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Town Tax Report

For the past two years, a major goal of the Selectboard has been to increase transparency and improve communications with the public. To that end, we'd like to share some thoughts on the tax rate that we hope will help taxpayers understand the recent tax bill, and put our property taxes into context.

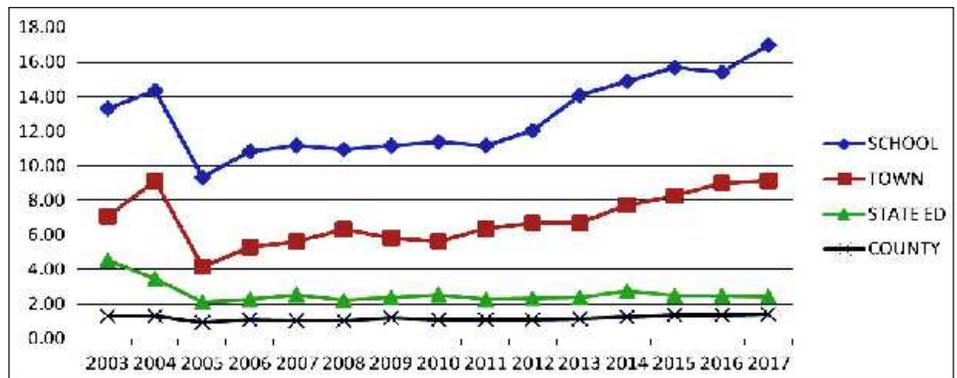
At Town Meeting in March, the Selectboard discussed the proposed budget and explained that a vote for the budget would mean a tax-rate increase of about thirty cents over the 2016 tax-rate. The increase was due to the need to complete a major Library foundation project, and due to other increases outside of our control; including the increased cost of the Peterborough ambulance contract, increases in insurances, and the need for increased contributions to the State Retirement program. The Selectboard then pledged to use more fund balance than in previous years to help balance some of the expense of the Library project. Fund balance is a combination of revenues and unexpended operating expense that accrues annually.

The budget passed and this is our report of how we did for the year. After everything was accounted for, the town's tax rate came in at just thirteen cents over last year, up about 1.45%; from \$8.99 in 2016 to \$9.12. For a family that owns a home assessed at two-hundred thousand dollars, this amounts to roughly 26 dollars more than last year's town tax, and for a family that owns a three-hundred thousand dollar home, the increase is 39 dollars more (divide the assessed valuation of the home by \$1000, for the per thousand value, and multiply by the increase: $\$200,000 / \$1000 = \$200 \times 8.99 = \$1,798$, and $\$200 \times \$9.12 = \$1824$). All told the increase in the town's tax rate was much lower than projected at Town Meeting, and with the help of extra fund balance the library foundation project was completed with only a small increase to the taxpayer. The overall tax-rate, however, is up 6.2%. This is due primarily to an increase in the ConVal District tax-rate. The school rate increased from \$15.40 to \$17.00, a total of \$1.60 over the previous year, or a 10.4% increase in the school rate.

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This year, the tax bills were mailed out late because the school district needed additional time to finalize its numbers. According to an email from Superintendent Saunders, the tax-rate setting was delayed due to circumstances outside of the school district's control. In the past, the New Hampshire Department of Revenue (DRA) has set the rate in mid-October. This year, the rate

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TOWN DIRECTORY

TOWN OFFICES

GREENFIELD SELECTBOARD

Executive Selectboard meetings are **Tues. at 5:30pm every week unless otherwise posted.**

Selectboard: Margo Charig Bliss, Chair
Stephen Atherton Jr., Robert Marshall
Aaron Patt, Town Administrator
Email: greenfieldnhbos@myfairpoint.net
Town Offices open: Mon.-Thurs 9:00am to 5:00pm. Closed to the public on Friday.
Please call if you need an appointment during closed hours.

Catherine Shaw, Office Manager
Tel: 547-3442 Fax: 547-3004
Email: greenfieldnhacct@myfairpoint.net

BUILDING/HEALTH INSPECTOR

Inspections by Appt/as needed
Inspector - Mike Borden Tel: 547-0437
Town Office Hours: Tuesdays 1-4pm
Email: mbordenbi@gmail.com

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meets 4th Wed. of the Month at 7:30pm
Chair: Roger Lessard Tel: 933-3130
Email: mtking@pobox.com

PLANNING BOARD

Meetings: 2nd & 4th Mon. at 6:00pm
At the Town Offices. Normally the 2nd Mon. meeting is for hearings and the 4th Mon. meeting is for other business.
Chair: Paul Renaud Tel: 831-9823
Email: greenfieldnhpb@gmail.com

TOWN CLERK (Registrations)

