

# TOWN OF DEERFIELD



July 2014

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### A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR

Summer is here and it's time to enjoy the weather with family and friends. Please make sure everyone keeps a look out for children playing so we all have a safe and healthy summer. The Cheese Factory Road bridge replacement and rising of the road to try and eliminate flooding is finally underway. It is anticipated that the project will be completed in late September at a cost of a little over \$900,000 including engineering fees. It seems that we plan on making improvements and repairs with the 100 year flood calculation in mind, yet we have had several "100 year" floods in the last two years.

We continue to make improvements to the Wilderness Park so families can have an all-around pleasurable experience while visiting – whether they want to walk, hike, ski, snow shoe or play baseball. The renovated field should be ready in the fall pending mother-nature.

As you are all aware, the winter took a hard toll on the roads in the town. The board authorized the issuance of \$1 million dollars in bonds for road improvements. We are currently examining the priority list of roads to contract out some of the work so we can begin to make headway on our infrastructure. The way the weather has been lately, we take one step forward and two steps back. The highway department has been very busy making repairs and cleanup from the last storm.

In closing, your input is critical to the success of the town. Please take the time to attend a board meeting, or please email your comments and suggestions to me at [supervisor@townofdeerfield.org](mailto:supervisor@townofdeerfield.org). I can be reached at 724-0413 x50.

Thank you and have a safe and healthy summer.

Scott P. Mahardy  
*Supervisor*

### ASSESSORS REPORT

#### NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF FINAL ASSESSMENT ROLL (Pursuant to Section 516 - Real Property Tax Law)

Notice is hereby given that the Assessors of the Town of Deerfield, County of Oneida, have completed the Final Assessment Roll for the current year and that a certified copy has been left with the Town Clerk at the Deerfield Municipal Building (6329 Walker Road), here it may be seen and examined by any interested person.

Dated this 1st day of July, 2014

George Haskell, *Chairman*    Jane Buchner, *Assessor*    Town of Deerfield Board of Assessors

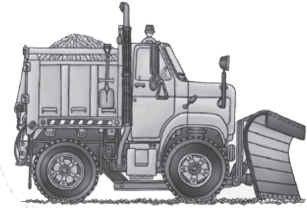


## Thank You



**A special thank you to Frank Loin** for planting the flowers at the Town of Deerfield sign at Firehouse & Walker Road. Dave Wilson and Frank Loin for placing flags on the veteran's graves in Deerfield.

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT NEWS



The Highway Department hopes this newsletter finds everyone well; we also hope you have a fun-filled summer planned. With our children getting out of school for the summer, you will find more activity on the roads and in the parks. Please watch out and be safe! With

the rain and wind storms we have had in the past month, it has put the Highway Department a little behind in our work schedule for 2014. We will be working on road projects and some normal maintenance projects throughout the summer months. For the past year, the town, in our newsletters, has talked about a bridge on Cheese Factory Road that needed replacing. This project is under construction at the present time, and I am happy to say it is going well.

The town's green waste collection system has been going well with a very few still not putting out their green waste in reusable containers. Green waste is grass clippings from the lawn, small plant waste, and other small weeds that cannot be put through the chipper. Brush is tree trimmings cut and piled separately, no longer than 8' and no more than 8" in diameter to be put through the chipper. Bushes with the pulled out root ball still attached cannot be put through the chipper, so please cut the root ball off for collection (the root ball should be piled at the curb separately). The town will be collecting green waste at the curbside until October. Town residents can bring their green waste to the highway garage anytime for disposal. **PLEASE DO NOT MIX ANIMAL FECES WITH YOUR GREEN WASTE AS WE WILL NOT PICK IT UP.** The town asks that you do not put out any collection items to the curb until 48 hours ahead of the scheduled pick up date.

The town has two Saturday trash collection dates left this year, September 13 at the Firehouse on Trenton Road and October 25 at the Highway Garage on Route 8. Both sites will be open from 8am to 2pm. Town residents can bring trash items to the highway garage during our normal work hours Monday through Thursday 6am to 4:30 pm; please call ahead so we can open the doors to the dumpsters and have help here. We do not collect used tires, batteries, used oil, or household chemicals - these items will be accepted at the Oneida Herkimer Solid Waste Authority on Leland Avenue, Utica.

