

TOWN OF DEERFIELD



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A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR

Dear Residents,

As we transition from winter to spring, the days are getting longer, the temperatures are rising, and signs of new life are appearing all around town. It's time to shake off the winter chill and embrace the warmer weather and fresh opportunities that the season brings!

First and foremost, we'd like to welcome Dan Fusco to the Town Board! We look forward to his efforts in helping Deerfield grow and thrive.

As the weather warms up, The Deerfield Highway Department will be out cleaning up the roads, filling potholes, and performing routine maintenance to ensure our streets are in great shape for the season ahead. Please be mindful of crews working along the roads and drive with caution. We also extend our sincere thanks to the Highway Department employees for their tireless efforts throughout the harsh winter months, keeping our roads safe and clear for the community.

As a continued update, a reminder that motorized vehicles (4-wheelers and dirt bikes) are not allowed on town property/trails. There is a local law prohibiting this activity on the trails. If you are caught on the trails with a motorized vehicle, the Town will pursue all legal remedies.

Grant requests have been sent to state government officials for upgrades to both Brazie Park and Youlen Park. The Parks Committee has put together a fantastic package outlining plans to improve and enhance these community spaces. Stay tuned for updates as we work towards making our parks even better for residents to enjoy!

Please attend a town meeting—your input matters! Engaging in local discussions helps shape the future of Deerfield. Check our website for upcoming meeting dates and agendas.

We look forward to a wonderful spring season in Deerfield!

Gregory P. Sacco
Town Supervisor



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT



The Highway Department hopes everyone is well and got through the winter months safely.

Winter 2025 was one of the snowiest we have had in a few years. As the weather slowly warms up and everything finally thaws out, we will begin our spring clean-up. Spring clean-up is picking up leaves left over from the fall that fell late, tree limbs that fell over the winter months and picking up sand that has been cleaned up and put to the curb. We will be sweeping the streets and repairing plow damage. All material can be put to the curbside loose for spring pick-up only, the rest of the year all green waste items shall be picked up in reusable containers to be collected with a compactor. Tree limbs shall be piled separately and neatly, so the material can be chipped by a separate crew.

As we were around town plowing this winter season and with the heavy snow we had, we noticed some people still plowing snow across the road. This creates a problem for the traveling public and the plow drivers, as the snow builds up from pushing it across the roadway. Please do not plow snow across the roadway, this could cause an accident, and the property owner could be held liable for damages to the traveling public or damage to the plow trucks hitting the hard snowbanks. If you hire out to have your driveway plowed, please advise your plow person not to plow across the road.

Green waste collection again this year will be once a month from May through November in 2025. All green waste dates were posted in the January 2025 newsletter. **Please do not mix animal feces in with your green waste, we will leave your green waste at the curb.** This material will be collected at the curb in a reusable container with a compactor. Brush (defined as tree limbs 1" or larger in diameter and not more than 10' long) shall be piled neatly at the curb to be collected by a separate crew and chipped. Shrubs pulled out and put to the curb as green waste must have the root

ball removed to be put through the chipper. If residents have any questions about green waste collection, please contact the highway department.

The Highway Department has a busy construction season planned for the 2025 construction season. With the construction-season time being short to get road work done, one rain or windstorm pushes our projects back from completion in that construction year. Some of the projects we are going to be working on this construction season are projects that were planned last construction season. We will be starting on some of these projects right after spring clean-up is complete. As in past years our projects will be split between maintenance work, such as drainage and some asphalt repairs and larger construction projects. As soon as the town can get cost estimates on the planned projects, we can fit them into our budget for 2025. The cost of the materials we use and equipment we need to complete projects has gone up considerably over the last few years. This could delay the completion of a project.

