

TOWN OF DEERFIELD



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A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR

Dear Residents,

As we enjoy the crisp evening air and vibrant colors of fall, we wanted to update you on some ongoing projects and community news.

Park Committee Update

The Park Committee is working hard to create a plan for the development of Brazie Park. This project is still in the planning stages, but we are excited about the possibilities and will keep you updated as progress is made. In addition, the committee is focusing on upgrades to the Wilderness Park to enhance its features and ensure it remains a wonderful outdoor space for everyone to enjoy. Detailed plans have been drawn up, and grants are currently being applied for.

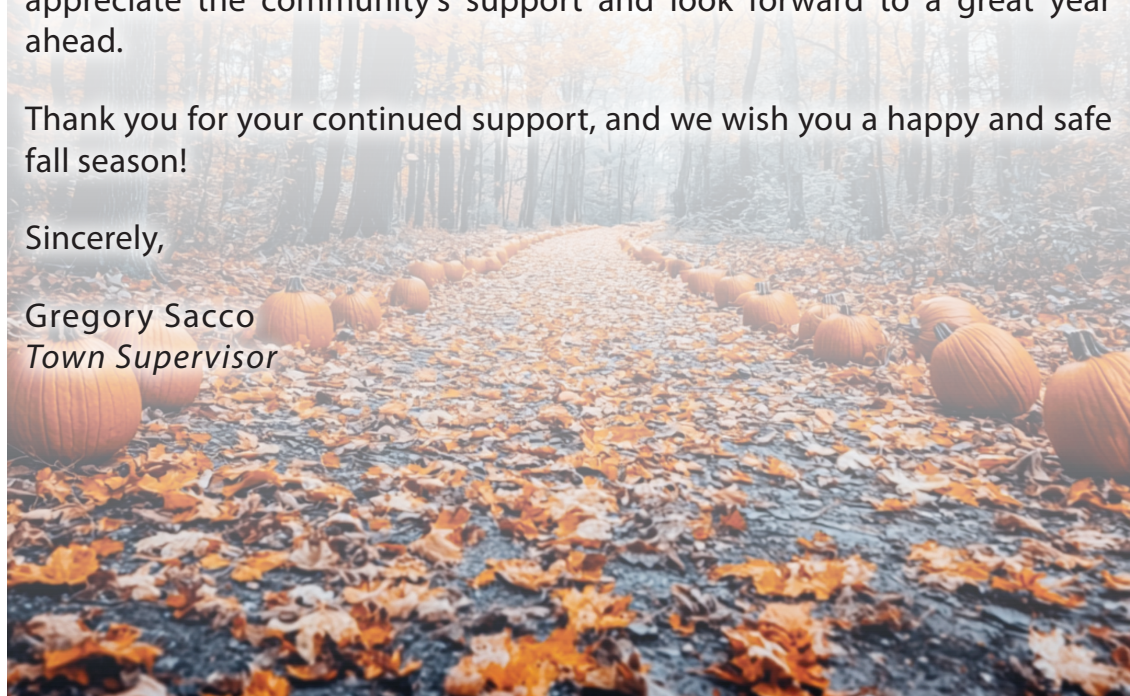
2025 Budget Planning

Work on the 2025 town budget is underway, and things are looking positive! We are focused on maintaining the quality of town services while keeping expenses balanced. The budget will cover necessary projects such as road maintenance while also planning for future investments. We appreciate the community's support and look forward to a great year ahead.

Thank you for your continued support, and we wish you a happy and safe fall season!

Sincerely,

Gregory Sacco
Town Supervisor



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT



With the summer months coming to an end rapidly, we hope everyone had a great fun filled summer.

The highway department is

still working to complete road projects for 2024 and working on some maintenance and drainage projects. As in past years, the weather plays a large part in our paving projects. This year the weather has not had as much of an effect on our paving as the amount of paving going on and the need to coordinate with the paving companies. This has put us slightly behind this year with our paving projects. Nonetheless, the Highway Department is still anticipating finishing all our projects in the near future.

Green waste pickups will continue through November, leaf collection will start when enough leaves have fallen to get the crews out and continue for as long as the weather permits. Green waste pickups still start the first Monday of each month; all dates were posted in the first newsletter of the year. On our green waste dates, we will start early in the morning on the day of the pickup. **ONCE WE HAVE GONE BY, WE CAN NOT COME BACK**, please have your green waste material out ahead of the pick-up start date. We have received several complaints of green waste out at the curb for several weeks. After several years of picking up green waste with our compactor we are still getting questions about loose green waste at the curb. The only time loose green waste is picked up is at spring clean-up time in April. Brush is always picked up loose piled at the curb, brush is defined as tree limbs 1" or larger in diameter. As always, you can bring green waste to the highway garage between pickup dates. **Please** do not put out your green waste until 48 hours before the

scheduled date and do not put green waste, brush, leaves etc. in the ditches or over drainage. When drainage gets blocked, it may cause flooding or washouts. Please put green waste grass clippings, leaves in metal or plastic reusable containers for pick-up, this helps us be more efficient.

