

# TOWN OF DEERFIELD



January 2017

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR

Unlike last year, winter is here early and likely to be a long and cold one. The highway department has been doing an outstanding job keeping the roads clear and safe for all those that travel within and through the town. Please be patient when you see one of our plow trucks since they have a very difficult job maintaining the roads in the winter.

The trails in the wilderness park are now being groomed for your use to either walk, snowshoe, or cross country ski. They are a great way to spend time with friends and family enjoying the outdoors and the natural beauty of the town's resources. The trails are not to be used by any form of motorized vehicles including snowmobiles or ATV's. Individuals caught with motorized vehicles on the trails will be subject to a ticket and or arrest. Thank you for respecting the use of these trails.

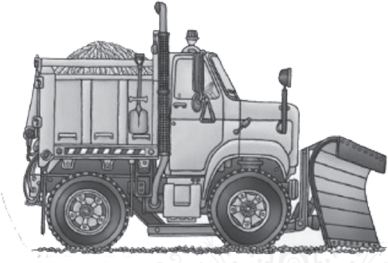
Recently you may have heard or read in the news that Oneida County Executive has commissioned a committee to review the distribution of sales tax to municipalities within Oneida County. Currently, the Town of Deerfield receives just over \$1.0 million in revenue that is split approximately 60% to the Highway Fund to keep taxes down and 40% to the General Fund where we have no tax. Any loss of sales tax revenue from a "re-distribution" will have a drastic impact on how we operate. Each loss of \$4,900 in the Highway Fund represents a 1% hit on the tax rate. While we are hopeful to remain whole, there is a possibility that we will lose some of our allocation and thus will be faced with reducing expenses (or services) and or raising taxes to make up the lost revenue.

***Have a safe and health holiday season!***

***Regards,***

Scott P. Mahardy  
*Supervisor*

# A MESSAGE FROM YOUR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT



The Highway Department hopes everyone has a great holiday season and everyone is in good health. With winter starting out early this year, the Highway Department would like to remind everyone to please drive with caution;

road temperatures are varying and can cause slick spots on the road. As the snow piles up, the Highway Department has a few reminders for everyone. Please keep cars off the street during overnight hours. This helps the Highway Department clear the streets more efficiently. In May 2009, our town adopted local law # 1-2009 which states that parked or abandoned vehicles on any public highways in the Town of Deerfield during snow storms, floods, fires, or other public emergencies can be removed at the owner's expense. **PLEASE DO NOT PUSH SNOW ACROSS THE ROADWAY.** This could cause an accident, and the person pushing the snow in the road could be held liable. Please keep trash cans clear of the curb so the plow won't knock them over.

When winter snow banks start to get higher, our children like to play in them and dig tunnels. Please remind them how dangerous this can be, as the plow drivers can't see them and we would not want to see anyone get hurt.

We hope everyone had a fun filled summer and enjoyed all the nice summer weather. The Highway had a very busy road construction year in 2016. When the 2016 summer construction season come to a close, the highway department still had some

small things to finish up on a few of our large projects. When the winter snow melts we will be out to finish the things we could not get to before the snow came. The Highway Department is planning another busy year in 2017. We will be splitting the construction season between maintenance and construction projects.

The Highway Department's trash collection site at the firehouse and the Highway Garage have worked out and has been well attended .We are going to continue having Saturday drop off times in 2017. Trash can be brought to the Town Highway Garage during our normal work hours; just call ahead so we can have someone there to help you load items into the dumpster. The Highway Department business hours are M-F 7:00AM to 3:30 PM. **Please do not drop off trash items after hours.** Green waste can also be brought to the Highway Garage any time and can be put in the designated area.

