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Master Plan: Photo Shoot Presentation



The Planning Board, in collaboration with Southwest Regional Planning Commission, has been working to develop a "Vision" for the growth and development of Greenfield for the next several years. Many thanks to a number volunteers from our community who have volunteered to go out and use photography to share their views about how they would like to see Greenfield progress in the near future.

Remember the Roadside Round-up! This is a great opportunity to contribute directly to the quality of life in

Greenfield. Thanks to the work of the Greenfield Conservation Commission and the Greenfield Woman's Club, the Annual Roadside Round-up will take place on Saturday, April 21, followed by a thank you dinner at 5:30 pm at the Meeting House. Immediately following the dinner, at 6:30 p.m., the Planning Board will be presenting the work of its volunteer photographers. The public is invited to view this work and comment on the "Vision" statement currently under development. Hope to see you there.

Bob Marshall

RECYCLING CENTER HOUR CHANGE

The Recycling Center's hours will be changed as of April 1, 2012
Thereafter the operational hours will be:

Tuesday: 8:00 am to 12:00 pm
Thursday: 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Saturday: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Greenfield's Memorial Day Parade

Will Be Held on May 27th at 12 PM.
The Lineup Will Be Above The Greenfield Inn.
We Will Be Honored By The Presence Of
Private First Class Claire Bridgewater
Singing The Star Spangled Banner.
There Will Be A Luncheon And An Ice Cream Social
Immediately Following The Parade.



The Greenfield Spirit

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To submit articles to the Spirit:

E-mail text to: greenfieldnhbos@myfairpoint.net, or drop off typed articles to the Town Offices. Also, please send in photos, articles, announcements, news of the town, poems, drawings, historical info, letters to the editor, etc., with the name of the writer and/or photographer. Thanks!

Sponsor the Spirit

If you'd like to sponsor an issue of the Greenfield Spirit, please call 547-3442. The cost is low, and it's a great way to get the word out about your business or group, as well as an easy way to support your community. Interest has been so great that we now have a sign-up form to keep everyone's turn organized. Please call the Town Office for rates and to get on the list.

Ad rates and sizes are available from the Town Office.

DEADLINES

May 1st for the Jun/Jul Issue.

July 1st for the Aug/Sep Issue.
September 1st for the Oct/Nov Issue
November 1st for the Dec/Jan Issue
January 1st for the Feb/Mar Issue.
March 1st for the Apr/May Issue.

SPIRIT DEADLINE

May 1, 2012
for the Jun/Jul Issue
Will cover events between
June 1 to July 31, 2012

If you wish to get your news into the Spirit, make sure you send or deliver your information to the Town Office by May 1st. This is a firm deadline.

If you choose to send your information via e-mail, please send it to:

greenfieldnhbos@myfairpoint.net

If your article is a long one and you don't have e-mail, please supply a typed copy. If you have any questions, please call Aaron Patt at the Town Office at 547-3442 or Karen Day at 547-2985.

TOWN DIRECTORY

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

DIAL 911

POLICE/FIRE/AMBULANCE
DIAL 911 or 352-1100

TOWN OFFICES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Executive Select Board meetings are **every Thursday at 4:30 pm unless otherwise posted**. Select Board: Rob Wimpory, Chair, Karen Day and Debra Davidson
Aaron Patt, Town Administrator
Email: greenfieldnhbos@myfairpoint.net
Town Offices open: Mon.-Thurs 9am - 5pm.
Closed to the public on Friday. **Please call if you need an appointment during closed hours.**

Catherine Shaw, Accounting & Webmaster
Tel: 547-3442 Fax: 547-3004
Email: greenfieldnhacct@myfairpoint.net

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Norm Nickerson, Chair
Call 547-3592

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Insp's by Appt/as needed
Inspector - Peter Hopkins 547-3449
Cell: 582-9521
Email: pwhopkins4@netzero.com

CONSERVATION COMMISSION AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Meets 4th Wed. of the Month at 7:30 pm
Chair: Carol Irvin Tel: 547-2037
Email: CIrvin@mathematica-mpr.com

DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS

DPW Director: Tim Murray
Tel: 547-3504
Email: greenfield.nh.dpw@myfairpoint.net

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Business Mtg. 1st Tues of month at 7pm
Training 2nd & 3rd Tues of month at 7pm
Equipment check 4th Tues of month at 7pm
Chief: Loren White H: 547-6874
W: 673-2601 Cell: 562-5007
Office: 547-3501 Fax: 547-6396
Emergency Dispatch: 352-1100 or 911
Email: ldw13@myfairpoint.net

FOR BURN PERMITS CALL:

Cliff Russell, Warden - 547-2722
Deputies:
Lennie Weeks, 352-2838
Al Burt, 547-3839
Chad Murray, 831-4977
Jim Morris, 721-2730

STEPHENSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Monday 12pm - 8:00 pm (last wk - 4/8)
Wednesday 10:30 am to 8 pm
Thursday 10:30 am to 6 pm (starting 4/12)
Friday 11:00 am to 4 pm
Saturday 10:00 am to 2 pm

See page 12 for changes in times.

