

TOWN OF DEERFIELD



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A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR

April 2015

We are hopeful spring is finally on its way! It has been a long winter and we look forward to the weather finally breaking to get a series of projects started. This winter with the deep cold and constant snow after January 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.

As you have seen throughout the town over the winter and continuing into the spring, contractors have been assessing the condition of all the sewer manholes and will be scoping all the sewer lines pursuant to the DEC consent order issued in Oneida County as part of the Sauquoit Creek Basin. Once the work is complete, a comprehensive report will be generated giving the guidance to the Town so we can set up a plan to make the repairs – more to come on this topic.

We are happy to report that the partnership with Oneida County for plowing roads this past winter and going forward has gone very well. We have created, with the assistance of Oneida County an alternate site for salt/sand storage at the old Broad Acres site. Oneida County has provided the town with the opportunity for a long term lease of a parcel within the site for a nominal \$1.00 per year.

Over the course of the next few months we will be finishing the new pavilion in the Wilderness Park, putting the finishing touches on the baseball/softball field and our town employees will be creating a small T-ball field near the pavilion for our younger future baseball stars! ***As part of this work, I will be installing a new roof on the restroom facilities due to severe leaks and will be looking for volunteers to help me. Please contact me at supervisor@townofdeerfield if you are interested in helping.***

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



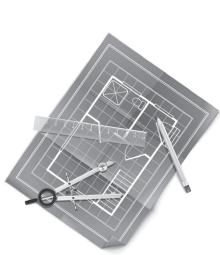
Thank You



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, 2015. **Grievance Day is Tuesday, May 26th, 1-3 pm and 7-9pm** at the Municipal Building.

Thanks! George Haskell, Jane Buchner



FROM THE OFFICE OF BUILDING & CODES — IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR THE COMING BUILDING SEASON

Inspections: With the building season gearing up, please remember that inspections **MUST** be made at certain phases of your construction. These inspections phases will be provided with your Building Permit. The Town of Deerfield Rules and Regulations for the Administration and Enforcement of the Building Code makes the **OWNER, APPLICANT, OR HIS/HER CONTRACTOR** responsible for informing the Code Office when work is ready for inspection and to schedule such inspections. These Regulations do not allow a **CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY (CO) OR COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE (CC)** to be issued unless the necessary inspections have occurred.

THEREFORE, IF THE INSPECTIONS ON YOUR PERMIT ARE NOT PERFORMED, NO C.O OR C.C. WILL BE ISSUED FOR YOUR PROJECT.

Swimming Pools: We are already getting pool applications in for the spring installs. Please note that many residents bought inflatable pools last year. These pools have the same safety rules and regulations as other above /inground pools, so please call us before purchasing any inflatable pools this year. More importantly, local laws regarding fencing and other safety requirements for swimming pools may be more restrictive than requirements for swimming pools contained in the Uniform Code. If you are considering the purchase of a swimming pool, you should review the Uniform Code provisions which can be obtained at the Building & Codes Office. In addition, you should consult the building inspector on the local laws, ordinances, codes and regulations for any further requirements before purchasing a pool. Along with the permit, you will also need to call us for your final inspection before using your pool. At that time we will process your certificate of compliance and return your deposit for the electrical inspection report.

Decks: As a building inspector, I see a lot of decks that aren't built to code — despite the plan review process, the purpose of which is to identify any code issues before construction commences. But field changes are common, so an inspector is likely to find a different deck

constructed at the site than what was detailed on the permit. For many specifications, like those for spans and guardrails, you have to apply general code requirements.

Consequently, a deck contractor may not be aware that certain changes could result in a code violation. Below are five common reasons decks fail inspection.

1. No Protection against Decay: It's a simple issue, usually noted on the plans, but we sometimes find a completed deck built of standard-grade lumber. Or portions of the deck built with standard grade lumber.

2. Too Few or Inadequate Fasteners: We often find insufficient attachment — which includes the use of non-weather-resistant and/or non-structural fasteners attached to the existing structure, which can cause decks to collapse. Fastener specifications aren't usually called out on the construction plans, and inspectors often find undersized nails, or untreated nails that will be nothing but rust in a year or the fastener just shears off do to the weight of the loads imposed.

3. Inadequate or Non-approved Structure: The IRC (Section and Table R502.5 (1)) no longer allows 4x4s or 6x6s to be used as girders (Figure 4). All structural beams and girders must be constructed with multiple 2x4s to 2x12s, with the depth and the number of layers of the members determined by the span and spacing.

4. Insufficient Support and Anchoring: Whether attached to the existing structure or freestanding, all decks are required to be anchored against uplift and braced laterally to prevent racking and to prevent the deck from becoming a projectile in high winds.