We are still going to have our last Saturday trash drop off at the Highway Garage on Saturday October 5. Please take advantage of the dumpsters at the highway garage during our normal work hours; please call ahead to let us know you are coming so we can have someone here to help unload and unlock the doors.

Remember all culvert pipes in the right of way need a permit to be replaced or repaired; the Highway department will size the pipe and require specific backfill material to be installed over the pipe. **If culvert pipes are installed without permits, we have the right to pull the pipes out. Please call for the proper permits and information so this doesn't happen.**

With fall fast approaching and winter just around the corner, just a few reminders please do not park in the right of way it makes plowing the roads very difficult. Do not plow snow across the roadway; you could be held responsible if it causes an accident.

Please call the highway department at (315 826-7126) if you have any questions.

Thank you for your cooperation,
The Highway Department

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT DATES TO REMEMBER IN 2024:

*****November:**
4 – Green waste
and leaf collection
(if weather permits)

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

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.

Thanks to Councilperson Phil Sacco and the Town officials, the Town of Deerfield was awarded a grant, (Youth & Family Services) which provided funding for both our Youth and Seniors programs with busing fees, as well as provide a beautiful patio area, with handicap assessable picnic tables and covered canopy off the back of our Community Room.



TOWN BOARD MEETING DATES

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 2024 year we will be meeting on the following dates:

October • Monday – 14th*

November • Monday - 11th

December • Monday - 9th

OFFICIAL Newspaper now the Rome Sentinel

*Preliminary budget to be adopted by Board on this date

SENIORS NEWS

The seniors meet each Thursday of the month from 9 until 2:30 – 3:00. On the first Thursday there is a representative from the Office of the Aging at the Municipal Building at 12:30 – 1:00. Coffee hour is 9 – 11 followed by a bring your own lunch or a special meal and then Bingo. In October we will be having our October Fest and Halloween Party. In November we have our Thanksgiving dinner and in December our New Year's Eve party.

Trips to Turning Stone for the machines and bingo are available on October 14, November 11 and Dec. 30. On December 12 we will be going to Turning Stone for their "A Classic Christmas Show". The cost is \$51 for members and \$61 for non-members. For more information about the seniors of any trips, please call Lura at 315-724-0413, ext. 28 or 315-724-0658.

ASSESSOR – GEORGE HASKELL

STAR Applications for 2025 must be submitted prior to March 1st 2025. To receive the STAR Credit or exemption, you must own your home and it must be your primary residence.

Basic STAR

- The property must be the primary residence of an owner.*
- No age restriction
- \$500,000 or less for the STAR credit
- \$250,000 or less for the STAR exemption
- The income limit applies to the combined incomes of only the owners and owners' spouses who reside at the property.

Enhanced STAR

- The property must be the primary residence of at least one age-eligible owner.
- 65 or older
- All owners must be at least age 65 as of December 31 of the year of the exemption, except where the property is jointly owned by only a married couple or only siblings, in which case only one owner needs to meet the age requirement.
- Surviving spouses may be eligible to retain the Enhanced STAR benefit. See Surviving spouse eligibility.**
- For 2024 benefits: \$98,700 or less
- For 2025 benefits: \$107,300 or less
- The income limit applies to the combined incomes of all owners (residents and non-residents), and any owner's spouse who resides at the property.

Ownership

- The property must be owned by the eligible applicant(s).
- A married couple can receive only one STAR benefit regardless of how many properties they own, unless they are legally separated.
- Purchaser(s) in possession of the home under an executory contract of sale (aka land contract) are considered owners(s).
- Corporations, partnerships, and LLCs are not eligible unless it is a farm dwelling.

Any new exemptions MUST be filed prior to March 1st 2025.

Questions or issues please reach out to NYS (518)457-2036 or visit www.tax.ny.gov.

HISTORY: THE BEGINNINGS OF THE NORTH GAGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:

Deerfield, October 7th 1829

The committee appointed at the last meeting of the Oneida Presbytery in Utica to take into consideration of the propriety of organizing a church in Deerfield, Gage's Patent, met at the school house in said place, at the time appointed.

Constituted by prayer

Committee - Oliver Wetmore, Chairman
Stephen W. Burnett, Scribe
Abijah Crane

Lineas (?) Younglove and Hezekiah House (a committee from the church in Trenton) Duncan Blue, Martin Wiser and Lewis Reed, (a committee from Gage's Patent) and Mr. Daniel McKay, Daniel Blue, and Isaih Johnson being present from the Church in Russia, were heard in relation to the subject of

organizing a church in the place above specified, pro & con.

The committee having hear all parties to their satisfaction, unanimously resolved, that a Presbyterian Church be immediately organized in Deerfield, Gage's Patent.