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

#### Green Waste

August 4 - September 2 - October 1

**Curb Side Trash** - Started May 19

**Saturday Trash** - September 13 (Firehouse  
Trenton Rd) - October 25 (Highway Garage)

### TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS:

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

Thurs: 8:00am- 6:00pm

## 7<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL DEERFIELD SKELETON RUN

**Sunday, October 19, 2014**

Deerfield Wilderness Park, Deerfield, NY

### ENTRY FEE

Kid's Fun Run - ¼ mile \$5.00

(Recommended ages 3-12) Deerfield residents free

3K Run \$6.00

5K Challenge Run \$20.00 by 9/19/14

(Receive a free wick shirt if registered by 9/19/14)

5K Challenge Run \$25.00 after 9/19/14

(free wick shirt NOT included if registered after 9/19/14)

### RACE SCHEDULE

Kid's Fun Run - 9:00 am 3K Run - 9:30 am 5K Run - 10:00 am

### SCORING AND TIMING - TNT TIMING

### 5K AWARDS

Awards ceremony will take place shortly after all 5K runners have finished. Award will be given to top 3 runners for each male and female 5K age division: 0-20, 21-30, 31-40, 41-50, 51+. No duplicate winners.

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Preregister online at [getentered.com](http://getentered.com) or by mailing form (postmarked by Oct.10) and check (payable to **Deerfield Skeleton Run**) to: *Deerfield Skeleton Run c/o Debbie Collins 10082 Davis Rd. Deerfield, NY 13502.* Race Day Registration starts at 8 am.

**CONTACT INFORMATION** - Email us at: [drfldskeletonrun@aol.com](mailto:drfldskeletonrun@aol.com)

**BRING THE FAMILY**- Concession Stand - Pancake Breakfast - Vendors - Costumes - Welcomed!

*October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. If you would like to donate a \$1.00 to the American Cancer Society, please add it to your registration total. Thank you!*



## 2014 DEERFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE CO. NEWS

### 2014 EVENT SCHEDULE

#### 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)

# SUMMER PARK PROGRAM



## NOTE FROM THE YOUTH DIRECTOR:

This Summer 2014 our Program will extend to our Town Residents a 4 day Summer Park Program.  
Monday - Thursday from 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

**Our Program is NOT a Day Care or Summer Camp & cannot be used as such. We are a "Drop in and out" activities program with group supervision.**

Our Town Park - "Wilderness Park and Pavilion Area" will be open for our youth to gather together with their neighbors and class mates to enjoy summer fun. We do Crafts,

Play Games & Sports, Hike our Nature Trail, and bring in Educational and Entertainment Programs. Our group will take 2-3 out-of-town field trips by bus. 2 trips to the movies and 1 special trip to be determined.

Our Summer Park Program is under the Supervision of 2 Youth Leaders, Craig Rugari, and Maryann Penree. Along with these Excellent Youth Leaders, we also have a staff of teen counselors to help with group supervision and assistance to the many Children who come to participate.

**We are a "Sign in -Sign out" program –**  
open to your discretion – children can come or go at **your** convenience.

We sometimes close if there is extreme weather, Heat, Storms – High Winds or prolonged Lightening. Parents and Guardians should have someone who can pick up the children if need be. Park Day Cancellations will be posted on the Website and Face Book

*The Program is **Free** - to Deerfield Families, Some trips are **Cost/Share** - where the Town picks up a portion of the Cost. Some activities cost for supplies or children are asked to purchase supplies to participate. This information will be posted **and/or** handed out to families at pickups.*

### Donations are always welcomed and encouraged

We will gladly accept: Goodies, Ice pops, Arts and Crafts, Equipment, etc...

This summer our Program will begin on Tuesday July 8th and will run for 6 weeks

Please look for updates in our Calendar Section of this web site –

As the program comes together.

