

TOWN OF DEERFIELD



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A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of the Town of Deerfield for their past and continued support as we move into 2014. The year 2014 will bring some changes within the Town including the retirement of one of our longtime judges, Judge Oczkowski and his long time clerk Linda Hajdasz. Both will be sorely missed for their lengthy service to the Town and their great knowledge of the Unified Court System. A new justice, Thomas Larkin will begin effective January 1 and we wish him luck. Two new Town Council persons – Candace Oczkowski and Phil Domser will begin their terms effective January 1, 2014 as well and I look forward to working with them and the existing members to keep up the momentum. I also wish to thank Mr. Pat Benzo and Mr. Charles Ellsworth for their service on the Town Board.

A recap of 2013 has seen the completion of the interior and exterior renovations of the Municipal building, as well as a substantial portion of the new ball field at the Wilderness Park. The trail system has been extended to include a new section crossing the creek behind the pavilion, complete with a bridge. Road work continues to be a top priority as we move into 2014 and we are currently exploring the best way to get caught up with the repairs including the associated drainage work.

From a fiscal standpoint, 2014 will be a challenge. During the budget development process, the Town Board looked at all aspects of the Town and made adjustments to salaries to reflect the work flow of individuals, as well as opportunities to combine duties where it made sense. As part of the Oneida County consent order from the DEC regarding the sewers, we as a town must have all of the sewers lines and manholes inspected. The cost of that inspection is in excess of \$250,000. We will also be going out to bid on the Cheese Factory Road and bridge replacement and restoration. Preliminary estimates put this work in the \$1.0 to \$1.25 million mark. The main pavilion in the Wilderness Park is in need of extensive repairs/replacement based upon the 50+ years of service it has provided. The roof needs to be replaced; the support poles are rotting at the base and the roof trusses have split. We are exploring the most cost effective solution for this.

Have a safe and health holiday season!

Scott P. Mahardy
Supervisor

WHITESBORO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Whitesboro Central School District's Kindergarten Registration for the 2014-2015 school year will be held from
9AM-1:30PM and 2-5:30PM on the following dates:

- January 27, 2014: Marcy Elementary
- January 28, 2014: Hart's Hill Elementary
- January 29, 2014: Westmoreland Road Elementary
- January 30, 2014: Deerfield Elementary



To be eligible to enter kindergarten in September 2014, a child must be 5 years of age on or before December 1, 2014 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 2014, or know of someone who has a child who will be eligible, please call your school office for a registration packet to be mailed out to you:**

Deerfield School: 266-3412

Westmoreland Road School: 266-3440

Marcy School: 266-3420

Hart's Hill School: 266-3430



The trails are open and groomed for their second year to snowshoe and cross country skiing. With the completion of the park's 3rd phase, snow enthusiasts will find longer, more challenging trails, weaving in and around the ravine, over picturesque bridges, and snow covered woods. Parking is available at the Deerfield Municipal Building from which one can enter the trail system from 3 different entrances. Maps can be found at the clerk's office, to aid in your travels. We ask that you keep our trails clean, bring out everything that you bring in. For safety concerns we ask that no motorized vehicles use the park trails.

Donations of usable XC ski equip and snow shoes are welcome to build our loaner program.

DEERFIELD SNOWMOBILE TRAILS NEWS

We will be holding our **annual Chicken BBQ on January 18** at the **Eagles Club** from **12-4pm**. Volunteers are needed for it to be a success. Support your club and your sport. Our trails connect with several other clubs in the area. We can ride to Poland, Barneveld, South Trenton, Schuyler, and Marcy. Trailhead parking is available at the Eagles on Cosby Manor Road and at the 12 North Sports Bar on Mulaney Road. Beware of a major trail change between Cruikshank Road and Bell Hill Road. We have rerouted the rail circumventing the Deerfield Fish and Game Club property. Please ride safe and stay on the marked rails. Respect the landowner, it is your privilege not your right to ride on their property. **If there are any problems with the trails, please call 525-7513.**

Think Snow!!!

SENIOR NEWS

The Deerfield Seniors meet every Thursday at the Municipal Building at 6329 Walker Road from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. On the first Thursday of the month we have a representative from the Office of the Aging at the Municipal Building at 1 p.m. here to answer any questions of to help with HEAP forms, etc. We will have Sherrieff Maciol as a guest speaker on January 16th at 12:30. There are several trips set up for the 2014 season. On March 17th we will see a farewell appearance of the "Irish Rovers" at Turning Stone. An overnight trip to Lancaster, PA is set for May 6th and 7th to see "Moses" at the Millenium Theater. On October 22nd we will go back to Penn's peck to see "Bill Bailey and the Comets". If you want more information, **please contact Lura at 724-0658 or 724-0413, ext.28.**



NOTE FROM THE YOUTH DIRECTOR:

As the 2014 year begins, I thank the Deerfield Town Board for allowing me to continue as your Town Youth Director.

