

TOWN OF DEERFIELD



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A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR

It has been a great honor to serve the residents of the Town of Deerfield, but after sixteen (16) years as Supervisor, it is time to pass the torch. As many of you are aware, I have decided not to run again.

From the time my family moved into the town in 1999, we immediately got involved in the community. I began my time as a member of the planning board and then had the great honor to be elected Supervisor beginning in 2008. Over the course of the next 16 years, there have been many ups and downs. The ups include renovation and expansion of our wonderful park system, facility upgrades, extremely healthy financials, multiple new housing projects and a dedicated equipment replacement plan for the highway garage to just name a few. I feel the biggest "down" we are facing is the Boralex solar project where the state has removed any local control.

Even though I will no longer be serving our town in an official capacity, I will always have our town's best interests at heart and my commitment to our wonderful community will never go away.

Thank you again for your years of support and please take the time to enjoy the beautiful resources the town has to offer as well as attend a board meeting and become involved in your town.

Scott P. Mahardy
Supervisor



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT



With summer months coming to an end, we hope everyone had a great fun filled summer. The highway department is still working

to complete road projects for 2023 and working on some maintenance. With the weather playing a large part in our paving and the need to coordinate with other companies, it has put us slightly behind this year. Nonetheless, the Highway Department is still anticipating finishing all of 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 morning 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. 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, it helps us be more efficient.

We are still going to have our last Saturday trash drop off

at the Highway Garage on Saturday October 21. 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 out and unlock the doors.

The highway department had some drainage projects planned for 2023. Flooding projects that were planned for a couple of years and received grant money for were completed along Ravine Drive. We are still planning on working on other drainage problems as long as the weather permits.

Remember all culvert pipes in the right of way need to be permitted; 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 (826-7126) if you have any questions.

Thank you for your cooperation,
The Highway Department

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT DATES TO REMEMBER IN 2023:

October:

21 – Saturday Trash
(Town Garage)

November:

6 – Green Waste /
Leaf Collection

The November green waste will only happen if the weather permits. We will be switching over our equipment for leaf season as soon as possible. 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.

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 2023 year we will be meeting on the following dates:

November - Monday 13th

****December - Monday 11th**

* Preliminary budget to be adopted by the Board on this date

** Budget hearing must be held by the Thursday following Election Day 11/7/23 but can be adjourned until the 14th. We will conduct hearing on the 13th.

NOTE FROM THE TOWN CLERK

The Town Clerk's office is working with Quadsimia on our new Town Website. This task was much overdue. In working with Quadsimia, we will have a new updated website, which is easy to access, load and follow. Our Town Departments and Officials will be able to self-populate their own pages, offering the residents in the Town access to the most up-to-date information. We are looking forward to its debut sometime in October.

As a reminder, your Town Clerk is also the Registrar and can assist you in your marriage licensing, death, birth, and marriage certificates. (Providing the act takes place in the Town of Deerfield)

Dogs in the Town of Deerfield must be licensed by law - please keep your pooch up to date on their rabies vaccines and licensing.

We are booking the Wilderness Park pavilion rentals for the 2024 season. The Season begins May 15th – October 15th. Resident fee is \$125.00 and Nonresidents fee is \$175.00 – Both require an additional \$100.00 deposit.

The Deerfield Clerk's office is single staffed, please feel free to call before heading up to the office, in the event I am called out or scheduled time off.

You can reach my office by postal mail, email, or phone.

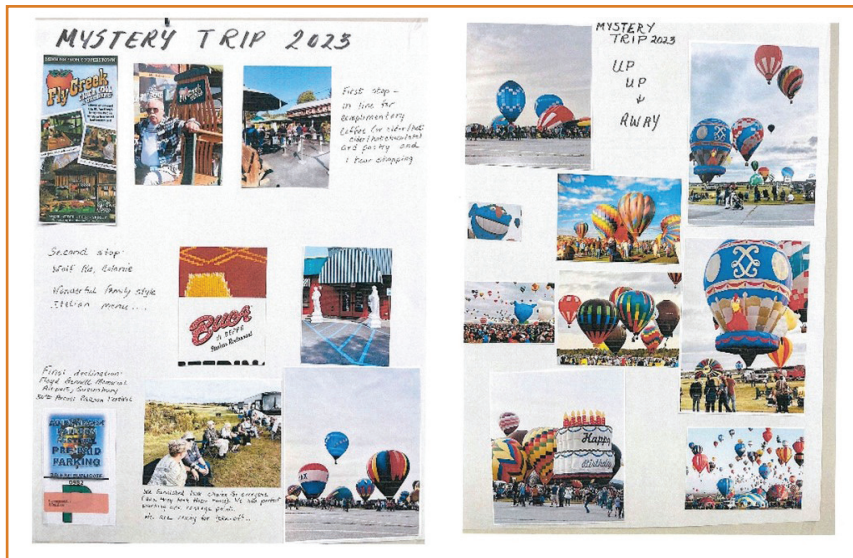
PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS (MONTHLY)