A number of years ago, the DEC and the EPA put out a sewer repair consent order because of the overflow problems during wet weather conditions. The Town of Deerfield and other towns are under this order. We have been attending meetings for some time. Things we are working on are **Sanitary Sewer Construction Standards** and ways to remove illicit water from the system. The town will have to inspect the complete sewer system and make repairs as needed. Oneida County Sanitary sewer has come out with a program called **OPERATION RIPPLE EFFECT.** This is information for the homeowner on how they can help



remove water from the sewer system and what to look for. As you have read in past newsletters we have had the complete sanitary sewer system inspected and the reports are back. The town is going to have to make some repairs we will be assessing the problems and prioritizing our repairs.

During the holiday season your kitchen never gets a rest. But food messes can have more consequences than just the time it takes to clean them up. Fats, oils and grease, also known as FOG, are used in or are byproducts of certain foods (cooking oil, meat fats, butter, salad dressing, mayonnaise and more). When warm or hot FOG may not seem like a big problem. However, after traveling down a sewer drain FOG cools and becomes solid, resulting in clogged pipes that can cause backups into your home or your neighbor's home. FOG also decreases capacity in the Oneida County sewer system, contributing to overflows at the Mohawk River.

So how much FOG is OK to go down the drain, Very little. In fact, the maximum concentration allowed by the Oneida County Sewer use ordinance is equivalent to one teaspoon of vegetable oil in 12-13 gallons of water. So what do you do with the rest?

Carefully pour warm not hot FOG into jars, cans and / or other containers. Once cooled, dispose of the container in the trash, or drop it off at the Oneida – Herkimer Solid Waste Authority's Utica residential convenience station on Leland Ave. in Utica during normal business hours.

**For more information visit [sewerrehabocsd.org/FOG](http://sewerrehabocsd.org/FOG)**

Please call the Highway Department or the Town Clerk, and we can get you the information.

We would like to thank everyone for a good year in 2016 and look forward to a great year in 2017. Thanks to all who remembered the Highway Department during the holidays with the thoughtful cards, Christmas cookies, and food sent to us. It is nice to know we are appreciated.

**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

Dear Residents,

**Exemptions for the upcoming year will be due in the Assessor's office by March 1st, 2017.**

Senior Exemption, the Basic Star exemption, Enhanced Star exemption and the Agricultural exemption. If you currently receive one of the above exemptions, except Basic Star, around January 1st you will receive a renewal form. Please fill it out and return it with any additional documentation by March 1st, 2017 to the Assessor's Office at 6329 Walker Road, Deerfield, NY 13502.

## **Enhanced Star Exemption**

To qualify for the Enhanced Star exemption, the resident must be 65 years of age by December 31, 2017 and you federal adjusted gross income must not be less than \$86,000. If you currently receive this exemption, I will send you a renewal form in January. Complete the form and return it with a copy of page 1 of your 2015 Federal income tax, to the Assessor's Office at 6329 Walker Road, Deerfield, NY 13502.

## **Senior Exemption**

This exemption gives tax relief for School, Town, and County taxes for those over 65 years of age by March 1st, 2017. The income figure must include all Social Security benefits, pensions and all income from stocks, bonds, bank interest, etc. Complete the form and return it with a copy of your 2016 income statements to the Assessor's Office at 6329 Walker Road, Deerfield, NY 13502.

## **Basic Star Exemption**

This exemption is available to all owner occupied residences. There is no income restraint for this exemption. There is no renewal process for this exemption, you only file once and receive the exemption annually. Any new residents should apply prior to March 1st, 2017, as the exemption will not carry over from a prior owner.

Office hours are Tuesday evenings from 6:00 - 8:00pm or by appointment. Call the Assessor at 724-0413 ext. 21 and leave a message or stop at the office.

Applications may be obtained and or filled out during the week from 10am till 3pm with the Town Clerk.

**George Haskell**  
Assessor

## **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*

## **TAX COLLECTOR**

Town and County tax bills are mailed out by the 1st of January by the Deerfield Town Clerk. If you no longer carry a mortgage on your home and pay your taxes directly, or do not have your taxes paid to an escrow account, and do not receive a bill in the mail, you can go to the town's website: [townofdeerfield.org](http://townofdeerfield.org), and follow the links to the 2017 Town & County tax bills, and print out a copy. You can also view your tax bill online at <http://egov.basgov.com/deerfield/>.

