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#### A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR

Dear Residents,

Spring is just around the corner in the Town of Deerfield! The days are getting longer, and the air feels a little bit warmer. It's a time of new beginnings and fresh starts, as we eagerly await the arrival of spring in our charming town.

We're pleased to announce that two 16-foot fans will be installed at the Highway Garage, providing both relief from the heat and significant savings on yearly heating oil costs, estimated at roughly 30%. Additionally, we're currently seeking bids for mini splits and a heat pump at the Highway Garage to further enhance energy efficiency.

In partnership with National Grid, we're embarking on a project to replace 48 sodium streetlights with LED streetlights town-wide. Thanks to this initiative, taxpayers can expect to save approximately \$5200 per year. The cost of the project is covered in full by National Grid.

We're also excited to share that we've applied for a \$550,000 grant, in collaboration with Congressman Brandon Williams, to assist with the purchase of our proposed trash-transfer station on the site of the old Highway Garage. This grant will help support our efforts to modernize infrastructure and streamline waste management in Deerfield.

As we gear up for warmer weather, the Parks Committee is hard at work brainstorming ways to make our parks even more enjoyable for everyone. From new playground equipment to enhanced recreational courts, we're dedicated to creating spaces that foster fun, relaxation, and connection with nature. Stay tuned for updates as we bring these exciting plans to life for the enjoyment of all our residents!

As we look ahead to the rest of 2024, we're committed to continuing our progress and serving the needs of our community. Let's make spring enjoyable as we look forward to summer! With blossoming flowers, sunny days, and outdoor activities, there's plenty to love about this season. From picnics in the park to leisurely strolls, let's savor every moment and create memories to cherish. And as we soak up the beauty of spring, let's also start planning for the exciting adventures that await us in the warmer months ahead.





## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT



The Highway Department hopes everyone is well and got through the winter months safely. As the weather slowly warms up and

everything finally thaws out, we will begin our spring cleanup. Spring clean-up is picking up leaves 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 to be chipped by a separate crew.

As we were plowing what little snow we had this season, I saw 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. If you hire out to have your driveway plowed, please let your plow person know not to plow across the road.

Green waste collection again this year will be once a month from May through November in 2024. All green waste dates were posted in the January 2024 newsletter. Green waste is defined as lawn clippings, small plants, and yard waste. 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 2024 construction season. With the construction season being so 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 completing are projects that we were unable to complete in the past. We will be starting on some of these projects right after spring clean-up is complete. Our projects this year will be split between maintenance projects, 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 2024. The cost of the materials we use and equipment we use has gone up considerably over the last few years.

We again this year have Saturday collection dates for trash, starting on April 27 at Trenton Road Firehouse, and October 5 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 29; 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.

The Highway Department

## **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT DATES TO REMEMBER IN 2023:**

#### **April:**

8 – Start spring clean-up (Sweeping) Weather permittin27 - Trash (Trenton Road Firehouse)

May:

6 – Green waste

June:

3 – Green waste

**July:** 

1 - Green waste

#### **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)

Thank you for your cooperation!

\*\*\*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.

## **NOTE FROM THE TOWN CLERK**

Town Clerk Office

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

Our new website has been up and running and we are still working out some bugs, however it is an attractive easy to navigate site. Please NOTE we are no longer using the Digital Towpath web designer when searching for us.

Please keep in mind that I am a single staffed office, so I always recommend a call to be sure that I am in and not in a meeting, continuing education class, or using personal time.

My office can issue marriage licenses and can access birth and death certificates within the town, with proper identification.

All dogs require a license in the Town of Deerfield, the cost is \$12.00 for spayed or neutered dogs and \$25.00 for non-fixed

dogs. Currently your leashed dog is welcome on our Wilderness Trails, however you are asked that you clean up after them and not leave feces on our trails.

Town Law: In 1996 a Town Local Law was passed by the Town Board of the Town of Deerfield Local Law #2 of 1996 which deems it appropriate to regulate said transient merchants and peddlers for the general public welfare. The result of this law, states that all transient merchants, peddlers conducting business door to door, must apply for a Peddler license or permit.

A copy of said law is held in the Clerk's office for review.

Feel free to cut and paste to your door or window.

## No Soliciting

without

## A Peddler's Permit

Town of Deerfield

## **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:

May • Monday – 13th

June • Monday - 10th

July • Monday - 8th

August • Monday – 12th

September • Monday - 9th

October • Monday - 14th\*

November • Monday - 11th

December • Monday - 9th

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

<sup>\*</sup>Preliminary budget to be adopted by Board on this date

### **PLANNING BOARD NEWS**

Planning Board Update March 2024 January 3, 2024 regular monthly Planning Board Meeting: Discussion about creating Air B&B regulations was held. Dan Knuth was interviewed for the vacant position on the planning board. The board will recommend that the town board appoint Mr. Knuth as our new planning board member.

