

TOWN OF DEERFIELD



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A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR

Happy New Year! I believe we are all ready to move on past 2021 and all the challenges that it presented. We can only hope that 2022 will be a much better year for all.

As we close out 2021, I would like that express a thank you to all the residents of the town for their patience and understanding as we move forward. We had torrential rain storms that put our road work behind, limited hours due to the pandemic, and, a solar farm application that resulted in the Town appointing a committee made up of a cross section of members from throughout the town and now more recently another "proposed" solar farm comprising a footprint of over 900 acres in the Towns of Deerfield and Newport – with very limited information from the developer.

On a positive note, the Town Board continues to look upgrades to our parks system. With Mr. Greg Sacco taking the lead, we have installed a brand-new playground in the Wilderness Park, that is all inclusive for all children.

In closing, the Town Board wishes to thank Mr. Phil Domser for his eight (8) years of service as a councilman for the Town. Phil has opted to retire and let someone else fill that role. With that being said, we would like to welcome Mr. Phil Sacco as our new councilman replacing Mr. Domser.

We look forward to a productive 2022, and as always, your participation in town government is needed. Please attend our meetings and provide your input. Questions at any time can either be emailed to supervisor@townofdeerfield.org or a phone call to 315-219-3833.

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 getting a slow

start this year, the Highway Department would like to remind everyone as winter gets started to please drive with caution; road temperatures are varying and can cause slick spots on the roadways. 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 snowstorms, floods, fires, or other public emergencies can be removed at the owner's expense. As winter starts out, we ask that residents do not push snow across the road. As winter progresses in the next few months, snow plowed across the road builds up and takes up part of a lane in the road so traffic needs to go around it, **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. With winter weather just starting out, keep in mind the type of tires you have on your car. All season tires are not the best tires in snow and ice; snow tires work the best in the winter months. Please keep trash cans clear of the curb so the plow won't knock them over.

When winter snowbanks 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 any of our children get hurt.

We hope everyone had a fun filled summer and enjoyed what little nice summer weather we had this year. The Highway Department had a very ambitious road construction season planned but was cut slightly short with the wet stormy weather we had. The Highway Department started late getting the roads prepared for paving work. In working with the paving companies,

we all struggled to get our paving projects scheduled in 2021. When the 2021 summer construction season came to a close, the Highway Department still had projects to get to and things to finish. When the winter snow melts, we will be out to finish the things we could not get to before the snow came in 2021. The Highway Department is planning another busy year in 2022; hopefully the weather will cooperate and we will be able to hire additional employees, as we currently have two open positions. We will be splitting the construction season between maintenance and construction projects in 2022. We were around town three times with the leaf vacuum but all the leaves had not all fallen yet before the snow started and we put the equipment away. After the snow fell on them, it was a very hard process collecting them. We will be around at spring clean-up to get any we missed.

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 2022. Trash can be brought to the Town Highway Garage during our normal work hours throughout the year; 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.

We would like to thank everyone for a good year in 2021 and look forward to a great year in 2022. 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,

Hope you had blessed Christmas and great Holiday season

The Highway Department

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT DATES TO REMEMBER IN 2022:

April:

4th - Start spring clean-up
(Sweeping)

23rd - Trash (Trenton Road Firehouse)

May:

2nd - Green waste

June:

6th - Green Waste

July:

5th - Green Waste

August:

1st - Green Waste

September:

6th - Green Waste

October:

3rd - Green Waste

22nd - Trash town garage
Curb side trash date - (TBA)

November:

7th - Green waste if weather permits
or leaf collection.

The November green waste will only
happen if weather permits.

We will be switching over our equipment for leaf season as soon as possible. Green waste will be collected from a container at the curb to be dumped in a compactor. Brush shall be piled separate for collection by a different crew to be chipped. Limbs shall be no more than 10' long or small enough to be handled by one person.

Thank you for your cooperation

NOTE FROM THE TOWN CLERK

With Tax Season upon us, the Clerk's Office is extremely busy. I will do my very best to assist all our residents to the best of my ability. Please remember to that you can easily postal mail in your dog licenses, with a check and it will be processed and mailed back to your home. If you have concerns or questions that need to be addressed, please feel free to email or call my office and I will do my best to promptly respond.

As we finish up with the holidays – The TAX SEASON Begins. My office will once again handle the Town and County Taxes along with the normal Clerk duties and I ask for your patience as we try to maneuver through the next few months.