This season's schedule is filled with new and old favorites. Our program offers varied events for all interests & ages of youth in our town. Most events are free to town residents, however there can be a few; we use a cost/share admission policy, where the resident is asked to cover a small cost of the admission. Busing is provided for selected outings, Pick up and return drop off will be at the Deerfield Fire Dept. on Trenton Road.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me: drfldrecprogram@aol.com or 723 4971

Karen Day
Youth Director

DEERFIELD YOUTH PROGRAM 2014

JANUARY 12 – ICE SKATING 3PM – 5PM – NEW HARTFORD REC CENTER

JANUARY 25 – XC SKIING 10AM – 1PM – FAMILY DAY – BREIA – BOONEVILLE
We HAVE BOOKED A XC CLINIC FOR OUR DEERFIELD FAMILIES – 10 AM WE WILL BE FITTED WITH EQUIPMENT & GIVEN A LESSON, THEN OFF ON THE TRAILS WE GO – FAMILIES ENCOURAGED. There ARE WARM UP HUTS ALONG THE WAY. NO COST TO RESIDENTS – Refreshments AVAILABLE!

JANUARY 31 – “IN HOUSE” MOVIES – 7PM – DEERFIELD MUNICIPAL BUILDING ****

FEBRUARY 8 – SNOW TUBING /BOARDING - 1PM – 4PM - WOODS VALLEY
SKI CENTER THIS EVENT WILL BE A COST/SHARE ADMISSION – TUBING - \$5 – BOARDING/SKIING – UNFORTUNATELY IS MUCH MORE COSTLY – PLEASE CALL ME FOR INFORMATION
BUS WILL LEAVE DEERFIELD FIREHOUSE AT 12:15 PM – RETURNING APPROX 4:45PM

FEBRUARY 14 – CHUCK E CHEESE 6PM – 8PM – KMART PLAZA NEW HARTFORD
TOKENS – PIZZA & DRINKS INCLUDED

FEBRUARY 28 – “IN HOUSE” MOVIES – 7PM – DEERFIELD MUNICIPAL BUILDING ****

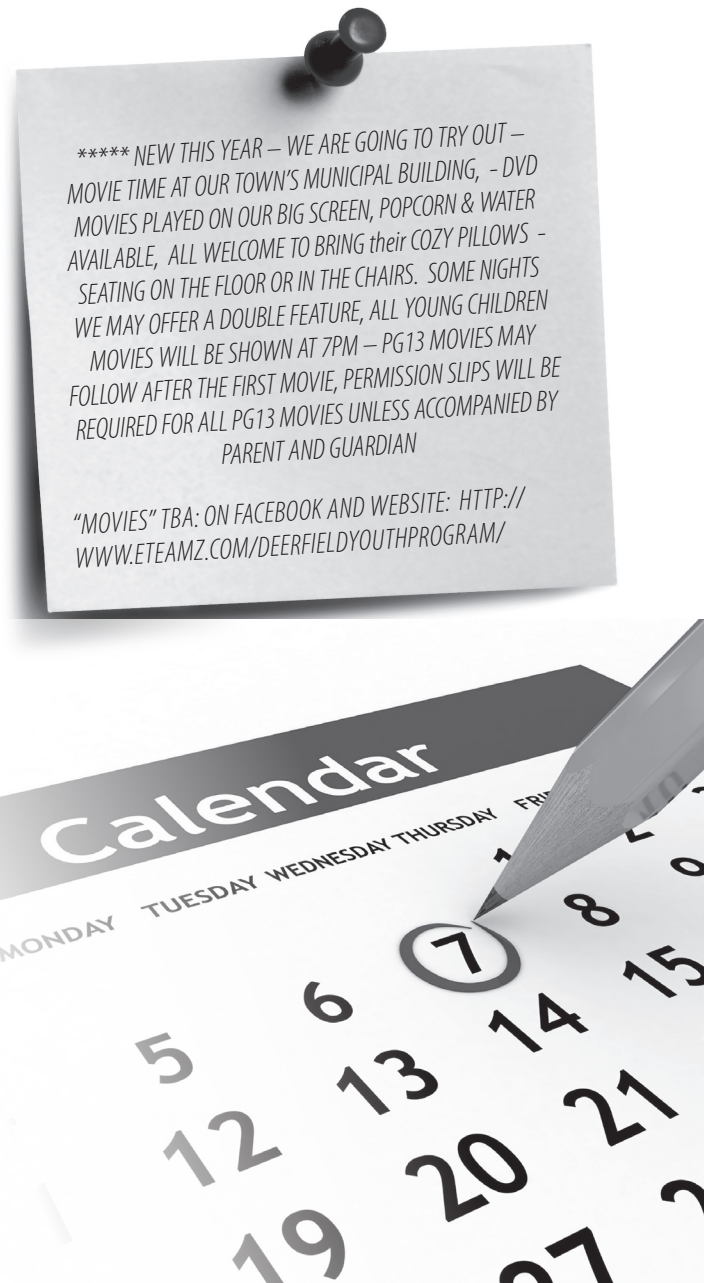
MARCH 9 – BOWLING – NOON – 2:30 PM – VISTA LANES

