

# TOWN OF DEERFIELD



October 2017

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR

The last few weeks have been the summer we never really had – cool nights and warm days. As we move forward into fall then winter, please be mindful of children playing outdoors and waiting for buses – always obey the rules for a stopped school bus.

The months of October and November will have the Town Board busy preparing our annual budget (*Budget workshop on 10/16/17 at 5:45 p.m.*) and public hearings on the tax levy limitation and annual budget (*11/13/17 at 5:45 p.m.*). Please plan on attending the meetings since your voice is an important part of the process.

As I shared with you in the last newsletter, the NYSDOT was (is) contemplating creating a staging area for contaminated soil in the area near the intersections of Glass Factory Road and Trenton Rd. While as of the writing there is encouragement that this will not occur since no work has been done, I am not without skepticism that it may still happen. I have been staying in communication with our Senate and Assembly representatives pushing for this not to happen.

As another update, the Town officially voted to join the Poland Joint Fire District for coverage of the residents in the northern end of our Town. As you are aware, we use to have a fire contract with the Poland Fire Company. A joint fire district has been created which will not change any coverage, just how it operates. Residents in the fire district will now see a separate line item on their tax bills. We will also be nominating an individual living in the fire district to be a fire commissioner to represent the residents covered by the joint fire district.

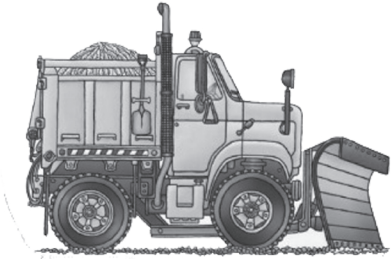
Lastly, it has been brought to the attention of the town from a neighboring property owner that at the far end of the Wilderness Trail, folks may be wandering off the trail onto private property. Please be mindful of private property and stay on the trails. Also, please, *if you carry it in, please carry it out*. Trash barrels and a dumpster are provided near the town pavilion.

***Thank you and have a great fall season! Please take the time to attend one of our meetings. Your voice is important in the success of the town.***

***Regards,***

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 the rain storm damage putting us behind schedule on our paving projects. This fall if

time permits we will be working on installing driveway culverts that some residents have permits for and some normal road maintenance work that needs to be completed.

As our road work progressed this year, residents have asked about why we need to repair the drainage on the streets we are working on. The number one reason asphalt fails is due to poor drainage: the second is sub base material problems and just age. In some of the projects we have worked on over the last few years, the drainage or asphalt has not been properly maintained for twenty plus years. Just a reminder when installing a fence or trees; keep in mind the right of way along each property for utility use and drainage. If there is ever a question about the right of way please call and we will get you the correct footage off the center of the road. Not all roads are the same.

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. You may have noticed the National Water Main trucks that were around town last year. This company was surveying and taking a video of all the pipe and manholes in town. The town has received all the video footage of the 46 plus miles of sewer main pipe we have in town. We will need to repair some of the system over the next couple of years. Please help the county system out by removing any storm water out of the system such as rain gutters, sub-pump. Most of the system in town was installed in the early 1970's and needs some attention after years of service. 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 2. 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.** Please do not put other material in your leaf piles these can cause problems for our leaf vacuum. 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, Call ahead to make sure the dumpsters will be available and also to have help available. We have been finding trash piled in front of the doors to our building after hours. Please do not bring any trash items to us after business hours. There are **NO DUMPING** signs on the doors.

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 by installing plows and sanders and making any repairs needed for the 2017 and 2018 plowing season. A few reminders for residents for the winter months 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 high, 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 from 1am to 7am, you could be towed. Keep garbage cans out of the street as 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 for the support you give us throughout the year. Thanks for all your comments good or bad! This helps us refine what we do and gives us a chance to explain why we do things in the manner in which we do them. Please call with any questions at 826-7014 Monday to Friday 7am to 3:30pm.

Thanks again,

The Highway Department

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



**October:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> - Last green waste**

**21<sup>st</sup> - Trash at Town Garage**

## FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

The Enhanced Star renewals will be available in November for those residents leaving for the winter. All others will be mail in January 2018  
My hours starting in October will be Tuesday nights from 6pm till 8pm or leave a message on phone 315-724-0413 ext. 221.

Thanks,  
George

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

- 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.

