

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 tacking some much needed stormwater mediation projects. We will also be going out to bid in the very near future for our new recycling center to be located adjacent to the highway garage. On that note, we have submitted a grant request to Congressman Williams office in the amount of \$350,000. We will keep you informed as to the status..

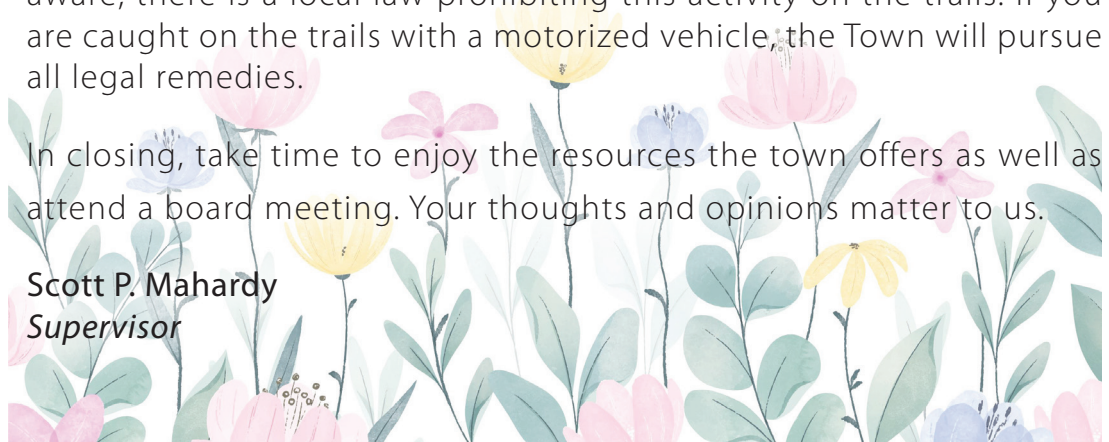
A request was made of the town board to initiate a traffic study on Trenton Road, specifically the section located nearest the Deerfield Elementary School to have the speed limit lowered. We contacted the Department of Public Works for Oneida County since Trenton Road is a county road. The County requested the state to conduct the study to lower the speed limit. Sadly, the State Department of Transportation denied the request (copy of letter posted on our website).

We continue to fight the Boralex solar project. A contingent of board members and residents have been regularly attending meetings hosted by Assemblywoman Buttenschon to get information from Boralex, NYSEARDA and ORES (the permitting approval committee). There have multiple public meetings held by Boralex, but the attendance has not been good. When you are notified of an upcoming meeting, please attend – your voices need to be heard

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



The Highway Department hopes everyone is well and got through the winter months safely. As the

weather slowly warms up and everything finally thaws out, we will begin our spring clean-up. Spring clean-up is picking up leaves from the fall that fell late, tree limbs that fell over the winter months and picking up sand that has been cleaned up and put to the curb. We will be sweeping the streets and repairing plow damage. All material can be put to the curbside loose for spring pick-up only, the rest of the year all green waste items shall be picked up in reusable containers to be collected with a compactor. Tree limbs shall be piled separately and neatly to be chipped by a separate crew.

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 roadway, this could cause an accident and the property owner could be held liable for damages. If you hire out to have your driveway plowed, please let your plow person know.

Green waste collection again this year will be once a month from May through November in 2023. All green waste dates were posted in the February newsletter. Green waste is defined as lawn clippings, small plants and yard waste. This material will be collected at the curb in a reusable container with a compactor. Brush (defined as tree limbs 1" or larger in diameter and not more than 10' long) shall be piled neatly at the curb to be collected by a separate crew and chipped. Shrubs pulled out and put to the curb as green waste must have the root ball removed to be put through the chipper. If residents have any questions about green waste collection,

please contact the highway department.

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 completing are from 2022 that we were unable to complete. We will be starting on some of these projects right after spring clean-up is complete. Our projects in 2023 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 for 2023. The cost of materials has gone up considerably this year.