MARCH 23 – ROUGH & TUMBLE PLAYLAND – 2PM – 5PM – NEW HARTFORD SHOPPING CENTER

MARCH 28 – “IN HOUSE” MOVIES – 7PM – DEERFIELD MUNICIPAL BUILDING ****

APRIL 5 – BEAUTY & THE BEAST – 1PM SHOW ONLY – MWPAI

APRIL 6 – ROLLER SKATING – 1:30 – 4PM – SKATE AWHILE
BUS WILL LEAVE DEERFIELD FIREHOUSE AT 1:00PM – RETURNING APPROX 4:30PM





HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Highway Department hopes everyone has a great holiday season and everyone is in good health. As winter gets started this year it sure is looking like the start of an old fashion winter that I remember. As the snow piles up, the highway Department has a few reminders for everyone. Please keep cars off the street during over night 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. **DO NOT PUSH SNOW ACROSS THE ROADWAY** this could cause an accident and the person 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 it can be .The plow drivers can't see them and we would not want to see anyone get hurt.

With 2013 coming to a close we hope everyone had a great summer. The Highway Department had a very busy road construction season in 2013 and anticipates having another busy year in 2014.

The Highway Departments trash collection site at the fire House and the Highway Garage have worked out and has been well attended .We are going to continue having Saturday drop off times in 2014. Trash can be brought to the Town Highway Garage during our normal work hour's just call ahead so we can have someone there to help you our business hours are M-F 7AM to 3:30 PM. Green waste can be brought to the highway garage any time, just 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 two meetings a month 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. 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 2013 and look forward to a great year in 2014. 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

Marcy-Deerfield Youth Ball Registration

January 14 & January 21:

Marcy-Deerfield
Youth Ball Association 2014
Registration for T-Ball, Minor
League, Little League, Jr. Girls
Softball, Sr. Girls Softball, Prep
& Babe Ruth.

6:30 - 8:30 pm. - Deerfield Fire Department, Trenton Rd.

A copy of a birth certificate is required for new players and proof of residency is required for new and returning players. **For information call Kevin 794-1115 or Ron 525-1927, or <http://www.marcydeerfieldyouthball.org/default.htm>.**



Town Historian News

By Jozef Malinowski

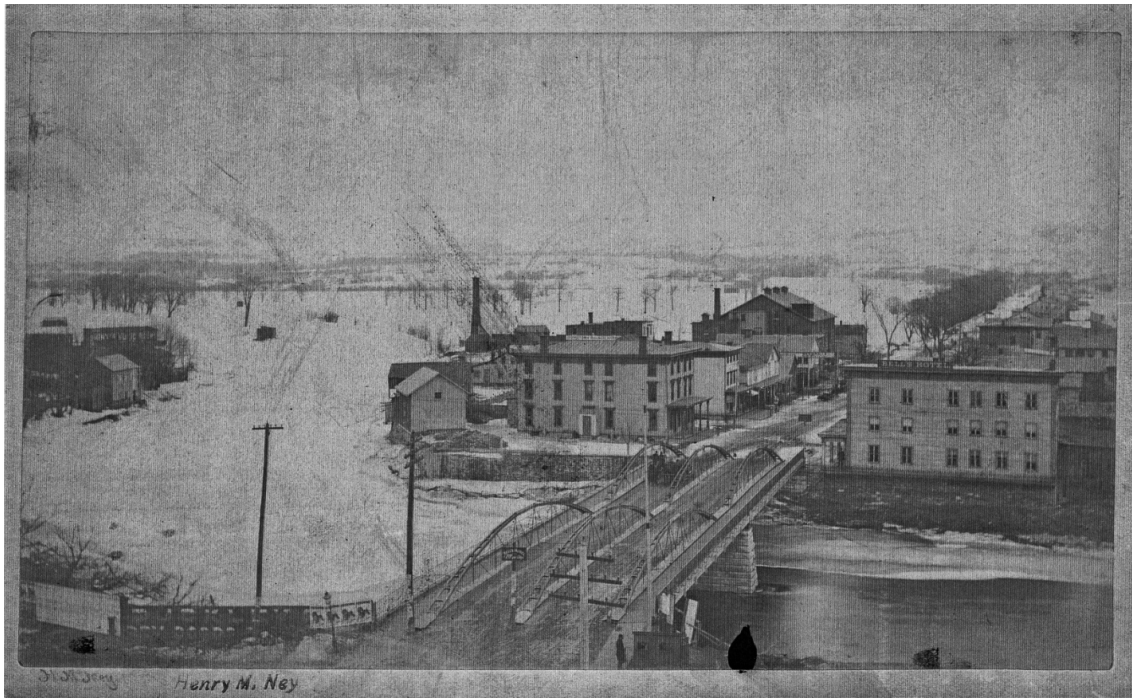
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This was Deerfield