January 17, 2024 regular monthly Planning Board Meeting: Wind Energy Ordinance Update: The board reviewed the definitions and findings sections of the proposed updated draft ordinance. Most of this material was taken from the Town of Richland wind energy law. Discussion was held as to what was the best way to incorporate this new information into our existing local law. Dan Knuth will also research raptor migration patterns, which will also be referenced in the update. Work on a draft document will begin at this point. February 7, 2024 regular monthly planning board meeting. Representatives of ARCN Development, LLC were present to meet with the planning board, Attorney Bill Schmitt, Supervisor Sacco and Al Swierczek. The process for reclassifying the zoning was reviewed along with potential recommendations the planning board will suggest that the Town Board adopt should they decide to change the zoning from Planned Development-Commercial to Planned Development Extraordinary. The ARCN group is also seeking a letter of intent from the Town Board and Planning Board stating that the town is moving forward with the proposed zoning reclassification. An inquiry was made by Gary DeStefanis Jr. regarding subdividing his property into lots for his children. He was advised on how to proceed with the subdivision.

March 13, 2024 regular monthly planning board meeting: The planning board completed part one of SEQR Full Environmental Assessment Form regarding the zoning reclassification for the property owned by ARCN Development, LLC. The parcel is located on the west side of State Rt. 12. The planning board should be sending their recommendations to the town board in April.

#### PLANNING BOARD 2024 REGULAR MEETING DATES:

May 8th • June 5th • July 3rd • August 7th • September 4th • October 9th • November 6th • December 4th Meetings begin at 6pm at the Municipal Building.

## **NEW YORK STATE ANNUAL BURN BAN IS NOW IN EFFECT**

No open burning from March 16th – May 14th 2024.

If you are issued a New York State DEC appearance ticket and you are convicted of the violation, You are subject to the following penalties.



\$500.00 – 18,000 and/or up to 2 years in jail. Also a \$75.00 mandatory surcharge.

### **DEERFIELD TOWN WIDE GARAGE SALE**



This is an annual event, where residents can advertise together to draw in the crowds to come buy their valuables. The Clerk's Office will provide a list and maps of registered resident Garage Sales to shoppers. This year our Garage Sale weekend will be May 17-18-19.

Just call, or email the Clerk's office with your information, name, address, phone number, and dates you will be open. Lists and Maps can be picked up at the Clerk's Office and Tasty Treat Ice Cream Shop the week prior to the weekend.

Advertising Posters for residents are available at the Town Clerk's Office 6329 Walker Rd.

## **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 have a Driver Safety Course by AARP set for Wednesday, April 24th at the Municipal Building from 9 am until 3:30. The cost is \$25 for AARP members and \$35.00 for non-members.

We also have several trips planned. On Saturday, April 13th a trip to Theodore's Restaurant in Canastota to see "Leading Ladies" and have an all-you-can-eat buffet. On May 21<sup>st</sup> a trip to Turning Stone Casino to see Tribute to the Temptations. On June 7<sup>th</sup> at trip to the REV theater to see "Jersey Boys". Please call Lura at 315-724-0413, ext. 228 or at 315-724-0658 for further information.

## **2024 WOMEN OF DISTINCTION**

WHITESBORO — Over 60 women were honored as Women of Distinction during a Friday ceremony hosted by Assemblywoman Marianne Buttenschon D-119, Marcy, at Hart's Hill Inn in Whitesboro.

The sixth annual event — held in partnership with The Genesis Group and sponsored by The Fountainhead Group, BGM Supply, Indium Corp, and Mastrovito Hyundai — has become a tradition. Friday's event marked March as Women's History Month and was held on Women's International Day, the Assemblywoman said.

Over the past month, the public was invited to nominate women who have impacted their lives and the lives of others.

"It is my honor to recognize these women who devote their valuable time and effort to helping our community thrive," said Buttenschon. "Whether it's a local entrepreneur, an educator, a life-long volunteer, or a leader of a charitable organization that betters our region, their dedication to our community cannot be overstated, yet often goes without being acknowledged. ..."

"So often, the hardest workers and those who make a difference in our community go the longest without acknowledgement. I was deeply moved by the testaments of our honorees, and it is my privilege to give them the recognition they deserve," stated

Buttenschon, who continued, "In this room are dynamic women from throughout the community ... What you do doesn't go unnoticed," Buttenschon told the women assembled. "Each of you signifies something important in the community."

