

TOWN OF DEERFIELD



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A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR

The official first day of spring has come and gone; now we just need Mother Nature to release her grip and let spring really start. It has been a long winter and we look forward to the weather finally breaking to get a series of projects started. As you have seen over the course of this winter, the weather has taken a toll on our roads. We are in the process of laying out a plan of attack using both the Highway Department and outside contractors to get us back on track.

The Town has awarded the bid to replace the Cheese Factory Road Bridge and road repairs. The lowest bidder was just under \$875,000 and will begin work once the weather allows. The goal is to have all work completed by September 2014. We are continually seeking alternate sources of funding from our legislative representatives.

The Town is also continuing to develop the Wilderness Park including options for the main pavilion which is in need of extensive repairs or replacement, finishing the new ball field and repairs to the roof for the rest rooms which have extensive leaks.

Please take the time to attend one of our monthly board meetings. Your input into what is going well (or not) will allow the Town Board to process that information when making decisions.

Regards,

Scott P. Mahardy
Supervisor

Deerfield's "Snow Much Fun" *Winter Fest Wilderness Park* was March 22nd 2014 Noon - 5pm



Our town's first "Snow Much Fun" winter fest was held on March 22 at the Wilderness Park. It was attended by people of all ages, each having fun enjoying winter. We had sledding, a huge snowman was built, snowball throwing, a toasty bon fire, dog sled demonstration, skiing, street hockey playing and just enjoying the snow. Several adults even rode the sleds down the hill recalling their childhood playtimes. Winter can be fun and living in an area where our winter is cold and long, we need to get out and enjoy it with the kids. We had 5 large pots of chili and roasted hot dogs and marshmallows, yummy hot cocoa and coffee. I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped to make our first winter fest so successful. We already are planning another one for next winter...hopefully with a few added events. There's no telling what you can do with the snow.
Linda Hajdasz — Chairperson



FROM THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

The Building & Codes Department is working to make "building" easier for our residents. We put the Deerfield Building Permit Application on our website, hoping this would save you a trip to the Municipal Building. The only thing we ask of our residents is to call us before building, altering or removing any structure on your property. This includes, but is not limited to; driveways, fences, pools, shed, barns, accessory buildings and homes. Unfortunately, work done without a permit may be subject to removal if they do not meet codes. The Building Inspector's Office has to meet Town Codes as well as NYS Codes.

No construction work requiring a Building Permit may be started prior to the issuance of the permit.

Requirements for Obtaining a Building Permit

1. Complete the Building Permit Application.
2. If you are a new owner of the property you must furnish a copy of the deed.
3. A plot plan is required for a new construction. Indicate the location of the new structure and required setbacks. If there are buildings currently on the site indicate their location in relation to the proposed new construction. All measurements should be from property lines.
4. All structures require plans. New homes 1500 sq. ft. or larger must have plans prepared by a licensed New York State professional engineer or architect. In addition, alterations or additions costing twenty thousand (\$20,000) dollars or more require Design Professional plans. Certification of all trusses used in construction must be furnished to this office.
5. For homes serviced by a septic system, a licensed engineer or architect must perform percolation test and design the appropriate septic system. A copy of this plan must be furnished to the Codes department prior to construction. In addition, in order to receive a C/O, the design professional must inspect the septic installation and furnish a report to the Codes department of his inspection.
6. If your source of potable water is a well, you must furnish a copy of the water for purity and quantity.
7. Sanitary sewer installations must be inspected by the Deerfield Building Inspector.
8. If no driveway exists and construction front on a town road, a culvert permit must be secured.
9. The total cost of the completed project must be entered on the application.
10. The contractors name (DBA), address, phone number and a copy of his Workman's Compensation Insurance policy.

Please submit the above information to the office of the Building Inspector, who will review the application. If everything is in order, a Building Permit will be issued in 7 to 10 working days. At this time you will be advised of the fee.



Thank You

Assessors News

Thank you to all Residents for a great response in returning their STAR renewals. Notice of ANY CHANGE IN ASSESSMENTS will be mailed May 1, 2014. Grievance Day is May 27th, 1- 3 pm and 7-9 pm.

Thanks!

George Haskell, Jane Buchner



Town Clerk News

As a reminder to town residents who own dogs that Town Local Law #2 of 2010 requires that any dog harbored in the town must be licensed through the Town Clerk's Office. Dog licenses are renewed annually.

Failure to license a dog harbored in the town, may result in the issuance of a court appearance ticket issued by the town Animal Control Officer, which may result in a possible fine of \$25.00.