5. Missing or Noncompliant Guardrails and Handrails: Many owners don't want a guardrail to affect the view from their deck. They want something not too tall and often ask for benches or planters to act as guards. Note: that handrails are not guardrails, although the terms are often thought of at the same time. Per section R311.5.6, a handrail is required when there are four or more risers in the stair run and when the stair is more than 30 inches above grade or above the floor below, a guard is also required.

Message from our Youth Director

As we wind down from Winter, we have just a few Spring events left :

April 4th Rough & Tumble 1:30 – 4:30pm

New Hartford Shopping Center and

April 11th "In House Movies" Movie TBA @ Deerfield Municipal Building, with a 6:30pm showing. Popcorn & goodies will be served.

We are already at work putting together our schedule for our 6 week Summer Park Program, which will begin Tuesday July 7th. Details will be found in our Town's June Newsletter.

Thank you to all the families who participate in our program and have helped to make our Youth program 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
Youth Director
Drfldrecprogram@aol.com



SKELETON RUN

The Deerfield Skeleton Run registration opens May 1st 2015.

This year our Skeleton Run will be held on **Sunday October 18th**. Along with our 5K race, we also offer a 1.5 mile and a ¼ mile youth run. We will have our famous pancake breakfast and our growing Vendor Lane.

Interested vendors should contact: Lisa – Coral294@aol.com

Early Registration for the 5K race will receive free Wick shirt with their paid registration.

Forms will be posted on our web site in April. www.Deerfieldskeletonrun.com



TOWN OF DEERFIELD 22ND ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

May 15th, 16th, & 17th

Posters will be available to all participants of the Town-Wide Garage Sale on **May 8th 2015**

Maps & listing of garage sale will be ready on May 8th, at the Town Clerk's Office.

The deadline for the Garage Sale submission list is May 6th.

To register your garage sale, **contact: deputyclerk@townofdeerfield.org or call the clerk's office**

724-0413 x31

with the following information : **Name, phone #, address, and a brief description of items being sold**

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:

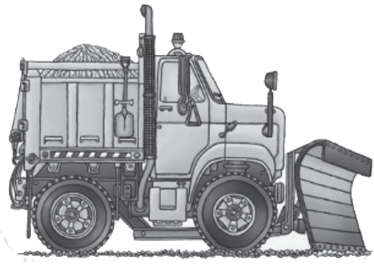
Deerfield Municipal Building, 6329 Walker Road

Deerfield Highway Garage, 6892 State Rt. 8

Tasty Treat, Coventry Ave, North Utica

www.townofdeerfield.org

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT



The Highway Department hopes everyone is doing well after what we hope is the end of the winter season. The Highway Department will be out as soon as possible when the weather permits to try and finish projects leftover from last year.

Spring clean-up will be starting as soon as the weather permits. The Highway Department will be out fixing plow damage, sweeping streets, picking up sand piles, picking up brush piled up separately to be chipped, and leaves left from the fall months. Spring clean-up material can be piled loose at the curb for pick-up. All other green waste collections need to be in containers.

As many of the town residents may know, the Town Board and the Highway Department moved to a new **Green Waste Collection** Plan two years ago. The town purchased a used compactor truck for green waste collections and trash collections. We are finding that material for green waste is still being put out to the curb loose; we will not be picking up this material in this manner after spring clean-up. Green waste material should be put in reusable containers weighing no more than 50 lbs. each. Brush should be piled separately with the butt ends facing the same direction to ease the pick-up by the highway crew for chipping.

**PLEASE DO NOT PUT ANIMAL FECES IN YOUR GREEN WASTE
WE WON'T COLLECT IT. NO GREEN WASTE OR TRASH MAY BE PUT
OUT UNTIL 48 HOURS BEFORE THE COLLECTION START DATE. WE
WILL ASK YOU TO REMOVE IT FROM THE CURB.**

Please mark the green waste dates on your calendar, as we won't come back until the next month after we have gone by. *Green Waste can always be brought to the Highway Garage anytime.*

The Highway Department will again this year have the Saturday trash collections at the Firehouse and at the Highway Garage. The first Saturday collection is on **April 25 at the Firehouse on Trenton Road** - please note this date. The other Saturday dates are **September 12 at the Firehouse and October 24 at the Highway Garage**. The Highway Department will also have **curbside trash** starting on **Monday, May 18** - once we have gone by your house, we won't be able to come back. There are some new changes in the trash collection process; the town is no longer accepting electronic waste as trash from the curbside. We will accept **electronic waste** at the **Highway Garage or at our Saturday drop-off sites for recycling**. The Oneida Herkimer Solid Waste Authority will accept electronic waste at no charge on Leland Ave. in Utica. The dumpsters are available at the Highway Garage during our normal working hours, 6:00am to 4:30pm; *please call ahead to schedule an appointment.*

The Town and the Highway Department have a very busy year planned. The Highway Department will be working on road projects and some normal road

maintenance such as ditch cleaning and removing high shoulder buildup for better drainage. If any of the town residents **have any drainage problems** along the right of way, ***please call the Highway Garage at 826-7014.*** We will put you on our list and get to you as soon as possible.