Librarian - Gail Smith Tel: 547-2790
Monthly meetings at the library
Library Trustees 1st Wed at 7:00 pm
Friends of the Library 3rd Wed 7pm
Email: stephensonlib@myfairpoint.net

PLANNING BOARD

Meetings 2nd & 4th Mon. each month 7pm
At the Town Offices. Normally the 2nd Mon. meeting is for hearings and the 4th Mon. meeting is for other business.
Chair: Bob Marshall Tel: 547-3350
Email: bmarshall11@myfairpoint.net

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Brian Giammarino, Chief
Office: 547-2535 Dispatch: 547-2525
Email: greenfieldnhpolice@myfairpoint.net

RECYCLING CENTER

Hours: Tuesday 8:00 to 12:00 pm
Thursday 1:00 to 7:00 pm
Saturday 8:00 to 4:00 pm
Stickers for residents at the Town Office.
Supervisor: Carol Burgess Tel: 547-8617
Email: greenfieldnhrecycling@myfairpoint.net

SCHOOL BOARD REP: Myron Steere 547-3332

TOWN CLERK (Registrations)

Mon. 6:00 to 7:30 pm
Thurs. 9am to noon and 6pm to 7:30pm
1st & 3rd Sat. from 9:00 to noon
Town Clerk - Dee Sleeper
Tel: 547-2782 Fax: 547-2782
Email: greenfieldnhct@myfairpoint.net

TAX COLLECTOR

Mon. 1:00pm to 7:30pm
Thursday 6:00pm to 7:30pm
3rd Saturday 9:00am to Noon
Tax Collector - Kathleen Valliere
Tel: 547-2782 Fax: 547-2782
Email: greenfieldnhtaxes@myfairpoint.net

WELFARE DEPT.

Welfare Director: Leah Fiasconaro-Conway
Walk-in Hours: Weds- 5-7 pm
Email: greenfieldnhwelfare@gmail.com
For Appts: 547-3442
Emergency assist: Call Police at 547-2525

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

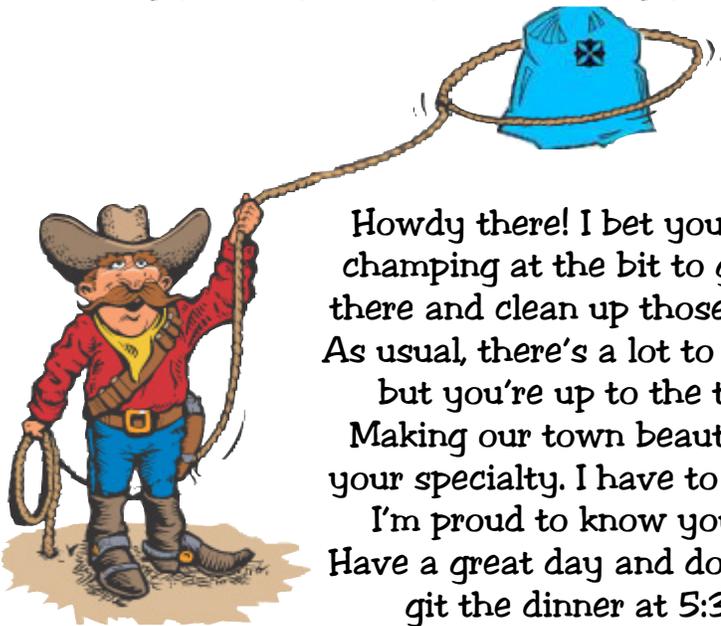
Chair: John Gryval Please call the Town Office for information Tel: 547-3442



GREENFIELD ROADSIDE ROUND-UP

**in honor of Earth Day
SATURDAY, APRIL 21st**

**LET'S SPEND A LITTLE TIME KEEPING OUR TOWN BEAUTIFUL
THEN WE'LL GET TOGETHER FOR FOOD, FUN, & PRIZES**



Howdy there! I bet you're all champing at the bit to git out there and clean up those roads. As usual, there's a lot to pick up but you're up to the task. Making our town beautiful is your specialty. I have to tell ya, I'm proud to know you all. Have a great day and don't forget the dinner at 5:30.

