

TOWN OF DEERFIELD



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A NOTE FROM THE TOWN SUPERVISOR

The fall season has brought us beautiful weather and plenty of chances to enjoy the colors and scenery that make Deerfield such a special place. This Fall has been unusually warm, giving us even more opportunities to spend time outdoors and take in the best of the season.

We are finishing up work on the 2026 Town and Highway budgets, making sure that services and priorities are planned for in a careful and responsible way. The goal has been to remain fiscally responsible, balancing the needs of the community with long-term planning. We are pleased to share that the proposed budgets hold the Town tax at 0%, continuing our commitment to providing essential services without increasing the burden on taxpayers.

We'd like to remind everyone that **motorized or electric vehicles, like 4-wheelers and dirt bikes, are not allowed on Town roads, property, or trails.** They can be unsafe for riders and for others enjoying these spaces, putting people at risk of harm, and they can also cause damage to the trails and property we all share. There are local and state laws prohibiting this activity. If you are caught on the roads, property or trails with a motorized vehicle, the Town will pursue all legal remedies. No person shall operate an ATV on a highway, public property, or private property without permission of the landowner. ATV's include E-Bikes with throttles, or without peddles, or is capable of speeds more than 20 mph.

The Horatio Street/Pathstone project is still under review, and we sincerely thank residents who shared their concerns and input. Your voices have been invaluable in guiding both the Planning Board and Town Board throughout the process. Everyone on the Town Board has been working diligently to bring this project to a responsible and fair conclusion that reflects the views of our community.

We invite you to join a Town Board meeting and share your thoughts. Your input plays an important role in shaping the future of Deerfield, and hearing from residents helps the Board make decisions that reflect our whole community. Enjoy the Fall season!

With warmest regards,

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 2025 and are working on some maintenance and drainage work. As in past years, the weather plays a large part in our paving projects. This year the weather has not been as much of a problem 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 that we have started this year.

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 week 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 do not put out your green waste material more than 48 hours ahead of the pick-up start date. We have received several complaints about green waste out at the curb for several weeks before the green waste pick-up start date. 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. Over the past several months we have been finding large piles of brush to be picked up not piled net at the curb, this makes it very tough for the crew to pull the brush off the pile to be chipped. Please pile your brush neatly to save the crew time and be efficient.

We are still going to have our last Saturday trash drop off at the Highway Garage on Saturday October 4. 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 be safe on the road, School is open, the buses are out. The traveling public going to work and other important places remember to stop for school buses picking up our children even on a divided highway.

Please call the highway department at (826-7014) if you have any questions.

Thank you for your cooperation,
The Highway Department

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT DATES TO REMEMBER IN 2025:

November green waste will only happen if the weather permits.

November:

3 – Green Waste / Leaf Collection
Weather permitting

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!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR THE COMING BUILDING SEASON

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 can'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

5 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 a long period 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 noses, wheezing and tightness in the chest. Each individual is different but controlling pet dander is a big solution for controlling IAQ.

POLLEN IN THE HOUSE: Pollens originate 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 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 call 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 DUST, DANDER, AND POLLEN IN YOUR HOME: The keys to controlling these biological contaminants and IAQ are cleanliness, adequate ventilation, moisture control. Maintenance of heating and air conditioning systems is held along with pest management to control insect and animal allergens, Air Conditioning, vacuuming with a heavy duty HEPA filter, and a quality air purifiers, are all effective in controlling the organic dust, pollen, mold, and pet dander that accumulates in your indoor air.

James Maxwell CEO

DEERFIELD SKELETON RUN

Join us on October 19th for the annual Skeleton run brought to you by the Utica Road Runners.



The race has something for everyone with a Free Kids Quarter mile race, Community run (1.5mile), or 5K race - all within the beautiful Deerfield Town Park Wilderness trails - it could get muddy!! Costumes (run safe) encouraged! All 5k racers will receive a wicked cool long sleeve tech running shirt. 5K Race awards for overall winners and top three in 10 year age groups including 70-79 and 80-89! We ask runners to bring non-perishable food in its original packaging within their expiration date that will be donated to the Deerfield food pantry at the Mohawk Valley Church Food Pantry. To signup please visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/NY/Deerfield/SkeletonRun>

Skeleton Run Director – Robert Kapfer

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.

I would like to thank so many of you for your cooperation during this Town Wide Dog Numeration. Your responses have been amazing, so much so, that I have run out of steel tags. I am currently issuing licenses with a temporary Tag which will be replaced by the new steel tags, once they arrive. I am proud to say we are much closer to the State's licensing law than we have ever been.

