



# Deerfield Newsletter

## Important Dates

### Last Day to Submit Petitioned Warrant Articles

Tuesday, January 11, 2011  
Town Offices  
George B. White Building  
8 Raymond Road

### Filing Period for Town & School Elected Offices

January 19 – January 28, 2011  
Town Clerk's Office  
George B. White Building  
8 Raymond Road

### Deliberative Session

#### Town Budget & Warrant

Saturday, February 5, 2011  
9:00 a.m.  
Town Hall, 10 Church Street

### Deliberative Session

#### School District Budget & Warrant

Saturday, February 12, 2011  
9:00 a.m.  
Town Hall, 10 Church Street

### Voting Day, Final Session both Town and School

Tuesday, March 8, 2011  
7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Town Hall, 10 Church Street  
Please go to:

[www.townofdeerfieldnh.com](http://www.townofdeerfieldnh.com) for more information and updates!

## Stormy Weather!

### Be Prepared! Stay Informed!

For information about Deerfield closures and shelter openings:  
Telephone: 463-8811  
TV: Channel 9 WMUR  
FM Radio: WZID (95.7) or WOKQ (97.5)  
Web site:  
[www.townofdeerfieldnh.com](http://www.townofdeerfieldnh.com) or  
[www.forum.org](http://www.forum.org)  
For Emergencies, DIAL 911  
If in need of shelter, call:  
608-8222

## Deerfield News

### Town-wide Revaluation and Your Tax Bill

During 2010, the Town of Deerfield contracted Avitar Associates to complete a total revaluation of all property within the town. The revaluation process has been completed. The new values for your property are now reflected on your tax bill.

When property values change, taxpayers often believe that the amount of taxes they will be billed will change in the same manner that their values changed.

The tax rate is set by the Department of Revenue and is based on the budgets approved by the voters in March, less any revenues from other sources and then divided by our taxable assessed property values.

Typically when a community goes through the revaluation process the standard rule of thumb is that one-third of the property-owners taxes will go down, one-third will stay the same and one-third will go up.

Now that you have received your tax bill, you may have questions regarding the new value and how it has affected the amount of taxes you are being billed. If you would like to view your property record card, they are available on-line at [www.avitarofneinc.com](http://www.avitarofneinc.com) or through the Assessing Department on the Town's Web site at: [www.townofdeerfieldnh.com/offices/assessing.php](http://www.townofdeerfieldnh.com/offices/assessing.php) For those who would prefer to come to the office in person for information, please stop by the Assessing Department, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

If you have any questions regarding your assessment, elderly exemptions, veteran's credit, or need information about how to file for a tax abatement, please call 463-8811 x 315. Abatement applications can be obtained at: [www.townofdeerfieldnh.com/offices/assessing.php](http://www.townofdeerfieldnh.com/offices/assessing.php)

### Town Implements Nixle to Communicate with Residents about Emergencies

The town is now using Nixle to communicate emergency information to residents. Nixle is a Community Information Service dedicated to helping you stay informed in case of an emergency. This service is free to the Town of Deerfield and its residents. With Nixle you can stay connected to your local community agencies. Information is immediately sent to your cell phone by text message, by email or over the Web.

Registering to receive emergency communications that are important to residents of the Town of Deerfield is easy. Simply visit [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com) to sign up for the service. You will only receive communications that are of an urgent nature. Nixle does not share any information gathered with any other agency.

Please register today! It's an easy way to keep informed!

## Winter Snow Removal

The winter season is fast approaching. Please remember that the Highway Department works around the clock during winter storms trying to keep up with Mother Nature. They are out working in the elements doing the best they can to keep our roads clear. Bus routes receive snow and ice treatment first.

Please check along the roadside to be sure you remove anything that is within the Town's right-of-way. This includes mailboxes that are too close to the side of the road.

The Town of Deerfield is not liable for anything that is placed within the right-of-way.