During the month of January you can pay your taxes either by mail or at the Municipal Building located at 6329 Walker Road, Monday thru Friday 9am to 2:30pm. Taxes may also be paid at the Firehouse, Trenton Road on Saturday, January 21st and 28th from 10am till 2pm. Payment is due in full, no partial payments accepted and must be paid or postmarked by January 31st, 2017 without penalty.

Taxes paid from February 1st through March 31st, add applicable penalties. Taxes paid after March 31st must be paid at the Oneida County Finance Department, which is located at the Oneida County Office Building, 800 Park Avenue, Utica, NY 13501. Taxes paid during the months of February and March can be paid at the Municipal Building on Monday, Wednesday & Fridays 9am to 2:30pm or by mail.

If you have any questions, please call the office at 315-724-0413 ext. 23

**Tracy J Jubis**  
Tax Collector



# WINTER FESTIVAL

## TOWN OF DEERFIELD SNOW SCULPTURE CONTEST

Build a snowman or unique snow sculpture ~ give us a call or FB us & we will come by to snap a picture and enter it in our town competition.

Winners will be announced at our

Snowfest Feb 4<sup>th</sup> 2017.

Contest begins now through Feb 2, 2017

Contact us at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/familyandfriendsofdeerfield/>

Or call Linda at 315 723 6100- leave name and address

# WINTER FESTIVAL

## TOWN OF DEERFIELD'S WILDERNESS PARK

6329 WALKER ROAD

February 4<sup>th</sup> 2017

1pm - 6pm

### Fun and Activities

*Snow Sculptures*

*Sledding/Tubing (bring your own)*

*Games (snow games)*

*Music / Dance*

*Bon-fire roasting marshmallows & hot dogs*

*Hockey / Snowshoeing*

Plan ahead and set the date for our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Winterfest. Bring your family and friends to join in this community event. Enjoy the fun, play in the snow or sit by the fire. All we ask is that you bring a dish to share, food or goodies. Bring your own drinks and we will provide: Pork & Chicken BBQ, Mac & Cheese, Riggies and Chili



# DEERFIELD YOUTH PROGRAM



## Youth Program News

Brrrrr - Winter is here ~ that is for sure. So we would like to keep our youngsters busy both in and out of the Snow with our Winter/Spring Youth Program Schedule.

January 7th – Roller Skating – Skate A While Rome Rink opens from 1:30 – 4pm

**Bus Transportation provided, Meet at the Firehouse at 1pm- return approx. 4:30 pm**

January 22 – Ice Skating – 2:30 – 5pm New Hartford Rec Center – 4 Mill St, New Hartford

February 4th – Community SNOW FEST – 1pm – 6pm Wilderness Park Walker Road,

February 11th – Tubing – Snow Ridge – 12:30pm – 3:30 pm Cost/Share - \$7.00 per person

**Bus Transportation Provided Meet at the Firehouse at 11:45 – return approx. 4:15pm**

**Dress warm, tall thick sock, thick gloves or mittens, ( or 2 pairs ) snow-pants and winter coats. You can bring snacks or visit the snack bar. Children will be responsible for their own purchases.**

February 18th – Movie Night at Town Hall 6329 Walker Road 6:45 pm

**Bring your pillows, blankies and stuff animals, and curl up to enjoy the show.**

**Movie to be announced. We will have an array of goodies to enjoy.**

February 25th or 26th - XC skiing at Breia,  
**More information to follow.**

March 4th – Candy Bar Bingo – **Community Room – Town Hall 6329 Walker Road 1:30 pm – approx. 4pm** **Bring a regular size candy bar for each card you plan to play, Each card is good for 12 games – 3 Card Limit**