The committee then proceeded to the measures necessary to constitute the church and after prayer

by Mr. Crane, the following persons offered themselves for church members from the Trenton Church and presented their certificate of good and regular standing.

Viz:

Duncan Blue

Warren Forbes

John Blue and Mary, his wife.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Fall is Here! Keep Your Pets Safe

Each season, there are a variety of things that could place your pets in danger and we are working to show you tips and tricks to keep them happy and healthy. Here are just a few things you can do to keep your pets safe in Autumn.

Be Mindful with Rodenticides

As rodents venture indoors to escape from the cooler temperatures of fall and winter, there is an increase of rodenticides used within homes. These rodenticides can be extremely toxic if not fatal if your pets ingest them. If you must use these items in your home, please use them responsibly and with extreme caution. Try to place them in areas that are not easily accessed by your pets.

Watch for Mushrooms

Both Spring and Fall are considered prime time for mushrooms to grow and although 99 percent of mushrooms will do nothing really to harm your pets, there is still that 1 percent that can be extremely toxic. It may be difficult to decipher which mushrooms are good and which are harmful to your pets so the best advice I can give is for your pet to avoid them all. If you spot your pet eating wild mushrooms, contact your vet immediately. You may want to also snip a sample of the mushroom and take it with you in a bag so the vet knows exactly what your pet ate.

Don't Spill Your Coolant

This time of year, many of us choose to change our vehicle engine's coolant. Coolants that are ethylene glycol-based can be extremely toxic to our four-legged friends. If you accidentally spill any of your coolants, please clean it up immediately. You may want to also consider switching to a propylene glycol-based coolant. Although this type is not completely non-toxic, it is far less harmful to your pets than the ethylene glycol-based coolant.

Beware of Snakes

This time of year, snakes who are preparing to hibernate can be a little grouchier than normal. This can mean bad news for your curious pet. You may want to learn more about the types of venomous snakes in your area and assess where these snakes may be located near your home. This way, you can try to avoid harmful areas and keep your pets safe from any dangerous snake bites.

As temperatures cool down, you should be mindful of your pet's needs. Take additional time to care for your pets. Make sure they have plenty of food to help them produce more body heat to fight the cooler temperatures and make sure they have access to clean, fresh, unfrozen water. With these tips and tricks, your pet will have a great fall season. Enjoy the crispness in the air and take a little time to let them play in a leaf pile or two.

DEERFIELD YOUTH PROGRAM

Thank you to all the families who joined in our Summer Park Program. We enjoyed spending our Summer with all of you. Thank you to all who donated, supplies, games, crafts, sports equipment and refreshments, your generosity certainly assists us in making our Program the best Youth Program in the community.

We are ready to start our Fall/Winter Program. Our Program is a Town of Deerfield sponsored Program for its Resident Families. It's a great opportunity to spend time with our families. So, we hope you give it a try. Most events are free however some might be a Cost/Share deal.

Sunday October 13th, 2024 – 1pm-3pm Teel Farm - North Gage Rd Deerfield

A perfect Fall Harvest event, with its indoor and outdoor playground, Pumpkin Patch, Corn Maze and bake sale, we will cover admission and a pumpkin up to \$5.00.

Saturday October 19th, 2024 - 10am – 2 pm Utica Zoo Spooktacular Utica Zoo Way, Utica

Stop by between the hours of 10-2pm, sign in with us and enjoy. Costumes welcome, but they ask that no inflatable costumes be worn.

Sunday November 10th, 2024 – 1-4pm – Skate Awhile Longer - 220 Ridge St. Rome NY

Admission and Skate rental covered by Town Youth Program. Snack Bar available.

Sunday November 24th, 2024 – Candy Bar Bingo – Deerfield Fire Hall - Trenton Rd Deerfield

It's always long awaited! Our Candy Bar Bingo - OPEN to the PUBLIC, so bring your friends, cousins, neighbors to play. We play up to 15 games. Each person can play up to 3 bingo cards per game and each bingo card will cost you – 1 regular size candy bar. We encourage contributions to our Refreshment table. 2pm - 4pm - come early to sign in.

Sunday December 1st 2024 Old Time Christmas at the Mansion – Rutger No. 3 Rutger Park

STOP by Meet Santa, give him your list, make ornaments for your tree, Decorate Cookies, and visit library to listen to Christmas Stories. All this inside a wonderfully decorated 1830's Historic Mansion. Noon - 3PM.

Sunday December 15th, 2024 – Ice Skating 3-4:30pm New Hartford Rec Center – Admission and Skate rental covered by the Town of Deerfield Youth Program. Snack Bar Available

DEERFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT





Looking for Volunteers

SNOW SCULPTURE RULES

Volunteers Needed

Our Snowfest Snow Sculpture contest is underway. Our Snowfest event is set for February 8 at the Wilderness Park. Our theme this year is **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

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 7, 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.

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October 2024

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	Scott Mahardy	315-738-0311	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	Christopher Heretz	315-732-2693		