

TOWN OF DEERFIELD



April 2016

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A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR

Spring has sprung!

We are very thankful for the mild winter this year and look forward to a very productive year regarding the roads. As of this date, we have been getting very favorable pricing back from the paving companies due to the reduction in oil prices. While this will allow us to accomplish more road repairs and rebuilds, the challenge now becomes the man hours needed to get the roads ready to be paved. Additional information will be posted on the Town's website once the board has reviewed and approved on the road schedule.

We are continuing to finalize the inspection of the Town's sewer lines and expect to have a final report providing the roadmap for repairs that must be accomplished to be in compliance with the NYSDEC consent order regarding the Sauquoit River Basin. We continue to explore opportunities from grant funding to assist the Town with the expenses that will be associated with the potential repairs.

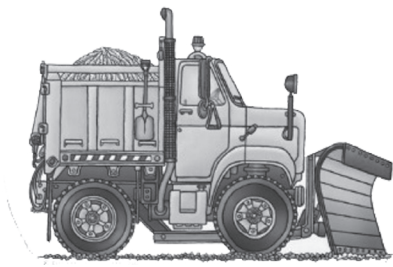
The board will be meeting over the course of the next few months to determine the future use of the old highway garage. The building has suffered some roof damage due to a storm and in the process of getting quotes to repair it, asbestos was found to be present. So at this point in time, the board needs to determine what, if any use, the building has looking forward before money is spent on asbestos abatement and repairs.

Lastly, please take time out to enjoy the various parks within the Town – there are opportunities for enjoyment by all ages. Please take the time to attend our board meetings. Your input is very important in determining what the needs and wants of the community are. Questions or comments can be directed to me at either **supervisor@townofdeerfield.org** or **724-0413 x50**

Scott P. Mahardy
Supervisor



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 cleanup 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 three 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.

DATES TO REMEMBER IN 2016:

April

11th - Start spring clean-up
23rd - Trash (Firehouse)

August

1st - Green Waste

May

2nd - First green waste
23rd - Start curb side trash

September

6th - Green Waste
10th - Trash (Firehouse)

June

6th - Green Waste

October

3rd - Last Green Waste
22nd - Last Saturday Trash
(Town Garage)

July

5th - Green Waste

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 23 at the Firehouse** on Trenton Road - please note this date. The other Saturday dates are **September 10** at the Firehouse and **October 22** at the Highway Garage. The Highway Department will also have curbside trash starting on **Monday, May 23 - 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.

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 have noticed two trucks around town from National Water Main Cleaning Company. They are flushing and inspecting the sewer system for leaks and main problems. Now that the inspection process is done the town will be receiving a complete inspection report of about 48 miles of piping the town owns. The Highway Department will be starting to schedule some repairs to the system after the report comes back. 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

The Great Annexation of 1916 – 100 Year Anniversary

By Jozef Malinowski (DeerfieldNY1798@gmail.com)

By 1916, the Town of Deerfield was no stranger to the term annexation. In 1798, both the town and Oneida County were incorporated, being originally part of Herkimer County. In 1832, a portion of the southwestern edge of the Town of Deerfield was annexed to create the Town of Marcy. In 1891, the southernmost portion of town, approximately 249 acres, was annexed to the City of Utica for the purpose of straightening the Mohawk River to alleviate areal flooding, moving the river to its current location. In 1913, there was also a brief movement to create a Village of Deerfield at Deerfield Corners, but that effort was not successful.

Then in 1916, the most significant annexation in our town's history became a reality. A total of 4,095 acres of land, spanning from near what is now Firehouse Road to the Mohawk River, from the Town of Marcy to the Herkimer County line, were transferred to the city, formally establishing North Utica (Utica's 16th ward). The bill having passed in the state Senate and Assembly and signed by Governor Whitman authorized the annexation to take effect on May 15, 1916.