We again this year have Saturday collection dates for trash, starting on April 22 at Trenton Road Firehouse, June 24 at Trenton Road Firehouse and October 21 at the highway garage. All Saturday dates will be from 8am to 2pm. As in past years, town residents can bring trash items to the Highway Garage for disposal during our normal business hours, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday until April 24; after that date, we will be working our summer hours from 6 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Please call ahead so we can have people here to open the doors and help unload. The town is working on the possibility of building a recycling building at the highway garage site; it will be year round and drive through. Please look for further details in our newsletters.

Thanks to all our town residents for their kind words throughout the year. Please call the highway department with any questions at 315-826-7014 or highwaysuperintendent@townofdeerfield.org.

The Highway Department

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT DATES TO REMEMBER IN 2023:

April:
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.

NOTE FROM THE TOWN CLERK

Just a simple reminder that the Clerk's office is open for its normal hours, 9:00am – 4:00pm Monday – Thursday. As a single staffed office there are times that the office will be closed due to illness, classes, seminars, and meetings. I always recommend calling before making the drive up to the Municipal Building.

Accessible Tags – can be obtained from the Clerk's Office. If this is your first time obtaining one you will need a completed application from your Doctor and your Driver's license. If you are renewing an existing one, you can stop in or call the office to request one mailed to your home.

Dog Licenses – All dogs residing in the Town of Deerfield MUST be vaccinated and licensed, regardless of whether the animal goes outside the home or not. The cost of a dog license is \$12.00 for a spayed/neutered dog, or \$25.00 for a non-spayed/neutered dog. You should receive a reminder each year, corresponding to the first time the dog is licensed. Please send an update rabies certificate with your payment. It will be processed and returned to you, along with the new license.

Birth, Death, and Marriage Certificates in which occurred in the Town of Deerfield, are in our Archives. Copies for legal and ancestral reasons can be obtained by completing a valid request application. Please be patient as these require time to research – the usual cost is \$10.00 payable prior to search.

Building of new structures in the town requires a building permit. The clerk's office has zoning, planning, and building permit forms for you to begin your project.

Payment for all these services can be made via personal or bank checks, cash or money orders.

Wilderness Park Pavilion Rentals are in demand, currently most weekends are booked through August. If you are interested in a rental, please check our website under Calendars (specifically Wilderness Park) to see what days are open. You can also call the office to inquire about openings. Resident Fee is \$100.00 per rental with a deposit of \$100.00. Non-Resident Fee is \$175.00 with a deposit of \$100.00. Payable at the time of submission of application.

NOTE FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR

With Tax season finally out of the way, I can breathe a sigh of relief, it is over until next year. If you have not paid your Town & County Taxes, you will have to go Oneida County Finance Department, located at the Oneida County Office Building – Park Ave, Utica NY 13501 to make your payments for 2023.

A special thanks to Anne Christophory, for all her work, assisting again this Tax Season.

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:

May - Monday 8th

August - Monday 14th

November -

June - Monday 12th

September – Monday 11th

Monday 13th **

July - Monday 10th

October - Monday 9th *

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

HISTORY IN THE MAKING

The year is 1802. New York State, especially Upstate and the Utica area, (Deerfield) is not as we now know it, with cities and towns every few miles, and miles and miles of mainly paved roadways and highways, all lit with electric lights so bright it washes out the night sky. No, the Upstate NY I am referring to only has footpaths, primitive roads, and rivers, traveled via horse and buggy, foot and/or canoe.

Back in the earliest days of Deerfield's founding a missionary by the name of Rev. John Taylor, a native of Westfield, Massachusetts and Yale graduate passed through our area, coming down from northern NY and the Mohawk and Black River area. Initially, his

of clean energy and renewable resources in New York State (NYS). The Newport Solar Project has been chosen as part of the New York State Energy Research & Development Authority (NYSERDA) 2021 solicitation for Tier-1 eligible renewable energy certificates. This is a significant milestone in the development of the project, as it begins a process for Boralex and NYSERDA to execute an agreement to purchase the renewable energy that will be generated at the facility.

For further information you can check out : <https://www.boralex.com/projects/newport-solar/> and the Facebook page of the Deerfield Preservation Coalition.