WE HAVE A FREE HAM & BEAN SUPPER FOR ALL THOSE WHO HELP AS USUAL AT 5:30PM, AND THIS YEAR THOSE WILD AND WOOLY WRANGLERS FROM THE PLANNING BOARD ARE GONNA SERVE YOU SOMETHIN' SPECIAL AT THE "ALL YOU CAN EAT (UNTIL IT'S GONE) GUTBUSTING ICE CREAM BUFFET."

WHILE YOU ARE DOIN' YOUR BEST TO FINISH IT ALL OFF, WE'LL HAVE THE FREE DRAWING FOR PRIZES (YOU HAVE TO BE THERE TO WIN) AND A SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY THE PLANNING BOARD AT 6:30!

Organized and Sponsored by the Greenfield Conservation Commission

**IT'S EASY
HERE'S WHAT TO DO:
Start whenever you want on Saturday morning.
Clean up trash wherever needed along your road.
Bring your blue bags and other roadside refuse to the Recycling Center and deposit them in the specially marked dumpster for the Roadside Round-Up.
If you can't bring your bags & refuse in, please call 547-2023 and leave a message. Any help from those with trucks would be very helpful.**

**GENERAL INFO
Bags will be mailed just before Round-Up Day!
More bags are available at the Recycling Center from Apr. 14-20
THIS IS A RAIN OR SHINE EVENT!**

HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

SCHOOLS, part II

With the town's history as our resource, our study of Greenfield's schools continues. McGuffey's Readers were taught to a large portion of the students from its first publication in 1836 to around 1900. Children started with a primer and then moved to the next reader. Arithmetic was taught in the same manner. Most of the time, the students progressed at their own rate (something akin to the "innovative" practices of today.); older students reviewed the work of their younger peers.

In 1852, School Committee reports referred to instruction in spelling reading, grammar, geography and arithmetic. Other subjects could be taught, depending upon the teacher's qualifications.

One person recalls the Russell Station School where she had been both a pupil and a teacher. During her tenure there, the students' benches were set in a "boat" configuration. That is, two rows of seats were placed at an angle to each other and on an incline with the highest being the back rows. A stove sat in the middle of the room, up front. A seat for "bad boys" was positioned near the teacher's desk.

These school buildings were also used as a social gathering spot for the people in the vicinity. Suppers and other forms of community entertainment were held in these buildings and on the grounds.

The "Horace Greeley Schoolhouse" was located in the western part of town. Mr. Greeley was staying with relatives and actually attended one term at the District 8 School! (Now you know!)

Phase One of the Historical Society Barn looks great! We were pleased that several of you "took a look" on the Winter Carnival Day. We are greatly indebted to the many folks who supported this endeavor with their time, services, equipment, and donations. Local contractors, the Historical Society community near and far, and some eager students all made it happen. Continued fundraising will be activated in the spring, since we still need to pour a cement floor, add some wiring and lighting, and finish some interior projects.

Our May meeting will reflect the community effort of this barn raising. On May 22nd at the Meeting House, former NH Commissioner of Agriculture, Steve Taylor, will present a program on the Grange. A brief general membership meeting to elect officers and Board of Directors members and to vote on the budget will be held at 6:45 PM. Then, at 7 PM Steve Taylor will discuss the role of the Grange. At one time, Greenfield had a large and active Grange here in town. As you may know, the "slow food" and "buy local" movements have sparked a renewed interest in the work of the Grange. Mr. Taylor's presentation is made possible through the NH Humanities Council. This will be an informative evening; light refreshments will be served.

The April General Membership meeting will be held at the Society's Museum. At that session, the budget proposal will

be discussed. A program will follow. Look for press announcements, flyers, and, of course, our signboard for further information on the April meeting.

With the arrival of spring, we resume our "open" hours at the Museum. The Museum will be open on the last Saturday of the month, beginning in April and extending through September, from 11 AM to 1 PM. We also gladly will meet with interested people there by appointment. Simply call Lenny at 547-2198 or Jane at 547-2759 to schedule an appointment. Jane also accepts new memberships and renewals. Our membership base is large. Are you a part of this vital group?

Lenny Cornwell



RECYCLING CENTER NEWS

FYI: the Budget Committee's proposal of the Pay As You Throw program was voted down at Town Meeting.