Mon. 6:00pm to 7:30pm
Thurs. 9:00am to 12:00pm
Thurs. 6:00pm to 7:30pm
1st Sat. from 9:00am to 12:00pm
Town Clerk - Dee Sleeper
Tel: 547-2782
Email: greenfieldnhtc@myfairpoint.net

TAX COLLECTOR

Mon. 1:00pm to 7:30pm
Thursday 6:00pm to 7:30pm
1st Saturday 9:00am to 12:00pm
Tax Collector - Kathleen Valliere
Tel: 547-2782 Fax: 547-2242
Email: greenfieldnhtaxes@myfairpoint.net

WELFARE DEPARTMENT < New Hrs

Welfare Director: Leah Fiasconaro-Conway
Walk-in Hours: Tues- 5:00pm to 7:00pm
Email: greenfieldnhwelfare@gmail.com
For Appts: 547-3442
Emergency assist: Call Police at 547-2525

OTHER DEPARTMENTS

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Roads Division Interim Manager:
Todd Mason Tel: 547-3504
Email: greenfield.nh.dpw@myfairpoint.net

Buildings & Grounds Division Manager:
Rick McQuade Tel: 325-7346
Email: DPWbuildings@myfairpoint.net

STEPHENSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Tues 2pm to 6pm, Wed 10am to 8pm,
Thurs 2pm to 8pm, Fri 2pm to 6pm,
Sat 10am to 4pm
Tel: 547-2790

Director: Beverly Pietlicki
director@stephensonlibrary.org
youth@stephensonlibrary.org
Circulation/General Questions
circulation@stephensonlibrary.org

Monthly meetings at the library
Library Trustees 1st Wed at 6:30pm
Friends of the Library 3rd Wed 7:00pm

RECYCLING CENTER

Hours: Tuesday 8:00am to 4pm
Thursday 11:00am to 6:00pm
Saturday 8:00am to 4:00pm
Stickers for residents at the Town Office.
Supervisor: Carol Burgess Tel: 547-8617
Email: greenfieldnhrecycling@myfairpoint.net

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

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

OTHER CONTACTS

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Meetings as needed
Chair: Norm Nickerson - Tel: 547-3592

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Chair: Gil Bliss Tel: 547-3606

TOWN MODERATOR

Gil Bliss Tel: 547-3606

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Chair: Ken Paulsen Tel: 547-2180

SCHOOL BOARD REP:

Myron Steere Tel: 547-3332

TOWN FORESTER

NH Licensed Forester
Karla Allen Tel: 662-5646
Email: karla@garlandlumber.net

GREENFIELD U.S. POST OFFICE

Open Hrs: 8-11:30am & 1-5pm, Sat. 8-12pm
Tel: 547-3310

EMERGENCIES

DIAL 911

POLICE/FIRE/AMBULANCE
DIAL 911 or 352-1100

FIRE & POLICE

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief: David Hall Tel: 547-3501 or 2222
Station hrs: Mon. 9-12, Thurs. by appt.
Emergency Dispatch: Tel: 352-1100 or 911
Email: chiefdavidhall@greenfieldfire.org
Business Mtg. 1st Mon. of month at 6:30pm

FIRE BURN PERMITS

To obtain a Fire Permit
Please call one of the following:

FIRE WARDENS & TEL NUMBERS

Eugene Hennessy, Fire Warden	718-3936
David Hall, Deputy FW2	547-2222
Jeff LaCourse, Deputy FW3	582-3289
Michael Borden, Deputy FW4	547-0437
Chaz Babb, Deputy FW5	562-0545

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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



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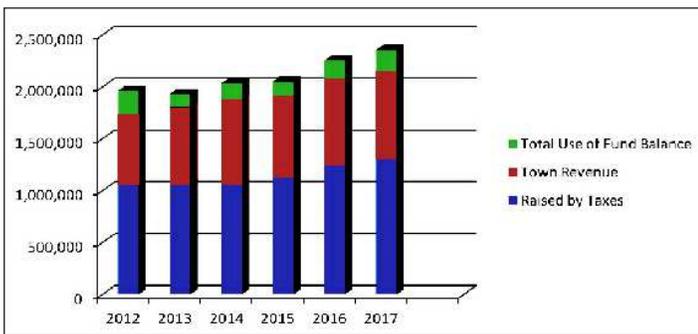
E-mail text to: greenfieldnhbos@myfairpoint.net, or drop off typed articles to the Town Offices. Also, please send in photos, articles, event announcements, news of the town, poems, drawings, historical info, etc., with the name of the writer and/or photographer. Thanks!

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was set on November 14th and tax bills were mailed on the 15th; as a result the tax bill is due on December 15th. We apologize for any inconvenience that the late tax bills may have caused. The school portion of the tax rate is outside of our control and we share your concerns. The Selectboard will discuss the increase with Greenfield's School Board representative. We'll post the meeting announcement and invite you to attend and hear about the School's increase from someone that was present during their discussions.

