

TOWN OF DEERFIELD



October 2018

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A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR

Summer has come to a close, and before you know it the snow will be flying! As we enter the fall season, please be mindful that school is back in session and children will be near the road waiting for buses – always obey the law regarding stopped school buses.

The months of October and November will be active months for the Town Board who will be busy preparing the 2019 budget as well as a series of public hearings ranging from tax levy limitation to zoning changes to dog control law changes. Please visit www.townofdeerfield.org for dates and times.

The Town Board is still in the process of reviewing the feasibility of a salt storage project as well as turning the old high way garage into a recycling facility. The infrastructure committee is currently reviewing plans and costs. Once a decision is made, we will post the relevant information on the town's website.

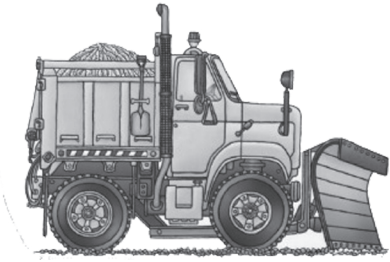
The town needs court constables to assist in the orderly function of our court system. If interested, please visit our website for additional information. A letter of interest and resume can be submitted to supervisor@townofdeerfield.org.

In closing, take time to enjoy the resources the town offers including the Wilderness trails.

Regards,

Scott P. Mahardy
Supervisor

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT



As the very warm summer season comes to an end, The Highway Department hopes everyone had a fun and event filled summer months with your families. The Highway Department had a busy

year in 2018 starting with a late spring clean-up with lots of winter damage to clean up. 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 before the winter months ahead. We will also be cleaning some drainage in areas that we have water problems in large rain fall events.

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. Please call if you have any questions on the right of way all roads are not the same. If you are going to install a new driveway or repairing your existing driveway have your contractor keep the asphalt the same height as the road so the plows won't hit and damage the asphalt at your new driveway.

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. 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 start on October 1. Shortly after that we will be switching over our equipment to 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 there are **NO DUMPING AFTER HOURS SIGNS** on the doors. Please do not bring any trash items to us after business hours or on the weekends. Please be courteous and not leave any trash after 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

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also are getting the plows ready by installing plows and sanders and making any repairs needed for the 2018 and 2019 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. During snow events please try and keep vehicles off the side of the road it makes it very difficult to plow the streets. 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 2018:



October:

1st - Last green waste
20th - Trash at Town Garage

FROM THE OFFICE OF BUILDING & CODES

Open Burning in the Town of Deerfield

Question & Answers on Regulations Effective from October 14, 2009

1. Do the regulations on open burning make burning household trash in burn barrels or piles illegal?

Yes. Burning trash is prohibited statewide in all cases. Our existing incinerator rule already prohibits burning household trash in wood stoves, fireplaces, and outdoor wood boilers. DEC recommends that you recycle all appropriate materials (such as newspaper, paper, glass and plastic) and compost your organic kitchen and garden waste.

Watch a PSA on open burning and check out other clips on DEC's YouTube Channel.

2. What are the regulations on open burning in New York State?

Effective on October 14, 2009, all open burning is prohibited

in New York with several exceptions including the following:

- Campfires less than 3 feet in height and 4 feet in length, width or diameter are allowed.
- Small cooking fires are allowed.
- Fires cannot be left unattended and must be fully extinguished.
- Only charcoal or clean, untreated or unpainted wood can be burned.
- Ceremonial or celebratory bonfires are allowed.

In towns with a total population less than 20,000, you may burn tree limbs with attached leaves. The limbs

must be less than 6 inches in diameter and 8 feet in length (also referred to as brush). **However, this is not allowed from March 16 through May 14 due to the increased risk of wildfires.**

See Section 215.3 (link leaves DEC's website) for a full list of exceptions.

3. Why has DEC changed the regulations allowing open burning in New York State?

Open burning of household trash releases dangerous compounds including arsenic, carbon monoxide, benzene, styrene, formaldehyde, lead, hydrogen cyanide and dioxin, among others. Open burning is also the single greatest cause of wildfires in New York.

4. Can I burn leaves if I live in a rural area?

No, burning leaves is banned in New York State. We encourage you to compost leaves.

5. Your rule says firewood must be untreated, some firewood is heat-treated, is that allowed?

Some firewood is heat treated (kiln dried) to control invasive insect species if it is to be transported over 50 miles. Heat treated firewood is not intended to be prohibited. However, the burning of chemically treated wood such as pressure-treated lumber and plywood is prohibited.

6. Are open fires allowed to control invasive plant and insect species?

Yes. Case-by-case DEC approval is not required.

7. Can agricultural wastes be burned?

Yes, organic agricultural wastes may be burned on-site where they are grown or generated including brush and wood produced by clearing fields and other activities. The fire must be located on contiguous agricultural land larger than 5 acres,

and the materials capable of being fully burned within 24 hours.