It has been at least 15 years since our Town has performed a Dog Numeration. Many of the Towns do one every 5 years, going forward our town hopes to stay on a 5-year schedule.

Please note that if after this numeration, residents should continue to renew their dog licenses yearly, and if you are found to have an unlicensed dog, you may be charged additional numeration fee and possible fines by the court.

DEERFIELD HISTORIAN – JON FACCI

As I discover the local history of Deerfield, my intentions have been to focus on the original founding families. No one has been more iconic than Christian Reall, namesake of Reall Creek, by which he built his homestead. Reall Creek is a tributary that runs through Deerfield from north to south and empties into the Mohawk River. A descendant of the German Palatine immigration of the early 1700's by the British who were promised land in exchange for labor in the lower Hudson Valley, Christian Reall settled in Deerfield Corners, present day North Utica, in 1773 before being run off his land by the British and their Seneca allies at the start of our War for Independence. Once America won its freedom, Christian Reall returned again to raise his family in his cabin by the creek.

In Late August, we received an inquiry from the Oneida County History Center Research Library about the name Benjamin Walker. This led to some fascinating discoveries. First, I learned about Colonel Benjamin Walker, a Revolutionary War Veteran and Aide-de-Camp to Baron Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben as well as George Washington for a time. Correspondence by letter between Colonel Walker and our first U.S. President can be found on the internet. Benjamin Walker (1753-1818) moved to Fort Schuyler in the 1790's as he'd been adopted as an heir by Baron von Steuben and caretaker of the deceased General's property in Remsen, NY. Colonel Walker would also become a United States Representative from 1801-1803 and his final resting place is in the Forest Hill Cemetery in Utica, NY.

However, our inquiry was about the Walker Farms on Roberts Road. Indeed, in 1845, a 37 acre parcel belonged to Benjamin Walker. Town Records show that on **1/20/1887**, James Everett Walker was born to a 31 year old Benjamin Walker and his wife, Emma (Korber?), delivered by Dr. Hayes. Subsequently, William Ralph was born on **4/24/1894**, "Baby" Walker on **7/14/1895**, and Grant Walker on **10/18/1896**.

Records are scarce from the early 19th Century, and everything we have, of course, is handwritten. Still, it is fun to watch the past come to life. I want to mention that I was pleased to meet my neighbors at the weekly Senior's Luncheon and I hope to share some presentations in the near future.

ANIMAL CONTROL

A Big Thank You to Our Local Animal Heroes!

Animal Control has had a busy year, and we couldn't have done it without the help of some incredible local organizations. We'd like to give a heartfelt thank you to:

 **4PetSake – CATS & KITTENS**

 **Rover's Do Over – DOGS & PUPPIES**

Both amazing groups are **foster-based rescue organizations**. They provide essential care including **vetting, spaying/neutering**, and **placing animals into loving, permanent homes**.

Foster-based programs rely on compassionate people in the community who are willing to open their hearts and homes to animals in need. **Fostering is a rewarding and easy way to make a real difference**—all expenses are covered by the organization, and you simply provide time, care, and love.

If you've ever considered fostering, now is a great time to get involved! Learn more or get involved at:

4petsakefoodpantry.org

roversdoover.com

Thank you to everyone who supports animal rescue in our town!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ATV and E-Bike Restrictions:

As a continued reminder that motorized or electric vehicles (4-wheelers and dirt bikes) are not allowed on Town roads, property or trails. As you are well aware, there are local and state laws prohibiting this activity. If you are caught on the roads, property or trails with a motorized vehicle, the Town will pursue all legal remedies.

NYS Vehicle & Traffic Law, Section 2403:

No person shall operate an ATV on a highway, public property, or private property without permission of the landowner.

An ATV is defined as any self-propelled vehicle with two or more wheels to be used primarily for off-highway or in off-road competitions.

NYS Vehicle & Traffic Law Section §114-e, 1242, 1282, and 1284

ATV's include E-Bikes with throttles, or without peddles, or is capable of speeds more than 20 mph.

DEERFIELD SNOW TRAILS



Remember how great of a riding season we had last winter?? Well, we are hoping for another great one this year and it will be here before we know it! Last year we had some of the best trails in the state and we are looking forward to providing that same standard again this season.