March 11th – Bowling – **Vista Lanes – 2 hours of Bowling –( lanes turn on at 1:30 and turn off at 3:30pm) – Please arrive at 1pm to get your shoes and balls. 2 slices of Pizza and soda will be served.**

March 25th - Roller Skating – Skate A While Rome Rink opens from 1:30 – 4pm

**Bus Transportation provided, Meet at the Firehouse at 1pm- return approx. 4:30 pm**

April 2nd – Chuck E Cheese – **Kmart plaza – 1:00 – 3:30pm**

**Tokens, 2 slices of Pizza, and unlimited drink.**

**Karen Day- Youth Director 724 0413 x 31 or cell 723 4971 (leave a message)**

**Paul Zaleski – Youth Leader 368 3532**

## The Churches of Deerfield

Since the early days of Deerfield, churches and other houses of faith have been an important part of the town's history. These churches not only served their respective congregations, but were often meeting places and gathering points for the community in general. One such example is that during the abolitionist and suffragette movement, Susan B. Anthony was said to have spoken at the North Gage Union Church. In Deerfield, a few churches were also associated with cemeteries located in close proximity, providing a final resting place for many of the town's citizens as well. The following churches originated and/or were located in the Town of Deerfield. Some later became a part of North Utica after the annexation of 1916.

### First Baptist Church of Deerfield/First Baptist Church of North Utica-Herkimer Road



An outgrowth of early pioneer religious meetings and the formation of the Second Baptist Society of Deerfield in 1801, the sanctuary was built in 1811 and is currently listed on the New York

state and national registers of historic places. Rev. Oded Eddy was the first pastor.

### North Gage Union Church/North Gage Presbyterian Church-North Gage Road

With humble beginnings as a Sunday School in the early 1800's, and the founding of the Presbyterian and Baptist Society of Deerfield in



1828, the church was established in 1829 and rebuilt in 1859.

### Salem Church/Welsh Congregational Society of Deerfield

Originally located in the southwest part of Deerfield, and now located in the southeast part of the Town of Marcy. Land for the church and

cemetery was gifted in 1815, and the society was formed in 1830. The name Salem was added in 1840. The original church building was moved and repurposed as a cheese factory. The current structure was built in 1859.

### Church of the Holy Cross-Bell Hill Road

Roman Catholic Church established in 1838 as an outgrowth of a mission that began circa 1808. At its peak, weekly mass attendance was noted as being over 500 people in good weather. The church closed in 1868, and a final mass was held in 1904 to honor the history of the church before its structural demise.



### St. Paul's Episcopal Church-Coventry Ave, Riverside Drive

While organized in 1862, the original church sanctuary was built on Coventry Avenue at Deerfield Corners in 1864. The congregation later moved to Riverside Drive. That location is the current home of the Dao Trang Minh Dang Quang Buddhist Temple.

### St. Peter's Church-Coventry Avenue

Founded in 1872, the Roman Catholic Church at Deerfield Corners was originally known as St. Peter's Roman Catholic German and Irish Congregation of Deerfield, New York.

### Deerfield Center Union Church (Methodist)-Walker Road/Cruikshank Road

Founded circa 1877 near the center of town.

### Christ Community Church Reformed-Herkimer Road

With a long prior history in the Mohawk Valley and Utica, the church was re-established in 1958 in Deerfield and later moved to its home on Herkimer Road in a building dedicated in 1961.



### St. Vincent Mission House-Cosby Manor Road

Constructed in 1961 as a residence for the Vincentian Fathers, it currently serves as the home of the Good News Foundation.

### Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses-Walker Road, Trenton Road

Built in 1967 on Walker Road near Smith Hill Road. The congregation later relocated to its expanded location on Trenton Road in Utica at the former Weaver estate.

### The New Apostolic Church-Keyes Road

Located just south of Cosby Manor Road, the church was dedicated in 1974.