Starting April 1st, we will be on summer hours until November 1st.

Tuesday 8am to Noon
Thursday 1pm to 7pm
Saturday 8am to 4pm

Other Information of Interest: The Household Hazardous Waste program has started again in Keene. Dates are available at the Recycling Center.

A few quick reminders:

MINI MALL. No microwaves, electronics of any sort, clothing, bedding and furniture. Broken glass was again discovered in a box – small children love to pick through the boxes. Your attention to neatness is appreciated. Have all items checked before placing them in the mini mall.

METAL PILE: Please have your metal checked before placing any item in the pile.

BICYCLES & LAWN MOWERS: Please have all lawn mowers checked before dropping them off.

BURN PILE: NO plywood, treated lumber, painted or stained lumber, or laminates in the burn pile. This is the state law. Some of the pallets from wood stove pellets have plywood on them; these cannot be put into the burn pile. Please check where to dispose of these as they may have a use at the recycling center.

COMPACTOR: Greenfield has mandatory recycling in place. Please remember NO ashes in this container.

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GREENFIELD RECREATION

Call 547-3442 for more info.

JOIN YOUR LOCAL FITNESS PROGRAM!

TOWN OF GREENFIELD, NH

Step and Sculpt Classes!

New session begins
April 10, 2012

8 Week Session



Classes begin with a warm up followed by 35 minutes of low impact step aerobics and a body toning workout using light hand weights. Classes end with a full body stretch.

- WHEN:** TUESDAYS AND/OR THURSDAYS April 10 – May 31 (except 4/12 & 4/24)
- TIME:** 5:30PM – 6:30PM
- PLACE:** GREENFIELD MEETING HOUSE
- COST:** \$55.00 FOR ONE SESSION; \$85.00 FOR BOTH TUES & THURS
- BRING:** HANDWEIGHTS (2 – 5LBS DEPENDING ON YOUR FITNESS LEVEL), EXERCISE MAT AND BOTTLE OF WATER.

STEPS ARE PROVIDED. WEAR COMFORTABLE WORKOUT ATTIRE. SNEAKERS REQUIRED – NO STREET SHOES PLEASE!

TO REGISTER: CONTACT AARON PATT AT THE GREENFIELD TOWN OFFICE. 603.547.3442 MONDAY – THURSDAY 9 TO 5PM

Note: Step classes will be ongoing throughout the year in 8- week sessions

BALLET AND TAP CLASSES

Laura Horne is offering pre-ballet classes for ages 2-3, and combination ballet and tap classes for ages 4-6 at the Greenfield Meeting House.

Classes are in 6 week sessions.

Times and cost are as follows:

Mondays 12:30-1:00 (pre-ballet)
\$75 per 6 week session

Mondays 1:15-2:00 (ballet & tap)
\$82 per 6 week session

For more information call Laura @ 673-4672

SCOUTS

If your child is interested in scouts, please contact these people. Boy Scouts: Mike Borden - cmrconstservice@gmail.com and Girl Scouts: Ruth Bergmann - rbergmann@nhbb.com

NOTICE

License dogs by April 30th
If your dog is over 3 months old.
Male: \$9.00
Female: \$9.00
Neutered Male: \$6.50
Spayed Female: \$6.50
Sr. Owner Licenses: \$2.00

\$25.00 Forfeit if not licensed by June 1st.
RSA 466:13

IMPORTANT! BE SURE TO BRING RABIES CERTIFICATES.

Licenses available from the Town Clerk

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MIXED PAPER: If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

ALUMINUM CANS: PLEASE do your best to empty and rinse the cans.

PLASTICS: PLEASE rinse and drain all recycled containers. Also, we cannot recycle plastic bags of any sort or styrofoam food or meat trays.

ELECTRONICS: Fees are associated with the disposal of these items.

FEES: We are still accepting the punch cards as payment, so if you have these please use them.

CARDBOARD: All types of corrugated cardboard can be put in the window. The only exceptions are pieces completely wet or contaminated with paint, motor oil, meat juices or animal droppings.

Thank you for your efforts and cooperation in recycling.

I will gladly answer any questions and I am always open to suggestions.

Carol Burgess





CONSERVATION TRACKS

News of Conservation Doings

About the Greenfield Conservation Commission (GCC)

GENERAL INFO

Generally, the GCC meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30 in the Town Office building. Want to make a difference? Come and join us!

What is a Conservation Commission? According to the 2004 Handbook for NH's Municipal Conservation Commissions, it "...is the only local body specifically charged with protecting natural resources; it provides a focal point within the municipal government for environmental concerns. Without a conservation commission, other boards may or may not be aware of and consider natural resources in carrying out their responsibilities."