## Deerfield Volunteer Fire Company Inc. 2017 Schedule

### Fall Fresh Fish Frydays

September 22 - October 13, 4 PM – 7 PM

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

Saturday, November 4, 4 PM – 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*

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## SENIOR NEWS

Deerfield Seniors : Director - Lura Raymo

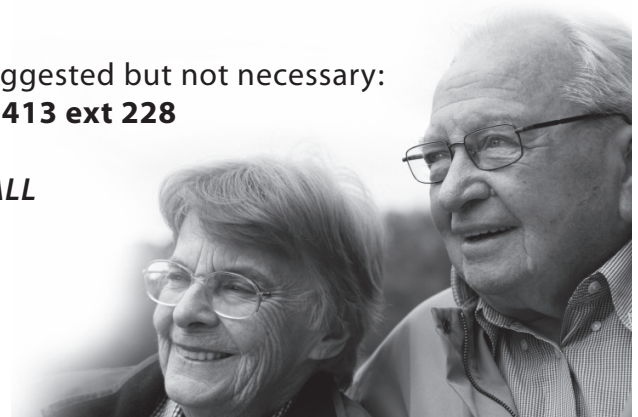
Its time for that flu shot again.

Flu Shot Clinic is set for **Oct 26th** from  
**10 AM - 2 PM**

Bring your Insurance Card

Sign up suggested but not necessary:  
**315 724-0413 ext 228**

**OPEN TO ALL**



# Deerfield's Skeleton Run - October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017

## ***The Deerfield Skeleton Run Returns!***



Our new sponsor organization the **Utica Road Runners** along with many of our original committee members and New Race Director Rick Gloo, will bring on the 10th Annual Skeleton Run in the Deerfield Wilderness Park. Although you may see some slight changes, the basic event will be run as before. We will be offering our exciting Kiddie Run (1/4 mile & begins at 9 AM) and each little one will receive a goodie bag at the finish line. Our 1.5 mile Run will begin at 9:30 AM, and our challenging 5K trail run will begin at 10 AM. All registrations will be taken online - checks or cash will be accepted the morning of the Runs, **Registration desk opens at 8 AM. Please allow time to register before your chosen run.**

This year our 5K will be timed by TNT Timing, Hay Rides donated by the Hajdasz Family, OC Sheriff's Dept will do free Child IDs, plus our Vendor Lane will be there.

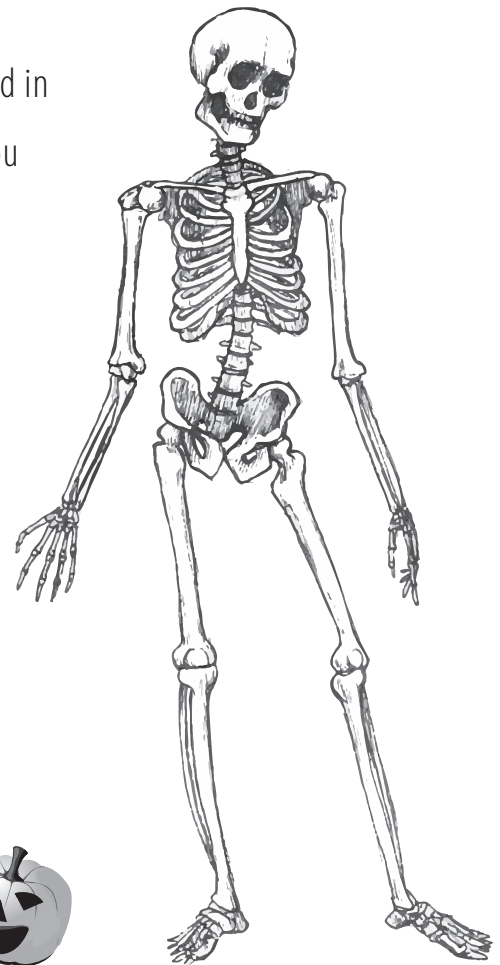
We are still looking for sponsors, volunteers, Vendors,

(Vendors in lieu space rental we ask that you donate some of your product to our Basket Raffle).

Our Pancake Breakfast will begin open at 8 am and will be serving up hot stack of pancakes, Sausage, Indian Valley Coffee, hot chocolate, and juice for a small price, so bring the family to enjoy our hotcakes and enjoy running or watching our Skeleton Runs on this beautiful Fall morning.

*Safe running Costumes encouraged.*

If you are interested in **volunteering** you must sign up in advance to receive a volunteer shirt - Please contact Karen Day or Rick Gloo for the link.





# DEERFIELD YOUTH PROGRAM



## *Message from our Youth Director*

Deerfield Youth Program will cover the cost of the kiddie run or the 1.5 mile run for Town of Deerfield Youth who register and sign up through the Deerfield Youth Program. (Do Not Sign Up Online) Contact Youth Director or sign up at The Clerk's Office.

### *Youth Director - Karen Day*

What an exciting Summer Park Program we had this year. We welcomed our New Youth Leader Jessica P who was an outstanding asset to our program, along with her Assistant Leader Maeve Y. These new additions to our Summer Program, along with our outstanding counselors made for a very exciting summer. We had many new smiling faces and plenty of our returning families enjoying sports, arts and crafts, music, games, movies, nature and field trips.

