

TOWN OF DEERFIELD



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A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR

As summer's warmth surrounds us, we're pleased to share the latest updates and news from our town. This season is perfect for outdoor fun and relaxing, and we look forward to keeping you informed.

We have successfully acquired a grant aimed at enhancing our senior center. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of our town officials, we have secured funding to make significant improvements. Among these enhancements include the addition of a beautiful patio area including handicap accessible picnic tables and an automatic awning at the back of the senior center. These upgrades are designed to provide our seniors with a comfortable and inviting space to enjoy outdoor activities and socialize with neighbors and friends.

We are excited to announce that Deerfield has been approved for a clean energy grant! Anticipating \$50,000 in funding, we have installed 16-foot fans at the highway garage and will be installing mini-splits and a heat pump. Additionally, our streetlights will be updated to energy-efficient LED fixtures. These improvements are projected to save \$2,000 annually in oil costs and \$5,000 in street light expenses.

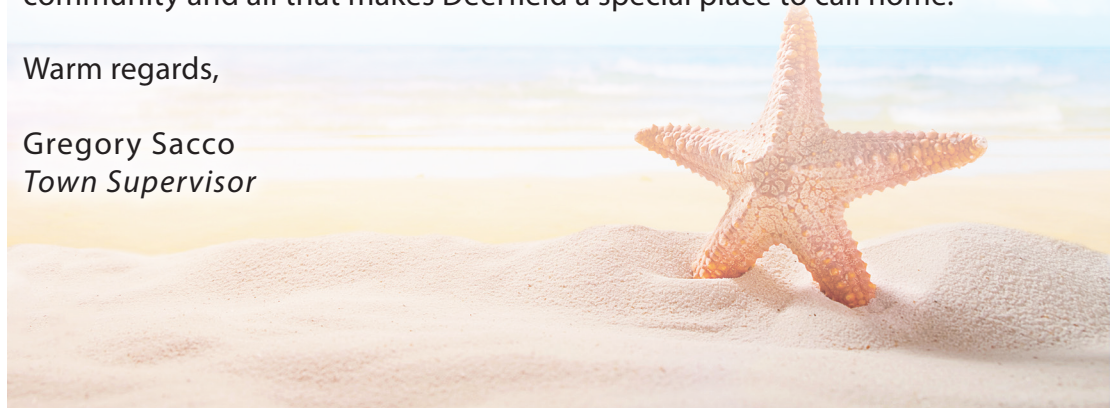
We are currently awaiting word from Congressman Brandon Williams regarding a \$550,000 grant proposal to build a trash/transfer station at the Highway garage. Things are looking promising, and we are hopeful for a positive outcome.

We encourage all residents to stay informed about town news and events by visiting our website and following us on social media. Your participation and feedback are crucial as we strive to build a vibrant and inclusive community in Deerfield. Together, we can make our town a better place for all. Thank you for being involved!

As we embrace the warmth and spirit of summer, let's continue to celebrate our community and all that makes Deerfield a special place to call home.

Warm regards,

Gregory Sacco
Town Supervisor



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT



The Highway Department hopes everyone is doing well and has a fun filled summer planned this year. With the summer being so short the

highway department tries to pack a lot of projects in our short construction season, we will be out working on roads and maintenance projects throughout the construction season. We will try not to hold up traffic any longer than necessary for the safety of the public and our road crews. **Please drive safely and give our crews on the road the time to get their job done. Our children are out of school now, please keep a watchful eye on them while driving on our roads.**

Several years ago, the town moved to collecting green waste at the curb with a compactor. By collecting green waste in this manner, it saves the Highway Department time. This helps keep our town looking neat and orderly and gives us more time in our short summer months to complete other important projects. After several years of collecting green waste in this manner we are still getting green waste piled loose at the curb. **The town will not be picking up loose green waste, after spring cleanup is done,** we will ask you to remove it from the curb. Residents should put out loose material in a reusable container to be left for next month's collection. Brush defined as tree trimmings ½" or larger in diameter should be put out in a separate pile to be collected by a chipper crew. We are also noticing large debris such as tree stumps and large pieces of concrete that cannot be picked up by hand as we will not be out with the loader to collect large heavy material. As a reminder, Residents can always bring their green waste and hard fill materials to the highway garage to dispose of. As I am driving around town, we notice green waste and brush at the curb weeks before the collection starts. Green waste should not be put out more than 48 hours before the Scheduled

collection date. The collection always starts and ends in the same place each month and once we have gone by, we will not be coming back until the next green waste date. **PLEASE DO NOT MIX ANIMAL FECES WITH YOUR GREEN WASTE.** Just to clear up some questions from new residents in town as to the definition of green waste, Grass clippings, small plants, clippings from bushes shall be put out in a reusable container that can be dumped into our compactor. Tree trimmings and brush shall be put out to the curb piled net with the butt ends facing out for ease of collection, no longer than 8' to be chipped by the highway crew. In the area at the highway garage set aside for green waste material we are finding scrap lumber piled which is not considered green waste material, this material is considered construction debris for the dumpsters. Please do not put scrap lumber in this area.