The town again this year will have Saturday collection dates for trash, starting on May 3 at Trenton Road Firehouse, and October 4th at the highway garage on route 8. All Saturday dates will be from 8am to 2pm. As in past years, town residents can bring trash items to the Highway Garage for disposal during our normal business hours, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday until April 21; after that date, we will be working our summer hours from 6 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Please call ahead so we can have people here to open the doors and help unload. The town is working on the possibility of building a recycling building at the highway garage site; it will be year-round and drive through. Please look for further details in our newsletters.

Thanks to all our town residents for their kind words throughout the year. Please call the highway department with any questions at 315-826-7014 or highwaysuperintendent@townofdeerfield.org.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT DATES TO REMEMBER IN 2025:

April:

7 – Start spring clean-up
(Sweeping and picking up
material from winter)
Weather permitting

May:

3 – Trash (Firehouse
Trenton Road 8am to 2pm)
5 – Green Waste

June:

2 – Green waste

July:

7 – Green waste

August:

4 – Green waste

September:

2 – Green waste

October:

4 – Trash (Highway Garage
8 am to 2pm)
6 – Green Waste

November:

3 – Green Waste / Leaf Collection
Weather permitting

*November green waste will
only happen if the weather permits.*

*All Green waste throughout the year will
be collected from a container at the curb
to be dumped in a compactor. Brush shall
be piled separately 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.
Small green waste loose at the curb after
spring clean-up will not be picked up.*

Thank you for your cooperation!

NOTE FROM THE TOWN CLERK – Karen M. Day

Town Clerk Office

Monday Through Thursday 9 am – 4pm

315 724-0413 x 223

townclerk@townofdeerfield.org

Reminder: The Clerk's office is a single staffed office. Feel free to call before arrival to be sure it is open.

Services provided by the Town Clerk's office:

- Registrar Service
- Marriage licenses, Certified Marriage, Death and Birth Certificates, if the occurrence took place in the Town of Deerfield.
- NYS Parking Permit for the Disabled – Temporary/Permanent tags
- Dog Licensing
- Wilderness Park Pavilion Rental Application
- Town & County Tax Collector during the first quarter of each year
- The Town of Deerfield no longer issues Hunting or Fishing Permits – Walmart and Bass Pro are the nearest sites to issue them.

TAX COLLECTOR

Tax Collection is Over!

Any tax payments must be directed to the Oneida County Finance Department.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR THE COMING BUILDING SEASON

Inspections: With the building season gearing up, please remember that inspections **MUST** be made at certain phases of your construction. These inspections will be provided with your Building Permit. The Town of Deerfield Rules and Regulations for the Administration and Enforcement of the Building Code makes the **OWNER, APPLICANT, OR HIS/HER CONTRACTOR** responsible for informing the Code Office when work is ready for inspection and to schedule such inspections. These Regulations do not allow a **CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY (CO) OR COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE (CC)** to be issued unless the necessary inspections have occurred. **THEREFORE, IF THE INSPECTIONS ON YOUR PERMIT ARE NOT PERFORMED, NO C.O OR C.C. WILL BE ISSUED FOR YOUR PROJECT.**

Swimming Pools: We are already getting pool applications for the spring installs. Please note that many residents bought inflatable pools last year. These pools have the same safety rules and regulations as other above /inground pools, so please call us before purchasing any inflatable pools this year. More importantly, local laws regarding fencing and other safety requirements for swimming pools may be more restrictive than requirements for swimming pools contained in the Uniform Code. If you are considering the purchase of a swimming pool, you should review the Uniform Code provisions which can be obtained at the Building & Codes Office. In addition, you should consult the building inspector on the local laws, ordinances, codes and regulations for any further requirements before purchasing a pool. Along with the permit, you will also need to call us for your final inspection before using your pool. At that time, we will process your certificate of compliance and return your deposit for the electrical inspection report.

Decks: As a building inspector, I see a lot of decks that aren't built to code — despite the plan review process, the purpose of which is to identify any code issues before construction commences. But field changes are common, so an inspector is likely to find a different deck constructed at the site than what was detailed on the permit. For many specifications, like those for spans and guardrails, you have to apply general code requirements. Consequently, a deck contractor may not be aware that certain changes could result in a code violation. Below are five common reasons decks fail inspection.