The burning of pesticides, plastics or other non-organic material is prohibited.

8. Can I burn liquid petroleum fueled smudge pots to prevent frost damage to crops?

Yes. However, burning tires and other wastes for smudge is not allowed.

9. Can prescribed burns be performed?

Yes. Prescribed burns, the burning of forest land to achieve a vegetative or wildlife management goal, can be performed but only in accordance with DEC regulations. Check with your regional DEC office.

10. Are fire training burning activities allowed?

Yes, with some restrictions on the use of acquired structures and in accordance with guidance from NYS Dept. of State's Office of Fire Prevention and Control. The Fire Services Bureau may be reached at 518-474-6746.

11. Are individual open fires to control plant and animal disease outbreaks allowed?

Yes, as approved case-by-case by DEC, upon the request by the Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets.

12. Can I dispose of a flag or religious item in an open fire?

Yes, in a small-sized fire if it is not otherwise prohibited by law or regulation.

Have a Safe and Fun Fall season!

NEW YORK STATE DEPT. OF TAXATION ANNOUNCES STAR PROGRAM CHANGES

New York State Department of Taxation and Finance has announced changes to the 2019 STAR program.

Property owners age 65 and over need to be aware of the following changes:

In order to receive the Enhanced STAR exemption, you must enroll in the Income Verification Program (IVP). Enrollment only has to be done once and if you are eligible for the Enhanced STAR exemption, you will automatically receive it each year.

The IVP will ensure that individuals no longer meet renewal deadlines and will no longer have to provide income tax returns to their local assessor's office.

If you are already receiving the Enhanced STAR exemption and are already enrolled in the IVP, you do not need to take any action. The NYS Tax Department will contact you directly if any additional information is needed.

If you are already receiving the Enhanced STAR exemption and are not enrolled in the IVP, you must renew your application for the Enhanced STAR and enroll in the IVP.

In addition, individuals who qualify for the senior citizen exemption will no longer receive the Enhanced STAR exemption. You must apply for the Enhanced STAR exemption separately.

Individuals who are new homeowners or first time STAR applicants need to first register for the STAR credit with the NYS Tax Department instead of applying for the exemption. Additional information about the STAR credit can be obtained at **www.tax.ny.gov/STAR**. Or call **518-457-2036**.

FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Residents who currently receive the Enhanced exemption will receive form RP 425 RNW and RP 425 IVP. You must return both completed forms plus a copy of your 2017 Income by 3/1/2019.

The Assessor's hours beginning November 1st will be every Tuesday evening 5:30pm until 9pm.

George Haskell, Assessor

DEERFIELD YOUTH PROGRAM

*Let's get together for some Town Fun.
The new schedule of events.*



We have put together a mix of new and some of our favorite activities for the families in our town. As Director of this program for many

many years, I would like to thank our town board for their support and constant interest what we do for the children and families in the Town of Deerfield.

Starting off – unfortunately due to the rising costs of bussing, there will be not transportation provided in this season of events. So please, feel free to meet us at our upcoming activities & venues.

October 14th (Sunday) The Skeleton Run – Wilderness Park – Walker Rd. Deerfield residents who register with the Youth Program will run either the ¼ Mile Youth run or the 1.5 Mile run for free. You can mail your registration or drop it off at the Town of Deerfield – Clerks Office 2963 Walker Rd, Deerfield NY 13502 or the morning of the race but day of registrations must be submitted prior to 8:30 am at the Youth Program desk.

October 27th (Saturday) Teel Farms – Meet us there, between the hours of 3pm – 5 pm, each child will receive a free pumpkin, hay ride, corn maze, and a great fall experience. Located at 11441 North Gage Rd, Barneveld, NY 13304

November 3rd (Saturday) Utica Pioneer Hockey Game - game starts at 7pm – Utica Auditorium, Please watch on our FB Page for information on **How to get your tickets.**

November 17th (Saturday) Movie Night at Town Hall, 6329 Walker Rd. Join us in your most comfy attire, Pjs, sweats. Bring your pillow and blankies, and crash with us to watch a family movie. TBA (watch on our fb page) We will have all kinds of goodies to share, cookies, popcorn, chips and candy and it is all free. Bring your friends and relatives, kids from our sister towns are welcome.

December 1st (Saturday) Roller Skating at Rome's Skate Awhile –220 Ridge St. Rome, Arrive at the rink at 1:30 Sign in with the Deerfield Staff member and skate until 4 pm. Free admission and skate rentals.

