

# TOWN OF DEERFIELD



October 2015

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize two individuals who have served the residents of the Town over the course of many years:

Donald Key – Don has served as Tax Collector since 2006 and will be “retiring” at the end of the year. Having gotten to know Don, I am sure he will stay active but will not have to deal with chasing down the mortgage companies for payment of taxes! – Thanks Don!

Jane Buchner – Jane has served in the role of Assessor since 2004. Thank you for your many years of dedicated service to the Town and we wish you the best.

As we enter the fall season, the Highway Department is busy putting the finishing touches on a very aggressive road season and will soon begin hauling sand to get ready for winter. As presented last year, the Town, in conjunction with Vincent’s Heating and NYSERDA, are putting the finishing touches on converting the Municipal Building and the Highway Garage from oil heat to a renewable resource – wood pellets. We will be able to reduce our annual operating expenses for heating fuel as well as our carbon footprint.

A few dates to remember:

**October 12, 2015 – Town Board meeting** which will include a public hearing on the tax levy limitation and a budget workshop.

**October 18, 2015 – 8th Annual Skeleton Run** – please stop down to the Wilderness park to cheer on the runners, enjoy a pancake breakfast and visit local vendors.

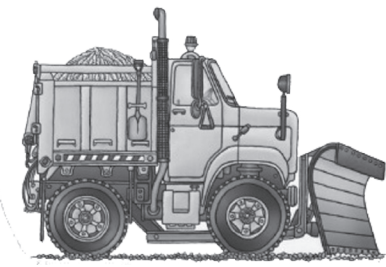
**November 9, 2015 – Town Board meeting** which will include the public hearing on the 2016 budget.

***Tax collection (Town and County) will now be done through the Town Clerk’s Office beginning January 1st, 2016. Please visit the website for additional information.***

As always, please keep a watchful eye out for children in the roads.

Scott P. Mahardy  
*Supervisor*

# A MESSAGE FROM YOUR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT



As the summer season comes to an end, the Highway Department hopes everyone had a fun and event filled summer months. The Highway Department had a very busy year with all the large paving projects

we are in the process of completing. As we all know the storms in 2014 cut our paving season short with all the clean-up, we added last year's projects on to the projects for 2015 which made for a very busy summer. This fall, if time permits we will be working on installing driveway culverts that residents have permits for and some normal road maintenance work.

In past newsletters you have heard me talk about the consent order from DEC and EPA on the repairs to the Oneida County Sewer System. The Town of Deerfield sewer system feeds into the Oneida County system so this makes us part of the consent order, along with other towns and villages. As of now you may have noticed the National Water Main trucks around town this company is surveying and taking a video of all the pipe and manholes in town. The engineers will be giving a report as to the repairs we will need to make. Most of the system in town was installed in the early 1970's. The Highway Department is slowly taking on the repairs to the system; we will be repairing some manholes in need of dire repair as soon as possible.

Green waste collection has been going very well each month with some still putting out green waste loose. We only collect green waste loose in the spring at the curb, May through October green waste is only picked up with a compactor from containers at the curb. Brush is to be

piled separate for collection to be chipped by a separate crew. **PLEASE DO NOT PUT OUT YOUR GREEN WASTE TO THE CURB LOOSE**, help us keep our town looking nice and neat. Our last green waste collection will be October 5, shortly after that we will start leaf collection as soon as they fall. **LEAVES CAN BE PUT AT THE CURB SIDE LOOSE TO BE VACUUMED UP**. A reminder to residents you can bring green waste to the Highway garage anytime also trash can be dropped off during our normal work hours.

As the winter months are fast approaching, the Highway Department will be getting ready for the snow season ahead. We will be bringing in the materials we need and mixing the sand and salt. We also are getting the plows ready installing plows and sanders making any repairs needed for the 2015 and 2016 plowing season. A few reminders for residents for the winter ahead please do not plow snow across the road it could cause an accident and you could be held libel if someone gets hurt. When the snow banks get large children love to play in them and the plow drivers can't see them we don't want to see them get hurt. There is no parking on any of the town of Deerfield streets 1am to 7am you could be towed. Keep garbage cans out of the street the plows could knock them over.