Support of the measure was widespread among citizens of both the town and city. Residents on the northern end of town reported that they were tired of paying taxes that benefitted the city and did not want to pay for construction of a new bridge over the recently constructed river channel (referring to the bridges on both North Genesee Street and Miller Road). City residents were eager to explore what was publicly referred to in publication as No Man's Land, alluding to the fact that outside of Deerfield Corners, the majority of parcels were used for agricultural purposes and often consisted of dirt roads. Seward Miller, a member of the Chamber of Commerce committee on the matter, indicated that annexation would be beneficial to the growth of the city and would include a number of manufacturing sites, as well as ensure that many of the leading citizens of the city who have been searching for residences outside the city would now be within city limits. Supporters also pointed to the positive effects that the prior annexation in 1891 had for the city, such as road improvements, flood remediation, expansion of the railroad, and the elimination of public nuisances and illegal activities.

For the former residents and businesses of the town, annexation allowed for full access to city services including police and fire protection, garbage and ash collection, and access to city schools. However, as a result of the annexation, the Town of Deerfield lost: 359 pieces of property, including 80 dwellings; approximately 400 residents; four hotels (Wurz, Halpin, Widtman, and Whitney); three stores (Auert, Rein, Kasson); one meat market (Ferderer); two blacksmith shops (Hermant, Cobb); one floral shop (Hermant); one milk dealer (Schultz); a barber shop; shoe repair shop; lumber yard; and several saloons. The annexation also resulted in the termination of the original Deerfield Volunteer Fire Company, which served together for a period of time with the City of Utica Fire Department. Service for the town was ultimately provided by the city and neighboring departments.

For the city of Utica, it created a temporary challenge, as no monies in the city budget were allocated for providing these additional services in the first year. The city relied on bonding for the transitional year after the annexation to provide these services, and to also construct new police and fire boxes, a new bridge, and improvements to North Genesee Street, Walker Road (Coventry Ave), Seymour Road (Horatio Street), and Miller Road (Leland Ave). On a positive note for travelers, the much despised toll gate was ultimately removed, allowing free access to the new territory.

In the year of the annexation, the town officers continued to serve until their original terms expired. Frank G. Keyes was the first supervisor of the ward, and Peter Schilz was appointed as the first alderman by Mayor Smith. Both Keyes and Schilz were highly respected members of the community, and the decision bode well for both the town and city.

The day of annexation itself was marked with a celebration held at Deerfield Corners, which included the boom of cannon fire, reportedly making the earth tremble in its vicinity.

In 1953, another effort was made to annex a small portion of Deerfield to the city, but was rejected. In 1987, a movement to re-annex North Utica back to the Town of Deerfield did not succeed as well.

(Sources: The Utica Observer; Utica Saturday Globe; Utica Herald Dispatch; Utica Daily Press; Our Deerfield Heritage 1798-1976; Deerfield, New York: A Glimpse into the Past; Deerfield historical archives)

FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

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, 2016. Grievance Day is Tuesday, May 24th, 1-3pm and 7-9pm at the Municipal Building.

Thanks!
George Haskell

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS:

*Mon, Tues, Wed, and Fri: 8:00am - 4:00pm
Thurs: 8:00am - 6:00pm*

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE HOURS:

*Tuesdays: 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Or by appointment*

The Deerfield Town Board has established the following regular Town Board Meeting dates for 2016.

Monday, April 11th

Monday, May 9th

Monday, June 13th

Monday, July 11th

Monday, August 8th

Monday, September 12th

Monday, October 17th

Monday, November 14th

Monday, December 12th

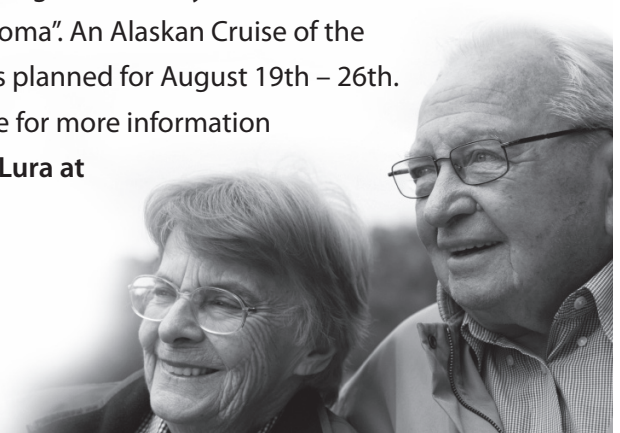
The regular Town Board meetings are conducted at the Deerfield Municipal Building, 6329 Walker Road, Deerfield, New York and will commence at 6:30PM. Meetings are open to the public and the building is accessible to the handicapped.

