

# TOWN OF DEERFIELD



April 2017

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR

Spring is officially here, we are just hopeful Mother Nature looks at the calendar and agrees! I wish to thank all of the residents for their patience and understanding after the recent epic storm that occurred on March 14-15. A big thank you needs to be said to our Highway Department who worked tirelessly around the clock getting roads open and keeping the residents safe

We are in the process of identifying road projects for the upcoming season and getting pricing. We look forward to a very productive year regarding the roads this year. The weather will play a role in the amount of work we can get accomplished this year, in conjunction with the sheer number of man hours needed to accomplish the work. Additional information will be posted on the Town's website once the board has reviewed and approved on the road schedule.

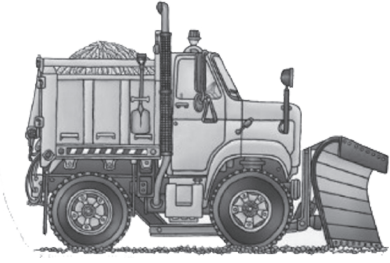
We have received the final report on the inspection of the Town's sewer lines and manholes and are currently reviewing all of the data and expect to conduct meetings over the next few months to develop a comprehensive plan to make the repairs, work out timelines and develop funding mechanisms for the 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](mailto:supervisor@townofdeerfield.org) or 724-0413 x50.

**Regards,**

Scott P. Mahardy  
Supervisor

# A MESSAGE FROM YOUR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT



The Highway Department hopes everyone is doing well after what was the oddest winter I remember in some time. As this newsletter comes out, we hope the weather will be getting warmer and spring

weather here with a great summer ahead. The Highway Department will be out as soon as possible when the weather permits to finish last details on projects leftover from last fall.

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 this pick-up.** All other green waste collections throughout the year need to be in containers with brush piled separately for collection.

As many of the town residents may know, the Town Board and the Highway Department moved to a new Green Waste Collection Plan four 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 and put in the designated area.

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 22 at the Firehouse** on Trenton Road - please note this date. The other Saturday dates are **September 9 at the Firehouse** and **October 21 at the Highway Garage**. The Highway Department will also have curbside trash starting on **Monday, May 22 - 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 so we can have people to help you.



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 has received 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 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](mailto:townofdeerfield@centralny.twcbc.com). Also, you can visit the Highway Department's newly created Facebook page for more information.

**Thank You!**

**The Highway Department**

## **DATES TO REMEMBER IN 2017:**

### **April:**

**10<sup>th</sup> - Start spring clean-up**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> - Trash (Trenton Road Firehouse)**

### **May:**

**1<sup>st</sup> - Green Waste Collection**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> - Start curb side trash**

### **June:**

**5<sup>th</sup> - Green Waste Collection**

### **July:**

**3<sup>rd</sup> - Green Waste Collection**

### **August:**

**7<sup>th</sup> - Green Waste Collection**

### **September:**

**5<sup>th</sup> - Green Waste Collection**  
**9<sup>th</sup> - Trash (Trenton Road Firehouse)**

### **October:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> - Last green waste**  
**21<sup>st</sup> - Trash at Town Garage**



## 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, 2017. Grievance Day is Tuesday, May 23rd, 1-3pm and 7-9pm at the Municipal Building. Information and application for filing a grievance can be found on the Town website: [townofdeerfield.org](http://townofdeerfield.org)

Thanks  
George Haskell

### **The Deerfield Town Board has established the following regular Town Board Meeting dates for 2017:**

- Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>
- Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup>
- Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>
- Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup>
- Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>
- Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>
- Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>
- Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>
- Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>

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.

### **TAX COLLECTOR:**

If you have not paid your 2017 Town & County taxes yet, please be aware that payments can no longer be accepted by mail or at the Municipal Building. Payments now have to be paid to the Oneida County Finance Department, located at 800 Park Avenue in the Oneida County Office Building.

Tracy J Jubis  
Tax Collector  
315-724-0413 ext. 23

### **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 requirements 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 and license plate number of the car they will be using.

Licenses issued by the Town will have a picture ID copied onto it. Always as to see the peddler's license and picture ID. If the peddler cannot 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, 315-724-0413 ext. 23** to verify the issuance of a valid peddler's license

# TOWN WIDE GARAGE SALE

## May 19th, 20th, and 21st

It's that time again, Time to clean out all those years of "stuff" and make some money. The Deerfield Town Wide Garage Sale is scheduled for May 19th, 20th, and 21st. which will be followed by our Town Wide Trash Pick Up, Making it easier to move it all from the Attic to the Garage to the Curb. We will have posters for all residents who register their garage sale with the Town Clerk's Office. Prior to the big weekend, we will print out schedules and maps for shoppers to pick up at the Deerfield Municipal Building or Tasty Treat Ice cream shop.



