contact the NYS Worker's Compensation Board if violations are witnessed.

Can The Home Owner Perform The Construction Work? The home owner is authorized to physically perform all work for which they believe are qualified. All electrical work must be inspected by an approved certified inspection agency with certification submitted to the Codes Office. Contact the codes officer for a list of approved certified electrical inspection agencies.

Email any other questions to buildinginspector@townofdeerfield.org.

PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS (MONTHLY)

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.

TOWN OF DEERFIELD PHONE LIST



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Supervisor	Scott Mahardy	315-738-0311	Telephone Extensions at the Deerfield Municipal Building	
Highway Superintendent	Sam Arcuri, Jr.	315-826-7014 Work	Assessor	Extension 221
		315-735-6420 Home	Building & Codes	Extension 222
Councilperson	Phil Sacco	315-796-2034	Supervisor	Extension 250
Councilperson	Michael Collins	315-794-9344	Town Clerk	Extension 223
Councilperson	Gregory Sacco	315-272-0820	Senior Citizen's	Extension 228
Councilperson	David Kolek	315-396-8077	Planning Room	Extension 227
Town Clerk, Registrar	Karen Day	315-724-0413 x 223	Tax Collector	Extension 230
Tax Collector	Karen Day	315-724-0413 x 230	Court Room	# 315-507-3058 Fax # 315-507-3060
Town Justice	Jim Sullivan	315-507-3058	Important Phone Numbers	
Town Justice	Thomas Larkin Jr.	315-507-3058	Deerfield School:	315-266-3410
Assessor	George Haskell	315-732-1789	Whitesboro Parkway Sch:	315-266-3175
Planning Board (Chairperson)	Pati Goldsmith	planningboard@townofdeerfield.org	Whitesboro Middle Sch:	315-266-3100
Zoning Board of Appeals (Chairperson)	Lura Raymo	315-724-0658	Whitesboro High School:	315-266-3200
Senior Citizen Director	Lura Raymo	315-724-0658	State Police: Business @	315-736-0122
Town Historian	Gerard Talerico	J_Talerico@yahoo.com	Sheriff's Dept: Business @	315-736-8364
Youth Director	Karen Day	315-724-0413 x 231 Text: 315-723-4971	Deerfield Fire Department:	(Business) 315-732-2693
Animal Control Officers	Andrea Kaszcki /Angela Brennan	315-520-1606 315-975-7255	Whitb.Transportation Dept.:	315-768-9740
County Legislator	Dave Buck	315-601-0445	Poland High School:	315-826-7900
Deerfield Fire Chief	Christopher Heretz	315-732-2693	Poland Elementary:	315-826-7000