(Sources: Town historical archives; Deerfield, New York: A Glimpse into the Past by Virginia C. Loin)

## SENIOR NEWS

The Seniors meet **every Thursday from 9 – 3:30 PM**. On the first Thursday of the month a representative from the Office of the Aging is at the Municipal Building from 1– 2 PM. Any changes in her schedule will be posted on the web site.

We will be resuming our trip to **Turning Stone** on the third Monday of each month beginning January 16<sup>th</sup>. We also have a trip scheduled to **Kleinhans Music Hall** in Buffalo on March 1, 2017 to see Midtown Men featuring the original cast of Jersey Boys. For any information on the trip or the seniors,

please contact **Lura at 724-0658 or 724-0413, ext. 28**. Leave a message and I will get back to you.

During the winter months, remember if Whitesboro School is closed due to inclement weather, we are also. Have a great New Year.







**Whitesboro Central School District's Deerfield School Kindergarten Registration for the 2017-2018 school year will be held from 9am-1:30pm and 2pm-5:30pm on the following date:**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2017**

To be eligible to enter kindergarten in September 2017, a child must be 5 years of age **on or before December 1, 2017** and must reside in the Whitesboro Central School District. You must bring: proof of age (birth certificate); and proof of residency: including *three* (3) of the following: National Grid, telephone bill, current NYS driver's license, oil/propane delivery bill, cable bill, insurance bill, and/or paystub. Immunization records must be presented at the time of registration. **If you have a child who will be eligible to enter Kindergarten in September 2017, or know of someone who has a child who will be eligible, please call Deerfield School at 266-3412 for a registration packet to be mailed out to you in January.**

# The Wilderness Park Rentals and Wilderness Trails

**Wilderness Park Rentals** are booking up, so if you want to plan your gathering, party or celebration at the Wilderness Park Pavilion - contact us now. First check out the availability of the park on our town website :- [townofdeerfield.org](http://townofdeerfield.org) Go to Calendars → *Wilderness Park Calendar*, if you see your date is available, give us a call at the Town Clerk's Office 724-0413 ext 23. We will send out your contract, to complete and return with payment and deposit to hold your date.

**Wilderness Park Trails** are cleared and groomed for your snow fun. We groom the trails periodically as the weather permits, and offer up to 7 miles of trails to enjoy with your Cross Country Skis and snow shoes. The trails range easy – moderate and challenging.