After last year dealing with Covid we realize that it is best to pay taxes without the burden of entering the building. So again, this year we have the installed locked TAX BOX attached to the wall outside of the building. You can drop

your paid taxes inside and it will be retrieved several times a day – processed and the receipt will then be mailed back to your address. You can pay by personal check, money order or bank check. **NO CASH** will be accepted as payment this year. Please do not ask me to accept cash.

You may also pay your taxes online, by going to our town website and complete the payment and your paid receipt will sent to your email.

This office will be accepting payments January – March, however there is penalties occurred if paying after January 31st. All mail in payments must be postmarked no later than January 31st 2021 to be penalty free. NO ACCEPTIONS.

I thank you for your patience and cooperation in 2022.

Karen Day

We welcome your participation at the Town Board meetings which are held on Monday evenings at 6:30 pm at the Town Municipal Building. It is the best way to find out what is going on in your town and to express your thoughts and concerns. For the 2022 year we will be meeting on the following dates:

1/3/22	2/14/22	3/14/22	4/11/22	5/9/22	6/13/22
7/11/22	8/8/22	9/12/22	10/3/22	11/7/22	12/12/22

Your 2022 Councilperson roster is Mike Collins, Dave Kolek, Greg Sacco, Phil Sacco, and Supervisor Mahardy.

Sam Arcuri – Highway Superintendent, George Haskell – Town Assessor, Randy Foley – Building & Codes Officer, Lura Raymo Zoning Chairperson and Senior Director. These are your Town Officials and are here to assist you with your concerns.

INFORMATION FROM YOUR BUILDING AND CODES DEPARTMENT

Keep Your Family Safe Throughout the Holiday Season



Keep Your Family Safe Throughout the Holiday Season As we begin to transition into the holiday season and you're decorating and preparing your home for family gatherings,

remember to keep safety in mind.

1. Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
2. Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.

3. When decorating the exterior of your home, make sure the lights and extension cords are indicated for outdoor use, so they are weather-resistant.

4. Do not use outdoor lights for your interior, as they may be too hot and unsafe for indoor use. 5. Be cautious when using candles. 6. Keep your holiday tree watered and make sure it is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights. If you have any questions, you can reach the Building & Codes Department at 315- 724-0413 ext.222 Have a Merry Christmas and a fun and safe holiday season!

Randy. S. Foley, CEO/ZEO

ANIMAL CONTROL

Lost Pets - Microchips vs. GPS Tracking Devices

Each month animal control is called to pick up a stray or lost dog. In some cases, pet owners call animal control looking for their lost pet or to make us aware of a lost pet. During these times we have recognized an opportunity for education regarding microchips vs. GPS pet collars. GPS collars and microchips are both useful tools in helping to locate a lost dog. However, they are not a substitute for each other.

Microchips are a tiny implantable device that is inserted under your dog's skin and is approximately the size of a grain of rice. The microchip is assigned an identification number that is unique to your pet. Once inserted it is the owner's responsibility to register the chip. In doing so this updates the owners contact information and pet information. In the event that a pet is found the chip can be scanned through the skin at a veterinary clinic or animal shelter. The information is then used to contact the owner so the pet may be returned. **Microchips are not tracking devices** and are useful only if the dog is found. According to the AKC pets with microchips are up to 20 times more likely to be reunited with their owners.

GPS collars or GPS tags are worn by the dog. They require batteries or a charging mechanism. The GPS collars typically are associated with a phone app. In the event of a lost pet an owner can utilize the app to locate the dog's location. In some cases, the app provides directions to your lost pet. The **GPS collar/tag are extremely useful in locating your lost pet.** However, the GPS device typically does not provide contact information to return your pet if found.

According to statistics, one in three pets become lost at some point in their lives. At the very least all pets should wear a collar with identification and owner contact information. If you are concerned about pet loss or theft it would be wise to utilize one of the above methods.

Thank you,
Andrea Kaszycki & Angela Brennan
Deerfield Animal Control







Our goal is to make sure these at-risk animals are taken care of before helping them find their furever home.

SENIOR NEWS



2020-2021 have been different for us to meet. We were closed from March of 2020 until May of 2021. It was so nice to get back and see our friends and share what had gone on.

As we look forward to 2022, we are very aware of possible shut-downs again. We will let you know on the Town Website or by word of mouth. Hopefully we will be able to be together as a group. At this time, we are expecting to have a representative from the Office

of Aging at the Municipal Building on the first Thursdays of each month at 1pm.

You can reach me at 315-724-0413, ext. 228 or at 315-724-0658 for any questions you may have.