On behalf of everyone here at the Highway Department I would like to say Thank you for a great year and the support you give us throughout the year. Thanks for all your comments good or bad this helps us refine what we do and a chance to explain why we do things in the manner in which we do them. Please call with any questions 826-7014 Monday to Friday 7am to 3:30pm

**Thank You**

**The Highway Department**



## DEERFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY INC;

### 2015 EVENT SCHEDULE

#### Fall Fresh Fish Frydays

October 2, 9

4-7 PM

#### Ladies Auxiliary – "Family Style" Roast Beef Dinner

Saturday, November 7th

4-7 PM

#### Craft Fair – Saturday, November 7th

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)

#### 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

Or by appointment

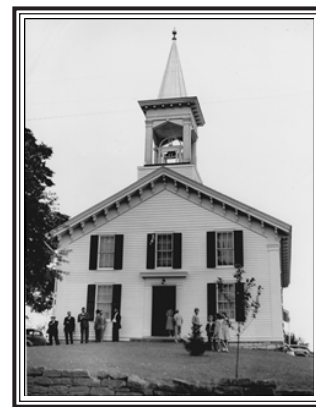
# TOWN HISTORIAN NEWS

## North Gage

By Jozef Malinowski (DeerfieldNY1798@gmail.com)

When I first moved to Deerfield, I mistakenly believed that the municipal building was located at the northern end of town. Much to my surprise, I soon discovered that it was actually the center of Deerfield, and there was so much more of our beautiful town to see. In fact, the town of Deerfield extends all the way to the West Canada Creek in the north, and a significant portion of our town's rich history is accredited to the community of North Gage. North Gage was prominently known throughout the state and country and was often mentioned in periodicals and publications.

In modern times, North Gage is commonly known as the hamlet surrounding the intersection of North Gage Road and Cameron Hill Road/Crooked Brook Road. However, especially in the 19th and early 20th centuries, this area was just the epicenter of a much larger North Gage community. It was often referenced as the northern portion of the 18,000 acres of Gage's Patent, which was granted to General Thomas Gage by King George III in 1769 for his service in the French and Indian War.



Warren Forbes and John Blue were the first settlers of North Gage, and George Sheaf, Jacob Coffin, Malcom Johnson and Alexander Walker also established their homesteads around the same time. Other early family names include: Schermerhorn, Cruikshank, Cox, Donnafield, Heatherington, Dewey, Read, Preston, MacIntyre, Beaton, Salisbury, and Brayton.

As the early pioneers became established in town, so came the growth of agriculture and industry, and North Gage was well known for its dairy products and cheese manufacturing. The first cheese factory was built in 1868 by Archibald Blue. In 1894, there were five cheese factories in town. Cornelius and Levi Schermerhorn were recognized internationally for their cheese-making skills and were even invited to England and Holland to teach their efficient methods of production. Highlighting the importance of agriculture, a farmer from North Gage once presented Ulysses S. Grant with a large loaf filled with gooseberries and blackberries, during his visit to Utica in 1872.

North Gage also had a saw mill, tannery, shoe shop, grange, "village" hall, blacksmith shop, and general store.

The Union Church (North Gage Presbyterian Church) was at the heart of North Gage and was originally established in 1829 by Baptists and Presbyterians. Its current building, adjacent to the North Gage Cemetery, was rebuilt in 1858 and re-dedicated in 1859, making it one of the oldest publicly accessible buildings in town. Susan B. Anthony and Abbie Kelly were said to have once lectured at the church. Old Home Day is a tradition celebrated on the 3rd Sunday of August each year, and next year will mark its 90th celebration. It is a great opportunity for members of the North Gage community to gather and celebrate its pioneers and families.

The Cameron Bridge, an iconic wooden, covered bridge, once provided a pathway over the West Canada Creek for troops marching to Sacket's Harbor, along the Military Road, during the War of 1812. It eventually became unusable and dilapidated and was razed by fire in 1937.

The first schoolhouse in North Gage was built in 1807, and Aaron Read was the first teacher. North Gage had its own post office, established in 1831, and Daniel Schermerhorn was its first postmaster. Schermerhorn Hill on NYS Route 8 was dedicated in 1997 to recognize the accomplishments of the Schermerhorn family.

