

TOWN OF DEERFIELD



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A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR

Dear Residents,

As we say goodbye to the holidays and step into a brand-new year, it's a wonderful opportunity to embrace fresh beginnings. This past year has been one of the most remarkable accomplishments for our town. From completing key infrastructure projects to hosting successful community events, Deerfield has continued to thrive and grow thanks to your support and dedication. The New Year is a time to set goals, strengthen connections, and continue building on the sense of community that makes Deerfield so special.

The 2025 budget has been finalized, and we are proud to announce that we are once again able to keep the Town General Tax at zero. This achievement reflects our commitment to fiscal responsibility while continuing to invest in the projects and services that make Deerfield a wonderful place to live.

The new website is starting to take shape, as Town Clerk Karen Day and Councilperson Daphne Jones update it daily. Continue to check back in for an improved online experience designed to better serve our community.

Thanks to Councilperson Phil Sacco, we have made tremendous strides with NYSERDA to capitalize on energy-saving programs. These initiatives will help Deerfield reduce costs and promote sustainable practices for the future.

The Town Board of Deerfield would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to former Town Supervisor, Scott Mahardy, for his 16+ years of dedicated commitment and service to our community. Scott's leadership and vision have helped shape Deerfield into the vibrant town we all cherish today. Thank you, Scott, for your unwavering dedication and countless contributions.

As we prepare to welcome the New Year, let's remain mindful of our winter conditions. Roads may be slippery, and children will be out playing in the snow, building snowmen, and enjoying the season. Please drive carefully and keep an eye out for our youngest residents.

We look forward to a productive 2025 and encourage all residents to get involved in our town's future. Please participate in town government by attending town meetings and sharing your valuable input. Your voice matters.

Warm regards,
Gregory P. Sacco
Supervisor

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT



The Highway Department hopes everyone had 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 and black ice could occur. As the snow piles up, the Highway Department has a few reminders for everyone. Please keep cars off the street during overnight hours, this will help 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. The town also has local law # 1-2005 prohibiting overnight parking on Town of Deerfield roads. 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 if damage happens to a vehicle. 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 or snow coming off the plows 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 the kids playing and we would not want to see any of our children get hurt.

We hope everyone had a fun filled summer and enjoyed the nice summer weather we had this year. The Highway Department had a very ambitious road construction season in 2024 and completed most of our planned projects in late October. The Highway Department is planning another busy year in 2025; we will be working on fitting the 2025 projects into the highway budget over the next few months. We will be splitting the construction season again year between maintenance and construction projects in 2025. The Highway Department's new leaf vacuum worked very well this

season, this a single person operation which allowed us to work on other projects at the same time, we were able to make several passes around town over several weeks to collect the leaves. We will be around at spring clean-up to get any leaves that fell late after equipment was stored away for the season.

The Highway Department's trash collection site at the firehouse and the Highway Garage have worked out for everyone and has been well attended. We are going to continue to have a Saturday drop off in the spring of 2025 and a fall collection at the highway garage. Trash can be brought to the Town Highway Garage during our normal work hours throughout the year; just call ahead to (315-826-7014) 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.

Going back a few years to around 2012, some may remember me talking about the consent order from DEC on sewer overflows at the Oneida County Wastewater plant. In twelve years, there has been 300 million plus dollars of upgrades to the wastewater plant and pump station upgrades. The County added a new sewer main going to the plant and miles of main repairs. Still in wet weather times the County has a few overflow times they know there is ground water getting into the system through piping and sanitary sewer manholes. The county also has flow meters installed and know there is water coming from privet homes with sub pumps and roof drains getting pumped into the system. In a meeting on 12/17/2024 the committee is working on a way to get more water out of the sanitary sewer system. If a resident knows they are pumping water into the sewer system, please contact the Highway Department for some suggestions on how to remove the water. This problem is in every town going to the Oneida County Wastewater system.

We would like to thank everyone for a great year in 2024 and look forward to another great year in 2025. Thanks to all who remembered the Highway Department during the holiday season with the thoughtful cards, Christmas cookies, and food sent to us. It is nice to know we are appreciated.