November 8, 2023

December 6, 2023

Monthly Planning Board meetings are held at the Deerfield Municipal building at 6pm.

SENIOR NEWS



The seniors meet every **Thursday**, from 9 am until 3:00 pm for cards and bingo. On the first Thursday of the month a representative from the Office of the Aging is at the Municipal Building from Noon until 1 pm. She can answer questions on the services that are available.

On September 22, we took their Mystery Trip 2023. We loaded up for our mystery adventure. Our first stop began with coffee, cider and donuts at Fly Creek Cider Mill, and a bit of shopping. Our second stop was in Colonie for an outstanding family style dinner at Buca di Beppo Italian Restaurant. Rounding out the adventure we found ourselves at the Floyd Bennett Memorial Airport, in Queensbury for the 50th Annual Balloon Festival.

It truly was a great day.

Singing Hills has invited us to go with them on their Bingo Bus Trips. They are scheduled on **Monday, Oct. 9; Friday, Nov. 10; and Friday, Dec. 29**. They will have a pick-up at Marcy Town Hall at 8:15 am on those dates. The cost is \$10. For more information call June at 315-373-1960.

We have a trip for **The Present Company at the former Theodores in Oneida on Saturday, October 28**. We will meet there at 11:30 am. There will be a buffet at noon followed by the play "Barefoot in the Park". The cost is \$36.00. On **December 7** we will be going to Turning Stone Casino for **"The Buddy Holly Holiday Show"**. The cost is \$51.00 for members and \$56.00 for non-members. Please call Lura at 315-724-0658 or Sue at 315-724-1049.

YOUTH PROGRAM – KAREN DAY / ANNE CHRISTOPHORY

Anne and I want to thank everyone who responded with gifts, donations, toys, youth program equipment and supplies this summer. The community we live in is amazing. After the theft, which took place at the start of our Summer Park Program, we were left in shock. As both the Town Clerk and Youth Director, I watched as the packages and boxes came into the Clerk's office. I was truly amazed when the wall of donations overcame my desk.

We chose a special day in July and made it our Christmas in July; All the donations and gifts were brought to the program for the youth to open. They had a great time that day and the days thereafter. It was important to us to educate the youth on what a community can do when they care and come together. We all are very thankful.

DEERFIELD YOUTH PROGRAM ADVENTURES

Karen Day – Director



October 15th 2023 – Teel Farm Visit - 1:30pm – 3:30pm 11085 Steuben Rd Barneveld NY

Barn playground, wagon ride, Corn maze and pumpkins – What a perfect Fall Day experience for the whole family. Show up anytime between those hours and sign in.

October 27 & 28 2023 – The Haunted Mansion – 6pm – 8pm #3 Rutger Park, Utica NY

This is a 2-day event, Friday 27th & Saturday 28th. Both days beginning at 6pm- 8 pm.

Halloween means pumpkins, goodies, and spook houses. Deerfield Families are welcome to visit the Rutger Mansions, to enjoy them all. This is NO "CAYO", it is a family fun haunted mansion. A Kevin Mack Production of animatronics and Skeletons. We will meet at Mansion No. 3 to sign in and then wander over to Rutger No. 1 – Known as the Munn's Castle.

Deerfield Youth Program will cover the admission for her Deerfield Resident.

SEE YOU THERE

November 12th 2023 – Movie at the Marquee – 1:00 pm "Movie To Be Announced"

As part of the Deerfield Youth Program, we are hosting a private viewing of a favorite Movie. Come early to get your movie snacks and take your seats. **ADMISSION ON US.**

Popcorn Deals – (Jr. Drink & Box of Popcorn - \$5.98) or (Small Popcorn & Small Drink - \$10.60)

November 26th, 2023 – Roller Skating @ Skate Awhile Longer – 1pm – 4pm Ridge St Rome NY



Deerfield Youth Programs wants you to "Skate to the Music" at the Skate Awhile Longer Roller Rink. So come out and we will cover Deerfield Resident's admission and skate rentals – Snack Bar on Site.