*Thank you, Karen Day*

*Youth Director    [drldfrecprogram@aol.com](mailto:drldfrecprogram@aol.com)*

## DEERFIELD'S SUMMER PARK PROGRAM SCHEDULE 2014

Tuesday 7/8 – Registration – Greet & Meet - Open Play

Wednesday 7/9 – Registration – Greet and Meet – Open Play

Thursday 7/10 – Registration – Greet & Meet – Open Play

Monday 7/14 – Tae Kwon Do – Master Paparella – 10:30 am

Tuesday 7/15 – Movie Day – Marquee Theater –

**Bus leaves the park at 8:30 am PROMPTLY** – No cost for movie – approx. \$6 for snack pack – movie choices: "Smurfs 2" or "Hoodwinked 2"

Wednesday 7/16 – Tae Kwon Do – Master Paparella – 10:30 am

### Thursday 7/17 PROGRAM CLOSED

- Instead there will be an "OUT DOOR MOVIE NIGHT" \*\*\*TBA\*\*\*

Monday 7/21 - Tae Kwon Do – Master Paparella – 10:30 am

MAD SCIENTIST – 1:15 pm

Tuesday 7/22 – Every Day Play

Wednesday 7/22 - Tae Kwon Do – Master Paparella – 10:30 am

Thursday 7/24 – US ARMY Recruiters –

Flag Ceremony 10:30 am- Gloria's Ice Cream Truck Comes to visit 1:30 pm

Monday 7/28 – Every Day Play

Tuesday 7/29 - Movie Day – Marquee Theater –

**Bus leaves the park at 8:30 am PROMPTLY** – No cost for movie – approx. \$6 for snack pack-movie choices: "Despicable Me 2" / "Spy Kids"

Wednesday 7/30 – Magician – Jcharlz – will perform fun magic for us

Thursday 7/31 – OC Child Advocacy Center

– Protect your self – 10:30 am / Director Dean Obenesser

Monday 8/4 – Every Day Play

Tuesday 8/5 – Water Fun Day

Wednesday 8/6 – Field Trip? OR Thursday 8/7 – Field Trip?

TBA \*\*\* Still in Development \*\*\*

Monday 8/11 - Tae Kwon Do – Master Paparella – 10:30 am

Tuesday 8/12 – Balloon Lift Day - 1pm

Wednesday 8/13 - Tae Kwon Do – Master Paparella – 10:30 am

Thursday 8/14 – End of Season Party

*Possible Make up day – 8/15*



## Deerfield, New York: Outings, Picnics and Clambakes

by Jozef Malinowski • [OurDeerfieldHistory@gmail.com](mailto:OurDeerfieldHistory@gmail.com)



In the late 1800's and early 1900's, social events were important occasions widely celebrated throughout the area. These gatherings brought people together from all walks of life and often oc-

curred in the form of outings, picnics and clambakes. They were mainly organized by employers, churches, social clubs and community organizations.

While trendy in every local municipality, there was one particular hotspot in Oneida County for such familiar gatherings—the Town of Deerfield. Located close to the City of Utica, Deerfield was said to have offered the “cooling shade of a grove [for] relief from the city heat.” Buchanan's Grove at the George Wolfe farm on the Marcy Road and Well's Grove proved to be very popular places. Allen's Grove, Wurz's Grove, I.K. Walker's Grove, Jasek's Grove, Bateman's Grove, Grand View Grove, Thompson's Grove, August's Grove, Jones' Grove, and Haufman's Grove also served the community for hosting social events throughout the years. Some outings were even held in the Deerfield Ravine and special state shoots for local guardsmen, occurred atop Deerfield Hill at the shooting range. In addition, the Horatio Seymour homestead, known as “Marysland” received many national and international dignitaries, and places such as Pittock's Hall at Deerfield Corners featured grand receptions and balls with up to 900 people in attendance.

One of the earliest known picnics at Buchanan's Grove was held by St. Peter's Church in 1877. The heaviest concentration of social outings occurred from 1900 to 1903, but waned around 1919. A rebirth of events in town occurred between 1937 and 1960.

Deerfield clambakes were often daylong festive events, consisting of breakfast, lunch and dinner, sometimes lasting as late as 10pm. The events typically consisted of “toothsome” food (many times catered by local chef Joseph Harding and also chef Harry A. Chester of the Fort Schuyler Club), music, dancing, parades, bugle calls, sporting games and almost always featured a signature baseball matchup. Fireworks were displayed during a clambake in 1897. The Deerfield Cornet Band held its chic annual moonlight dances, and the 44th Separate Company Guardsmen, Company E of the Spanish-American War introduced the term “luau” to Buchanan's Grove in 1900 after their prior five-month tour at the Sandwich Islands. Transportation during the pre-automobile era usually consisted of taking the Deerfield trolley to a designated stop, then being provided an additional conveyance by the

sponsoring group to the groves, typically by omnibus, carryall or carriage.