The Selectboard has made a concerted effort over the years to moderate the impact of the town portion of the tax rate. The Selectboard's use of Unreserved Fund Balance helps to lower the amount of taxes raised (in blue below). Over the past six years, the Selectboard has used over a million dollars of fund balance (\$1,023,439 in green) to offset the local tax-rate. It's not possible for the Town to offset the tax rates of the school and the county as they are significantly larger organizations (the school accounts for 57% of the overall tax rate on its own, whereas the town is about 30% of the total).



What the Selectboard can do is target a stable tax rate year-to-year for the town's portion of the overall tax.

For the last five years, the amount of revenue leftover at end of year (largely from property sales and deferred vehicle purchases after the recession, and various other revenue estimates that came in higher than expected) has been 221% higher than the amount of unexpended operating expense, making revenues the driving force in building recent fund balance levels. Every year the cost of goods and services increases. Over the past several years, we have had moderate tax increases based primarily on increased funding of capital reserves to help offset future tax rates. As the economy levels off, we expect that our revenues are normalizing and our ability to moderate the tax rate will require more effort on the budget side of the equation. The Selectboard will continue to put taxpayers first and do our best to work with the tax rate on your behalf. Have a happy holiday season.

The Greenfield Selectboard



**GREENFIELD
HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

EVENTS AT THE NEW OAK PARK FAIR
By Lenny Cornwell

On a curious note is that the New Oak Park Fair of 1899 actually ran on days in the middle of the week - Tuesday through Thursday. Special trains offered discounts on fares to Greenfield on that Wednesday and Thursday. The event was promoted as an agriculture fair with exhibits in cattle, floriculture, horticulture, and household departments; farm implements were displayed as well.

The orchestra from Hillsboro Bridge provided dance music at the New Hall (upstairs at the current Town Office building). If you rode your bicycle to the fair, it could be safely left with P.A. White in a secure area. The Peterboro team played the Hillsboro team in a baseball game for a winner's purse of \$75. Folks were encouraged to attend the game.

Fair Association President E. J. Fletcher opened the Fair with an address to the crowd. It was estimated that 10,000 people (or, at any rate, a large crowd !) was in attendance.

Horse racing was a big draw. Trotting was done according to the National Trotting Association's protocol. Draft horse pulling was also featured. One twelve year old boy from Lowell, MA, gave an exhibition of his celebrated horse So Long - setting a track trotting record.

A balloon ascension did not go as planned. A pole broke, the balloon burst, and a boy was slightly injured. The

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Hillsboro's baseball team was comprised of mostly professional ball players and tromped the local Peterboro team. The bicycle race was held in the afternoon and prize monies of \$25, \$15, and \$10 were awarded.

Quilts were a popular exhibit. One quilt made of 8,700 pieces was crafted by Mrs. Charles Mann of Greenfield. Another coverlet of 3,922 pieces was displayed by a Lyndeboro woman. Knitting, lace and plaster pieces were also shown. Another balloon ascension was attempted, but, again, the balloon collapsed. A man from Hancock gave a demonstration of glass ball shooting on horseback. He proved to be an expert marksman. Something for everyone, to be sure !

The crowd on Wednesday proved larger than that on Tuesday and on Thursday the count was similar to that on Tuesday. The Fair was deemed a success ! Money left after paying the winning purses and bills ensured another year of the Fair to come.

The Peterborough Transcript provided the information for this article.

BACK TO THE PRESENT -

The Society greatly appreciates the help and effort of Katherine Heck in a successful HARVEST FAIR.

Our "conductor", Dale Russell, once again organized a great train show ! It was wonderful to see so many families from the region enjoying a day of fun.

Congratulations to Steve Seigars, winner of the cordwood raffle.

A big thank you is extended to Ray Cilley for his generous donation of the cordwood lots as a fundraiser during the Motorcar Rally this summer and the Railroad Show this fall.

"SANTAS OF THE WORLD" (See the back cover) is the perfect way for your family to begin the holidays. Figures of the jolly fellow as visioned by various countries around the world will be on display at the Historical Society's Museum on Sunday afternoon, December 3rd, from 1-4 PM. A bake sale of delectable holiday treats, a gingerbread house display including a Santa, a raffle, on-the-spot crafts, and light refreshments will be included. And ~ there is a possibility of a special guest.

CONTACT THE GHS: By e-mail at ghsociety@myfairpoint.net or by Facebook at www.facebook.com/GreenfieldHS

MUSEUM HOURS: Open the last Saturday of each month, January through November from 10 AM til noon. To visit at other times, please call Lenny at 547-2198.