Thank You,

Hope you had a blessed Christmas and great Holiday season.

The Highway Department

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.

SENIORS NEWS

The Deerfield Seniors meet every Thursday from 9 am – 3 pm and enjoy companionship, cards, games and bingo. On the First Thursday of every month a representative from the **Office of the Aging** will be at the Municipal Building from 12:30 until 1:30 to answer questions from any Seniors of the Town. During the Winter months, we do not plan trips due to the weather conditions in our area. Remember if Whitesboro School is closed due to inclement weather we are as well. Looking forward to Spring already.

For information about the Seniors, please call Lura at 315-724-0657 or 315 724-0413 ext 228

TAX COLLECTOR

Tax payments can be made in person at the Town Clerk's Office in January on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:30 AM – 2:30PM
The office is closed on Fridays.

SECURED DROP BOX AVAILABLE

By mail your Taxes can be paid by **Check, Money Order/Bank Check, Credit Card**
(fee of 2.45% will be added to the CC transaction.)

If you are interested in paying via credit card - Go to our WEBSITE :

<https://www.townofdeerfield.org/government/>

If you would like your paid receipt to be emailed back to you

Please leave your complete email on slip

Taxes paid from February 1st through March 31st add applicable penalties.

Taxes paid after March 31st must be paid at the Oneida County Finance Department, which is located at the Oneida County Office Building, 800 Park Avenue, Utica, NY 13501.

If you have any questions, please call the office at 315-724-0413 ext. 230

Karen M. Day, Tax Collector

CODES OUTREACH PROGRAM – HOLIDAY EDITION

The holiday season is a time for family, friends, and fire safety

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the Office of Fire Prevention and Control (OFPC) has prepared useful fire safety tips pertaining to candles, Christmas trees, holiday lighting, and other hazards commonly encountered this time of year. These following safety tips and fire statistics sheets can be obtained on the Town of Deerfield Website. Go to www.townofdeerfield.org; click on Departments and Codes to find the links below.

- Winter Holiday Safety Tips (OFPC)
- Holiday Candle Safety Tips (OFPC)
- Home Christmas Tree Fires Fact Sheet (NFPA)
- Home Structure Fires that Began with Decorations (NFPA)

Please consider sharing this information with your family and friends. Have a safe holiday season.

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
from the Codes Department!!**

TOWN ASSESSOR – GEORGE HASKELL

Please submit all new Enhanced STAR Applications to the Assessors Office before March of 2025.

Forms can be Acquired at the Town Clerk's office or online at:

<https://www.nyc.gov/site/finance/property/landlords-star.page>

DEERFIELD YOUTH PROGRAM

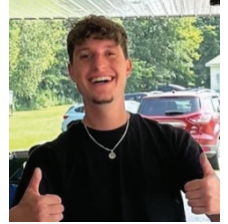


The Town of Deerfield wants to thank Paul Zaleski for his past 20+ years of service to the Families and Youth of our Town as our Youth Leader. He has provided incredible dedication and commitment to our Youth for many years.

His compassion, positive attitude, and valuable contributions have been instrumental to the success of the Deerfield Program. As Paul moves on to other adventures and aspirations, we will surely miss him.

On that note:

The Town of Deerfield would like to welcome Gino Spina as our new Deerfield Youth Leader. Gino is a Town Resident and a local elementary school teacher and has grown up through our Youth Program from a small child to Youth Counselor and now as our Youth Leader. He will have big shoes to fill, but we are confident he is a perfect fit for the position.