As autumn quickly approaches and you travel northward, consider taking a ride through the rolling hills of Deerfield, North Gage, and Gage's Patent. Our border is just about 8 miles from the blue line boundary of the Adirondack Park, and our fall colors, breathtaking landscape, and amazing history will be sure to dazzle.

*(Sources: Gazetteer and Business Directory of Oneida County, N.Y. for 1869, compiled and published by Hamilton Child; Daily Observer, 8/1/1872; Utica Weekly Herald, 10/2/1894; Deerfield, New York: A Glimpse into the Past by Virginia C. Loin; Our Deerfield Heritage 1798-1976)*

## SENIOR NEWS

The seniors **meet every Thursday from 9am to 3:30pm**. On the first Thursday of the month, a representative from the Office of the Aging will be at the Municipal Building from 1 pm until 2 pm to answer any questions you may have on Heat or other services.

On the **third Thursday** there is a bus that goes to the Turning Stone. They leave Deerfield Firehouse at 9 am returning around 5 pm. The cost is \$10 to cover the cost of the bus.

On **Tuesday, October 27th** the seniors will be hosting an AARP Smart Driving Class. The class will last from 9 am until 3:30 pm.

Coffee, tea and water will be provided, please bring a lunch. The cost is \$20 if you are an AARP member and \$25 if you are not. Please have your check made out to AARP.

On **October 29th**, we will be having our Halloween Party. Come in costume.

**November 17th** we will be going to the **Seneca Niagra** and on **November 21st** we will go to the **Rusty Rail** to see "See How They Run."

**For further information of the seniors or activities, please contact Lura at 724-0413 ext. 28.**



# SKELETON RUN APPLICATION

Course Map located on the back cover

## Entry Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Age (on 10/19) \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Male ☐ Female  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

### REQUIRED - PLEASE READ & SIGN

Waiver: In consideration of the acceptance of this application by the Town of Deerfield, I the undersigned, intending to be legally bound and hereby, for myself, my underage children, my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, waive and release all rights and claims for damages I may have against the race organizers, race sponsors, Town of Deerfield, and Oneida County, and their representatives and successors of any or all injuries suffered by me or my family members running in the run to be held in the Town of Deerfield on October 19th 2014. I verify that I am physically fit, along with my family members (if applicable), and I/we have trained sufficiently for the completion of this race. I understand that participation in road racing events carry with it inherent risks. I also grant permission for the use of photos of myself and my family to be used for Town of Deerfield promotional use or by the media.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent/guardian of runners under age 18: \_\_\_\_\_

Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian during this event.

### RACE ENTRY

Kids' Fun Run

\$5.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Deerfield resident

Free x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

3K Run

\$6.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

5K Challenge Run

by 9/19/14 (free shirt)

\$20.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

after 9/19/14

\$25.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Presale Shirt Order

Shirt Size: youth (Y)/adult (A)

Short Sleeve T-shirt \$12.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

OVS OYM OYL OAS OAM OAL OAXL

Long Sleeve Wick Shirt \$20.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Optional Breast Cancer Donation ☐ \$1.00

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_



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8TH ANNUAL

# DEERFIELD SKELETON RUN



OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup>  
 WILDERNESS PARK  
 DEERFIELD, NY



## FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

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1/4 MILE KIDS' RUN - 9 A.M. • 3K RUN - 9:30 A.M. • 5K RUN - 10 A.M.

INFORMATION & REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE AT

**DEERFIELDSKELETONRUN.COM**

OR E-MAIL DRFLDSKELETONRUN@AOL.COM

# DEERFIELD YOUTH PROGRAM



## *Message from our Youth Director*

Please look for our schedule on

Facebook and our Website:

<http://www.eteamz.com/DeerfieldYouthProgram/>

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Karen Day at [drfldrecprogram@aol.com](mailto:drfldrecprogram@aol.com)

Thank you once again for sharing your children with us.  
**Karen Day – Youth Director**

We had a gorgeous summer with the children of Deerfield. 40 – 50 children joined us weekly for 6 weeks of fun, games and learning. Our group enjoyed 3 bus trips out of Town, to The Marquee Theater, Trenton Beach and Wonderworks in Syracuse. Together we learned flower arranging, enjoyed water fun day, with water balloons and spray bottles, a Magic show, movies and a Karaoke contests. Arts and Crafts were also a big part of our days as well as team sports such as kickball games and volley ball games. Our Staff and Leaders have offered a great bit of effort to make the children have and enjoy a positive summer season and hopefully give parents peace of mind.