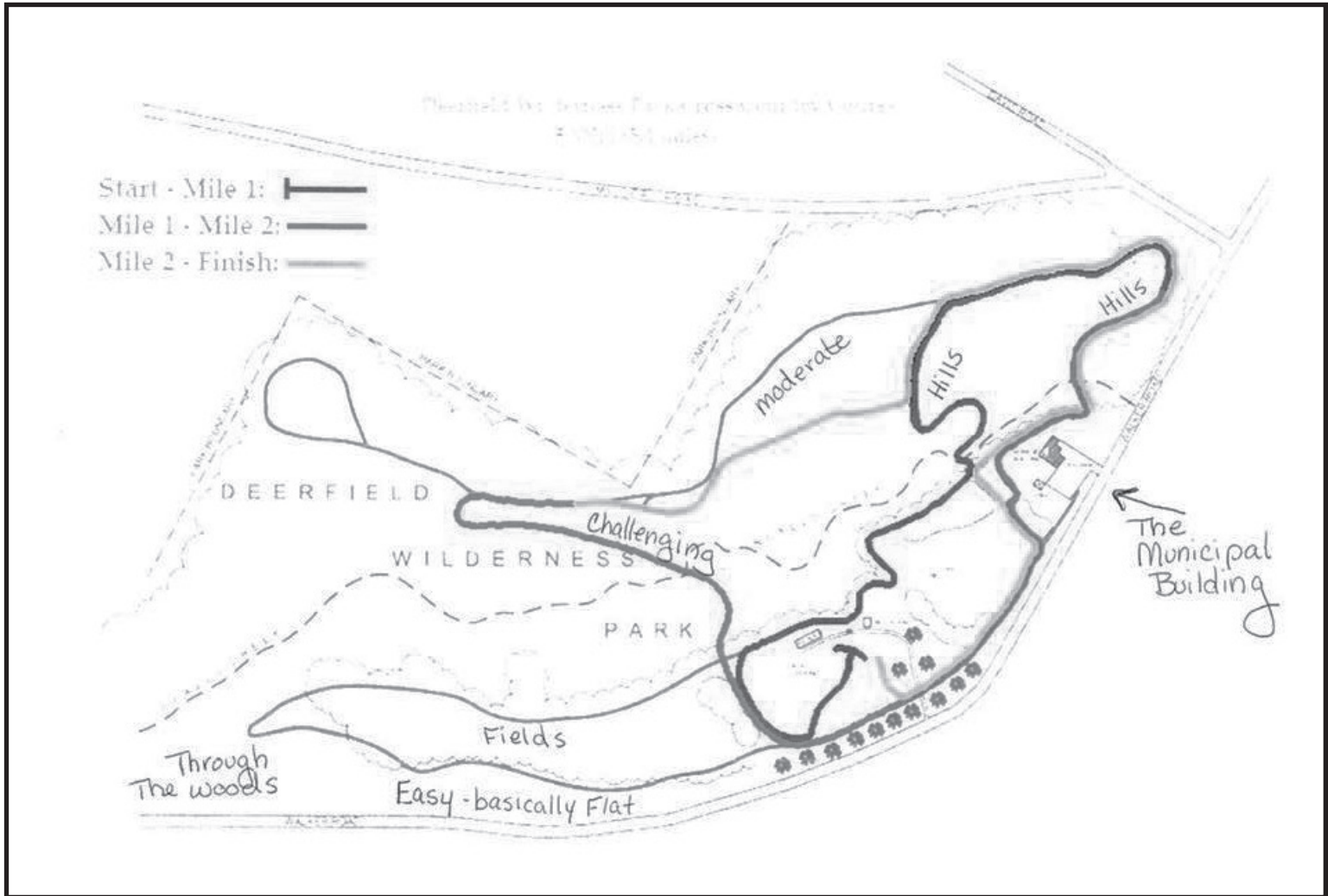
As in the past we are accepting donations of unused XC skis, boots and snowshoes, our hope is to in the future be able to loan out

equipment to town residents to use on our trails.

**Please Note – it is illegal to use any motor vehicle in the Wilderness Park or its trails.**









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## DEERFIELD SNOW TRAILS

The snowmobile season is underway. Our trails are well maintained and marked, please stay on trails and respect the landowners. Our trail system is throughout the town from the Eagles and 12 North to Barneveld and Poland. For more information, please call Ron Hajdasz 534-9386.

We will be having a chicken barbeque January 14th at the Eagles from 12-4pm.

Thank you



Supervisor	Scott Mahardy	738-0311
Highway Superintendent	Sam Arcuri, Jr.	826-7014 Work
Councilperson	Phillip Domser	732-1262
Councilperson	Michael Collins	798-9344
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Councilperson	David Barone	793-0843
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Deputy Clerk & Deputy Registrar	Karen Day	724-0413 x 31
Town Justice	Jim Sullivan	507-3058
Town Justice	Thomas Larkin Jr.	507-3058
Assessor	George Haskell	732-1789
Planning Board (Chairman)	Michael 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
County Legislator	Phillip M. Sacco	796-2034
Tax Collector	Tracy Jubis	724-0413 x 23
Deerfield Fire Chief	Brian DeStefanis Jr.	732-2693

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Supervisor	Extension 50
Town Clerk	Extension 23
Senior Citizen's	Extension 28
Planning Room	Extension 27
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
Whb. Transportation Dept.:	768-9740
Poland High School:	826-7900
Poland Elementary:	826-7000

Telephone Extensions at the Deerfield Municipal Building

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

# TOWN OF DEERFIELD PHONE LIST