Reminder to the town residents trash items can be brought to the highway garage at 6892 State Route 8 Deerfield during our normal work hours, Monday through Thursday 6am to 4:30pm, please call ahead and let us know when you can bring trash so we may have help available to open doors to access the dumpsters and to assist loading trash into them. The town still has one Saturday trash collection date left this year (October 5 at the Highway Garage on State route 8 from 8 AM to 2 PM). As a reminder to all that use the dumpsters at the highway garage, we welcome all town residents to use the sight during our normal work hours, however the town employees come in after a weekend off we find trailer loads of trash dumped in front of the doors marked with NO DUMPING AFTER HOURS SIGNS on the doors. We are going to be putting up cameras on our buildings to find out who is doing this. We are also finding trash put in the green waste area, this is not an acceptable place for trash items.

Thank you for your cooperation.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT DATES TO REMEMBER IN 2024:

August:

5 – Green waste

September:

3 – Green waste

October:

1 – Green waste

5 – Trash (town garage)

*****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

Town Clerk Office
Monday Through Thursday 9 am – 4pm
315 724-0413 x 223
townclerk@townofdeerfield.org

We have a few new Local Laws:

Municipal ordinances or Local Laws are created by local governments, such as city councils or town boards, to regulate various aspects of community life. These Local Laws are designed to address specific issues that are unique to each municipality, including zoning, property maintenance, noise control, public health and safety, and many more. These legislative bodies consist of elected officials who represent the interests of the public. The process of creating a local law involves several stages, including research, drafting, public hearings, and a final vote by the council members.

New Local Laws enacted this year (2024) :

1. Local Law #1 - 2024– “ To Impose a Moratorium on the Short-term Rental of Non-Owner Occupied Residential Properties:
2. Local Law #2 – 2024 – “ Town of Deerfield Brush, Grass and Weed Control” This law requires residents to prevent unhealthful, hazardous or dangerous conditions due to the accumulation of brush, grass, rubbish or weeds or growth of poisonous shrubs or weeds.
3. Local Law #3 – 2024 – Adoption of A Revised “Town of Deerfield Moratorium on Short-Term Non-Owner-Occupied Residential Properties” Specifically IN All Zoning Districts in the Town of Deerfield, for 6 Months.
4. Local #4 – 2024 – Adoption of Local Law entitled “Town of Deerfield Cat Control Law” the purpose of this law is to protect the health and safety and property of others from the annoyance and damage caused by cats and to establish the responsibility and liability of cat owners arising from their conduct of their cats.

These local laws have been put in place by the Town Board of the Town of Deerfield, following concerns from the community, public hearings, official Vote and State Approval. These Laws are held in the Clerk’s office if the public would like to view.

Local Law reminders:

LL#1 – 1996 - Peddler Law

LL#1- 2002 - Noise Law for the Town of Deerfield

LL#1- 2005 – Parking - No All-Night Parking on Town Roads

LL# 2- 2010 – Dog Control Law

Services provided by the Town Clerk’s office:

- Registrar services
- 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
- 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.

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:

August • Monday – 12th
September • Monday - 9th
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

The following dates are suggested for budget workshop dates – 9/09/24 @ 6:00, 9/23/24 @ 6:00.

FROM THE OFFICE OF BUILDING & CODES

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Building Permits: When in doubt if you need a permit to do certain home improvements, please take a minute to email the codes office to ask. Most small projects do not need a permit unless it involves structural changes or plumbing and electrical installations. You can also go to townofdeerfield.org to get Applications, forms and links for more information.

Inspections: With the building season gearing up, please remember that inspections **MUST** be made at certain phases of your construction. These inspections phases 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: Please note that many residents bought inflatable pools last year. These pools have the same safety rules and regulations as other above /in ground 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.

Property Maintenance: This time of year is when we start to get complaints for high grass and weeds along with rubbish and exterior home maintenance issues this year. Please try to talk with your neighbor about issues that may affect you and your neighborhood before reaching out to the codes office. It may be that they are having temporary financial trouble or health issues instead of just being neglectful; and they might just need a helping hand rather than an official knocking on their door. However, if the

latter is the problem please do not hesitate to contact this office. The Town of Deerfield is committed to maintaining quality neighborhoods and an excellent community environment. Our citizens expect us to do everything we can in this regard. We know that this can only be achieved through the cooperation of everyone involved.

Have a great summer!
James Maxwell, Codes Enforcement

Phone Inquiries may be made to the following Offices:

Building Code Questions: 315-724-0413 x 222

Driveway & Access Inquiries: 315-826-7014

Planning Board Inquires: planningboard@townofdeerfield.org

Zoning Inquiries: 315-724-0658

ANIMAL CONTROL

So Many Cats!

Over the last few years Deerfield Animal Control has received an increasing number of calls regarding cats. The first question we ask is if they are a stray or community cat. Stray cats are cats that may have once had an owner and is either lost or abandoned. Community/Feral cats are born and have no human interaction. The behaviors they exhibit, and location they live, in most cases help us determine the difference. Stray cats typically allow closer human interaction whereas community cats do not.