Selected upcoming regional events

Don't forget our **Roadside Roundup** on April 21st! Let's make this Earth Day the best one ever! Look for info elsewhere in this issue, and look for your blue recycling bags coming in the mail soon.

If you are willing to drive to Sandown, the "Speaking for Wildlife" presentation about bats (see below) will be given there. Info:

Bats of New Hampshire
Mon, April 2, 7:00pm – 8:30pm
Sandown Recreational Center, Sandown, NH
Contact: Barbara Finch, President, Sandown Garden Club, 703-5011, BarbaraF31@aol.com

Wild Apple Tree Pruning Workshop
Saturday, April 7, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Harris Center for Conservation Education and the Forest Society's Welch Family Farm & Forest, Hancock

Saving Special Places 2012
Saturday, April 14
John Stark Regional High School, Weare
Forest Society - <http://www.forestsociety.org>

Cottrell-Baldwin Environmental Lecture Series
Fox Forest Birding: Early Migrants Arrive in Hillsborough
Saturday, April 28, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Birds, Bats and Butterflies, a UNH Cooperative Extension "Speaking for Wildlife" presentation
Wednesday, May 16th @ 6:30 p.m.
Good Shepherd Rehabilitation and Nursing Home
Plantation Drive, Jaffrey

Focus on...

Littering

Give a hoot! Don't pollute! That well-know phrase resonates for many of us. As kids we are taught not to litter, but what happens? We're in a hurry, we forget – DON'T FORGET! One brave citizen of our town witnessed littering, wrote down the license plate of the car, and reported the litterer! It worked! Our town is a tourism destination and also a through-route for some commuters. The subject may seem trivial, but it isn't. Wildlife get strangled and poi-

soned by litter, it takes generations for some of it to degrade, and it just doesn't look good. Make every day Earth Day!

Spring Bird Migration

Time for migrating birds to return to New Hampshire! We care about birds because they're interesting, beautiful, and because they are an important part of every eco-system. Efforts are under way all over the country to reduce the number of migrating birds killed by tall buildings, antenna, lighted towers and wind turbines. Look for the latest news about bird migration in Francie Von Mertens' column in the *Monadnock Ledger-Transcript*.

There is a website with a species time table, www.birdnature.com/spnh.html

Visit NH Audubon to learn more.

Bats (adapted from UNH Cooperative Extension's "Speaking for Wildlife" Presentation)

Bats are a very important part of the world's ecosystems. As far as mammals go, they are incredibly numerous, representing 20% of all of the world's mammals. Bats in the tropics are important pollinators of flowering plants. Bats in northern places like New Hampshire eat tons of insects.

Bats are the only mammals that are true fliers, like birds. Bat wings are strong and flexible, so they can move incredibly quickly to grab insects flying through the air. Their bones are similar to human arms and hands, if we had very long fingers. They use the thumb, which sticks up, for hanging and crawling. Their feet are great for clinging upside down, but their legs are too weak for them to jump off the ground and fly so they have to crawl up a tree trunk or wall and fall off to start their flight.

Bats have a special ability called echolocation to find their way through the woods and find the flying insects they depend on for food. They send out a high-pitched sound and listen for the echo. Their hearing is so precise that they can pinpoint where the insect is and hone in on it while both are flying through the air. Bat's eyes are small but they can see. Some species can see as well as or better than we can.

Bats hibernate in the winter, either in cool, damp caves or

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mines in the northeast, or down south for those that migrate there. In the spring, bats fly to their summer roosts in trees or buildings. A roost is any place that bats stop and hang upside down.

Some species form maternity colonies and some roost singly in trees. Males roost separately from females. Pups are usually born in June. In mid-August the bats and flying pups start to return to where they hibernate.

New Hampshire has eight species of bat, and all of them are declining. The silver-haired bat, hoary bat, and eastern red bat are declining because of habitat loss and threats such as wind turbines.

The tri-colored bat, eastern small-footed bat, big brown bat, northern long-eared bat and especially the little brown bat, are affected by a new, devastating disease: white-nose syndrome.

White-nose syndrome is causing mass mortalities at hibernacula (caves and mines where bats can hibernate) from New Hampshire to Oklahoma, and is spreading fast. In many hibernacula, the population of bats has dropped over 50%. For hibernacula where white-nose syndrome has been there 2 or more years, the population falls by 95-100%. In the northeast, it is estimated that 70% of the bats are now dead, and one study predicted that little brown bats, the most common bat only 3 years ago, might be gone from the Northeast in just 15 years. Little brown bats occur all across the continent, but they are so vulnerable to white-nose syndrome that their existence is threatened everywhere. All states are now worried about this devastating disease and are working to prevent its spread.