SENIOR NEWS

The seniors meet every **Thursday from 9:00AM – 3:00PM** at the Municipal Building. On the first Thursday of the month a representative from the Office of the Aging is present at 1:00 PM to answer any questions regarding services offered by the agency.

We go to Turning Stone the third Monday of the month for slots and Bingo. In April, the seniors will be going to the Rusty Tail in Canastota on April 15th for a luncheon and show, "Never Too Late". The RSVP Readers will be coming

to the Municipal Building at 12:30 on April 21st. A trip to Lancaster, PA is planned for May 18th – 20th. June 15th the seniors are going to the Merry-Go-Round Theater to see "Oklahoma". An Alaskan Cruise of the Inner Banks is planned for August 19th – 26th. Please call me for more information on any trip – **Lura at 724-0658.**



DEERFIELD YOUTH PROGRAM



Message from our Youth Director

The end of the Winter/Spring Youth Program is quickly coming to an end. We will have one last event – April 9th – A bus trip to THE MOST Museum is scheduled. The cost would \$5 per person.

Our Bus will pick up at the Trenton Road Firehouse at 12:30 and return approximately 5:30pm.

Look for our Summer Park Program schedule in our June newsletter.

Thank You,
Karen Day – Youth Director

ANNUAL TOWN WIDE GARAGE SALE

This year it will take place the weekend of May 20, 21& 22 2016.
If you would like to be included on the Garage Sale list & Map, there are many ways to sign up.

1. Call the Deputy Clerk @ 724-0413 ext 31
2. Email the Deputy Clerk at deputyclerk@townofdeerfield.org
3. Fax or send the information to the Clerk's office 793-3032
4. Come visit us at the Clerk's office at 6329 Walker Road, Deerfield

This year's DEADLINE is MAY 13th 2016

You will need to provide the following information:

1. Name, Address, & Phone Number (only your address will be published)
2. Give us the dates of your sale (for that weekend)
3. List items beginning with the most important – (We will include as many as possible.)

Color Posters have been printed for your use, you can pick them up at the Town Clerk's Office at the Deerfield Municipal Building 6329 Walker Road.

The completed list will be available on May 17th at the following locations:

1. Deerfield Municipal Building 6329 Walker Road
2. Tasty Treat, Coventry Ave, North Utica
3. The Deerfield Website: www.townofdeerfield.org



TRANSIENT MERCHANTS & PEDDLERS

The town of Deerfield enacted, in 1996, local Law No. 2 regulating transient merchants and peddlers. The Law was amended in 2009 strengthening the requirement that all merchants and peddlers selling wares in the Town of Deerfield must obtain a peddler license issued through the Town Clerk's office.

An Application has to be filled out and accompanied by a photo ID. On this application they need to list their name, and address plus the name and address of the company they are representing, we have them list the car & license plate number of the care they will be using.

Licenses issued by the town will have a picture ID copied onto it. Always ask to see the peddler's license and picture ID. If the peddler can show a valid peddler license, you should not allow them to remain on your premises or enter your home.

You can contact the **Town Clerk's Office, 724-0413 ext 23** to verify the issuance of a valid peddler's license. You may also contact the **Oneida County Sheriff Department at 736-8364.**

Deerfield's Skeleton Run - October 16th 2016

The town of Deerfield is holding its 9th Annual Skeleton Run in celebration of Halloween. The event will be held at the new Cross Country Trail System in Wilderness Park.

In 2015 over 300 people participated, and this year even more are expected. All runners are welcome to come in costume and the race is open to both adults and children.

Runners can compete in a challenging cross country 5K run, or choose a more moderate 1.5 mile route.

The kiddie run is ¼ mile, is free to all Deerfield Youth, and goodie bags will be given to all who finish this run. The fee for Non-resident youth will only be \$5 per child.

Registration for the 5K run \$25, whereas the 1.5 is only a \$6, Registration fee. The both 1.5 mile & 5K Runs, which will be timed, and includes hills and dirt trails.

To register go to <https://www.getentered.com/>, or visit us at Skeleton Run on Facebook.

Preceding and during the races there will be pancake breakfasts, Vendor Lane, hayrides and music scheduled throughout the day.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact us – at 724-0413 ext 31.