For information regarding any winter ice and snow removal questions, contact the Highway Department at 463-7736.

Winter storm information is also available on the Town's Web site. [www.townofdeerfieldnh.com](http://www.townofdeerfieldnh.com)

## Recycling

Recycling benefits both the environment and the economy. The next time you recycle your plastic bottle, aluminum can, or newspaper, remember how you are part of the solution.

In addition to earning the town much needed revenue, here's how much these materials save compared to their virgin counterparts.

•Recycled newspaper uses 40% less energy.

•Recycled glass uses 40% less energy.

•Recycled steel uses 60% less energy.

•Recycled plastic uses 70% less energy.

•Recycled aluminum uses 95% less energy.

•Every ton of newspaper or mixed paper recycled saves the equivalent of 12 trees.

•Every ton of office paper recycled saves the equivalent of 24 trees.

•The national recycling rate of 30% reduces greenhouse gas emissions by as much as removing nearly 25 million cars from the road.

Please help out by recycling!

## Dog Licensing

ATTENTION DOG OWNERS: 2011 Dog tags will be available for purchase after January 1, 2011.

Get your dogs licensed early and beat the April 30<sup>th</sup> deadline!!!

Spayed Female.....	\$ 6.50
Neutered Male.....	6.50
Unaltered Female.....	9.00
Unaltered Male.....	9.00
Senior Citizens ( <i>First Dog Only</i> )....	2.00
Dogs at least 4 months old but less than 7 months.....	6.50
Five (5) or more dogs	20.00

*Late fees start accruing after April 30<sup>th</sup> every year; please add an additional dollar for each month after this date!*

Office hours are  
Monday 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Tues. thru Fri. 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
*Or, please send check for the correct fee with a self-addressed stamped envelope to:*  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office  
P.O. Box 159  
Deerfield, NH 03037  
*Make checks payable to:*  
*Town of Deerfield*

Call Kevin or Kelly with any questions at 603-463-8811 Ext. 308 or 312

## Visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) to Learn How to Prepare Yourself and Your Family for an Emergency.

There are some basic steps everyone should take to be prepared in the event of a severe winter storm or an emergency. [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) provides some valuable planning tips to help you and your family be prepared.

- **Make a Kit:** When preparing for a possible emergency situation, it's best to think first about the basics of survival: fresh water, food, clean air and warmth.
- **Make a Plan:** Make sure you have a family emergency plan. Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so it is important to plan in advance: how you will contact one another; how you will get back together; and what you will do in different situations.
- **Be Informed:** Being informed about the different types of emergencies that could happen where you live and the appropriate ways to respond to them will impact the decisions you make and the actions you take. In addition, learn about the emergency plans that have been established in your area by your state and local government.
- **Get Involved:** After preparing yourself and your family for possible emergencies by getting a kit, making a plan and being informed, take the next step and get involved in preparing your community.

## Parks and Recreation Programs

### Important Upcoming Events:

- Return of the **REC-BALL** (Adult dance) It's back! **REC-BALL V** will be held **Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. - midnight** at the American Legion Hall.
- **Veterans Day Remembrance** will be held on **Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m.** at the Deerfield Town Hall.
- **Santa Claus is coming to Town.** As part of the annual **Fireman's Parade** and "**Lighting of the Gazebo**" Santa will be available for children to sit with. The date and time is **Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup> starting at 4:00 p.m.**
- Deerfield Parks and Recreation Department and Recreation Commission are pleased to announce the creation of the "**Deerfield Youth Sports Volunteer Hall of Fame**" Please contact us for details.

For more information about any of our programs contact us at 463-8811 x 305

Email: [parks@townofdeerfieldnh.com](mailto:parks@townofdeerfieldnh.com)

Web site: [www.townofdeerfieldnh.com](http://www.townofdeerfieldnh.com)

*Or, friend us at facebook: (Deerfield NH Parks and Recreation)*