Last year at this time the town was working with other towns and Oneida County Soil and Water to prepare a five year hazard mitigation plan. We are happy to say the five year hazard mitigation plan is done and was adopted by FEMA.

In past newsletters, we talked about the sewer consent order from the **DEC** and the **EPA** to remove illicit water from the sewer system. Town residents may see two trucks around town from National Water Main Cleaning Company. They are flushing and inspecting the sewer system for leaks and main problems. **In the very near future, the Highway Department will be working with the Codes Department asking for a voluntary inspection of your sewer hook-ups at your residence; this should be a very short visit. *If there are any questions, please call the Highway Department at 826-7014.***

We will be updating the town website with information about things the Highway Department will be doing around town. Town residents can also e-mail us at townofdeerfield@centralny.twcbc.com. Also, you can visit the Highway Department's newly created Facebook page for more information.

Thank You!

The Highway Department

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT DATES TO REMEMBER IN 2015

APRIL - 13 Spring clean-up starts
25 Spring trash (Trenton Road firehouse)

MAY - 4 Green waste
18 Curbside trash collection starts

JUNE - 1 Green Waste

JULY - 6 Green Waste

AUGUST - 3 Green Waste

SEPTEMBER - 1 Green Waste
12 Trash (Trenton Road Firehouse)

OCTOBER - 5 Green Waste
24 Trash (Town Garage)



2015 EVENT SCHEDULE

Deerfield Volunteer Fire Company Inc;

LENTEN FRESH FISH FRYDAYS

April 3, 10, 4-7 PM

All seafood and fries cooked in low-cholesterol vegetable oil

BOY SCOUT TROOP 59 MOTHERS' DAY BREAKFAST Sunday, May 10, 8:30 AM – 12

CHICKEN BARBECUE Sunday, June 7, 12-5 PM

FIELD DAYS WITH HAWKINS RIDES June 11-13

Thursday 11th – Waterball 7PM

Friday 12th – Parade 7 PM

Saturday 13th – Motorized Firematics – noon

FALL FRESH FISH FRYDAYS September 18, 25, October 2, 9, 4-7 PM

LADIES AUXILIARY "Family Style" Roast Beef Dinner Saturday, November 7, 4-7 PM

CRAFT FAIR Saturday, November 14, 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)**

2015 Deerfield Volunteer Fire Co. Officers

Fire Officers

Chief	Brian DeStefanis Jr.
1 st Assistant Chief	Christopher Heretz
2 nd Assistant Chief / Training	Kevin Powers
3 rd Assistant Chief/ Medical Operations	James Griffiths
Senior Captain	Gregory Gerrard
Captain	Justin Yourdon
Senior Lieutenant	Stephen Pawlinga
Lieutenant	Kevin Yourdon
Lieutenant	Ed Dudeck

Civil Officers

President	Christopher Heretz
Vice-President	Andy Frank
Secretary	Robert W. Day
Treasurer	Corky Risley
Financial Secretary	Vincent Costelli
Chaplin	Richard Prusko
Chairman – Broad of Directors	Kevin Powers
Vice Chairman	Wayne Brosemer
Director	Samuel Arcuri Jr.
Director	Angelo Gigliotti
Director	Lisa White
Director	Maeve Semo
Sergeant-at-Arms	Kevin Boyer Sr.

Service Awards

5 years	Adam Boyer, Kevin Boyer Jr. , Kevin Boyer Sr.
10 years	Brian DeStefanis Jr.
20 years – Life Membership	Christopher Heretz
25 years	David Perritano
60 years	Arleigh Paquette
Tony Iacovino Memorial Award	Gary DeStefanis Jr.

Top Responders

Robert W. Day-213, Mauve Semo-184, James Griffiths-174, Ed Dudeck-162, Matt Lozada-140, Vincent Costelli -135, Nick Gerrard-128, Georg Haskell-112, Andy Frank-114, Lisa White-111, Brian DeStefanis Jr.-106.

293 Alarms in 2014

Fires 16, EMS/ Rescue/ MVA 196, Hazardous Conditions 15, Service Calls 11, Good Intent 22, False Trip 19, Severe Weather & Natural Disaster 14

An Unexpected Visit from

Miss Amelia Earhart



The life story and subsequent mysterious disappearance of Miss Amelia Earhart has been one that has intrigued many over several generations. The famous aviatrix was a pioneer, a person whose legacy reached far higher than the clouds that she often encountered in her travels.

With recent renewed interest in her last moments of flight over the Pacific Ocean in 1937 and the possibility that she may have reached the small island of Nikumaroro, one story comes to mind about her unexpected visit to the Town of Deerfield on March 25, 1929.