Bats can transmit the fungus to one another when they touch each other in the hibernacula or in their summer colonies, and there are other methods of transmission. A huge team of state and federal agency biologists, universities and conservation and caving organizations are working together to stop the spread, find a cure and recover the devastated bat populations. Studies have already been done to determine what the fungus is, what it does to the bats, how it is transmitted and how the bats die.

So, what can you do? Preventing both the spread of WNS and allowing the bats to hibernate undisturbed are things anyone can do to help bats. Many caves and mines have been closed to humans year-round. Please pay attention and do not enter a closed cave or mine. If you enjoy caving, there are decontamination procedures you should take to prevent carrying the fungus from one cave or mine to another. If you like the new sport of geocaching, please do not put your cache in a cave or mine, and help spread the word.

For more info, visit the New Hampshire Fish & Game bat pages at <http://wildlife.state.nh.us/Wildlife/Nongame/bats.html>

Greenfield Clothes Closet

12 Depot Drive

Open Saturdays, 10:00 am - Noon

A variety of gently used clothing is available at low prices.

All proceeds go to the Food Pantry.

Greenfield Community Food Pantry

12 Depot Drive

Open Saturdays, 10:00 am - Noon

Food is available to anyone in need.

To Donate Food:

Non-perishable foods may be left in the drop-off boxes available at the Greenfield Post Office or at the Ministry Office

The Food Pantry and Clothes Closet are sponsored by the Greenfield Congregational Covenant Church
 Ministry Office: 12 Depot Drive, PO Box 341
 Office hours: M, T, and F from 9:00 am to noon

Phone: (603)547-3626

Email: gccc@greenfieldchurch.org

website: greenfieldchurch.org

Sunday Worship Services 10:00 am at

Crotched Mountain Rehab. Center

ALL ARE WELCOME!

SPIRIT SUBSCRIPTION

Many people, who have moved away from Greenfield, have expressed an interest in receiving the Spirit to keep up with what is going on in town and to learn about their friends. Of course, printing and mailing the Spirit is an expense for the town, so we have decided to make it possible for non-residents to buy a subscription to the Spirit. **Residents may also subscribe so that they may have the Spirit mailed directly to their homes.**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

The cost for a one year subscription to the Spirit is \$6.00 for non-residents and \$4.50 for residents. Please send this form and a check made payable to the Town of Greenfield to: The Spirit, Town of Greenfield, PO Box 256, Greenfield, NH 03047.

The Spirit may also be found on the Town website at <http://www.greenfield-nh.gov/> in PDF form.

JUST FOR FUN

EARTH DAY PUZZLE

R B S M S E I C E P S D E R E G N A D N E R E H T A E W V C
M L O R T W Z Q S P M N N W P L T C L Q W N B L K C L N Z X
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| AIR | GROUNDWATER | RADIATION |
| CARBON DIOXIDE | GULF STREAM | RAINFOREST |
| CLEAN | HABITAT | RECYCLE |
| COAL | HARMFUL | REDUCE |
| CONSERVATION | HAZARDOUS | REFUSE |
| CONSERVE | HYBRID CARS | REUSE |
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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Blueberry Jamboree Committee: This committee is involved in planning and running the annual Blueberry Jamboree at Oak Park. For more info, call Dorene Adams at 547-2706 or Katherine Heck at 547-2450.

Conservation Commission: This committee is involved with the protection of Greenfield's natural resources. If you have an interest in conservation and protecting the natural environment, you may call, Carol Irvin at 547-2037.

Energy Committee: This committee is involved in researching ways to save the town money through energy saving improvements or suggestions. To find out more, call Diane Boilard at 547-6662.

Fire Department: Greenfield has an all volunteer fire and rescue department. We are very fortunate to have this department in town because if we didn't, these services would have to come from another town resulting in a longer time before they were actually on the scene. For more info, call Loren White at 547-6874.

GIVers: The Greenfield Independent Volunteers are a group of interested residents who partner with the town to assist the community to meet its needs such as the wood bank, the community garden, decorating the light poles, keeping flowers watered, raising funds for needed items, and much more. For more info, call Neal Brown at 547-2023.