We had so much fun we were sad to see it end. But now we have our.....

### **Fall / Winter Youth Program Schedule!**

#### **October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Skeleton Run:** Free Kiddie Run and 1.5 mile Run registration to all **Town of Deerfield YOUTH** - paid for by the Youth Program - Sign up in person the morning of or download the registration sheets and mail or drop them off at the Town Municipal Building - 6329 Walker Road. C/O Youth Director - **Do not register online for kiddie race. Registration table opens at 8am.**

#### **October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017**

**Utica Zoo Visit:** Families encouraged - 1pm - 3pm spend an afternoon at the Zoo.

#### **November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Candy Bar Bingo:** Municipal Building - 1:30 - Get a bingo card with One regular candy bar - limit of 5 candy bars only.

#### **November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Bowling:** Vista Lanes, 1:30 pm for 2.5 hours of bowling - admission and shoes - on us.

#### **November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Ice Skating:** New Hartford Rec Center - 3pm - 5pm admission and skates on us.

#### **December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Roller Skating at Skate Awhile:** 1:30 - 4 pm Rink time. **Bus Service is available** - If you want to drop off your children or ride the bus with them meet us at 12:45 pm at the Deerfield Fire Dept on Trenton Rd.

#### **December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Chuck E Cheese:** 1pm - 3:30 pm. Drop off your kids and finish up that holiday shopping - each admission includes tokens, 2 slices of pizza - unlimited drink.

**Some how there are still families in our town who are unaware of our Youth Program...**

**Please share the news!**



**Whitesboro Central School District's Kindergarten Registration for the 2018-2019 school year will be held one day only on the following date at Deerfield Elementary School:**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2018**  
**9AM-1:30PM and 2-5:30PM**  
**(weather contingency date: January 31)**

To be eligible to enter kindergarten in September 2018, a child must be 5 years of age **on or before December 1, 2018** 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 2018, or know of someone who has a child who will be eligible, please call Deerfield School at 315-266-3410 for a registration packet to be mailed out to you in January.

# Two Deerfield Landmarks, a Trolley Line, and a Talking Lamp: Now Just a Memory

As a historian, I often have the opportunity to explore old buildings, historic sites, and landmarks. These gems of the past not only offer a glimpse into the fine details of all things yesterday, but they also teach us the importance of preserving such places for future generations to enjoy. While not every old building will be a landmark, many do have a historical significance and a unique story that needs to be told, documented, and repeated. The quality of the architecture and infrastructure is nothing short of amazing and is seldom duplicated in modern society.



By far, one of the most prominent homes in Deerfield belonged to Horatio Seymour. Marysland, as it was called, was situated near the western edge of town on 500 acres of land. This vast estate was host to dignitaries from all over the country. Horatio Seymour once served as mayor of the City of Utica, Deerfield Pathmaster, twice as governor of New York State, and was the presidential candidate who

lost to the very popular Ulysses S. Grant by a narrow margin in the election of 1868. Although well-suited for a museum, his home became a vacant structure used for storage and was destroyed by fire 55 years ago in 1962. A portion of his property is now home to part of the SUNY Poly campus along with the Horatio Street corridor.

The Cameron Hill Bridge was one of those distinctive structures that had a very unique story. Built as a covered bridge, it once carried the troops of the War of 1812 over the West Canada Creek in their trek to the Military Road in Russia. It was refurbished and upgraded in the 19th century, but over time fell into deep disrepair. Despite a final attempt to save it by local residents, it was approved for demolition by authorities in Oneida and Herkimer Counties. Although it would not vacate its long-held post over the creek without a fight, it met its demise in 1937. Earlier attempts at physical removal were unsuccessful, so it was set on fire and ultimately descended into the creek below.



In 1907, the last horse-drawn trolley to travel through our area belonged to the old Utica-Deerfield line. Replaced by the more dependable and efficient electric trolley, it was officially placed out of commission to begin a new era in local travel.



With the arrival of the automobile age, the need grew for proper traffic control to prevent accidents. The answer to this newfound problem was the Milliken Electric Talking Lamp. These unique devices often had lights, directional signs, and were displayed in the middle of prominent intersections in cities. They were highly regarded as a traffic engineering marvel in its time. The most widely known in our area was located at Deerfield Corners. It was subsequently replaced by newer traffic signals and traffic control technology.

With each of these local landmarks, their prominence in our community was profound, but now are just a memory.

## TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS:

*Mon, Tues, Wed, and Fri:*

*8:00am - 4:00pm*

*Thurs: 8:00am - 6:00pm*

Deerfield Fire Chief	Brian Destefanis Jr.	315-732-2693
Tax Collector	Tracy Jubis	315-724-0413 x 230
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 231
Town Clerk, Registrar	Tracy Jubis	315-724-0413 x 223
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		
Tax Collector		
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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