1. **No Protection against Decay:** It's a simple issue, usually noted on the plans, but we sometimes find a completed deck built of standard-grade lumber. Or portions of the deck built with standard grade lumber.
2. **Too Few or Inadequate Fasteners:** We often find insufficient attachments which include the use of non-weather resistant and/or non-structural fasteners attached to the existing structure, which can cause decks to collapse. Fastener specifications aren't usually called out on the construction plans, and inspectors often find undersized nails, or untreated nails that will be nothing but rust in a year or the fastener just shears off due to the weight of the loads imposed.
3. **Inadequate or Non-approved Structure:** The IRC (Section and Table R502.5 (1)) no longer allows 4x4s or 6x6s to be used as girders (Figure 4). All structural beams and girders must be constructed with multiple 2x4s to 2x12s, with the depth and the number of layers of the members determined by the span and spacing.
4. **Insufficient Support and Anchoring:** Whether attached to the existing structure or freestanding, all decks are required to be anchored against uplift and braced laterally to prevent racking and to prevent the deck from becoming a projectile in high winds.
5. **Missing or Noncompliant Guardrails and Handrails:** Many owners don't want a guardrail to affect the view from their deck. They want something not too tall and often ask for benches or planters to act as guards. Note: that handrails are not guardrails, although the terms are often thought of at the same time. Per section R311.5.6, a handrail is required when there are four or more risers in the stair run and when the stair is more than 30 inches above grade or above the floor below, a guard is also required.

James Maxwell Building & Codes

DEERFIELD YOUTH PROGRAM

We had a slow start but we are now up and running. Our Schedule going forward is:

3/9/25 Roller Skating – Skate Awhile Ridge St Rome 1pm – 4pm

3/23/25 Ice Skating – New Hartford Rec Center New Hartford 3pm – 4:30 pm

4/5/25 In House Movie – Deerfield Municipal Building 7pm – Approx 8:30 pm

4/19/25 Eggstravaganza – Utica Zoo 10 am – 1:30pm Come sign in at our Deerfield Booth.

5/4/25 Candy Bar Bingo – Deerfield Fire Hall 2pm-4pm Come early to sign in and you're your bingo cards and seats. We welcome any goodies to share, and help setting up and tearing down.

Details for each event can be found on our Deerfield Youth Program Facebook page!

We look forward to seeing you as we wait patiently for nicer weather.

Youth Director Karen Day * Youth Leader Gino Spina

TOWN WIDE GARAGE SALE

May 16,17,18 of 2025

**Sign up will begin May 1st,
Deadline for Signups May 12th 2025**

You can email Townclerk@townofdeerfield.org
or Call – leave a clear message



Please leave Name, address, phone number, & a generalized or itemized list of sale. i.e. Household goods, general merchandise or a few itemized products.

Posters are available for your Sale at the Municipal Building 6329 Walker Rd

Lists & Maps can be picked up at the Town Municipal Building as well as TASTY TREAT ICE CREAM Coventry Rd. UTICA

Maps and Lists will be available May 13th 2025

DEERFIELD SENIOR CENTER

The Deerfield Senior Center is open on Thursdays from 9 am until 3 pm. We enjoy socialization, friendships, games, Cards and Bingo each week.

On the **first Thursday** of each month, a representative from the **Oneida County Office of the Aging** visits the Municipal Building from 12:30 until 1:30 to assist you with your concerns and questions.

We are planning an AARP defensive driving course for April or May. If anyone is interested, please let me call me at 315-724-0413, ext. 228 or 315-724-0658

We have several trips in planning stage:

May 18th a luncheon theater at Theodore's,

August 25th - The Rev Theater in Auburn,

September 17th - MacHayden Theater, a 1,000 Island luncheon cruise date to be announced.