Historical Society: The Historical Society is involved in finding and preserving Greenfield's historical artifacts and in educating the public on Greenfield's history. For more info, call Lenny Cornwell at 547-2198.

Oak Park Committee: This committee plans events that produce income to support the development of the park. For more info, call John Hopkins at 562-6690.

Recycling Committee: This committee is involved in research and support for the Recycling Center. For more info, call Neal Brown at 547-2023.

Technology Committee: This committee will assure current technology is considered for current and future needs of the town and its residents. For more info, call Mark Long at 547-2784 or 617-538-8678.

Greenfield's 5th Annual Variety Show!



Sat. April 14th, 2012
Greenfield Meeting House
7:00 pm

Admission: \$1 and a canned good for the Greenfield Food Bank

Doors Open at 6:15 pm

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Janet's Planet

Info & Tips on Pets, Wildlife and Eco Issues by Janet Renaud

Pets

It's spring, but if you think it's safe to let your cat out, IT'S NOT. Don't let your cats and small dogs run loose. Predators don't care how you feel about your pet! If you love your pet and don't want to agonize about what became of him/her, keep your pet INDOORS. Contrary to mistaken belief, cats don't "need" to go outdoors – they normally sleep from 16-20 hours a day, and it doesn't take much to entertain them when they're awake – see this great ASPCA article about keeping your dog or cat active and happy: <http://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/pet-care-tips/keep-your-pet-entertained.aspx>

Keeping your Garden Safe

If you do have your dog or cat outside with you under supervision, be careful of the following items:

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Azalea

Other Outdoor Gardening Hazards

Fertilizers
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Insecticides
Compost
Fleas and Ticks

Other Pet Notes

Can you make the grade as a responsible cat owner? If so, contact Kitty Rescue & Adoption in Jaffrey (<http://www.kittyrescueandadoption.org>).

For all types of pets, visit "our" animal shelter is the Monadnock Humane Society in Swanzey: <http://www.monadpets.org> or 352-9011

All dogs in Greenfield must have a license! If yours doesn't, contact the Town offices.

You may qualify for financial help for spaying or neutering your cat or dog! Call Toll Free 1-800-990-SPAY

Wildlife

Time to take down bird seed-feeders! Don't encourage nuisance-bear behavior by leaving your feeders up too long. By April there is plenty of food for birds in the wild. Some folks do keep platform feeders, as long as they are mounted up high. The first couple weeks of May is a good time to put up your hummingbird feeder. Clean it and fill it freshly each day, especially when it's hot.

Turtle time is just about here (May-June). Because female turtles are crossing the road seeking higher ground to lay

their eggs, please avoid hitting them and if possible, you might want to help the turtle cross the road – but remember always to move a turtle in the direction she is headed. If she is moved back to the side she came from, she will just try to cross the road again. Turtles are often seen laying eggs on the soft shoulders of roads. The best thing to do is to leave them be, and hope for the best.

Also in this issue, see the Con Com section for info about migrating birds, as well as New Hampshire bats.

Selected nature observations by the week – adapted from *Northern Woodlands*

April – week 1: Winter wrens are early risers – their high-spirited song is one of the longest and most complex bird songs known.

April – week 2: Belted kingfishers are back – it's a pleasure to see them patrolling streams.

April – week 3: Earliest ruffed grouse are laying eggs. Basswood buds are good to eat in spring!

April – week 4: The sweet trill of American toads can be heard at night. Red foxes give birth.

May – week 1: Birdsong is enthusiastic at dawn! A hay-meadow full of dandelions is beautiful.

May – week 2: Wood thrush nests are being built. Snowshoe hare are being born. Jack-in-the-pulpit are opening.

May – week 3: Apple trees are showing pink buds. Blackflies are arriving – oh, boy!

May – week 4: From ponds with green frogs is heard: Unck! – like plucking a loose banjo string.

Eco Tips

Some Cool Climate-Saving Actions

Save Energy - Switch to ENERGY STAR qualifying compact fluorescent light bulbs, draft-proof your windows and doors, turn in your top loading washing machine for a new, efficient front-loader, and air dry your laundry (check out www.laundrylist.org)

Think Before You Drive – don't idle; turn off your car even while doing quick errands (it's better for your car, anyway!) Likewise, skip the drive-through; park and go inside instead. Try walking, taking public transportation or riding a bike.

Recycle – It really makes a difference!

Buy Recycled Products – besides the obvious issue of needlessly depleting the earth's resources, in many cases, products made from recycled materials require less energy to produce as compared to those made from virgin materials.

Choose Green Electricity – Learn more about how can get the benefits of renewable electricity at the websites for Green-E and NativeEnergy.