Now that summer is over we are heading into the Fall/Winter season and Our Youth program activities continue with a few changes. Our events will now be held on weekends, usually 2 a month. Although our schedule is not ready to publish, I can tell you that we will be booking events, such as Ice skating, roller skating, bowling, movies and more. These event are usually free to all Deerfield youth residents however sometimes there is a small cost share price.

When our schedule comes out, you will find the place, times, locations and costs of each event.

## **Deerfield Skeleton Run:**

The Deerfield Skeleton Run is in its 8th year running. It has grown very much over the years and is becoming quite a community event.

This October 18th 2015, along with the 5k, 1.5 mile Run and the Kiddie Fun Run (¼ mile), there will be our famous pancake breakfast, Chinese raffle baskets, a vendor lane and free hay wagon rides. Some of the vendors we will see are the Oneida Co. Sheriff's Child ID trailer, Triple M & R Vegetable Stand, Mrs. Meyer – Avon, and Bill the Lemonade Guy and Carmel Corn.

*Anyone interested in a vendor spot please contact Lisa Zurek at [coral294@aol.com](mailto:coral294@aol.com)*  
Register now for any of the Runs – at [Getentered.com](http://Getentered.com) or go to our website [www.deerfieldskeletonrun.com](http://www.deerfieldskeletonrun.com) and print out the registration and mail to:

Deerfield Skeleton Run c/o Debbie Collins 10082 Davis Road, Deerfield NY 13502.

*Race day registration begins at 8:00 a.m. – as does our pancake breakfast.*

**5K – Sanctioned run - \$25.00**

**1.5 – mile run - \$6.00**

**Kiddie fun run – ¼ mile FREE TO DEERFIELD YOUTH  
- \$5.00 for NON RESIDENTS**

## **The Deerfield Hometown Hoe Down:**

For our first year, it was a great success. Over 70 people joined together for a night of good food, music and bonfire. Thank you to our committee members – Mary Ann Penree, Linda Hajdasz, Sam Arcuri Jr., Chris Pearl, and Karen Day. We would like to offer very special thanks for Joe Leonard who was our DJ the entire night. He did a remarkable job, keeping up with the music and providing a party atmosphere for people of all ages. We look forward to next year. Please keep this event in mind as we are always looking for volunteers to help organize and pull it off. If interested contact the Deerfield Clerks office.



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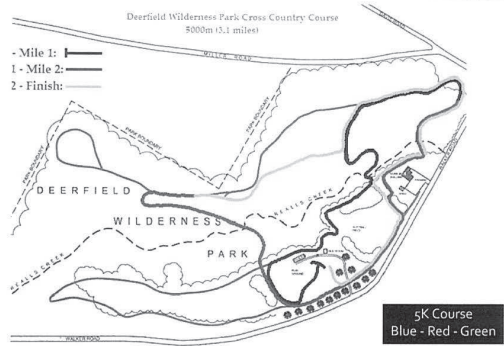
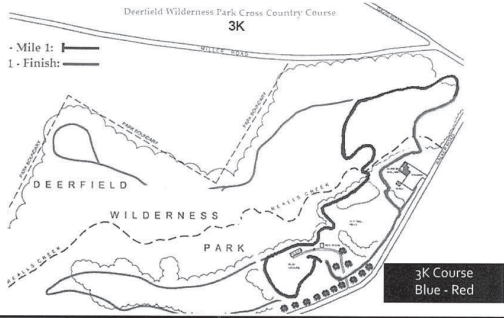
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OR E-MAIL: DRFLDRSKELETONRUN@aol.com



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Town Justice	Thomas Larkin Jr.	507-3058
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Assessor	Jane Buchner	732-5757
Planning Board (Chairman)	Mike Zarnock	734-9764
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Senior Citizen Director	Lura Raymo	724-0658
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Youth Director	Karen Day	723-4971
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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	
<b>Important Phone Numbers</b>		
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	
Whb.Transportation Dept.:	768-9740	
Poland High School:	826-7900	
Poland Elementary:	826-7000	

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# TOWN OF DEERFIELD PHONE LIST



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