NEWPORT SOLAR PROJECT

- 130 MW capacity
- Approx. 900 acres project footprint
- Located in Deerfield and Newport
- 115 kV transmission line proposed to connect in Marcy
- No battery storage proposed

Parcels
 ■ Excavated Strategy Station
Proposed Infrastructure
 — Interconnection Route 110kV
 — 115kV 110kV Step-up Substation
 ■ Proposed 110kV 115kV
Existing Infrastructure
 ■ Deerfield Substation
 — 110kV Transmission Line
 — Administrative Boundary
 — Town Boundary

* The green parcels are those that have been signed up to participate in the project to date and do not represent the full project footprint.

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YOUTH PROGRAM – KAREN DAY / ANNE CHRISTOPHORY

Our last Springtime program event will be held on **April 23rd 2023** – Candy Bar Bingo to be held at the Deerfield Fire Hall on Trenton Rd. Deerfield. It will begin 1:30 pm – 4pm – Bring your candy bars, and a snack to share, arrive a little bit early to get signed up and seated. This event is open to the Public so invite your friends and family.

Soon Summer will arrive and we will be preparing for our 6-week Summer Park Program. This program is held at the Deerfield Wilderness Park on Walker Rd in Deerfield. This Youth program is for Town resident families; however, we do offer a nominal fee for nonresidents. It is not a Daycare or Summer Camp and cannot be used as such. Opening Day will be July 5th 2023. You can register your child(ren) on the first day that you bring your child whether it is the first day or the following week. A calendar of activities, events and trips will be provided.



ANIMAL CONTROL

POISONOUS PLANTS FOR DOGS

A Field Guide



Photo Source: chewy.com/complete-guide-to-poisonous-plants-for-dogs

Poisonous Plants for Dogs

Spring is in bloom and although it is lovely to see fresh greenery and flowering plants there are some dangers these may cause your pet. There are several common outdoor plants and bulbs that are poisonous to dogs. Toxic plants can cause a variety of symptoms from localized gastrointestinal upset to systemic issues such as organ failure and neurologic dysfunction.

The ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center reported that in 2021, nearly 10 percent of all calls were related to pets ingesting plants toxic to them. If your pet is prone to ingesting things they shouldn't, it is recommended to monitor their outdoor time or walk them on a leash. If you are planning to add plants or renovate your landscaping, it is wise to check if those plants are pet friendly prior to planting. In the event your pet does eat a toxic plant, or you suspect a pet poisoning issue contact the ASPCA's Animal Poison Control Hotline at 888-426-4435. They're available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

-The guide includes 10 common poisonous plants but there are hundreds of plants that can cause harm to your pet. For a complete list check [aspca.org](https://www.aspca.org).

Enjoy Springtime!

Andrea Kaszycki & Angela Brennan

Deerfield Animal Control



BUILDING CODES DEPARTMENT: JAMES MAXWELL – CODES OFFICER

Frequently asked question about building permits

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.
- Sidewalks
- Install roofing shingles or siding
- Replace plumbing fixtures
- Install doors in existing openings without Structural alteration
- Install gas appliances that are not required to be vented
- Repair existing gas appliance
- Add insulation

PERMITS REQUIRED

- 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 relace 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
- Building
- 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 appliances.
- Install a chimney liner or repair chimney, erect any sign.
- Install a septic tank, drill a well, Move any building.
- Add fill, excavate, or change existing drainage, Install a fence.
- Email any other questions to buildinginspector@townofdeerfield.org

PLANNING BOARD UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2022:

Attorney David Longieretta representing Heenaben Patel, Chatham, NY. Property located at 5721 Trenton Rd. zoned R-2. The owners are considering construction of a convenience store at this location. Mr Longieretta was advised that to move forward with the project the owners would need to obtain a use variance. Neighborhood residents asked questions which Mr Longieretta answered. The owners will be informed of the residents' concerns and of the process to obtain a use variance from the ZBA.

Pine Ridge Subdivision:

Pending final review of Phase 1 Archaeological Survey.

October 2022: Pine Ridge Subdivision all agencies involved in the Phase 1 Archaeological Survey have agreed that the project may move forward. Mr Gaetano is considering making the lots bigger by way of lot line adjustments. He has requested that the planning board delay final approval until early 2023. After reviewing the codes, the board approved the following resolution: Public comment period for the Pine Ridge Subdivision to be extended not to exceed one year from 10/5/2022. This resolution expires on 10/5/2023. Board referenced site plan review G-P4 to have the resolution enacted. Motion carried.