The results of the wildly popular games, were often reported in multiple local newspapers and consisted of: quoiting; half-mile bicycle race; 50-100-200 yard dash for married/single/old men and married/single women; “lean” and “fat” men's race; football; potato race; cake walk; greased pole climbing; pole vault; hop, skip and jump race; hammer throw; obstacle race; match race; shoe race; tug-of-war; baseball throwing; pie eating contest; standing broad- jump; twenty-five yards hop on one leg; sack race; putting fifteen pounds shot; and throwing ball in barrel contest. Winners were often selected for other awards such as: laboring man supporting the largest family, father of the youngest child, most innocent man and most popular man on the grounds. Prizes consisted of cigar cases, overalls, pocket books, hammers, razors, brush and daubers, brass-bound and four-foot rules, steel squares, pocket knives, leather aprons, roasts of beef, hams, bags of flour, yeast cakes, liquor and boxes of soap.



Among the many groups, teams and bands utilizing the groves and Deerfield ravine from 1877 to 1960 were: 11th Ward Fish and Game Club; 44th Separate Company Guardsmen, Company E of the Span-

ish-American War; American Express; Anderson Colored Baseball Club; Baden Sick Aid Society; Bartenders Union; Bossert and Crouse Construction Company; Bossert Electrical Construction Company; Boy Scouts; Brewery Workmen's Union; Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen; Carpenters' Union; Central New York Telephone and Telegraph Co; Charles C. Kellogg & Sons Co, Charles Millar & Sons; Chesterfields; Clothing Cutters and Trimmers' Union; Cornhill Outing Club; Deerfield Cornet Band; Deerfield Democratic Club; Deerfield Diamonds baseball team; Deerfield Fire Department (original and current departments); Deerfield Republican Club; E. Eichler & Sons; Employees of the Utica Post Office; Eureka Social Club; Excelsior's of Utica; Deerfield Farmers; Genesee Pent-Up Bowling Club; Hayseeds of Deerfield; Herald Chapel; Hicks Outing Club (often catering early clambakes); IDK Social Club; Iroquois Social Club; Italian Employees of the Home Telephone Company; John W. Phelan Police & Fire Post 1609, American Legion; Journeymen Barbers' Union, No. 103; Knights of Columbus; Knights of the Mystic Circle; La Tosca Club of Deerfield; Lafayette Outing Club; Lime Klin Club; Master Builders; Master Plumbers; North Gage Sunday School; Oneida Brewing Company; Park

# TOWN OF DEERFIELD RESIDENT NEWS

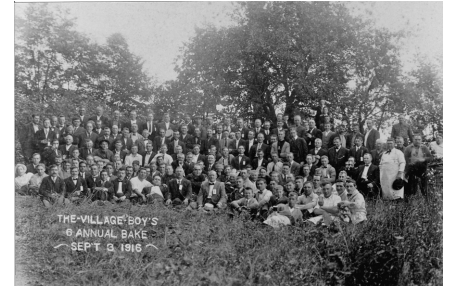
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Board; Pellteerie's Orchestra; Permanent Haymakers' Association; Plumbers and Gas Fitters Union No. 69; Plumbers and Steamfitters' Union; Roberts-Wicks Company; Silver Dollar Club; South Utica Post

chor; Utica Turn Verein; Veterans Association of Company E First NY Volunteer Infantry; Village Boys of Deerfield; Walter Skiba Post 20 Polish Legion of American Veterans; West End Brewing Company; William Fisher, Contractor; and Williams' Orchestra.



1476, American Legion; St. Paul's Society; St. Peter's Church; St. Regis Tribe, Improved Order of Red Men; St. Vincent Band and Drum Corp; Standard Harrow Co; Swiss Benevolent Society; The Milkmen; Utica Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles; Utica Burial Case Company; Utica Citizens' Corp. Veterans Association; Utica Florists' Club; Utica Lodge No. 450 Loyal Order of Moose; Utica Maenne-

(Sources: *Utica Morning Herald and Daily Gazette, Rome Daily Sentinel, Rome Semi-Weekly Citizen, Utica Daily Press, The Daily Union, Utica Herald-Dispatch, Utica Daily Observer, The Saturday Globe, Utica Sunday Journal, Utica Sunday Tribune, Utica Semi-Weekly Herald, and Fultonhistory.com*)