To license your dog, you will need to provide the Town Clerk with:

1. A copy of a current rabies vaccination certificate. The rabies certificate contains the manufacturer of the rabies vaccine, the lot number, vaccination and expiration dates and the vets name.
2. A spay/neuter certificate (if applicable)
3. The fee is \$7.00 for a spayed/neutered dog and \$15.00 for unsplayed/neutered dog.

Please contact the Town Clerks office at 724-0413 ext.23, if you have any questions about licensing your dog.

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS:

Mon, Tues, Wed, and Fri: 8:00am- 4:00pm

Thurs: 8:00am- 6:00pm

Message from our Youth Director

Brrrr it sure has been a long, cold winter, but a perfect one for our Youth Program.

This winter we have enjoyed both indoor and outdoor activities. Some of our indoor activities consisted of Bowling, Movies, Skating and Chuck E Cheese. As winter goes, we were extremely fortunate to have experienced perfect days for our outside activities as well. Breia in Booneville, provided an awesome XC ski clinic along their trails, for a large group of us, and in February we bused to Woods Valley Ski Center for Snow Tubing. What a Blast we had.

As we wind down our Winter / Spring Program, with our last events – MWPAI Kids and Family Show "Beauty & The Beast" – 4/5 & Roller Skating on 4/6th at Skate Awhile in Rome, we are already looking towards our Summer Park Program.

This summer for the first time ever – we will be offering a 4 day a week program. July 8th will be the first day of our 6 week program. In June – you will find further information and the updated forms on our website to be completed and brought with your child on their first visit.

Thank you to all the families who participate in our program and have helped to make it what it is. We have many new young families in Deerfield, who may not know of our youth program, please share with them our website – <http://www.eteamz.com/DeerfieldYouthProgram/> or facebook page.

Thank you — Karen Day



Respecting the American Flag

It is an honor, a privilege, and one's right to fly the American Flag at your residence or place of business. When the flag becomes faded, ripped, torn, or otherwise unserviceable due to the weather, then it's time to take it down and have it retired by a veteran's organization.

As a retired member of the military, and a life member of several veterans' organizations, I have observed several flags still being flown that have reached the point of unserviceability.

Please take a few minutes of your time to check your flag and insure that it is still in good condition.

As veterans, we fought long and hard for our freedom, and the flying of the American Flag is representative of that freedom. So please respect our flag by doing the right thing. Replace it when it becomes unserviceable.

Dave Wilson
Concerned Veteran



TOWN OF DEERFIELD

21ST ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

May 16th, 17th, & 18th

Posters will be available to all participants of the Town-Wide Garage Sale **on May 9th, 2014**

Maps & listing of the garage sale will be ready on May 9th, at the Town Clerk's Office.

The deadline for the Garage Sale submission list is May 7th.

To register your garage sale contact:
deputyclerk@townofdeerfield.org or
call clerk's office 724- 0413 x 31

The Town Clerk's office compiles a list of addresses and a map for the garage sale. The list can be located at the following locations:

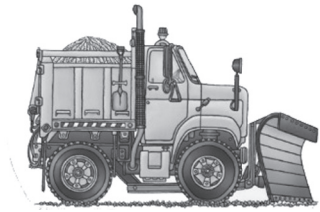
Deerfield Municipal Building, 6329 Walker Road
Deerfield Highway Garage, 6892 State Rt. 8
Tasty Treat, Coventry Ave, North Utica
www.townofdeerfield.org

SENIOR NEWS

The Deerfield Seniors meet on Thursday's from 9:00 until 4:00 at the Municipal Building. A representative from the Office of the Aging is at the Municipal Building the first Thursday of the month at 1:00 PM.

We play cards, bingo and have a speaker once a month. On the third Monday we go to Turning Stone, the cost is \$10. We have an overnight trip planned for May to go to Lancaster, PA to see Moses. For more information on this trip and others, **please contact Lura at 724-0658 or 724-0413 ext. 28.**

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT NEWS



This is a message from the Highway Department. We hope this newsletter finds everyone well and that the warmer weather gets here soon. With the winter season being so long and cold, it has taken its toll on our roads. The frost went very deep and

has created heaves in our roads, which will cause pot holes as the frost comes out. We will be around to repair them as soon as possible.