December 9th (Sunday) Candy Bar Bingo 1pm-3:30ish Deerfield Municipal Building - Bring 1 regular size candy bar for each card. Limit 3 cards per person

January 12th (Saturday) Karate USA – Come on in and check this out – 2150 Oriskany St. W. Utica - 1:30 – 4pm <http://www.karatesites.net/cnykarateusa> - Teaching some bully defense, Stranger Danger and intro to Karate. Have you ever wondered what it would be like? This is a terrific opportunity to see what Marshal Arts all is about.

January 20th (Sunday) Ice Skating at the New Hartford Rec Center - 4 Mill St New Hartford. Public hours are 3pm – 5pm, Come early to get your skates before the crowd. Perhaps 2:45pm

Karen Day Youth Director – 315 724-0413 x 231

Paul Zaleski – Youth Leader – 315 368-3532

Find us on 



Kindergarten Registration for the 2019-2020 school year will be held one day only on the following date at Deerfield Elementary School:

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2019
9AM-1:30PM AND 2-5:30PM
(WEATHER CONTINGENCY DATE: FEBRUARY 6)**

To be eligible to enter kindergarten in September 2019, a child must be 5 years of age **on or before December 1, 2019** 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 2019, or know of someone who has a child who will be eligible, please call Deerfield School at 315-266-3412 for a registration packet to be mailed out to you in January.**

MESSAGE FROM CUB SCOUT PACK #59 AND BOY SCOUT TROOP #59



As parents, we look for programs that our children can participate in that will assist with their development, both personal as well as social. Generally Sports programs are the go-to activities but they aren't the only option.

For the last 60 years, the Deerfield Volunteer Fire Co. Inc. has been the sponsoring organization for Boy Scout Troop #59. Followed a few short years later by the signing of a charter for Cub Scout Pack #59. (Next year 2019 the Deerfield Vol. Fire Co. Inc. celebrates 70 years of Service to the Town of Deerfield. In 1958, although the Fire Co. was in its infancy, the members recognized the importance of Scouting and its impact on our youth. The Charters have been continuously sponsored by the Fire Co. since the day they were originally signed)

We have an absolutely amazing sponsoring organization, and we are launching a vigorous effort to build our Cub Pack and Boy Scout Troop with as many new and excited members as possible during this Fall 2018 campaign.

To share a great description of this huge program, I am including an excerpt from the BSA Council explaining in brief, the many positive changes in the program for everyone;

"This is an exciting time for the BSA, and the Scouts BSA name is the perfect representation of this new, welcoming program for older youth. The program offers fun and challenging activities that promote character development and physical fitness. Family involvement is an essential part of the program, and parents are encouraged to play an active role in making the most of the short time they have to impact the lives of their children."

"Beginning during the scheduled launch of Feb. 1, 2019, girls can join all-girl troops. Boys can continue to join all-boy troops. Scouts BSA will not have any mixed-gender, or coed, troops."

We are currently organizing an "Open House" to be held at the Deerfield Fire Department Banquet Facility on Trenton Road on October 15th, 2018. We

expect to have Local Council Representatives on hand to help answer your questions, provide the latest information, and help us with signing up our newest Scouts and leaders. Remember, you don't have to be a Cub Scout first to be a Boy Scout. Watch our sign on Trenton Road for the date and time reminder.

Check us out on the Fire Department Website: www.deerfieldfire.org.



Moments in Deerfield Aviation History

Once considered a potential local site for an Army Air Depot, the Town of Deerfield is no stranger to the airspace above it. Since the early years of aviation, Deerfield has seen tragedy, unique occurrences, small planes on the highway, and priceless moments forever engraved in history.

The Deerfield Race Track was the site of the crash and untimely death of 26 year old aviator Percy Van Ness of Bath in the trial flight of his experimental biplane, which fell from the sky at an altitude of 50-100 feet in 1914.

In 1929, famed aeronautical pioneer Amelia Earhart made an emergency landing in a muddy cornfield on Trenton Road during an intense thunderstorm. Her airplane was towed to the Marcy Airport, and she spent the evening with her sister, a local teacher.

A weather balloon was found in an apple orchard on Bell Hill Road in July 1949. The compact radio transmitter, remnants of a rubber balloon and red paper parachute were reportedly launched by the Army Signal Corps from either Rome or Syracuse.

In July 1954, in an article entitled *Necks Crane as 'Saucer' Skirts Sky*, published in the *Utica Daily Press*, a shiny, metallic, circular object graced the skies over Deerfield and other local municipalities. Cars stopped along roads to view the elongated balloon, which was described as being over 40 feet long, with an attached basket. One individual commented that it was similar to the ones used in the "Radio Free Europe" campaign. It was ultimately determined to also be a weather balloon.