Paul Zaleski – Senior Leader

December 9th 2023 – "A Christmas Holiday Special " 2pm – 4pm #3 Rutger Park Utica

Deerfield residents - Join us for a special Christmas visit with Santa at the historic mansion Rutger #3, Santa will be there for you to share your Christmas wishes, after which your children will be able to make a holiday ornament in our craft corner, decorate a cookie or two, and enjoy time with a Storyteller who will share some of the old time Christmas Stories. join us for an hour of memories. This is a great kick off to the anticipated coming of Christmas. Collecting for Food banks in the area – donations welcome!

December 17th 2023 – Ice Skating 2:45pm – 5pm New Hartford Rec Center, New Hartford

Deerfield Residents - Get those ice skates out or get them at the rink. Dress warm and join us for some Ice Skating. The rink opens at 3pm for open skate, but we suggest you get there early to get your skates on and ready to hit the ice. Can't wait to see you there.



The Deerfield Youth program will cover your admission and skate rentals.

January 27th 2023 CANDY BAR BINGO 1:45 – 5PM ish Deerfield Volunteer Fire Co. Trenton Rd.

ITS BACK! and Open to the public. Join the us as we play some Bingo, with sweet winnings. Family and Friends are welcome.

We do have some rules:

- **Only 3 bingo cards per person**
- **1 regular size Candy Bar - will get you 1 Bingo Card**
- **Each Bingo Card can be played for 10 - 12 games**

We will have a refreshment table, if you would like to add this it would be greatly appreciated. Be sure to come early to sign in and get your cards and seats for the big Game.



ANIMAL CONTROL

The Anita's Steven Swans Human Society has requested assistance in their general operations Supplies. Below is a list of items that our community can donate.

General Operation Supplies

- Dawn Dish Soap (blue, bleach free)
- Laundry Soap (HE)
- Clorox Bleach
- Clorox or Lysol Wipes
- Febreze
- Wet and Dry Swiffer Sweeper Pads
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Antibacterial Liquid Hand Soap
- Hand Sanitizer
- Heavy Duty Trash Bags: 4, 13 and 60 Gallon
- Postage Stamps
- Batteries (AAA and AA)
- Copy Paper
- 4x6 Photo Paper
- Black Permanent Markers
- Dry Erase Markers

Thank you!

Andrea

BUILDING & CODES DEPARTMENT

INDOOR AIR QUALITY (IAQ)

You look to your home as your sanctuary. It's safe and inviting. But what about the air in your home? Can it be dangerous? Indoor Air Quality or IAQ isn't something that most homeowners or renters think about. But recent studies prove that indoor air pollution can lead to drowsiness, discomfort, and even serious illness.

According to a Berkeley Lab study, " ... the aggregate health consequences of poor indoor air quality ... are as significant as those from all traffic accidents or infectious diseases in the United States."

We want to help you learn the truth about IAQ and the contaminants in the indoor air you breathe every day. And how to control them. Breathing fresh, clean, and pure air helps your family live happier and healthier.

So let's find out more ...

The movement toward airtight homes started with the energy crisis of the 1970s. The cost of oil was so high that energy efficiency became a top priority in new buildings and design. The home construction industry responded with better insulation, roofing, and more efficient HVAC systems. And now, with today's global concern with climate change, energy efficiency is an even greater priority.

The result is less fresh air flowing through homes, making the air quality more toxic. You can reduce your risk of breathing unhealthy air in your home by understanding and controlling dangerous pollutants.

Here's more about common indoor air pollutants and IAQ, some which may surprise you.

If you suffer from sneezing, watery eyes, or coughing you may be allergic to the air in your own home. Other symptoms include shortness of breath, dizziness, lethargy, fever, and digestive problems.

More serious diseases transmitted by air are tuberculosis, measles, staphylococcus infections, and Legionella. So, let's look at some of the biological contaminants, or germs, in your home or office.