MEMBERSHIP: The stories never end. To become a member or to renew your membership, please phone Dale at 547-3377. The dues structure is: single membership @ \$30,

couples/families for \$40, and a business membership @ \$65.

OTHER WAYS TO DONATE: If you order on-line from Amazon, please consider an automatic donation from Amazon by clicking onto Amazon Smiles and naming the Greenfield Historical Society as a recipient.

Local enterprises and individuals have generously underwritten the cost of our internet service. To cover the charge for a couple of months, please contact Dale at 547-3377. And, THANK YOU !

GENEALOGY RESEARCH: The GHS receives numerous queries regarding relatives/ancestors. In addition to our archives, you may also find information from the library's Heritage Quest computer program, donated by the GHS. With a library card, you can access this program from the comfort of your home.



PUBLIC NOTICE WINTER PARKING BAN

By order of the Board of Selectmen, the Town of Greenfield in accordance with Town Ordinance Chapter 1, Section 4, as well as, RSA 105, Sections 6-7-8, **no vehicle shall be left standing on any street in said Greenfield between the hours of 11:00 pm and 6:00 am.** Effective, November 1, 2017 - April 1, 2018. This is to allow plowing of the streets during snowstorms.

*Per order of the
Greenfield Selectboard*

Contoocook Valley Transportation Company GIVE A RIDE - SHARE A RIDE

Join CVTC's "Elite Fleet" and become a **Volunteer Driver.**

- Help your neighbors with transportation to non-emergency medical and support services.
- Drive when you want, as often as you want
- Mileage reimbursement is available

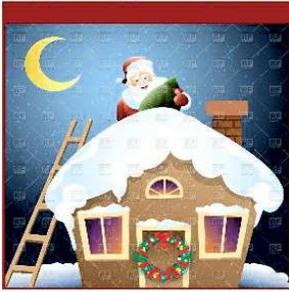


To learn more about our **Volunteer Driver Program**

Call, toll-free: 1-877-428-2882, extension 5

To learn about **Monadnock Rideshare**, our free online carpool rideboard at www.cvtc-nh.org

or call, toll-free: 1-877-428-2882, extension 2



Gingerbread Contest

Make a gingerbread creation for the
Greenfield Historical Society's
The World of Santas

Holiday Celebration - Sunday, Dec. 3rd 1-4 pm

Contest rules:

- ❁ Enter a homemade gingerbread creation in any style, size, or format. (It does not have to be a house). ***Be creative and use your imagination!***
- ❁ In keeping with ***The World of Santas*** theme, your **entry must include a Santa of some kind.**
- ❁ Drop off your entry at the Greenfield Historical Society, 828 Forest Rd., the morning of Dec. 3rd between 8:00 - 12:00 (or by prior arrangement); Fill out entry form provided.
- ❁ Gingerbread creations will be judged by "People's Vote". 1st prize winner announced at 3:45 pm



Please plan to bring your entry home after the event.
For more information call Amy @ (603)547-3339 or
Adele @ (603)547-3403

STEPHENSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Beverly Pietlicki, Director

Library Contact: 547-2790, director@stephensonlibrary.org
T 2-6, W 10-8, Th 2-8, F 2-6, Sat 10-4, Closed Sunday-Monday

The Stephenson Memorial Library is a not-for-profit public library.



Highlight on the library staff and teamwork at the Stephenson Memorial Library

Please join us in welcoming two new staff members to the Stephenson Library. Loree Elton started as Circulation Assistant at the end of September but quickly expressed an interest in coordinating some of the library's regular children's programs. In the middle of November, Loree was officially promoted to Children's Library Assistant and began planning new and creative approaches to the regular weekly storytime, the monthly "Ladybug Book Club," and the Thursday afternoon Maker Club. Loree comes to us with public library experience and a library degree from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. Some additional interests Loree enjoys are paddle boarding, hiking, spending time with family, and of course, reading.



The library also hired Cheryl Rasmussen in November to replace Loree (who replaced Jessie) as Circulation Assistant. Cheryl will be processing the incoming interlibrary loans on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. She comes to the Library with a degree in Civil Engineering. She is interested working on a team effort to design an indoor floor plan to help with future collection management planning using a CAD program.



At the October NHLA Reference and Adult Services (READS) meeting our Tech Services librarian, Roger Robbins, was presented with the READS Award of Excellence, given annually to a New Hampshire Adult Services librarian who has contributed their services selflessly to adults in their communities. Roger continues to spearhead weekly outreach to the Commons with the help and support of volunteers, Agneta Brown and Eileen Eber, as well as providing service with weekly visits from Plowshare.