For further information, please contact Lura Raymo at the above numbers. If I am out, please leave a message.



ANIMAL CONTROL

Q: Is your pet at risk for any of the following:

- A) Fleas
- B) Ticks
- C) Worms
- D) All of the above

A: All of the above (and they ALL can be tough to spot!)

Schedule your pet's annual checkup today to be sure your pet is healthy!

Is your dog very tired? Is your cat eating less than usual? These seemingly minor changes may mean your pet has a flea allergy, an internal parasite infection, or a tick-related disease.

Let's talk about fleas first. The majority of pets don't have fleas—but many have been bitten because fleas are everywhere! Yes, fleas live outdoors but they can live indoors too – even in really clean homes – year-round in any climate. Fleas will gladly hitch a ride on your pet into your house. And all it takes is one fleabite (specifically the fleas saliva), to set off a full blown skin allergy. Pets may scratch their sides, neck or even lick their paws until they're red and painful. What pet wants to move around or eat when feeling this miserable?

Internal parasites (such as worms) can infect your pet in a number of ways. Sometimes, it's hard to know if your pet

has them. But left untreated, worms can be dangerous to your pet's internal organs. They can even cause your pet to lose blood.

Ticks are tricky. Even when you check your pet for ticks they can be tough to find because they're small and hide well in dark fur. But it's crucial to find ticks and remove them quickly. Why? Some ticks carry bacteria that cause disease (such as Lyme disease, but there are many others). And all you need is one undetected tick bite for your pet to become infected. They can become sick and develop kidney problems. At times, these diseases can be fatal.

Ugh! Is there any good news?

Yes!

We're experts when it comes to flea allergies, tick and internal parasite checks. Even if your pet is on regular monthly preventive, it is still important for us to make sure your pet is healthy.

Make an appointment for your pet's annual checkup today – we'll give them a thorough physical exam from nose to tail. Let's also confirm the prevention you're using is right for your pet!



BLOOD MOON SNOWSHOE & BONFIRE

Our first full moon snowshoe event March 14th 2025 was a great success! Thank you to the over 40 people who attended the festivities, hailing from Deerfield, Whitesboro, Poland, NY Mills, Oriskany, Hamilton, Rome, Marcy, Trenton, Utica, New Hartford!

There were short hiking loop and long ones, on the snow-covered trails, followed by tasty treats, hot drinks, and a warm fire! There were new friendships made and old ones renewed!

A BIG shout out to Hal Brown who worked tirelessly all week to keep the trails groomed and in great shape! The snow was a little slushy after a full day of sun but they were still snow-covered. Thank you to Cathy Brown for labeling the trail map that helped newcomers get around. Thank you also to Tom Heiland for not only bringing us a trailer full of pallets for the fire but also for tending the fire throughout the night for us. Thank you, Wayne Franz who stuck around to shovel snow, onto the fire until it was out! And last but not least, thank you to my always reliable neighbors/friends who help set up and clean up - Debbie Greer-Gassner and Rick Gassner, Tobias Michael Schönecker and Andrea Schönecker, Ella Quinn, and Melissa Snyder, Sophie, and Sadie Snyder.

If you miss it, you'll be happy to know it was too much fun not to do it again next year! Park Committee Chairperson: Debbie Burke



NORTH GAGE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION



The North Gage Cemetery Association will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday April 6th, 2025, at 7:00 PM at the North Gage Presbyterian Church, on North Gage Rd in Deerfield.

If you or a family member own a plot or heirs to loved ones interned at the cemetery, you are a Member of the Cemetery Associate and you are encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting.

DEERFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY INC.

2025 Event Schedule

Lenten Fresh Fish Fridays

February 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11, 18, 25. 4-7 pm

The menu includes Baked or Fried Haddock, Shrimp, Scallops, Clams and Chicken Fingers. All dinners come with rolls, coleslaw and fries. Baked Fish comes with baked potato.