Use your Consumer Power – Make informed choices about the products and services you buy. Use businesses that make an effort to protect the climate and which stock climate-friendly products.

For more, see <http://www.cleanair-coolplanet.org/>



Greenfield Trails Association

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"RESPECT the trail..."

Our Mission: Greenfield Trails Association is a non-profit organization that enhances, preserves, and originates a system of trails that affords an outdoor recreational asset to the community, in conjunction with promoting safe and responsible conduct and conservation practices.

I mention this because trail maintenance is on the menu this month, and subsequently, the subject of leaf blowing has come up. It is believed in some circles that it causes significant erosion and negatively impacts trails. Some organizations have completely banned their operation, and the question arose: Should GTA follow suit? After all, we are stewards of the trail and promote "safe and responsible conduct and conservation practices." We certainly don't want to be damaging our beloved trail system now do we?

As it turns out, there isn't a clear answer. It is felt that heavy utilized trails benefit from the leaf cover and acts like Kevlar. GTA has seen it act as a barrier and insulate trails during the winter months. And from our experience, sections of trails that GTA has blown off have shown signs of muddier conditions in some instances. Muddier conditions negatively impact trails because one, erosion, and two, widening (people go around the mud, not through it). Also, blowing too hard in one area loosens the dirt and can expose the roots of trees.

However, we have also seen that a blown trail dries faster as

it is exposed to the air quicker, which can be a benefit away from the mud. Also, a lot of our trails are not clearly marked nor defined, and leaf blowing clearly tells our travelers where to go. It also exposes those hidden rocks and other toe-stumpers for safety. Plus, it takes minutes, not hours to remove debris (not just leaves) from the trails which leaves time for other venues like bridge building and pruning.

These are just a few of the positive and negatives and there are many more I'm sure. So this year, GTA is going to try to take a mid-line approach and experiment with minimal leaf-blowing. We are only doing it in areas that need it or would benefit from it. So as you venture out on the trails this year, you may not see that super-buffed look we are famous for.

Weather permitting, our annual Trail Clean-Up weekend is tentatively scheduled for April 14th and 15th. We are looking to do bridge installs and repair, removal of winter felled trees and debris, and clipping of overgrown vegetation. More info will be posted at the Harvester's Market bulletin board as the dates approach, but one can also reach out to us at the numbers listed above.

Happy Trails!

~Arline Guinn, GTA Secretary

Happy Easter!





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We hope to see you on the 14th!

CHILDREN AND THE ARTS DAY

On May 19, 2012, the 19th annual Children And The Arts Day will be held in downtown Peterborough. The theme of this year's free festival is "Flower Power". A year of planning and great community cooperation culminates in this all-day event, where the streets will be closed to vehicular traffic and filled instead with dancing, storytellers, laughter, parading Giant Puppets, food, fun, children and youth art, and hands-on activities. Every child will find some activity or performer to enjoy. This wonderful festival celebrates art by, for and with children. Events will take place from 9-4. Our schools, businesses, organizations, and families come together to create this very special festival.

As part of this year's festival, we will be offering tie-tying. Bring a pre-washed, natural fiber (cotton, hemp, bamboo) t-shirt to the festival and tie-dye it! Or purchase a t-shirt while attending for \$5 to help support the Children and the Arts Festival.

The Flying Gravity Circus, NHDI Swat team, Acting Out and other annual favorites will join us this year. Two storytellers will be presenting "Flower Power" and "Riot in the Garden" presentations. All groups are welcome to walk in the Parade of Giant Puppets – plan your costumes along the "Flower Power" theme!

All schools in the ConVal region have been invited to par-

ticipate through performance and display art. Musical performances include violin, piano, and guitar. Our hands-on area will include local artists. Local non-profits and other organizations will have tables of children's activities.

This festival is free due to generous individual and business donors from ConVal communities and beyond. If you are able to make a contribution to this annual event, please send donations to Children and the Arts, PO Box 771, Peterborough, NH 03458. Donations are tax deductible. We are also always looking for volunteers to help on the day of the festival. Information about the festival can be found on www.childrenandthearts.org, or on Facebook.

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MASTERPLAN PRESENTATION

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The Annual Roadside Round-up will take place on Saturday, April 21st, followed by a thank you dinner at 5:30 pm at the Meeting House. Immediately following the dinner, at 6:30 p.m., the Planning Board will be presenting the work of its volunteer photographers.



The public is invited to view this work and comment on the “Vision” statement currently under development.

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