Lura Raymo
Senior Director



DEERFIELD YOUTH PROGRAM

Welcome back – We hope that you all had a wonderful Holiday Season. While trying to put together our Winter Spring Schedule, I am reminded how we missed out most of last years events due to this nasty Covid. We are hoping that this year, will be a happy and healthy time so we can continue with our future events. At this time of this print – we were unable to put together a completed schedule of Events for the Winter/Spring session. Please look to our FB page and web site for further information.

Once printed these events should be considered tentative due to the State and County mandates as pertaining to Covid. Please feel free to give us a shout or email or check with our Facebook page to learn about cancellations

As in the past our trip to Snow Ridge for Tubing is a Cost /Share program – the Town will pay a portion of the admission fee and the subject will be responsible for the rest. *****Bus accommodations -TBA

DEERFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

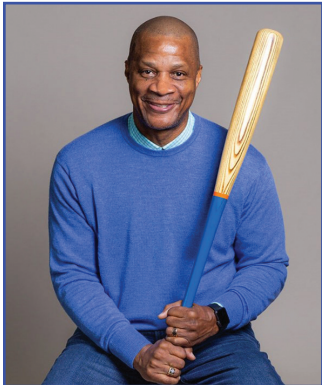
Kindergarten Registration for the 2022-2023 school year will be held one day only on the following date at Deerfield Elementary School:

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2022

To be eligible to enter kindergarten in September 2022, a child must be 5 years of age on or before December 1, 2022 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 2022 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.

GOOD NEWS CENTER



An evening with Darryl Strawberry... Don't Give Up On Me.

Baseball legend, Darryl Strawberry will be speaking at a fundraising event for The Good News Center on Thursday, April 7th at Hart's Hill Inn. Strawberry was a promising baseball player for the Yankees and Mets, but his addictions sidelined his career.

While Strawberry may have lost many battles, he has finally won the

war. He is clean and has turned his life to God actually becoming a minister. These victories tie into the free programs we offer: The Third Option which helps struggling relationships, PAL (Parents of Addicted Loved Ones) that supports the families of addiction and our Separated and Divorced group that helps those heal from a broken marriage.

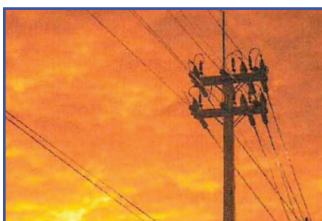
Hear his story in person as he tells how he overcame his addictions. The evening will include signed memorabilia from Darryl Strawberry and Babe Ruth, dinner and a chance for an autograph. Tickets are available by calling 315-735-6210 or visiting thegoodnewscenter.org.

LS POWER GRID CONSTRUCTION

Construction activities for Segment III of the Project are anticipated to start on or about January 10, 2022. Surveys may begin prior to these dates.

A map of the Project's Segment III work is provided at the end of this notice. Comments, questions, and concerns regarding the construction of the Project may be provided to the Project team by calling (518) 888-2047 or contacting:

- **Casey Carrol**
Assistant Vice President
LS Power Grid New York
1700 Broadway, 35th Floor
New York, NY 10019
Phone: (518) 888-2047
Email: ccarroll@LSPower.com



The Project is under the jurisdiction of the New York State Public Service Commission, which is responsible for enforcing compliance with environmental and construction conditions. The Commission may be contacted at:

- **Matthew Smith**
Environmental Certification & Compliance, Office of
Electric, Gas and Water, Department of Public Service
Three Empire State Plaza
Albany, NY 12223
Telephone: (518) 474-8702
Email: Matthew.Smith@dps.ny.gov