#### **2024 WOMEN OF DISTINCTION HONOREES**

Charity Baker, Deana Bartolomie, Chaplain Oare Beyah, Alison Bishop, Rosemary Bonacci, Lisa Briggs, Monalisa Fermin-Fennell, Gabrielle S. Flihan, Kristin K. Hahn, Monica Hickel, Amela Hrustic, Hilda Jordan, Jessica Kokoszki, Maria Landaverde, Julisa Lebron, Cathy Hodde Marsh, Kristen Martin, Tamalin Martin, Feidy Miner, Khinsoe Moe, Deborah Monaghan, Maribel Morales, Lisa Morosco, Maya Nelson, Dana Nimey-Olney, Christine O'Connor, Debra Olsen, Brenda Outwater, Cindy Deprospero Outwater, Danielle Padula, Hawa Peters, Lorna Perry, Lorie Philips, Senora Pierce, Della Pray, Ingrid Quiceno, Lura Raymo, Michele Reid, Dawn Roller, Ashley Rose, Linda Russo, Pamela Sperbeck, Katrina Tickle, Danielle Towne, Joann Velardi, Robbie Washington and Alyssa Williams.



## **ONEIDA COUNTY MAGISTRATES ASSOCIATION 2024 ELECTED OFFICIALS**



### **Recording Secretary:**

Terri Sciortino, Town of Marcy

#### **Corresponding Secretary:**

Deborah S. Kress, Town of Paris

#### **President:**

Stephen J. Crane, Town of Marcy

#### **Vice President:**

Thomas Larkin Tonw of Deerfield

#### **Treasurer:**

Jams M. Sullivan Town of Deerfield

Hon. Dave Gideon,

Special Counsel to the

5th Judicial District

## **BUILDING AND CODES DEPARTMENT**

#### **JAMES MAXWELL - QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

When do I need a building permit?

A permit is required for any new construction including any work that adds floor area, changes the configuration of the rooms or changes the use of the space.

#### Typical examples of projects that require building permits are:

New Building: Residential & Commercial buildings, dwellings, garages, detached storage sheds, carports, pole barns, and manufactured housing, mobile homes, etc..

#### **Additions:**

Additions to structures, swimming pools, all decks, retaining walls over 48-inches and fences.

#### **Alterations:**

Re-configuration of rooms, conversion of a garage to a new use, re-roofing, insulating, finishing a basement, residing, structural repairs, new windows installations, itc.

#### **Installations:**

Equipment of appliances, such as wood burning stove, gas lines, hot tubs, solar collectors, etc.

If you are uncertain whether a permit is needed, call the building Safety & Inspection services office at 315-724-0413 extension 222.

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

## **DEERFIELD YOUTH PROGRAM**

We are looking forward to our Deerfield's Summer Youth Park Program. It is scheduled to begin July 8th 2024. It will be run Monday – Thursday for 6 weeks, ending August 8th, 2024.

The Program is held at the Pavilion at the Wilderness Park and supervised by Town's Youth Program Staff. We welcome children 5 years – 13 years of age (with all day preschool or daycare 4-year-olds) This program is NOT a DAYCARE OR DAYCAMP and **cannot** be used as such. There as sometimes small fees for specific events, crafts, or field trips.

NON- RESIDENTS are welcome to the program for a fee of \$250 per child (non-Refundable).

If you have any questions, please contact the Town Clerk 315 724-0413 x 223.

More information will follow in the July Newsletter.

## **DEERFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT**

#### 2024 Event Schedule

#### **Chicken Barbecue**

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

Field Days - June 13-14-15
Playland Amusements
Friday - Parade 7 PM

<u>Fall Fresh Fish Frydays</u> September 20 - October 11 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)

## **LOCAL NEWS & EVENTS**

This year's Annual "Marcy-Deerfield Pop Warner Cheerleading Squad Benefit Car Show" will be held at the Deerfield Wilderness Park, Walker Road, Deerfield, Wednesday June 19th 4-8pm.

Last year's Car Show raised a little over \$2000 for the Cheerleaders and we would like to make this year even better for the squad! The Cheerleaders don't get the support or money that the Pop Warner Football players do and are always looking for any help they can get!

There will be music, raffles, door prizes, food, soft drinks and a make your own sundae bar!

We have many wonderful donations lined up for this year's event and of course always looking for any added support!

If you would like to help sponsor this event in any way, please send a message to Mike Zarnock "facebook.com/michael. zarnock" on FaceBook and let him know how you can help.

If you have a special car that you would like to show off or just want to come out to see all the beautiful cars, please come and support our towns Pop Warner Cheerleaders!

Donations for Show Cars is \$10 each car. Two trophies will be given: One for people's choice and one for Cheerleaders Choice.

If you have a child that would like to become a Marcy-Deerfield Pop Warner Cheerleader, there will be sign-ups at the car show also. You can find more about Marcy-Deerfield Pop Warner Cheerleading on their FaceBook page, "Marcy-Deerfield Cheerleading"

## THE MASTER'S HAND

**By Jim Sullivan** 

Snow like canvas On the painters stand Waite's for color From the masters hand The reds the yellows The green and the blue He'll paint springtime Just of you So warm your hearts With thoughts of spring And all the color it will bring

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			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 (Chairp	erson)	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	Whtb.Transportation Dept.:	315-768-9740
Dog Control Officer	Andrea Ka	aszcki /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		