The Friends of the Library **Will** be holding a Christmas event called "Stories with Santa!" on Friday, **December 8th at 6:00 pm** at the library. The event will feature stories read by Santa but also include lighting of the town Christmas tree, and caroling. Refreshments will be



served, raffle baskets will be given away and the inside library Christmas tree will be decorated, everyone is invited to join us in the community gathering at the library.



The Ladybug Book Club for grades Kindergarten through 2nd grade officially begins on December 8th at 3:40 pm with "A Hat for Mrs. Goldman" by Michelle Edwards. We will have a knitting demonstrating and yummy snack as well. Our January 12 book is "Nannette's Baguette" by Mo Willems and we'll enjoy baguettes after our discussion! Please come to the library and sign your child up so Ms. Loree knows how many books to order!

Introducing "PAWS to READ" with our new guest Coffee! Stop by the library on December 14th at 3:30 pm to meet Coffee and take a break to read to him!



Let the Winter Reading Games begin! Stephenson Memorial Library will be hosting another fun fantastical Winter Reading Program. This program will begin on December 27th and will continue through until the Finale on March 10th. Bike for Books will be donating another two bikes to the children who read the most during these winter months.

"Meet and Greet" with local state representative, Jon Manley the second Thursday of the month (December 14, January 11) to learn what's been happening on the New Hampshire legislative hill. Rep. Manley is helpful in answering your questions and serves on the Fish, Game and Marine Resources Committee.



ONGOING PROGRAM SCHEDULE:

Wednesdays 11:00 am -Preschool through Kindergarten - Story hour resumes on September 6th - Each week will feature an exciting storytime adventure with a craft and snack included.

Thursdays from 3:30 - 5:00 pm - First grade and up please sign up for after school maker programs/story writing workshops.

Great Stone Face readers for upper elementary and early middle school aged children. Read three GSF titles, write your own review, and rate your books! Participants meet in

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the spring for a pizza party!

On the Edge Book Club meets the third Wednesdays from 12:00 noon to 1:30 pm. Members bring pot luck lunch entrees that often coincide with an ethnic or thematic component of the book choice for that month.

Night Readers Book Club Facilitated by Jean Rainier meets the last Wednesday of the month from 7:00 to 8 Pm Come for a lively discussion about a contemporary mix of fiction and non- fiction selections!

Contact the library for a copy of a specific title for one of these clubs and join in the fun.

Adult Coloring - Every Friday 3 - 5 pm

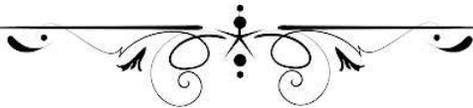
Click Clack Knitters - Every Thursday 3:30 - 5 pm

Friends of Library - Third Thursdays of the month

Writers' Group - Every Tuesday 3 - 6 pm in the Wensberg Room

Greenfield Water Color Collaborative - Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

Feel free to call the library at 547-2790 or email Beverly Pietlicki, Director at director@stephensonlibrary.org with any questions about services or upcoming programs.



SCOUTS

If your child is interested in scouts, please contact these people.

Boy Scouts: Mike Borden - cmrconstservice@gmail.com

Girl Scouts: Ruth Bergmann - billruth1267@msn.com



Happy Hanukkah

The GREENFIELD FOOD PANTRY & The GREENFIELD CLOTHES CLOSET

12 Depot Drive • Off Slip Road • Behind Harvester Market

HOURS: Food Pantry: Saturdays, 9 – 12

Clothes Closet: Fridays & Saturdays, 10 – 12

These are services of the Greenfield Community Church. Food is available to anyone in need. Great clothes at great prices. (You can donate food at the post office or at Depot Drive, good clean clothes at Depot Drive. We have a drop box.)  To our friends who contribute \$\$ to the Food Pantry: **THANK YOU!** You are helping your neighbors more than you may realize!

Serving the Community since 1791

GREENFIELD COVENANT CHURCH

547-3626 • greenfieldchurch.org

Worship Sundays @ 10am
Carter Hall, Crotched Mt.
Rehab Center, Greenfield



Greenfield Fire helped the Givers decorate the Christmas tree at the Stephenson Library. Photo by Mike Hoiriis

SPIRIT

January 1st for Feb/Mar

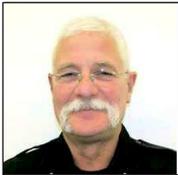
March 1st for the Apr/May Issue

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



THE FIRE CHIEF'S CORNER

Winter is just around the corner, so the usual safety reminders are in order. If you burn wood, please get your chimney cleaned. If you use space heaters of any kind, please keep all combustibles at least three feet away. Please make sure all smoke and CO detectors have good working batteries. When it snows, please clear the snow from all outside doors (you need to get out and we need to get in). Speaking of doors, if you have a fire, please close doors after you get out. An open door feeds oxygen to the fire and makes it burn more quickly. If you smoke, please never, ever smoke in bed. The best way to fight fires is not to have one, so prevention is the key.