Chicken Barbecue

Sunday June 1, 12 till gone
1/2 chicken, salad, salt potatoes & roll

Field Days June Playland Amusements

June 12, 13, 14
Friday - Parade 7 PM
Live entertainment nightly

Fall Fresh Fish Frydays

September 19 - October 10, 4-7 PM

**All events at Bruce "Spike" Yourdon
Memorial Hall and Firefighter's Field**

**Takeouts Available at all
Dinners**

Hall available for rent. Please call 733-FISH (3474)

Recruitment:

The Deerfield Fire Department is looking for dedicated individuals to join our Volunteer Fire Department! If you're passionate about serving your community, making a difference, and learning valuable skills, we encourage you to apply. No prior experience is necessary—training and support will be provided. Volunteers play a critical role in protecting our homes, families, and property. Whether you're interested in fighting fires, providing emergency medical assistance, or supporting essential operations, there's a place for you. Become a part of a dedicated team and make a lasting impact in Deerfield. For more information and to apply, visit deerfieldfire.org.org/join/ our Facebook page Deerfield Volunteer Fire Company or contact the Deerfield Fire Department at (315) 732-2693.



Is there
a **FIRE** in
you?

Become a volunteer
firefighter today.



TOWN OF DEERFIELD

6329 Walker Road
Deerfield, NY 13502

WELCOME

The Town of Deerfield welcomes newly elected board member Daniel Fusco to the Town board. Dan is a 48-year resident of the town of Deerfield and brings a passion for seeing our town continue to be a world-class place to live. Dan brings a half-century of local, national and international business experience to the job and states he looks forward to representing all the residents of Deerfield and working harmoniously with all those serving in our town government.

TOWN OF DEERFIELD PHONE LIST



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April 2025

Supervisor	Gregory Sacco	315 724-0413 x 250	Telephone Extensions at the Deerfield Municipal Building	
		315-272-0820	Assessor	Extension 221
Highway Superintendent	Sam Arcuri Jr.	315-826-7014 Work	Building & Codes	Extension 222
		315-735-6420 Home	Supervisor	Extension 250
Councilperson	Philip Sacco	315-796-2034	Town Clerk	Extension 223
Councilperson	Daphne Jones	315-601-4449	Senior Citizen's	Extension 228
Councilperson	Dave Kolek	315-396-8077	Planning Room	Extension 227
Councilperson	Daniel Fusco	315-292-4819	Tax Collector	Extension 230
Town Clerk, Registrar	Karen Day	315-724-0413 x 223	Court Room	# 315-507-3058 Fax # 315-507-3060
Tax Collector	Karen Day	315-724-0413 x 230	Important Phone Numbers	
Town Justice	Jim Sullivan	315-507-3058	Deerfield School:	315-266-3410
Town Justice	Thomas Larkin Jr.	315-507-3058	Whitesboro Parkway Sch:	315-266-3175
Assessor	George Haskell	315-732-1789	Whitesboro Middle Sch:	315-266-3100
Planning Board (Chairperson)	Pati Goldsmith	planningboard@townofdeerfield.org	Whitesboro High School:	315-266-3200
Zoning Board of Appeals (Chairperson)	Lura Raymo	315-724-0658	State Police: Business @	315-736-0122
Senior Citizen Director	Lura Raymo	315-724-0658	Sheriff's Dept: Business @	315-736-8364
Youth Director	Karen Day	315-724-0413 x 231	Deerfield Fire Department:	(Business) 315-732-2693
		Text: 315-723-4971	Whitb.Transportation Dept.:	315-768-9740
Dog Control Officer	Andrea Kaszcki /Angela Brennan	315-520-1606	Poland High School:	315-826-7900
County Legislator	Dave Buck	315-601-0445	Poland Elementary:	315-826-7000
Deerfield Fire Chief	James Griffiths	315-732-2693		