Our meetings are the 2nd Tues of the month from Sept thru Apr at 7pm. They are held at the Eagles Club on Cosby Manor Road. Our meetings are open to club members and any landowner on our trail system that wishes to attend. If you're interested in joining the club that can be done at the meeting as well. We are always looking for new people to step up and get involved. It doesn't have to be trail work related if that's not your thing. We need volunteers to help with raffles, fundraising, grant writing, the list goes on and on.

Join now and be entered to win one of (2) \$500 from NYSSA cash prizes for joining a club early.

We will be holding our Snowmobile Safety Class this December open to anyone ages 10 and up to adults. It is an 8-hour course held on a Saturday and we provide the lunch even. Look to the club Facebook page for more details.

Coming Jan 17th is our annual Chicken BBQ held at the Eagles Club on Cosby Manor Road. We open the doors and noon and usually sell out quick so get there early!!

Trails DO NOT OPEN until after the close of Big Game Hunting Season. Please respect our Landowners and the trail system by waiting until the Club gives the ok to open.

DEERFIELD YOUTH PROGRAM



The Deerfield Youth Program is in production for our Fall/Winter Schedule. At this time for the month of October we are working with the Utica Zoo and offering Free admission to the Zoo's Spooktacular on October 19th from 1-3 to all Deerfield Youth. Come in Costume and have fun wandering the zoo and enjoying the spooky atmosphere. If you have membership, we will cover the activity pass. See you there.

On Sunday October 26th let's meet at the Teel Far, Halloween Pumpkin Farm, Plenty to do there, with their amazing corn maze, wagon rides, pumpkin patch and their in the barn

Playground. Admission is covered for Residents, \$5.00 coupon towards a pumpkin of your choice.

DEERFIELD SENIOR CENTER

The Deerfield seniors meet every Thursday of the month from 10:00 am – 3:00pm

We enjoy: Coffee Hour and Cards – 10:00 am

Bagged Lunch at Noon

And Bingo from 1:00 pm – 2:30

Looking forward we are having our Halloween party on October 30th 2025 and our Thanksgiving Luncheon in November

A representative from the **Office of the Aging** will be available at the Municipal building from 12:30 – 1:00 to answer your questions.

THE TOWN OF DEERFIELD ASSESSOR

George or "Skip" as many have known him by, dedicated over 49 years of service to his hometown of Deerfield. As Assessor, George worked alongside a number of Administrations. His dedication, expertise, and commitment to his job as Assessor have been instrumental to our Town's success. We want to specifically thank George Haskell, for his service to the Town, friendship, guidance to so many of us over the years. *Try to relax George, we got you covered.*

Going forward, we welcome Matthew Pawlusik, to pick up and wear those big shoes of George Haskell's.

DEERFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY INC.



The Deerfield Volunteer Fire Company serves the Town of Deerfield, NY, along with an approximate 6-mile stretch of the New York State Thruway. The department operates out of two firehouses, and responds with three engine companies, two rescue companies and a tanker. The Deerfield Fire Company has a proud history of dedicated service to its surrounding community.

Become A Volunteer Firefighter

ABOUT THE VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Are you prepared to make a positive impact in your community by becoming a volunteer firefighter?

This role not only allows you to serve and safeguard our town but also offers invaluable benefits: extensive training, the opportunity to acquire lifelong skills, experience in teamwork, and the deep satisfaction that comes from aiding others. Importantly, the process to become a volunteer firefighter is designed to be accessible and straightforward.

Becoming a Deerfield Volunteer Fire Company Volunteer Firefighter requires no prior experience, as we provide all the necessary training. We're excited to guide you through each step, ensuring your transition into the role is as smooth as possible.

Ready to join our family? Apply today and embark on your journey to become a symbol of safety and service in our community.

APPLICATION PROCESS

If you are interested in becoming a Volunteer Firefighter, please do the following:

- Download and complete the member application from our website. (deerfieldfire.org)
- Drop off at Trenton Rd. Firehouse

After your application is received, we will be in contact to begin the next steps:

- Meet with Chief and Committee
- Vote by Membership

- Vote by the Fire Commissioners

If you are voted in as a new member, the following steps begin:

- Placed on 6 months to 1 year probation
- Upon successful completion of probation, you will fulfill a calling of the utmost brother/sisterhood!

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TOWN OF DEERFIELD PHONE LIST



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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	Daniel Fusco	315-292-4819	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	Matthew Pawlusik	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	James Griffiths	315-732-2693		
Town Historian	Jon Facci	Townhistorian@townofdeerfield.org		