SAVE THE DATE!
OCTOBER 16, 2016

9TH ANNUAL
DEERFIELD SKELETON RUN

*Utica Roadrunners
Grand Prix Race*




DeerfieldSkeletonRun.com


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DEERFIELDSKELETONRUN.COM
OR E-MAIL DRFLDSKELETONRUN@AOL.COM

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FREE WICK SHIRT
WHEN YOU REGISTER
FOR THE 5K RUN
BY SEPTEMBER 20.

FIRE LINE OFFICERS FOR 2016

Fire Chief Brian DeStefanis, Jr

1st Assistant Chief Christopher Heretz
2nd Assistant Chief Kevin Powers
3rd Assistant Chief James Griffiths

Senior Captain Gregory Gerrard
Captain Justin Yourdon

Senior Lieutenant Stephen Pawlinga
Lieutenant Ed Dudek
Lieutenant Corky Risley
Lieutenant Matthew Lozada

CIVIL OFFICERS FOR 2016

President Christopher Heretz

Vice President Andy Frank
Secretary Robert W. Day
Treasurer Corky Risley
Financial Secretary Vincent Costelli

Sgt at Arms - Kevin Boyer Sr

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chairman Kevin Powers	Member Angelo Gigliotti
Vice Chairman Wayne Brosemer	Member Lisa White
	Member Maeve Semo

Member Samuel Arcuri, Jr.

SERVICE AWARDS

Anthony S. Iacavino Award:
Chief Brian DeStefanis Jr....

45 Years of Service:

Past Chief John Collver

40 Years of Service:

Wayne Brosemer
Pat Nolan

25 Years of Service:

Sam Arcuri Jr.
Past Chief Richard Douglass

Past Chief Gary DeStefanis Jr.

Brian Lange

15 Years of Service:

Kevin Powers

10 Years of Service:

Angelo Gigliotti
Patrick Yourdon

5 Years of Service:

Matt Lozada
Maeve Semo
Ed Dudek
Corky Risley



TOP RESPONDERS 2016 • 284 TOTAL ALARMS IN 2015

Vincent Costelli

168

George Haskell

166

James Griffiths

153

Maeve Semo

144

Robert W. Day

127

Ed Dudek

118

Lisa White

109

Brian DeStefanis Jr.

105

Matthew Lozada

104

Fires: 14

EMS/Rescue/MVA: 218

Hazardous Conditions: 5

Service Calls: 3

Good Intent: 28

False Trip: 16

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DEERFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMAPNY INC • 2016 EVENT SCHEDULE

Boy Scout Troop 59 Mothers' Day Breakfast

Sunday, May 8, 8:30 AM –12

Chicken Barbecue

Sunday, June 5, 12-5 PM

Field Days with Hawkins Rides

June 16-18

Thursday -Waterball 7 PM

Friday - Parade 7 PM

Saturday – Motorized Firematics
– noon

Fall Fresh Fish Frydays

September 23,30, October 7, 14,
4-7 PM

Ladies Auxiliary

"Family Style" Roast Beef Dinner

Saturday, November 5 , 4-7 PM

Craft Fair

Saturday, November 12,

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)

Deerfield Fire Chief	Brian DeStefanis Jr. 732-2693
Tax Collector	Tracy Jubis 724-0413 x 23
County Legislator	Philip M. Sacco 796-2034
Dog Control Officer	Jim Griffiths 939-0415
Youth Director	Karen Day 723-4971
Town Historian	Jozef Malinowski 542-3086
Senior Citizen Director	Lura Raymo 724-0658
Zoning Board of Appeals (Chairman)	Lura Raymo 724-0658
Planning Board (Chairman)	Michael Zarnock 734-9764
Assessor	George Haskell 732-1789
Town Justice	Thomas Larkin Jr. 507-3058
Town Justice	Jim Sullivan 507-3058
Deputy Clerk & Deputy Registrar	Karen Day 724-0413 x 31
Town Clerk & Registrar	Tracy Jubis 724-0413 x 23
Councilperson	David Barone 793-0843
Councilperson	Candace Oczkowski 794-4905
Councilperson	Michael Collins 798-9344
Councilperson	Phillip Domser 732-1262
Highway Superintendent	Sam Arcuri, Jr. 826-7014 Work
Supervisor	Scott Mahardy 738-0311
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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