Mold:

Indoor mold can cause health problems because they produce allergens and irritants. If you inhale or touch mold or mold spores, you may get reactions such as sneezing, runny nose, red eyes, and a skin rash. If you're an asthma sufferer, molds can also cause asthma attacks. Mold is a fungus that grows as a multicellular filament called hyphae. Hyphae cause biodegradation of natural materials such as food, paper, or wood. Mold needs water to grow, so the major source for mold in your house is in places where moisture is allowed to accumulate. Or from moisture in the air. The best way to eliminate mold in your home is to control moisture. Fix the sources of surface water problems such as leaks from indoor pipes, seepage in places such as the cellar or attic, and condensation from your air conditioner. Control the moisture in the air by keeping a comfortable indoor humidity of 30-60%. To do this, vent bathrooms, dryers,

and other sources of water and steam from within your home. Air conditioners and dehumidifiers are also a great way to dry the air. Use exhaust fans when you're cooking or cleaning and increase the ventilation throughout your home when you can. All these tips will help improve the IAQ in your home. Molds can grow on wood, paper, carpet, and food...so wherever you find moisture, dry it up and do everything you can to prevent condensation.

DUST:

Indoor dust can include tiny bits of organic matter such as plants, skin, soil, insects, food, fibers, and animal matter (see Pet Dander below). It can also be parts of your carpet or furniture as they slowly deteriorate. It's estimated that one-third of the dust in your home comes from indoor inorganic sources like carpet fibers. Two-thirds comes from both soil tracked in and outdoor air particles. One of the most powerful biological allergens in the house is caused by dust mites, according to the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). It's not the dust mites themselves that cause problems, it's the mite feces that can cause an allergic person to suffer asthma or nasal allergy symptoms. Pet dander and pollen are the other two organic sources of dust that cause some people allergic reactions. See below for more on IAQ.

PET DANDER:

Manufacturers of shampoos, lotions, cosmetics, and deodorants use phenol to preserve their products. Phenols are also found in plastic materials such as water bottles and in household cleaning products. They can cause reproductive system toxicity and hormone disruption. **FLUORINATED CHEMICALS** There's a good chance that you are a happy pet owner who loves your animals and couldn't imagine life without them. In fact, according to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) it's estimated that there are 70-80 million dogs and 74-96 million cats owned in the U. S. 37-47% of all households have a dog and 30-37% have a cat. All those pets produce allergens from their skin, saliva, urine, and feces. Cats cause allergies

because of the Fel d 1 protein produced by their skin, saliva, and sebaceous glands. In dogs, it's the Can f 1 and Can f 2 protein that trigger allergic reactions. These microscopic pet allergens remain suspended in the air for long periods of time and they easily stick to furniture, bedding, and fabrics reducing IAQ. For many people, animal allergens may cause them to experience congestion, sneezing, runny nose, wheezing, and tightness in the chest. Everyone is different but controlling pet dander is a big solution for controlling IAQ.

POLLEN IN THE HOUSE:

Pollen originates from plants. They get inside your home through open doors and windows or tracked and carried in on clothing. Many pollens are allergens that contribute to allergic disease and asthma. Even though these large size pollen grains quickly settle, they can return to the air when disturbed creating unhealthy IAQ. Scientists believe that climate change and resultant warmer temperatures will cause pollen season to start earlier in the year. According to the Berkeley Lab, "Between 1995 and 2013, the ragweed pollen season increased in 10 or 11 central U.S. and Canadian cities by 1-27 days per year..." And higher temperatures and higher carbon dioxide levels are linked to increased plant biomass, which could potentially cause them to create even more pollen.

CONTROLLING MOLD, DUST, DANDER, AND POLLEN IN YOUR HOME:

The keys to controlling these biological contaminants and IAQ are cleanliness, adequate ventilation, and moisture control. Maintenance of heating and air conditioning systems helps along with pest management to control insect and animal allergens. Air conditioning, vacuuming with a heavy-duty HEPA filter, and a quality air purifier are all effective in controlling the organic dust, pollen, mold, and pet dander that accumulates in your indoor air.