On this day, her trip began in New York City and was to end in Buffalo, where she was scheduled to speak at an air show. She was forewarned of pending thunderstorms, but the brave pilot in typical Amelia Earhart fashion, pressed forward with her itinerary. Her flight path followed the Hudson River northward from New York City toward Albany, and then continued westward along the Mohawk River. She stopped in Schenectady to refuel and rest, and then restarted her journey. As she approached Herkimer, she encountered an intense storm, which consisted of thunder, lighting, sudden darkness, strong winds, a low ceiling, poor visibility, turbulence, and thick hail. Near Frankfort, she experienced a sudden drop in altitude (from 1,000 feet to 500 feet). At one point, her small, two-seat, four-cylinder, English Avro Avian biplane also descended to an unsafe level just above the tree line. Her hope at this point was to make it to the Utica Airport in Marcy, but she never made it as she thought she would. She was forced to quickly abandon flight and land her machine in Deerfield.

In an interview with reporters, Miss Earhart stated, "I got as far as that hospital (Oneida county's new Tuberculosis Sanitarium), and then decided to turn around and seek a good place to land. And it happened to be a corn field." The corn field was located near

Trenton Road. With her brilliant skills as a pilot, she brought the undamaged plane to a stop in deep mud. She turned the light machine around by hand, so that it would not be adversely affected by the violent wind gusts, then trekked through the mud to a farmer's house. There she called the Utica Airport for assistance, as a departure from the same site would have been impossible. Within an hour, assistant airport manager Claude B. Pape and pilot Roy Parker arrived, and with Miss Earhart's assistance, they connected the plane to a truck, folded up the wings, and towed it through the streets of Deerfield and North Utica to the airport in Marcy.



Miss Earhart was in good company for the remainder of the evening. It just happened to be that her sister, Grace Muriel Earhart, was a teacher at the Utica Country Day School in New Hartford. She dined with her surprised sister and a few friends at the Women's Civic Club (also referenced as the women's annex of the Fort Schuyler Club in Utica) with her dinner consisting of a lamb chop. After spending an evening of rest with her sister, the young and energetic aviatrix boarded a train at 5:21 a.m. on March 26 bound for Rochester, where she flew aboard another airplane as a passenger to Buffalo. She later returned to the area after the air show to retrieve her airplane, and then flew off into history.

Miss Amelia Earhart pressed forward with many achievements and successes in her short life, but her unwavering persistence, strong will, determination, skill, wit, and fearless attitude made her an unparalleled legend, especially right here in Deerfield, New York.

Photographs of the famed pilot while in Schenectady and her biplane are viewable on the internet.

(Sources: Rome Daily Sentinel, Utica Daily Press, Syracuse Journal 3/26/1929; Utica Observer-Dispatch, Frankly Speaking by Frank Tomaino, 5/13/1969)

Deerfield's "Snow Much Fun"

Winter Fest Wilderness Park

was February 7th 2015

Deerfield's Second Annual "Snow Much Fun" Winter Fest at our Wilderness Park on February 7th was a **HUGE** success. Almost 200 people came to enjoy the fun of sledding, snow ball contests, hockey shot and roasting marshmallows by the bon fire. We all enjoyed a winter picnic of Hot dogs, Hamburgers, Chili and Mac & Cheese and a full display of resident shared goodies.

Thank you's go out to **Karen & Andy Maben** (*Indian Valley Coffee*) for providing coffee and hot chocolate to all, to **Kim and Kurt Wiehenstroer** for the cotton candy, **Josh Russo** for the Music, and to everyone who came out on Saturday to support and enjoy our 2nd annual Snow Fest. A special thanks to our committee members, Linda Hajdasz, Chris Pearl, Mary Ann Penree, Sam Arcuri, and Karen Day. We are looking forward to bigger and better next winter. Volunteers are always welcome.



DEERFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION and NEW STUDENTS

Kindergarten Registration took place on January 29. If you know of anyone who has a child eligible to enter kindergarten in September 2015 and has not yet registered, or if you know of anyone with children moving into Deerfield, please have the parent/guardian call the school's Main Office at 266-3412 as soon as possible. **Thank you.**

Deerfield School: 266-3412

Marcy School: 266-3420

Westmoreland Road School: 266-3440

Hart's Hill School: 266-3430

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS:

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

Thurs: 8:00am - 6:00pm

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesdays: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

THINK SPRING!!





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.31
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	542-3086
Youth Director	Karen Day	723-4971
Dog Control Officer	Jim Griffiths	939-0415
Deerfield Fire Chief	Brian DeStefanis Jr.	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	

6329 Walker Road, Deerfield, NY 13502
Municipal Building Phone: 724-0413 Fax: 793-3032 • Highway Department Phone: 826-7014

TOWN OF DEERFIELD PHONE LIST



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