However, one of the most remarkable, yet mysterious moments in local aviation history occurred during the evening of September 10, 1952 above WKTV studios on Smith Hill. At approximately 9:50 PM, in the dark of the night, the last of five parachutes descended to the earth below. Just minutes prior, all five individuals were aboard a military C-45 airplane headed to Griffiss AFB from Bedford, Massachusetts. Approximately 30 miles southeast of Deerfield, near Starkville, the plane began losing altitude at 5,500 feet. The left engine of the twin-engine, seven passenger aircraft began to fail. Understanding the urgency of the situation, the hero pilot instructed all to abandon the aircraft at about 2,500 feet. None of the crew had ever used a parachute before, but as it turned out, the crew was briefed on how to bail out of an aircraft, just prior to takeoff from Bedford. The first passenger exited the plane and landed north of Schuyler Corners near Windfall Road. The remaining passengers descended to safety in the vicinity of Grace Road on Smith Hill. The hero pilot, the last to exit the aircraft, did so as it passed at a level just below the top of the WKTV transmission tower. His parachute reportedly activated merely seconds before his feet would have hit the ground.

Just prior to his jump, with the airplane set to autopilot, he positioned the aircraft on a track to steer it away from populated areas. With the weight of the crew removed from the plane, it tilted slightly upward and continued pilotless into the void of the sky. The airplane itself still had about four hours of fuel on board, but

could only fly as far as one of the five manually operated fuel tanks would allow, approximately one hour at the most.

All five of the crew members landed mostly unharmed on the ground below. Four were found immediately, and the first person to exit the plane was later discovered at 1:00 AM. However, as word spread of the incident, a crowd of nearly 100 vehicles ascended Walker Road and Smith Hill Road. Reports then followed of a possible downed aircraft at Broadacres, causing a bottleneck of emergency vehicles and spectators alike. The aircraft was nowhere to be found.

Then, just around 11:00 PM, a low-flying airplane was spotted by local residents and business owners about one mile off the shore of Oswego, New York hovering above Lake Ontario. Eyewitnesses reported that it circled several times, the engine and lights shut off, it nosedived downward, and then an unexplained red flare lit the night sky after it hit the water. It was believed at the time to be in water about 80-100 feet deep. Authorities rushed to the scene, and the area was searched until 4:00 AM. However, there was no evidence of an airplane crash: no debris, no oil slick, nothing. A search resumed in the morning from air and sea, but was eventually called off due to weather conditions. A wooded area near Old Forge was also searched as well. The airplane disappeared, and its disappearance became shrouded in mystery...for 62 years.

In 2014, a team of underwater explorers from western New York located the aircraft, near Oswego, deep below the surface of Lake Ontario. It was nearly intact, silently resting on the floor of the lake, as if frozen in time.

(Sources: Utica Daily Press 7/9/1949, 9/11/1952, 7/3/1954; Utica Herald-Dispatch 5/9/1914; Oswego Palladium-Times 9/11/1952; Syracuse Post-Standard 9/11/1952- 9/12/1952; Rome Daily Sentinel 3/26/1929, 9/11/1952-9/13/1952; Syracuse.com)

With Much Appreciation

A special note of appreciation goes out to all who responded over the past couple of months with veterans' information for our historical records. We are indebted with gratitude for all of the heroes in our community that have selflessly served our country...THANK YOU! As Veterans' Day soon approaches, consider taking a moment to remember, honor, and thank those who have sacrificed so much for our freedom.

SENIOR NEWS

The seniors meet **every Thursday from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM** 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 question regarding services offered by the agency.

We go to Turning Stone the third Monday of the month for slots and Bingo. On October 25th we will host a Flu Clinic at the Municipal Building from 11:00-2:00. Please bring your insurance cards and sign-up would be appreciated. On

October 31st we will have a trip to Del Lago to see a "Tribute to Patsy Kline. On November 4th we will have a trip to Theodore's in Canastota for a theater luncheon.

For further information, please contact **Lura** at **315-724-0658**.



Deerfield Volunteer Fire Company Inc.
2018 Schedule

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

Saturday, November 3 , 4 – 7 PM
(Tentative)

Craft Fair

Saturday, November 10, 9 AM – 4 PM

*Takeouts available at all dinners
All events at the Bruce "Spike" Yourdon
Memorial Hall and Firefighter's Field*



TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS:

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

Deerfield Fire Chief	Kevin Powers	315-732-2693	
Tax Collector	Tracy Jubis	315-724-0413 x 230	
County Legislator	Philip M. Sacco	315-796-2034	
Dog Control Officer	Andrea Brennan	315-520-1606	
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)	Lisa Zurek	planningboard@townofdeerfield.org	
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	315-520-9531	
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			Extension 221
Building & Codes			Extension 222
Supervisor			Extension 250
Town Clerk			Extension 223
Senior Citizens			Extension 228
Planning Room			Extension 227
Tax Collector			Extension 230
Court Room			# 315-507-3058 Fax # 315-507-3060
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