## 2014 TOWN ANNIVERSARIES

(Source: *Deerfield, New York: A Glimpse into the Past* by Virginia C. Loin)

**1784**-The first settlers return to the area with others to rebuild their homes and farms (230 Years Ago); **1799**-The first road was laid out according to records dated March 16, 1799 (215 Years Ago); **1819**-Daniel and Cornelius Schermerhorn built a tannery near the present North Gage corners (195 Years Ago); **1849**-The Russia and North Gage Plank Road Company laid its road (165 Years Ago); **1874**-Episcopal services began in Deerfield under a mission from Whitesboro (140 Years Ago); **1929**-Tuberculosis sanatorium was built and known as Oneida County Hospital (85 Years Ago); **1944**-Town of Deerfield Veterans Honor Roll dedicated Sunday November 11, 1944 (70 Years Ago); **1949**-Deerfield Volunteer Fire Company and Ladies Auxiliary formed (65

Years Ago); **1949**-WKTV located on top of Smith Hill (65 Years Ago); **1954**-The New York State Thruway opened (60 Years Ago); **1954**-Kenneth Brazie elected Town Supervisor (60 Years Ago); **1959**-Wilderness Park was purchased from the Lions Club (55 Years Ago); **1969**-WUTR built on top of Smith Hill (45 Years Ago); **1994**-Joseph Arcuri elected Town Supervisor (20 Years Ago)

## OLD HOME DAY AT NORTH GAGE

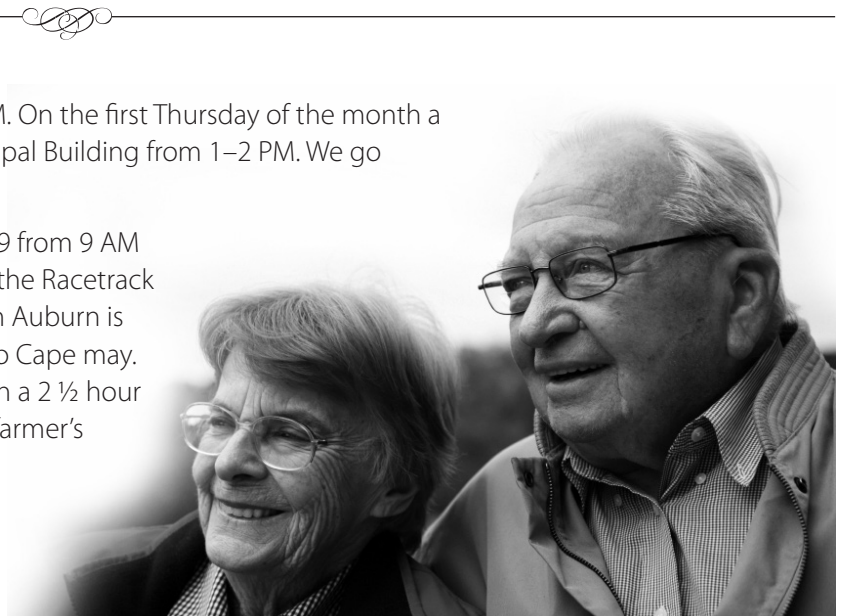
Please join the North Gage Presbyterian Church on Sunday, August 17, 2014 at 11:00 am, for the **88th Annual Old Home Day**. This time-honored tradition is a way to celebrate our town's rich history and needs your support to continue. **All are welcome.**

## SENIOR NEWS

Deerfield Seniors meet every Thursday beginning at 9:00 AM. On the first Thursday of the month a representative from the **Office of the Aging** is at the Municipal Building from 1-2 PM. We go to Turning Stone on the third Monday of each month.

We are holding a AARP Defensive Driving Class on July 8 and 9 from 9 AM until Noon. On July 30<sup>th</sup> we have a trip going to Saratoga to the Racetrack or Racino. Our August trip to the Merry-Go-Round Theater in Auburn is filled up. In September we have a four day, three night trip to Cape May. On October 15<sup>th</sup> a trip to the Catskills has been planned with a 2 ½ hour train ride and luncheon and stopping at the "Pie in the Sky" farmer's market on our way home.

**For more in depth information on any trips, please contact Lura at 724-0658**



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

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