To register your garage sale, call the Deerfield Deputy Clerk - 315 724-0413 ext. 31. or email your information to [deputyclerk@townofdeerfield.org](mailto:deputyclerk@townofdeerfield.org).

## DEERFIELD YOUTH PROGRAM



### Karen Day – Youth Director

As our Fall/Winter/Spring Youth Program comes to an end, I want to say

thank you to all the families who came out and joined us in all in our many activities. Our last event will be held April 2 at Chuck E Cheese – Kmart Plaza 1pm – 3:30 pm. Each child will be given tokens, 2 slices of Pizza and unlimited drinks. Parents with children over the age of 4 can leave and return before 3:30pm.

In July we will start our Summer 6 week Park Program. This program is offered for free to all Deerfield residents. We do allow nonresidents to participate in our program for a fee. It is a one-time summer fee – good for all 6 weeks of the program.

In the past, Schuyler residents signed up and participated while paying only half the cost, as the town of Schuyler agreed to pay the other half.

Our summer park program provides for the children in our community to spend time outdoors, playing games, team sports, arts and crafts, and learn and admire nature while being supervised by our youth Program Staff. We take 2- 3 field trips out of the park, and bring in some educational or physical activities for the children to take part in.

*The Deerfield Youth Program wants to thank the Deerfield Skeleton Run Committee for their donation of Snow Shoes to our town program. We now own 20 pairs of snowshoes of all sizes for our families to use for next year's winter fun.*

**We are currently looking to fill 2 summer time positions in our Summer Youth Park Program this year. Youth Leader - Adults must have 2 years of work experience (working with children) If interested please contact Karen Day - Youth Director for details and applications**



# One Great Storm Placed Us in the Middle of History

In my generation, it was the Blizzard of '93. For many, it was the great Blizzards of '66 and '77. This past week, it was winter storm Stella. As difficult and exhausting as these weather events were for the entire community, they are now engraved in the history books forever.

History doesn't stop at the last chapter, it is being continuously written. We just happened to be a part of the most recent episode.

Winter storm Stella, just as the others, will be a reference

point for future winter storms, a topic of discussion at the Thanksgiving dinner table, and will serve to inspire motivational speeches to our children and grandchildren. It was an epic storm, but it also serves as an opportunity to send an epic thank you to our Highway Department, National Guard, and first responders.

The following photographs from our historical archives depict snow events in the town and county circa 1930's-1960's.



## 2017 Town Anniversaries

- **1777** - Battle of Oriskany; the "star and stripes" were flown in battle at Fort Stanwix; first time in US
- **1792** - Dr. Francis Guiteau settled in what would become Deerfield and began the practice of medicine
- **1807** - First log schoolhouse built in North Gage

- **1807** - Forest House, known as Deerfield Tavern, built south of Trenton
- **1812** - Second Baptist Society built a frame church on what is now Herkimer Road
- **1812** - Daniel Schermerhorn was the first person to volunteer from Deerfield for the War of 1812
- **1832** - Act was passed March 30, 1832 that formed the Town of Marcy from a part of Deerfield
- **1847** - Construction began on the Northern Plank Road, connecting Deerfield to Remsen
- **1852** - Horatio Seymour, called the Sage of Deerfield, served as Governor of New York State
- **1872** - Saint Peter's Church was organized and the church was built in 1879
- **1907** - Electric trolleys replaced the old horse cars, including the Deerfield line
- **1917** - New York State Barge Canal opened; World War I began
- **1937** - Turnbull Heights developed at the base of Smith Hill
- **1937** - The Cameron Hill covered bridge was demolished by fire over the West Canada Creek
- **1952** - Harry Nashold developed "The Wells Farm."
- **1962** - Horatio Seymour's former home was destroyed by fire.
- **1972** - Don Youlan was elected Town Supervisor and served 22 years
- **1972** - Don's Ford auto dealership was dedicated

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

## FROM THE OFFICE OF BUILDING & CODES

### It's the Law - Egress Window Requirements

**The IRC 2015 or International Residential Code pertains to all single and two family homes.**

The intent of the code is to keep you and your loved one safe by requiring a means of egress in basement level living spaces. The reason for needing a means of egress are twofold; to allow for an exit in case of an emergency, and to provide access for a firefighter to gain entrance. You will find that each product on this site clearly states whether it complies with the egress window requirements. The code gets updated every three years. Check with your local building department to determine

what version of this code is being enforced in your area at this time.