In either situation it is essential to have these cats spayed or neutered. Stray cats can be taken to the shelter, checked for a microchip (and returned to owner), fixed/vaccinated, and placed up for adoption. Community cats can be trapped, spayed/neutered, vaccinated, and then returned to the property where they reside. The universal sign for a fixed community cat is a tipped ear meaning the tip of one ear or a part of the ear has been removed to allow for easy identification.

Deerfield Animal Control works with both Anita’s Stevens Swan Humane Society and other nonprofit organizations to help our town with both community and stray cats. We always encourage cat owners to keep your cat an indoor only cat as it provides the healthiest, safest, and longest life for them. Outdoor cat’s lifespans are decreased drastically. If you do let your cat outside ensure it is fixed, vaccinated, and has identification or updated microchip. If we work together, we can help with the overpopulation of cats, prevent community cat colonies, and provide a healthy environment for cats.



Andrea & Angela
Deerfield Animal Control

SENIOR NEWS

The seniors meet every Thursday from 9 – 3. On the first Thursday of the month a representative from the Office of Aging at the Municipal Building from Noon until one.

We are very happy to have the patio outside the Community Room. Looking forward to sitting outside for lunch and cards. Since July 4th is on a Thursday, we will not be meeting. We are looking forward to several more trips this summer and fall.

Please call Lura at 315-724-0413, ext. 228 or at 315-724-0658 for further information.

DEERFIELD

The Town of Deerfield was formed from the town of Schuyler by an Act of Legislature March 15, 1798. It held its first meeting in the house of Ezra Payne on April 3, 1798. The early settlement of this town was in the year 1773, when George J. Weaver, Captain Mark Damoth, and Christian Reall, moved to the vicinity of Deerfield corners and built themselves log houses. In 1792 the first bridge was erected between Deerfield and Utica.

Past Historian: Ms. Virginia Loin
Deerfield, NY 13502

Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley

623 Columbia St, Utica
Lunch & Learn Series

Wed July 10 - 11:00 AM Patrick Condon - Utica's 19th Century Irish Poet Scan the QR code or call and leave a message at 315-733-4228 Ext 6. ***The story of a farmer-folk poet who left Co. Cork for a better life in America and settled in Deerfield, NY. Classified by scholars as a folk or farmer poet, his writings in the Irish language, Gaeilge, cast a unique perspective on the early 19th century Irish immigrant experience***

Come and enjoy entertaining and educational programs covering a wide range of topics including Irish history, language, culture and local Irish history. After the program enjoy a delicious lunch in the beautiful Five Points Pub designed and built by Dublin craftsmen.

A \$20 registration fee includes the program and lunch with choice of salad or soup, one of five entrees, beverage selection, tax and gratuity.

DEERFIELD'S SUMMER PARK PROGRAM

The Town's 6-week Park Program begins July 8th and runs Monday through Thursday.

Hours: Daily hours the program is open will be 8:30 am – 3:00 pm

Deerfield Wilderness Park 6329 Walker Rd Deerfield NY

Children can be signed in or signed out during those hours, we are not a Daycare or Day Camp and cannot be used as such. We are providing supervision and park time entertainment for Deerfield Youth.

We will have members to assist your children in their summer fun.

We offer all sorts of activities such as board games, arts and crafts, sports, music, dance, movies, nature trail hikes, water fun day and in house events and entertainment.

If our budget allows, we may offer a couple of field trips out of the park.

We do offer a non-resident fee for children from neighboring towns. The Town of Schuyler pays half the cost for her resident youth. Cost for Schuyler Youth is \$125.00 pp, all other towns will pay \$250.00 pp. payable the first day of attendance and covers the full 6 week program. There are no prorated prices.

We ask that every child who attends is required to have a bag lunch, their own refillable water bottle, & backpack for extra clothes, bathing suits/towels & personal items. (Labeled)

Registration, waiver, and health history forms can be found on our website, as well as at the park with Staff members to complete on your first day of attendance.



DEERFIELD/MARCY CUB SCOUT PACK 79

The Pack performed a little bit of community cleanup service on the trails around the Deerfield Wilderness Town Park. They spent Wednesday nights 6/5 meeting walking around the trails, picking up and bagging any trash that they found. They worked hard on advancement items and had a good time was had by all.

Great Job Pack 79

The Scouts left to right are as follows:

John E., Dominick P., Westley S., Sonny R., Maddox J., Jacob D., Jace G., Dylan J., Andrew D., Caden R., Joey E., Juan and Pablo H., Duane G.

Pack 79 meets each month on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays.

We meet at the Maynard Fire Station 9500 Maynard Drive 5:30 – 6:30

The Pack is open to boys and girls – Kindergarten – 5th Grade

Any questions contact us at:

Cubmaster Seth Etman - seth.etman@gmail.com or
Charter Org. Rep Tim Crossway – timcrossway@roadrunner.com



ASSESSOR – GEORGE HASKELL

**Final Assessment Rolls
are completed as of
July 1st 2024 and will
be held in the
Town Clerk's Office**

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

July 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
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Deerfield Fire Chief	Christopher Heretz	315-732-2693		