Spring cleanup will be starting as soon as the weather permits. Spring cleanup consists of picking up any leaves from last fall and tree branches that have fallen over the winter months. We will also be repairing any plow damage as soon as things start to dry out as well as sweeping the sand up. Also this year, we are going to be trying something new in the Town Of Deerfield. The town bought a broom for the front of the skid steer, and we are going to be sweeping the lawn edges into the road to be picked up by the street sweeper as long as we can get to them. This is one of the things that other towns do to help keep the shoulders from building up with sand. We have tentatively scheduled the third week in April to start (weather permitting).

Green waste pickup in 2014 will be the same as last year- the first week of each month starting in May and going through October. The Highway Department will be using the same method of collection this year as last year. Grass clippings, small plants and small brush that can fit in a container will be collected in reusable containers picked up with our compactor at the curb. Tree limbs can be piled separately with the cut ends out and in the same direction and at the curb to be chipped for recycling. Other materials such as concrete pieces, stone, bricks, and concrete blocks should be piled separately for collection. All materials should not be put out until 48 hours ahead of the collection date. Please keep in mind once the Highway Department has picked up in your area, we will not be back until the next month. Green waste can be brought to the Highway Garage any time and put in the marked area. **DO NOT MIX ANIMAL FECES WITH YOUR GREEN WASTE! WE WILL NOT PICK IT UP!**

firehouse and the Highway Garage. In 2013 we were not collecting electronic waste at the curb because The town will be having a curbside trash collection again this year in May. We will also be having Saturday trash collections at the we did not have a place to take it to. This year we will collect electronic waste piled separately at the curb for recycling. You can also bring electronic waste to Oneida Herkimer Solid Waste on Le-land Avenue in Utica. Town residents can bring trash to the Highway Garage during our normal work hours 6:00am to 4:30pm Monday through Thursday. Please call ahead so we can have someone here to help you.

The Town and the Highway Department have a busy year planned in 2014. First, we will have a new bridge being constructed on Cheese Factory Road; this bridge has been under a New York State yellow flag for a couple of years, and it was time it was replaced. We also will be working on road construction projects and road maintenance projects throughout the summer months. We will be repairing drainage problems and doing other road maintenance. Winter was very hard on the roads this year, so we will be repairing as many as we possibly can. With so much to do and only seven full time people, please be patient. Please call the Highway Department at 826-7014 with any concerns or questions. There are several parks projects going on that the Highway Department will be helping with as well.

As you have read about in other newsletters, the Highway Department has been involved with two other projects with the Oneida County Hazard Mitigation plan rewrite, which is in its final stages.

We also are involved with two working groups for the sewer mitigation project mandated by the DEC and the EPA. All communities feeding into the county waste water treatment plant are involved.

- Design and construction standards for sewer system
- Standard operating guidelines
- Fats, Oil, and Grease program

We also are working the PPII (Private Property Inflow and Infiltration) working on:

- Community education program (Operation Ripple Effect)

On an average day, the Oneida County Sewer District system has sufficient capacity to treat wastewater. But during heavy rainfall and significant snowmelts, our system is pushed beyond capacity — causing the untreated excess to overflow into the Mohawk River.

Historically, across the nation it has been shown that private properties may responsible for up to 50 percent of the excess clean water that enters the sanitary sewer system. But you can help!

Operation Ripple Effect is a simple initiative that asks you to Reroute, Reclaim and Recharge to reduce the amount of clean water that enters the sanitary sewer system.

- Reroute: Disconnect your roof drains
- Reclaim: Install a rain barrel to capture that water
- Recharge: Plant a rain garden to retain excess runoff

Contact the Highway Department or Town Clerk
for more information
or go to RippleEffectocsd.org

Thank You!
The Highway Department



DATES TO REMEMBER:

Green Waste

May 5
June 2
July 1
August 4
September 2
October 1

Curb Side Trash

Starts May 19

Saturday Trash

April 26 (Firehouse Trenton Road)
September 13 (Firehouse Trenton Rd)
October 25 (Highway Garage)



2014 EVENT SCHEDULE

Lenten Fresh Fish Frydays – April 4, 11, 18 4-7 PM

All seafood and fries cooked in low-cholesterol Vegetable oil

Boy Scout Troop 59 Mother's Day Breakfast

Sunday, May 11, 8:30 AM- 12

Chicken Barbeque – Sunday, June 1, 12-5 PM

Field Days with Hawkins Rides – June 12-14

Friday – Parade- 7 PM

Saturday- Motorized Firematics- noon

NY State Motorized Firematics Championship

Saturday, August 16, 8 AM

NY State Championship Parade

Sunday, August 17, 1 PM- Trenton Road

Fall Fresh Fish Frydays

September 19, 26- October 3, 10, 4-7 PM

Ladies Auxiliary – "Family Style" Roast Beef Dinner

Saturday, November 1, 4-7 PM

Craft Fair – Saturday, November 8, 9 AM- 4 PM

**Takeouts available at all dinners.–
All events at the Bruce Yourdon Memorial Hall
and Firefighter's Field**

Memorial Hall available for rent. Leave message at – 733-FISH (3474)