On a more personal note I would like to thank a couple local folks for a nice thing that happened recently and reflects the best of what this town is all about. I was at the recycling center a few weeks ago and was just starting to unload my truck when my fire pager went off indicating that I had a call to go to. Just about everyone heard the pager and almost immediately and without hesitation George Rainier and Carol Burgess came over to my truck, grabbed my recycling stuff and told me to get going on my call. It may seem a small thing but it was much appreciated. Without this simple act of kindness I would have had to go take care of the call and come back another time to recycle. Good people doing a nice thing... thank you both!

On a darker note, volunteerism is down throughout the country and has hit the fire service hard. We have lost one third of all volunteer firefighters nationwide in the last three decades. This is a trend that cannot continue. Although there are many complex factors contributing to the decline of the volunteer fire service, one of these factors is the increased length of recommended training. The nationally recognized entry level Firefighter 1 program has steadily increased from 80 hours twenty-five years ago to 240 hours today. The original 112 hour EMT class is now just under 200 hours. Many small town departments nationwide were finding volunteers unwilling or unable to commit to this lengthy training. There was further concern that some of the hours in the expanded fire curriculum had little to do with rural firefighting. Some states around the country have responded to this problem by offering two programs: Fire 1 for urban/career firefighters and a shorter version for volunteers. New Hampshire has no minimum mandatory training requirement for volunteer firefighters nor is there a shorter program. In the fall of 2016 several area Fire Chiefs asked the Monadnock Area Fire Chiefs Association (MAFCA) to look into developing a new shorter entry level firefighter class geared for the rural volunteer firefighter. A MAFCA committee was created and met for several months and agreed on the necessary components of such a program. The committee then asked me, since my other job is fire and EMS training, if I would develop the curriculum and offer it in this area. Deputy Chief Don Cole from

Lyndeborough and I put the program together. NH Fire Standards and Training recognized this new program and further allowed that any student wishing to continue on to Fire 1 could do so later without needing to repeat this material.

On September 7th 2017 the first of these classes began, hosted here at Greenfield Fire. The program is known as the Monadnock Area Fire School and comes in at just under 100 hours. Thirteen students, representing six towns are enrolled. These students are receiving both classroom and hands-on training in firefighter safety and survival, breathing apparatus and protective clothing, fire behavior, building construction, search and rescue, water supply and fire attack, ladders, ventilation, fire suppression and others. We, the area Chiefs,



Rescue Over Ladder

believe that this program will provide a manageable and appropriate level of training for area firefighters. All of us still support and encourage our firefighters to take Fire 1 if they are able, but now there is an alternative. When a new recruit signs on, we can offer a more streamlined and focused program that is held locally and can be completed in half the time. Instead of local in house training that varies greatly from department to department, we have a standardized regional program that covers the basics of rural firefighting.



Rescuing a Downed Firefighter

Now members of neighboring departments will be held to the same standard resulting in a smarter, safer and better trained firefighter. Clearly this is a big step forward for departments in this region.



2017 Class and Instructors

The 2017 fall class is the first of what will be an annual class in the region. The class is graduating at the end of November. The formal graduation ceremony will be attended by family and friends of the inaugural class, Chiefs and members of their respective fire departments, course instructors, and dignitaries from NH Fire Standards and Training. We here at Greenfield Fire are very proud to have hosted this first class.

So that's what's happening with your fire department. We wish you a safe and happy holiday season. And as always... we are here if you need us.

Thank you,
David Hall, Fire Chief



FROM THE RECYCLING CENTER

PERMANENT HOURS: Tuesday 8am - 4pm, Thursday 11am - 6pm, Saturday 8am - 4pm

Please arrive 15 minutes before closing to allow time to process your load.

The holiday season is here again with all its hustle and bustle. Shopping, cooking, baking, visiting, and hosting coming events requires a little planning ahead to accommodate the increase in recyclables you will have. Now that cold weather is here, the time of "drop and run" has begun. We will do all we can to facilitate your visit but remember the policy of

"QUESTIONS?-JUST ASK".

We have had volunteers trying to keep the Mini Mall and the Library orderly. We are grateful for their assistance with this task. The practice with most other towns is to clear them out completely every week, but we would like you to have more

of a chance at finding that special treasure. Remember children love to frequent these areas too.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE: Will start up again in the spring. We do not accept HHW but will always answer any questions you have at any time of the year.

TAKE NOTICE: The Mini Mall and Library are closed at dusk. Please be aware of this practice as the days get shorter. All items being placed in an area other than the trash or the recycling windows need to be checked. We have locations for several of the collection containers.