**Here is an overview of section R310 of the code that are applicable to Egress Windows:**

Egress windows (or doors) are required in every habitable space. Especially in any room used for sleeping purposes, it will require its own egress window. Remodeler: if you have an existing home and you add a sleeping room, or finish a separate living space in the basement, the code requires that you install an egress window to serve these spaces.

Without a means of egress, these rooms can represent a dangerous fire trap if you do not have a quick and easy to operate emergency egress escape window. If you have a basement that has a bedroom, recreation room, den, family room, media room, office, or home gym. All of these rooms are required to have a means of egress.

### **Basement Egress Window Requirements**

- The bottom of the egress window opening can't exceed 44" from the finished floor.
- The minimum opening area of the egress window is 5.7 square feet.
- The minimum egress window opening height is 24" high.
- The minimum egress window opening is 20" wide.
- The egress window must have a glass area of not less than 8% of the total floor area of room(s) for which it is servicing, to allow the minimum amount of sufficient natural light. \*The egress window must have a opening area of not less than 4% of the total floor area of room(s) for which it is servicing, to allow the minimum amount of natural ventilation.

\* Multiple windows can be used to service a single area where one window does not meet these percentages of total floor area. As long as the totaled amounts from this combination of windows meet or exceed the 8% for natural light and 4% for natural ventilation.

### **Egress Window Wells**

- Egress window wells are required where the bottom of the egress window is below ground level.
- The egress well must not interfere with the egress window fully opening.
- The distance from the egress window to the back of the Egress well must be at least 36"
- The minimum area of the egress well must be 9 square feet. (width x projection)

### **Egress Ladders and/or Steps**

- Egress ladders and or steps are required on window wells deeper than 44" and must be permanently attached.
- An egress ladder or step may encroach into well up to 6".
- Steps and/or distance between rungs of the ladder can't exceed 18".
- The rungs of an egress ladder must be 12" wide or greater and must project a minimum of 3" away from the back wall, but can't exceed 6" from the back of the wall.

### **Egress Well Cover and/or Well Grates**

- Shall be easily opened or removed from the inside of the egress well without special tools.
- These requirements are intended to make sure an average, able bodied person, would be able to both fit through and lift themselves up, and out the window. Please keep in mind whom may be using the living space in your basement and adjust these requirements as you feel necessary.

The law only dictates the minimum required by law and may not be what best suits your needs. Use your common sense when picking the egress window size and egress window well size that you feel is right for you and your family. Keep safety in mind.

See your local building inspector with questions regarding code requirements in your area. You are responsible for abiding by all applicable building codes in your area.



# FIRE CO NEWS

As we finish with up Lenten Fish Frydays, we would like to thank everyone in our community that has supported us at our fund raising events throughout the years. What you might not realize is that by doing this, you have helped us raise money that will assist the district with purchasing much needed lifesaving and firefighting equipment. Your support also helps us your fire company maintain facilities used for community activities such as Boy Scout Troop 59 along with fire prevention for Deerfield Elementary School.

We would like to ask you to consider taking your support a step further by becoming a member of our fire department. Our department has something for everyone. Active membership consists of everything from Fire Police (traffic control) to EMS and Interior Firefighting. The requirements for these classifications vary considerably and it would be best to speak to one of us in person if you are interested. A great time to do this would be at our open house and recruitment event at the Trenton Road Firehouse on Saturday April 29th from 10:00am to 2:00pm. We will have displays, demonstrations and informational materials available.

Another type of membership, the associate membership consists of assisting with our fund raising events and other non-emergency functions.

***With the warmer weather approaching please remember a few things:***

- The NY State Department of Environmental Conservation has placed an outdoor burn ban in effect to May 14.
- You can still send in donations to our fund drive.
- The Field Days will have a new ride company this year, Main Event Amusements. You can see their setup at [maineventamusements.com](http://maineventamusements.com).