November 2022: **Sue Anacker, surveyor for the Garrett Family,** presented an updated version of the subdivision map approved at the July 6, 2022, public hearing. The approved map had not yet been filed with the county. Changes were the identification of a water line and a correction of total acreage. A motion was made to void the map approved on July 6th and authorize the chairperson to accept and sign the new maps presented on October 5, 2022. Motion carried.

5639 Walker Rd. Proposed renovation: The planning board will contact the town attorney for his opinion regarding the jurisdiction of this project.

December 2022: 5639 Walker Rd. Any decisions regarding the proposed renovations of the building will go to the Codes

Enforcement Officer and possibly ZBA for their interpretation.

Colin Douglass will not seek reappointment to the planning board in 2023. The vacancy will be posted for applicants to apply to fill the seat. A motion was made to recommend to the Town Board the re-appointment of Patie Goldsmith as Chairperson for 2023. Motion carried. January 2023: The planning board interviewed Daphne Jones to fill the vacant seat created in December. Our recommendation to the Town Board was that they appoint Ms Jones to the planning board.

The Planning Board requested that the Town Board place a moratorium on commercial wind energy facilities until the current regulations can be reviewed and updated.

February 2023: The Planning Board participated in a public Zoom presentation by Boralex Energy regarding the Newport/Deerfield Solar Project. This presentation addressed the impact of the proposed project on the local fire departments.

March 2023: Robert Bedell from Branjen Realty presented a proposed map of the property located at 5806 Grace Rd., zoned C-3. The property owner would like to subdivide the parcel to create a separate lot, with an easement, for the existing cell phone tower. Consideration of this proposal was tabled until the April 5, 2023, Planning Board meeting in order to further research this subdivision.

Representatives from Boralex Energy were present to answer questions regarding the proposed 600+ acre solar facility that will greatly impact the Harris Rd/ Steuben Rd area of the town. Over thirty questions were asked by the planning board members. A transcript of the questions and answers can be requested from the planning board at planningboard@townofdeerfield.org

Planning board regular meeting dates remaining in 2023: May 3rd, June 7th, July 5th, August 9th, September 6th, October 4th, November 8th and December 6th. All meetings begin at 6pm at the Town Municipal Building.

DEERFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY INC.

2023 Event Schedule

Lenten Fresh Fish Fridays

April 7, 14 • 4-7

Menu includes Baked or Fried Haddock, Shrimp, Scallops, Clams and Chicken Fingers

All meals come with roll, coleslaw and fries.

Baked Fish comes with baked potato

Chicken Barbecue

Sunday, June 4 • 12 till gone

1/2 chicken, salad, salt potatoes & roll

Field Days - June 15, 16, 17

Playland Amusements

Friday - Parade 7 PM

Saturday - Motorized Firematics 1 PM

Live entertainment nightly

NYS Championship Motorized Firematics & Parade

Saturday August 19 - 9 am

Parade Sunday- 1 pm -

Trenton Road

Fall Fresh Fish Frydays

September 22, 29 - October 6, 13 • 4-7

Takeout's available at all dinners

All events at Bruce "Spike" Yourdon Memorial Hall and Firefighter's Field

Takeouts Available at all dinners

HOW OFTEN SHOULD I REPLACE MY AMERICAN FLAG?

When to replace your American Flag:

We are often asked by our customers when to replace their American flag. This question is tough because of different climates, winds, storms, and sun exposure amongst a host of other things will change the answer.

New Flag:



Torn, dull, and tattered flag that needs to be replaced:



A good general rule of thumb is replacing your flag every 6 months to once a year will keep it colorful, brilliant, and a statement piece while flying atop your flagpole. However here are some other things to consider when deciding if it is time to retire your American flag.

According to US flag code, the only standard is "When the flag is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem of display it should be destroyed in a dignified manner."

That leaves a lot of room for interpretation. Here are some other things to look for in your USA flag when deciding to buy a new one.