2014 Deerfield Volunteer Fire Co. Officers

Fire Officers

Chief	Gary DeStefanis Jr.
1 st Assistant Chief	Brian DeStefanis Jr.
2 nd Assistant Chief / Training	Christopher Heretz
Assistant Chief	Kevin Powers
Assistant Chief Chaplin	Bishop Steven Enea
Captain	Gregory Gerrard
Captain –Medical Operations	James Griffiths
Lieutenant	Stephan Pawlinga
Lieutenant	Kevin Yourdon
Lieutenant	Justin Yourdon
Lieutenant	Ed Dudeck
Assistant Medical Operations	Richard Bishop

Civil Officers

President	Christopher Heretz
Vice president	Andy Frank
Secretary	Robert W. Day
Treasurer	George Haskell
Financial Secretary	Vincent Costelli
Chairman –Board of Directors	Gary DeStefanis Sr.
Vice Chairman	Kevin Powers
Director	Samuel Arcuri Jr.
Director	Angelo Gigliotti
Director	Wayne Brosemer
Director	Phil Domser
Sargent-at-arms	Kevin Boyer Sr.

Service Awards

George Haskell – 45 years	Christopher DeStefanis- 20
Paul Pietras -40	Danielle DeStefanis -10
John Howe - 35	Steve Pawlinga-5
Robert W. Day -30	Anthony Iacovino Award – Kevin Powers

Top Responders

Robert Day 202, James Griffiths 174, Maeve Semo – 172,
Vincent Costelli -128, George Haskell -125,
Gary DeStefanis Jr-113, Lisa White- 112, Ed Dudek – 111,
Kevin Powers -106, Phil Domser -102

243 Alarms in 2013

Fires 17, EMS/rescue? MVA 165, Hazardous
Conditions- 18, Service calls 4, Good Intent 19, False Trip 20.



Wilderness Park Rentals

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BOOKING THE PAVILION FOR YOUR EVENT THIS YEAR YOU NEED TO CALL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AS DATES ARE QUICKLY FILLING UP. PLEASE CALL THE TOWN CLERKS OFFICE AND MAKE YOUR RESERVATION.

Supervisor	Scott Mahardy	738-0311	Assessor	Extension 21
Highway Superintendent	Sam Arcuri, Jr.	735-6420 Home	Building Inspector	Extension 22
Councilman	Phillip Domser	732-1262	Codes Dept.	Extension 34
Councilman	Michael Collins	798-9344	Planning Room	Extension 27
Councilman	Candace Oczkowski	794-4905	Senior Citizen's	Extension 28
Councilman	David Barone	793-0843	Supervisor	Extension 50
Town Clerk & Registrar	Tracy Jubs	724-0413 x.23	Town Clerk	Extension 23
Deputy Clerk & Deputy Registrar	Karen Day	724-0413 x.23	Court Room	507-3058 Fax # 507-3060
Tax Collector	Donald Key	733-5678	Important Phone Numbers	
Assessor (Chairman)	George Haskell	732-1789	Deerfield School:	266-3410
Assessor	Jane Buchner	732-5757	Whitesboro Parkway Sch:	266-3175
Planning Board (Chairman)	Mike Zarnock	734-9764	Whitesboro Middle Sch:	266-3100
Zoning Board of Appeals (Chairman)	Lura Raymo	724-0658	Whitesboro High School:	266-3200
Senior Citizen Director	Lura Raymo	724-0658	State Police: Business @	736-0122
Town Historian	Jozef Malinowski		Sheriff's Dept: Business @	736-8364
Youth Director	Karen Day	723-4971	Deerfield Fire Department: (Business)	768-9740
Dog Control Officer	Jim Griffiths	939-0415	Whitb. Transportation Dept.:	768-9740
Deerfield Fire Chief	Gary Destefanis	732-2693	Poland High School:	826-7900
Oneida County Legislator	Phillip M. Sacco	797-4094	Poland Elementary:	826-7000