REMINDERS:

- All trash must be in bags and tied closed. Thank You for your valuable cooperation with this issue.
- ALL METALS and BRUSH MUST BE CHECKED
- Mini Mall and Library items must be checked.
- Vegetable/Nut oils used or new accepted - Requirements are posted on the wall at the collection area.
- Used or new motor oil is collected all year long - Requirements are posted. Thank you for your contributions.
- Mixed Paper- it is difficult to retrieve any contaminates that end up in the paper compactor. Therefore, please remember some of the "NO's"; plastic bags/wrappers, plastic lined bags, waxed juice/milk or ice cream cartons, Kleenex, paper towels or paper plates (clean or not). If in doubt - just ask.
- Corrugated cardboard-IF IT HAS RIDGES IT IS CORROGATED. NO pizza box inserts or greasy box bottoms. Take out all packing materials before recycling the box.
- #1 plastics = BOTTLES ONLY. Please look up to see some samples on the wall for both #1 and #2 plastics.
- Aluminum-cans - NO aerosol cans - these go in steel cans.
- Steel cans: Only food or light cleaning related cans. Other metal containers need to be checked.
- Demolition & Construction debris/ Bulky Waste, Electronics, Tires, Air conditioners/Refrigerators/Dehumidifiers, and appliances. ALL have FEES applied.
- Remember you must also provide your own muscle power to unload heavy items.

The GRC brochure and the Spirit are great resources for information and both are available on the town's web site.

Have a safe and happy holiday and Happy New Year!

Carol Burgess and the Recycling Center staff.





CARING FOR YOUR CUT CHRISTMAS TREE

The key to maintaining your live Christmas tree throughout the holiday season is to give it the proper care from the time it is purchased until the tree is removed from your home.

Maintaining a high moisture level in the tree is the single most important factor in reducing needle loss and keeping the tree fresh. This is accomplished primarily through the use of water-holding stands and keeping the water level in the stand above the base of the tree. Every year, there are many articles written concerning the handling and care of Christmas trees. Unfortunately, they often contain erroneous information.

These research-based guidelines will help you to maintain the freshness and aroma of your live Christmas tree this holiday season:

1. Use a tree stand with an adequate water-holding capacity. A tree stand should have a water basin that provides 1 quart of water per inch of stem diameter. For most Christmas trees, the stand should hold at least 1 gallon of water. A cut tree will absorb a surprising amount of water, particularly during the first week, so replenish the water daily.
2. The tree stand should fit your tree. Some stands have circular rings at the top, so the ring must be large enough for the trunk of your tree to go through the hole. Avoid whittling down the sides of the trunk to fit a stand. The outer layers of wood are the most efficient in taking up water and should not be removed.
3. If the tree is to be stored for more than a couple of days before display, it is advisable to place its trunk in water and store it in a cool, shaded, and protected, area such as an unheated garage.

4. If the tree has been cut within the past 12 hours, it will not be necessary to recut the trunk prior to display indoors. If it has been longer than 12 hours since harvest, the trunk should be recut to improve water uptake.

5. Cutting off a disk of wood about 1/4" thick from the base of the trunk is all that is necessary before putting the tree in the stand. Make the cut perpendicular to the stem axis. Don't cut the trunk at an angle, or into a v-shape, which makes it far more difficult to hold the tree in the stand and also reduces the amount of water available to the tree.

6. Keep displayed trees away from sources of heat (fireplaces, heaters, heat vents, and direct sunlight). Lowering the room temperature will slow the drying process, resulting in less water consumption each day.

7. The temperature of the water used to fill the stand is not important and does not affect water uptake.

8. Check the stand daily to make sure that the level of water does not go below the base of the tree. With many stands, there can still be water in the stand even though the base of the tree is no longer submerged in water.

9. Drilling a hole in the base of the trunk does not improve water uptake.

10. The use of "IV" type devices to supply water directly to holes drilled into the sides of the tree trunk is not as effective as displaying the tree in a more traditional, water-holding tree stand.

11. Applying anti-transpirants to the tree does not have a significant effect on the rate of moisture loss. These products are marketed as a way to block evaporation from the foliage surface, but, in reality, they have little effect on a cut tree displayed indoors.

12. Adding water-holding gels to the stand is not beneficial, and they can reduce the amount of water in the stand that is available to the tree.

13. Do not use additives, such as floral preservatives, commercial tree preservatives, molasses, sugar, bleach, soft drinks, aspirin, honey, and other concoctions, in the water. Clean water is all that is needed to maintain freshness.

14. Displaying trees in water with the proper care is much more effective in reducing fire hazards than spraying trees with flame retardants. Some flame retardants can damage needles and actually increase the rate of moisture loss from trees.

15. Monitor your tree for dryness. Run your fingers across the needles to determine whether they are dry and brittle. If the needles break easily or fall off in your hand, the tree is dry and should be removed.