COMMUNITY NOTES

Solar & Wind Energy

Free Community Presentation Offered in Deerfield Can New York Combat Climate Change Without Destroying Communities? A free community presentation, "Can New York Combat Climate Change Without Destroying Communities?" will be held on October 17, 2023 beginning at 6pm at the Deerfield Fire Department Pavilion located at 5476 Trenton Rd. Presenters Dennis Higgins and Keith Schue will speak about the New York State energy scoping plan. New York States's Climate Leadership and Community Protection Plan (CLCPA) mandates that our electric grid be carbon free by 2040. The New York Energy and Development Authority's (NYSERDA) plan is to achieve this through the installation of industrial solar and wind farms across upstate New York, along with sprawling transmission lines and giant batteries. But intermittent renewable resources do not necessarily reduce our need for fossil-fuel power plants. These provide dispatchable backup for solar and wind - critical when the sun's not shining and the wind's not blowing. Local interest in the subject is particularly high as Upstate New

York is being targeted to provide “green” energy to New York City. A foreign-owner wind developer is working to secure 20,000 acres in Herkimer and Oneida Counties to build an industrial wind operation. In the Town of Columbia, also in Herkimer County, a solar developer is working to secure 2200 acres for solar panels along with the requisite battery storage. Upstate New York already has a 90% carbon free grid thanks to hydropower on the Niagara and St. Lawrence rivers and the nuclear power plants on Lake Ontario. In fact, New York State generates more power from hydro than any other state east of the Rocky Mountains. Higgins and Schue point out that the state’s analysis ignores the mechanics of how the grid works. It downplays the ecological impact of such a massive buildout and the cost to ratepayers. They will examine similar efforts in California and Germany and highlight the rising opposition to New York’s current accelerated renewable energy siting process. NYS 94-C, passed in 2019, can ignore full environmental review and local laws in order to site industrial solar and wind projects, effectively voiding home rule of municipalities. Higgins and Schue ask: Isn’t it a mistake to pursue a flawed energy plan that sacrifices nature and farmland, increases energy costs and does little to decarbonize the grid? They will outline their ideas on a better way to address these critical issues. A question and answer session will follow their presentation. Dennis Higgins is a retired professor and resides in Otego, NY. He taught mathematics and computer science at the University of Scranton, St. Lawrence University and SUNY Oneonta. He has been involved in regional energy issues for over a decade. Keith Schue, a resident of Cherry Valley, has a master’s degree in engineering and has worked in the private sector for 15 years. Before moving to New York, he was employed with the Florida Chapter of The Nature Conservancy on issues relating to the impacts of human development and infrastructure on ecosystems. He has been engaged in New York’s energy policy since 2010 and currently volunteers as a technical advisor for New York Energy and Climate Advocates. He has provided technical input on the federal Clean Power Plan, NYS Energy Plan, NYS Clean Energy Standard, industry regulations, legislation and various other projects.

NYS Office of Justice Grant

A grant was secured from the NYS Office of Justice Court Support, by Town Judge Tom Larkin Jr. The grant was utilized to purchase an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator). This will be in the Town of Deerfield Municipal Building. I want to thank the Deerfield Volunteer Fire Department, with special mention to;

Asst. Chief Jim Griffiths, EMT

Capt. Corky Risley, EMT-P / Instructor

Capt. Ed Dudek, EMT / Instructor, for assisting and instructing the CPR/AED class.

Twenty members of Deerfield Seniors Program and Counselors of the Town Youth Program attended the class and received their CPR/AED certification .

Respectfully Submitted,
Thomas Larkin Jr
Town Justice

Come one come all to the Circus/Carnival Snow Fest!!!!



Save the date February 3, 2024 from 1-4 pm at our Wilderness Park. Games, sledding, Horse drawn sleigh rides, great food, bonfire and much more. Don't forget the annual Snow Sculptures Contest that is in effect now until February 2, 2024, 8:00am. We never know when the first snow will hit us here in Deerfield, but when it happens, and you can build your sculpture, go for it. You can submit multiple times from the first snow until 2/2/24. Check our page on Facebook for more information.

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		315-735-6420 Home	Building & Codes	Extension 222
Councilperson	Phil Sacco	315-796-2034	Supervisor	Extension 250
Councilperson	Michael Collins	315-798-9344	Town Clerk	Extension 223
Councilperson	Gregory Sacco	315-272-0820	Senior Citizen's	Extension 228
Councilperson	David Kolek	315-396-8077	Planning Room	Extension 227
Town Clerk, Registrar	Karen Day	315-724-0413 x 223	Tax Collector	Extension 230
Tax Collector	Karen Day	315-724-0413 x 230	Court Room	# 315-507-3058 Fax # 315-507-3060
Town Justice	Jim Sullivan	315-507-3058	Important Phone Numbers	
Town Justice	Thomas Larkin Jr.	315-507-3058	Deerfield School:	315-266-3410
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Youth Director	Karen Day	315-724-0413 x 231	Deerfield Fire Department:	(Business) 315-732-2693
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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		