As a historical photographer, who is focused on preserving the history of our community through photography, I have a deep appreciation for pictures of the past. Every so often, I come across a picture that captures my attention. The photograph below, which was graciously donated to our town, just happens to be one of them. This was the southernmost portion of Deerfield, prior to 1888, as it looked from the City of Utica. In modern-day descriptions, the left side of the photograph is Harbor Point, and the street would be North Genesee. This area was annexed to City of Utica in 1891, and the Mohawk River channel was relocated northward to its current location to alleviate flooding concerns and ensure the presence of the ever important and growing railroad. It was a part of town that had a reputation for all types of vice.

On the right side of the photograph was Bell's Hotel, which was destroyed by fire on December 28, 1887. According to an article that was published in the Weekly Herald on Tuesday, January 3, 1888, the fire broke out at 6:30 pm and burned until after midnight. The first alarm to be sounded came from fire call box #8 at Bagg's hotel, but since it was not in the

jurisdiction of the city, there was much hesitation as to whether or not the city fire department should respond. In all, it took 10 minutes for the preliminary alarm, then an additional 13 minutes for the first fire company to arrive on the scene. To make a bad situation worse, fire crews were hampered by a series of unfortunate mishaps in their response, including: the John Street bridge was impassible, causing fire crews to travel down Bleecker street then back to Genesee Street; the horses from Steamer #2 tripped and fell; a strong wind steadily advanced the fire; and an there was an inability to reach a useful water source. In fact, water hoses were stretched from Whitesboro and Genesee Streets across the bridge to the hotel. These hoses also crossed the New York Central railroad tracks, halting passenger (for an hour) and freight service much longer. In an act of ingenuity, a trench was dug underneath the tracks, so that they hoses would not interfere with train service. The building was owned by Mayor Kinney, and the hotel was run by Michael Bell. Milton Bell, who first spotted and tried to check the flames, reported a singed beard and eyebrows.



An interesting quote appeared in the newspaper article: "Officer Ross was criticized by some for sending an alarm, but as one man said, "if our department will go to Syracuse and Oneida fires, it surely ought to help in such a case as this."



TOWN OF DEERFIELD PHONE LIST

December 2013

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Supervisor	Scott Mahardy	738-0311
Highway Superintendent	Sam Arcuri, Jr.	735-6420 Home
Councilman	Phillip Domser	732-1262
Councilman	Michael Collins	798-9344
Councilman	Candace Oczkowski	794-4905
Councilman	David Barone	793-0843
Town Clerk & Registrar	Tracy Jubis	724-0413 x.23
Deputy Clerk & Deputy Registrar	Karen Day	724-0413 x.23
Tax Collector	Donald Key	733-5678
Town Justice	Jim Sullivan	733-2760
Town Justice	Thomas Larkin Jr.	507-3058
Assessor (Chairman)	George Haskell	732-1789
Assessor	Jane Buchner	732-5757
Planning Board (Chairman)	Mike Zarnock	734-9764
Zoning Board of Appeals (Chairman)	Lura Raymo	724-0658
Senior Citizen Director	Lura Raymo	724-0658
Town Historian	Jozef Malinowski	
Youth Director	Karen Day	723-4971
Dog Control Officer	Jim Griffiths	939-0415
Deerfield Fire Chief	Gary DeStefanis	732-2693
Assessor	Extension 21	
Building Inspector	Extension 22	
Codes Dept.	Extension 34	
Planning Room	Extension 27	
Senior Citizen's	Extension 28	
Supervisor	Extension 50	
Town Clerk	Extension 23	
Court Room	507-3058 Fax # 507-3060	
Important Phone Numbers		
Deerfield School:	266-3410	
Whitesboro Parkway Sch:	266-3175	
Whitesboro Middle Sch:	266-3100	
Whitesboro High School:	266-3200	
State Police: Business @	736-0122	
Sheriff's Dept: Business @	736-8364	
Deerfield Fire Department:	(Business) 732-2693	
Whb.Transportation Dept.:	768-9740	
Poland High School:	826-7900	
Poland Elementary:	826-7000	

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