TIME LINE FOR 2018 TOWN MEETING

Friday - January 5, 2018 - Yearly reports for Town Report due. If you are an Elected Official and a Department Head, your annual report is due.

Friday - January 12, 2018 - First day to hold a Public Hearing on any bond or note issues over \$100,000.00

Tuesday - February 6, 2018 - Last day to accept petitioned warrant articles (per RSA 39:3).

Tuesday - February 13, 2018 at 6:30 pm - 2018 Budget Hearing to be held at the Town Office. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to discuss the 2018 proposed budget.

Monday - February 19, 2018 - Last day to hold public hearing on any bond or note issues over \$100,000 (per RSA 33:8-a, I)

Monday - February 26, 2018 - Warrant & Budget must be posted at all polling places and at Town Clerks office or Town Office. Warrant shall state place, day and hour of election, hours polls are open & which items will be voted by ballot. RSA 39:5; 31:95; 669:2.

Tuesday - March 13, 2018 polls open 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM at the Meeting House for Town Meeting to vote on elected officials, zoning amendments & any ballot items, adjourn meeting until:

Saturday - March 17, 2018 @ 9:00 AM Town Meeting reconvenes to vote on warrant articles at the Meeting House. All newly elected town officials will be sworn in after the meeting.

Town of Greenfield SIGN-UP NOTICE Openings for Town Officials 2018

Budget Committee (2 members)	3 Year Term	Planning Board (2 members)	3 Year Term
Budget Committee (1 members)	2 Year Term	Selectboard member	3 Year Term
Budget Committee	1 Year Term	Trustee of Trust Funds	3 Year Term
Library Trustee	3 Year Term	Moderator	2 Year Term
Town Clerk	3 Year Term	Cemetery Trustee	3 Year Term
School Board Member	2 Year Term	Supervisor of the Checklist	6 Year Term

Candidates must sign up to be on the Ballot between:

January 24 - February 2, 2018

At the Town Clerks Office: Regular office hours, plus Fri., February 2nd from 3-5 pm

~ SAVE YOURSELF ~ A TRIP! CHECK OUT THE NEW TOWN WEBSITE!

In many instances, what you are looking for is on the Town Website at:

www.greenfield-nh.gov/

See: community events, meeting times and dates, zoning regulations, meeting minutes, public notices, important links to various state offices, and even the Spirit!

Sign up to get notices **automatically** of hearings, closings, or special happenings in town. Go to the lower left corner of the webpage when it comes up to sign-up.



**Don't Forget the
Tree Lighting and
Stories with Santa
at the Library
December 8th
6pm**





CVTC's VOLUNTEER DRIVERS will receive state-wide recognition for their selfless efforts. Volunteer NH's Spirit of New Hampshire Awards honor outstanding contributions to volunteerism throughout the state. Volunteer Service Awards recognize individuals and groups who provide volunteer services that strengthen communities and improve the lives of the citizens of New Hampshire. These awards honor outstanding volunteers - or groups of volunteers - who reflect the strong ethic of service and volunteerism in our state. Several drivers attended the annual ceremony held at the Capitol Center for the Arts in Concord on November 7th.

"CVTC is so proud to accept this award on behalf of not only our Volunteer Drivers, but for all volunteers across NH who drive those without access to transportation. With each mile driven, our passengers are able to maintain or improve their health and that assures their continued independence," says Ellen Avery, Executive Director.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Budget Committee: The budget committee is involved in assisting the Selectboard with budgetary planning. For more info, call Norm Nickerson at 547-3592.

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, Roger Lessard at 547-3204.

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 David Hall at 547-2222.

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 David Bridgewater at 547-7556

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.

Planning Board: The planning board upholds and implements the community's development policies through the review and approval of subdivision plats, site plans and special permit applications. Planning boards utilize tools, including master plans, zoning laws, and subdivision regulations to ensure that changes made are for the better. For more info, call Paul Renaud 831-9823.

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**Ad rates and sizes are available from
the Town Office.**



Winter Holiday Safety

Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.



HOLIDAY DECORATING

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.



HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.



Before Heading Out or to Bed

Blow out lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed. **Turn off** all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

FACTS

- ❗ **Two of every five** home decoration fires are started by candles.
- ❗ **Nearly half** of decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.



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The Greenfield Historical Society presents...



The World of Santas

Sunday, December 3rd

1:00-4:00 pm

828 Forest Rd., Greenfield, NH

-  Gingerbread house contest (must include a Santa!)
-  Holiday raffle items & bake sale
-  Make your own Santa ornament
-  Refreshments

Fun for the whole family!

Maybe even a surprise visit from Santa himself!



See Gingerbread contest on page 5

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