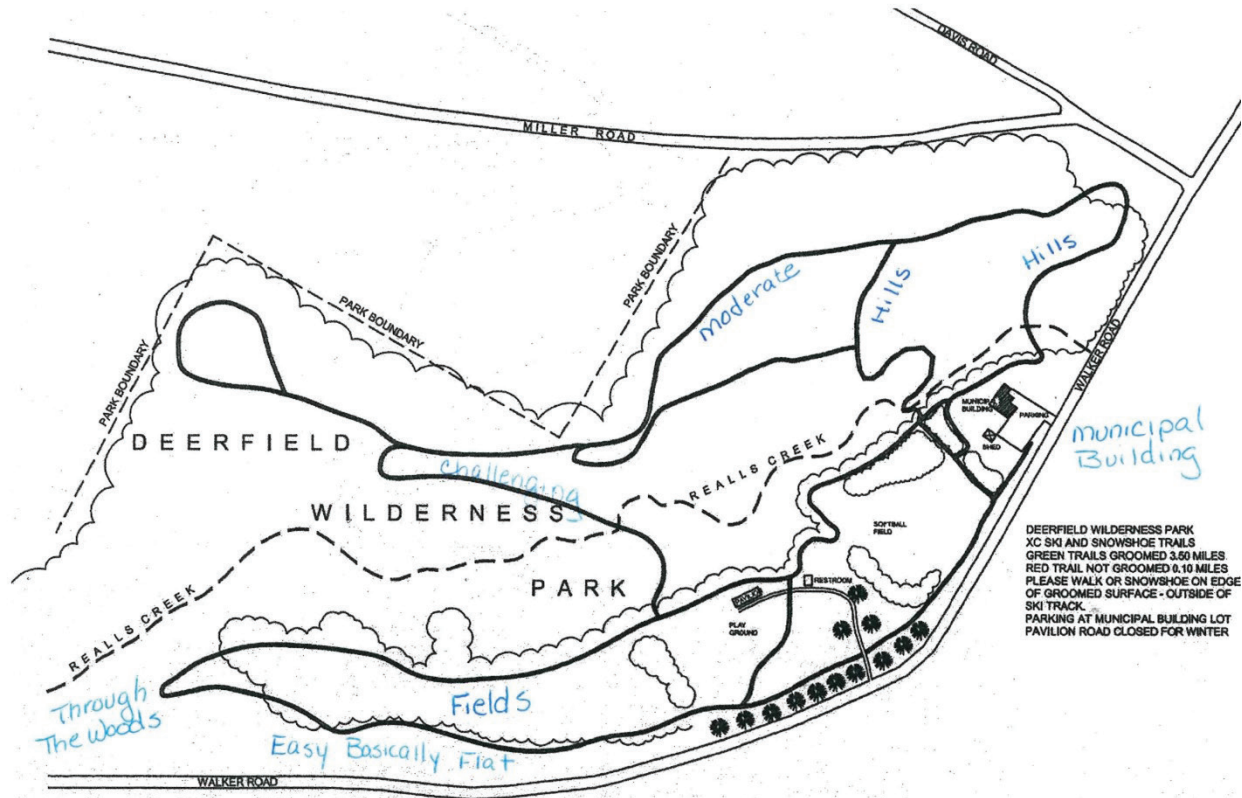
KEEPING YOU INFORMED

For updates and more information about the project, visit: www.LSPOWERGRIDNEWYORK.com or call (518) 888-2047 Article VII Case No. 19-T-0549 at on.ny.gov/30wYSru

WILDERNESS PARK TRAILS

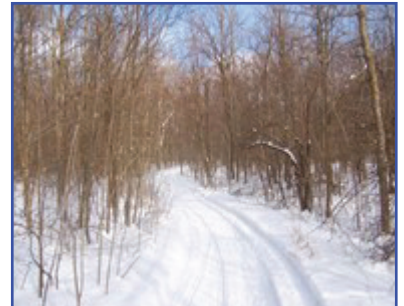
Goodbye and Best Wishes to Mr. Blake who for a number of years groomed our trails for for XC Skiing, Snow Shoeing, and Hiking, we wish him and his family the best in their new community. Going forward the Town Board has accepted Debbie Burke as our new volunteer Groomer. She has agreed to continue to keep our trails groomed and report to the town of any areas that may need repairs or attention. Thank You Debbie and Welcome.

The Town of Deerfield Has a selection of Snowshoes and some XC skis in Stock for families and individuals to use to enjoy the park and trails, Please see the Town Clerk for more information.



NEWS FROM THE DEERFIELD SNOW TRAILS

The winter snowmobile season is upon us. While at the time of writing this our trails are not yet open due to the extended hunting season and lack of snow cover. We do ask that when they do open, everyone to stay on the marked trails and please respect all landowners throughout not only our trail system but the whole state. These people graciously allow us to use their property and it only takes one person doing something they shouldn't to jeopardize it all. Our volunteers work many hours to give all riders the best ride anywhere so please thank them and consider helping out. Our trails will open after Jan 1st and provided there is enough snow cover to do so. Please do not open any gates without club permission. Trail conditions and information about them can be found on the clubs Facebook page @ Deerfield Snow Trails.



This **January 15th** from 12pm until sold out we will be holding our annual Chicken BBQ at the Eagles Club on Cosby Manor Rd. Take out or dine in is available. Sorry, there will be no presale tickets this year.

While a date has not yet been set, it's usually late Feb early March, we will also be holding a trail party at the covered bridge. This is open to anyone even if you don't snowmobile.