WHITESBORO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



Kindergarten Registration for the 2025-2026 school year will be held at the following elementary schools:

Marcy Elementary School: **MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2025**
Harts Hill Elementary School: **TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025**
Deerfield Elementary School: **THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2025**
West Road Elementary School: **THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2025**

To be eligible to enter kindergarten in September 2025, a child must be 5 years of age on or before **December 1, 2025** 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 2025, 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. Contact numbers for each school office are listed below:

Deerfield Elementary: 315.266.3410
Hart's Hill Elementary: 315.266.3430
Marcy Elementary: 315.266.3420
Westmoreland Road Elementary: 315.266.3440

SNOWFEST 2025

Town of Deerfield's

Winter "Happy Birthday" Snowfest



Wildness Park – Walker Rd

February 8th 2025 * 1:00 – 4:00 PM

Family Fun * Games * Magic * Horse

Drawn Sleigh Rides

Come check out Magician Magic Matt at 2 pm

South Trenton Carriage Co. Rides 1 – 4 pm

Vote for the Best Deerfield Snow Sculptures

Photo Displays on premises

Bonfire, Games, Food and Goodies

No Gifts expected but please bring a dish to share



SNOW SCULPTURE CONTEST

SNOW SCULPTURE RULES

Our Snowfest Snow Sculpture contest is underway. Our Snowfest event is set for February 8th at The Wilderness Park. Our theme this year is a "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" theme.

The voting will take place at the Snow Fest by all attendees.

We are asking you to join in the Snow Sculpture fun and create your masterpiece. We would love to have it incorporated into our theme, but it isn't necessary.

THESE ARE THE RULES YOU MUST FOLLOW TO ENTER;

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 7th, 2025, 8:00am to be entered.
6. Sculpture **MUST** be submitted to lhajdasz49@gmail.com with an entire address, picture and entrants' names.
7. You **CAN** enter as many sculptures as you wish, however only one can win.

DEERFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY INC.

2025 Event Schedule



Recruitment:

Join Our Volunteer Firefighter Team!

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.

2025 Civil Officers:

President	Lisa White
Vice President	Nicole Arcuri
Secretary	Richard Bishop
Treasurer	Corky Risley
Financial Secretary	Robert W. Day
Board of Director	Chairperson Wayne Brosmer
Board of Director	Vice Chairman Sam Arcuri Jr.
Board of Director	Sam Arcuri III
Board of Director	Kevin Powers
Board of Director	Larry Pawlinga
Board of Director	Mark Harrer
Sergeant at Arms	Shawn Murphy

2025 Line Officers:

Car 1	Chief James Griffiths
Car 2	Asst. Chief Steven Pawlinga Sr.
Car 5	Captain Corky Risley
Car 6	Captain Ed Dudek
Car 7	Captain Brian Bova Sr.
Car 8	Lieutenant Kevin Yourdon
Car 9	Lieutenant Brian Bova Jr.
Car 10	Lieutenant Lisa White
Car 11	Lieutenant Brett Longway
Car 12	Lieutenant Phil Domser

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 19-21
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)

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ANIMAL CONTROL



TOWN OF DEERFIELD PHONE LIST



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Municipal Building Phone: 315-724-0413 Fax: 315-793-3032 • Highway Department Phone: 315-826-7014

January 2025

Supervisor	Gregory Sacco	315 724-0413 x 250 315-272-0820	Telephone Extensions at the Deerfield Municipal Building	
Highway Superintendent	Sam Arcuri Jr.	315-826-7014 Work 315-735-6420 Home	Assessor	Extension 221
Councilperson	Philip Sacco	315-796-2034	Building & Codes	Extension 222
Councilperson	Daphne Jones	315-601-4449	Supervisor	Extension 250
Councilperson	Dave Kolek	315-396-8077	Town Clerk	Extension 223
Councilperson	Daniel Fusco	315-292-4819	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)	Pati Goldsmith	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
Youth Director	Karen Day	315-724-0413 x 231 Text: 315-723-4971	State Police: Business @	315-736-0122
Dog Control Officer	Andrea Kaszcki /Angela Brennan	315-520-1606	Sheriff's Dept: Business @	315-736-8364
County Legislator	Dave Buck	315-601-0445	Deerfield Fire Department:	(Business) 315-732-2693
Deerfield Fire Chief	Christopher Heretz	315-732-2693	Whitb.Transportation Dept.:	315-768-9740
			Poland High School:	315-826-7900
			Poland Elementary:	315-826-7000