As always we thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Brian DeStefanis Jr. - Chief

Andy Frank - Vice President

# The Deerfield Volunteer Fire Company has announced its officers for 2017 along with its most recent service awards.

## Fire Officers:

Chief Brian DeStefanis, Asst. Chief Christopher Heretz – **Anthony S. Iacovino Memorial Award Winner**, Asst. Chief Kevin Powers, Asst. Chief James Griffiths, Captain Justin Yourdon, Captain Steve Pawlinga, Lieutenant Corky Risley, Lieutenant Ed Dudek, Lieutenant Matt Lozada



## Civil Officers:

President Christopher Heretz, Vice President Andy Frank - **35 years service**, Secretary Bob Day, Treasurer Corky Risley, Financial Secretary Vincent Costelli

**Board of Directors** Chairman Kevin Powers, Vice Chairman Wayne Brosemer, Sam Arcuri Jr, Angelo Gigliotti, Lisa White, Maeve Yourdon

**Sargent at arms** – Sam Arcuri III

## Additional Service Award Winners:

Brian DeStefanis Sr. 50 years, Gary DeStefanis Sr. 50 years, Mike Winslow 45 years, Joe Oczkowski 40 years, David Collver 25 years, Greg Gerrard 20 Years, Kevin Yourdon 15 years.

**Top responders** – Robert Day 231, Vincent Costelli, Pat Husnay-185, Josh Clark -181, Jim Griffiths -180, George Haskell-176, Kevin Powers -131, Brian DeStefanis Jr. 130, Andy Frank 129, Ed Dudek-109, Lisa White-104, Steve Pawlinga -102, Maeve Yourdon -102.

**329 Alarms in 2016** – Fires 19, EMS/ Rescue/ MVA 240 Hazardous Conditions 8, Service calls 13, Good Intent 28, False Trips 21.

# Deerfield Volunteer Fire Company Inc.

## 2017 Schedule

### Lenten Fresh Fish Frydays

February 24 - April 21, 4-7 PM  
All seafood and fries cooked in  
low-cholesterol vegetable oil

### Boy Scout Troop 59

### Mother's Day Breakfast

Sunday, May 14, 8:30 AM - 12 PM

### Chicken Barbecue

Sunday, June 4, 12-5 PM

### Field Days with

### Main Event Amusements

***New ride company for 2017***

***maineventamusements.com***

June 15-17

Thursday - Waterball 7 PM

Friday - Parade 7 PM

Saturday - Motorized Firematics - noon

### Fall Fresh Fish Frydays

September 22 - October 13, 4-7 PM

### Ladies Auxiliary

### "Family Style" Roast Beef Dinner

Saturday, November 4, 4-7 PM

### Craft Fair

Saturday, November 11, 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)

*We do not solicit by phone*



## 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*

Deerfield Fire Chief	Brian Destefanis Jr.	315-732-2693
Tax Collector	Tracy Jubis	315-724-0413 x 23
County Legislator	Philip M. Sacco	315-796-2034
Dog Control Officer	Jim Griffiths	315-939-0415
Youth Director	Karen Day	315-723-4971
Town Historian	Jozef Malinowski	315-542-3086
Senior Citizen Director	Lura Raymo	315-724-0658
Zoning Board of Appeals (Chairman)	Lura Raymo	315-724-0658
Planning Board (Chairman)	Michael Zarnock	315-734-9764
Assessor	George Haskell	315-732-1789
Town Justice	Thomas Larkin Jr.	315-507-3058
Town Justice	Jim Sullivan	315-507-3058
Deputy Clerk & Deputy Registrar	Karen Day	315-724-0413 x 31
Town Clerk & Registrar	Tracy Jubis	315-724-0413 x 23
Councilperson	David Barone	315-793-0843
Councilperson	Candace Oczkowski	315-794-4905
Councilperson	Michael Collins	315-798-9344
Councilperson	Phillip Domser	315-732-1262
Highway Superintendent	Sam Arcuri, Jr.	315-826-7014 Work
Supervisor	Scott Mahardy	315-738-0311
Assessor		
Building & Codes		
Supervisor		
Town Clerk		
Senior Citizens		
Planning Room		
Court Room		
Important Phone Numbers		
Deerfield School:		315-266-3410
Whitesboro Parkway Sch:		315-266-3175
Whitesboro Middle Sch:		315-266-3100
Whitesboro High School:		315-266-3200
State Police: Business @		315-736-0122
Sheriff's Dept: Business @		315-736-8364
Deerfield Fire Department:		(Business) 315-732-2693
Whitb. Transportation Dept:		315-768-9740
Poland High School:		315-826-7900
Poland Elementary:		315-826-7000

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# TOWN OF DEERFIELD PHONE LIST



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