Our regular monthly meetings are the **second Tuesday** of the month, 7pm, from Sept- Mar and held at the Eagles Club. Thanks again and remember to join the club!

Deerfield's SNO-MUCH FUN WINTER FEST 2022

February 5th 2022

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm



**Hello Snow Festers - It's that time again, Brrrrr...
When the Snow Falls and we must think WINTER FUN!**



**This Year's Theme will be Country Western/Rodeo
We will be prepared to party the Old Time Western Way with
Games, Food, Music, Contests**

**As in the past - we will provide the main staples and
ask that as our guest, your family bring a dish to share!**

So, what's on the Schedule this year?

- ✓ **Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides**
- ✓ **Campfire**
- ✓ **Sledding - Bring your own sleds**
- ✓ **Snow Shoeing**
- ✓ **Snow Games and Contests**
- ✓ **Gold Mining**
- ✓ **Snow Sculpture Contest Voting
and Presentation of Prizes**

Deerfield's Town Wide Snow Sculpture Contest 2022

Has begun and will continue until February 4th, 2022

So, join in the Snow Sculpture Fun and create your Masterpiece. We would love it to incorporate into our Cowboy/Rodeo Theme but it isn't necessary to win.

There are Rules to Follow - so here they are...

1. Sculpture **MUST** be in the Town of Deerfield.
2. Sculpture **MUST** be in good taste and appropriate.
3. Sculpture **CAN** be created by one or many, please include all names when entering.
4. Sculpture **MUST** be a minimum of 3 feet on one side (length, width, or height).
5. Sculpture **MUST** be submitted prior to February 4th, 2022, 8:00 am to be entered.
6. Sculpture **MUST** be submitted to Lhajdasz49@gmail.com with an address, picture and entrants' names.
7. You **CAN** enter as many sculptures as you wish, however only one can win.



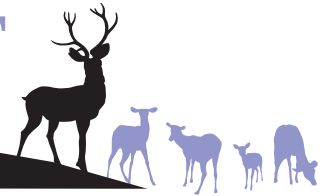
DO YOU LOVE HISTORY?

Especially our hometown local history?

The Town of Deerfield is seeking to fill the position of Town Historian. If you believe this is the craft for you, please reach out to us for your application.

For further information, contact Town Supervisor Scott Mahardy supervisor@townofdeerfield.org or call 315 724- 0413 x 250.

TOWN OF DEERFIELD PHONE LIST



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January 2022

Supervisor	Scott Mahardy	315-738-0311	Telephone Extensions at the Deerfield Municipal Building
Highway Superintendent	Sam Arcuri, Jr.	315-826-7014 Work 315-735-6420 Home	Assessor Extension 221
Councilperson	Phil Sacco	315-796-2034	Building & Codes Extension 222
Councilperson	Michael Collins	315-798-9344	Supervisor Extension 250
Councilperson	Gregory Sacco	315-272-0820	Town Clerk Extension 223
Councilperson	David Kolek	315-396-8077	Senior Citizen's Extension 228
Town Clerk, Registrar	Karen Day	315-724-0413 x 223	Planning Room Extension 227
Tax Collector	Karen Day	315-724-0413 x 230	Tax Collector Extension 230
Town Justice	Jim Sullivan	315-507-3058	Court Room # 315-507-3058 Fax # 315-507-3060
Town Justice	Thomas Larkin Jr.	315-507-3058	Important Phone Numbers
Assessor	George Haskell	315-732-1789	Deerfield School: 315-266-3410
Planning Board (Chairperson)	Lisa Zurek	planningboard@townofdeerfield.org	Whitesboro Parkway Sch: 315-266-3175
Zoning Board of Appeals (Chairperson)	Lura Raymo	315-724-0658	Whitesboro Middle Sch: 315-266-3100
Senior Citizen Director	Lura Raymo	315-724-0658	Whitesboro High School: 315-266-3200
Town Historian	Vacant		State Police: Business @ 315-736-0122
Youth Director	Karen Day	315-724-0413 x 231 315-723-4971	Sheriff's Dept: Business @ 315-736-8364
Dog Control Officer	Andrea Brennan	315-520-1606	Deerfield Fire Department: (Business) 315-732-2693
County Legislator	Dave Buck	315-601-0445	Whitb.Transportation Dept.: 315-768-9740
Deerfield Fire Chief	Christopher Heretz	315-732-2693	Poland High School: 315-826-7900
			Poland Elementary: 315-826-7000