- Tearing of the flag's fabric
- Fraying around the flag's edges. Your flag should be retired prior to the fraying being 1.25 times the height of a single stripe on the flag.
- Fading of the colors on the flag. If your colors no longer look vibrant it is time to replace your American flag.
- Holes in the fabric of the American flag.
- The flag of our country is stained with a stain that will not come out or can be cleaned.

Public buildings, Schools, retired military, restaurants, car dealerships, hotels, and Military bases will want to replace their flags more often. Remember once a flag starts to fray the damage multiples and travels very quickly throughout the rest of the USA flag.

Retiring Your American Flag:

If it is time for you to retire your American flag and purchase a new one there are many options to help you retire your old flag properly.



Most VFW, Knights of Columbus, American Legions, Boy Scout, Elks Lodges, and Girl Scouts have a spot where you can drop off the flag you are retiring and they will be sure it receives the respect the American flag deserves upon retirement. These ceremonies normally handle more than one flag at a time and can be a great thing to partake in, call the local places and ask how you can be a part of a flag retirement ceremony. These awesome organizations can retire the standard American flags and Huge American flags.

Common Flag Myths about replacing a USA flag:

Please note you do NOT need to retire your flag if it touches the ground. This is a common myth. If your flag touches the ground, simply pick it up and do your best to not let it continually happen. Clean it off and you are good to go. Flag code does not say a flag must be retired for simply touching the ground.

Another myth is that it is incorrect, disrespectful, or against flag code to fly an "outdated" American flag. However, the truth is any American flag that was ever approved as this nation's flag is acceptable and respectable according to flag code, as they are considered living and active flags forever.

Extend the life of your American Flag:

The little Rock American Legion recommends having 2 American flags and switching the flag you are flying out periodically. Not only does this leave you with a flag to fly when one is being cleaned but also switching up the flags periodically has been shown to extend the life of both flags.

PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS (MONTHLY)

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.

TOWN OF DEERFIELD PHONE LIST



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April 2023

Supervisor	Scott Mahardy	315-738-0311	Telephone Extensions at the Deerfield Municipal Building
Highway Superintendent	Sam Arcuri, Jr.	315-826-7014 Work	Assessor
		315-735-6420 Home	Extension 221
Councilperson	Phil Sacco	315-796-2034	Building & Codes
Councilperson	Michael Collins	315-798-9344	Extension 222
Councilperson	Gregory Sacco	315-272-0820	Supervisor
Councilperson	David Kolek	315-396-8077	Extension 250
Town Clerk, Registrar	Karen Day	315-724-0413 x 223	Town Clerk
Tax Collector	Karen Day	315-724-0413 x 230	Extension 223
Town Justice	Jim Sullivan	315-507-3058	Senior Citizen's
Town Justice	Thomas Larkin Jr.	315-507-3058	Extension 228
Assessor	George Haskell	315-732-1789	Planning Room
Planning Board (Chairperson)	Pati Goldsmith	planningboard@townofdeerfield.org	Extension 227
Zoning Board of Appeals (Chairperson)	Lura Raymo	315-724-0658	Tax Collector
Senior Citizen Director	Lura Raymo	315-724-0658	Extension 230
Town Historian	Gerard Talerico	J_Talerico@yahoo.com	Court Room
Youth Director	Karen Day	315-724-0413 x 231	# 315-507-3058 Fax # 315-507-3060
		Text: 315-723-4971	Important Phone Numbers
Dog Control Officer	Andrea Kaszcki /Angela Brennan	315-520-1606	Deerfield School:
County Legislator	Dave Buck	315-601-0445	315-266-3410
Deerfield Fire Chief	Christopher Heretz	315-732-2693	Whitesboro Parkway Sch:
			315-266-3175
			Whitesboro Middle Sch:
			315-266-3100
			Whitesboro High School:
			315-266-3200
			State Police: Business @
			315-736-0122
			Sheriff's Dept: Business @
			315-736-8364
			Deerfield Fire Department:
			(Business) 315-732-2693
			Whitb.Transportation Dept.:
			315-768-9740
			Poland High School:
			315-826-7900
			Poland Elementary:
			315-826-7000