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NOTICE CHANGE OF HOURS FOR TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

**Closed August 12, 14, 15th for
Summer Vacation**

**Additional Hours on
Monday, August, 19, 2019
1:00 – 7:00 pm**

Closed September 2nd ~ Labor Day

The new hours starting August 28th for
getting your registrations are:

MONDAY: 4:00 to 7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY: 4:00 to 7:00 pm
THURSDAY: 4:00 to 7:00 pm

2019 Assessing Update

Over the past several years, sales data collected by the town's assessing contractor shows a trend of properties selling for more than the assessed valuation. The town's assessments on file are falling further and further behind the market as the economy strengthens. In accordance with RSA 75:8-a, the town is required at least every five years to "reappraise all real estate within the municipality so that the assessments are at full and true value". 2019 is Greenfield's scheduled revaluation year and the reappraisal will bring property assessments in line with the market. Once the reappraisal of all properties in town is concluded, the net result will be an increase in the town's overall valuation. Last year, the NH Department of Revenue (NHDRA) recorded the assessment of the town at approximately \$140M. This year they adjusted the assessment to \$171M.

When the town raises a dollar of tax it does so based on a per-thousand value of the town's overall value. Last year a dollar in tax equaled (140M /1000) or \$140,000. This year we anticipate that the value will be higher because the NH DRA is indicating that the assessment is higher at \$171M. Since it takes fewer bites of \$171,000 (171M / 1000) than it does \$140,000 to make up the amount of tax needed to fund the Town, the County and the School, the resulting overall tax rate should be lower.

As an example of how Valuation impacts tax rates - during the last revaluation in 2014, the amount of taxes to be raised was lower in all categories (Town, County, School & Education Tax) than it was in 2013. In the 2014 re-appraisal, the town's Valuation fell approximately 15% from \$158,900,000 to \$136,118,000, which in turn caused the rate to increase. This is because it took more bites of \$136,000 to equal the tax due than it did at \$158,000. Despite the fact that the Town, County, School and Education budgets were all lower than the year before, the drop in overall valuation caused the tax rate to increase by over \$2 dollars. In 2014, the rate increase was due solely to the revaluation and not a result of spending.

Property owners received a letter from the Assessing Company with new preliminary assessment values. On average, property assessments town-wide have increased about 20%. The tax rate should decrease in concert with the increased valuation of the town. This year things won't be as crystal clear as they were during the last revaluation though. Unlike 2014, this year the Town, County and School budgets have increased over the previous year. Depending on how close a property's percentage value change is compared to the overall valuation's increase of around 20%, and not including the effect of budget increases for local governments, the rate to assessed value could be a wash for many residents. The budget increases will have a muting effect, however, on the reappraisal's impact on the tax rate.

We won't know what the actual valuation will be until October 1st. From there we will work with the NH Department of Revenue and hope to have a tax rate ready later that month.

The Greenfield Selectboard

TOWN DIRECTORY

TOWN OFFICES

GREENFIELD SELECTBOARD

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

Selectboard: Margo Charig Bliss Chair,
Karen Day, and Robert Marshall
Town Administrator: Aaron Patt
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.**

Office Manager: Catherine Shaw
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 6:30 pm
At the Town Offices. Normally the 2nd Mon.
meeting is for hearings and the 4th Mon.
meeting is for other business.
Chair: Mason Parker
Email: greenfieldnhpb@gmail.com

TOWN CLERK (Registrations)

HOURS:

Mon. 4:00pm to 7:00pm
Wed. 1:00pm to 7:00pm
Thurs. 4:00pm to 7:00pm
Town Clerk's Office Tel: 547-2782
New Hours starting Aug. 28th - see pg 1
Email: greenfieldnhhc@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

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 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- Gil Morris, Chair
Please call the Town Office for information
Tel: 547-3442

OTHER CONTACTS

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Meetings as needed
Doug Batty - Tel: 903-2085

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

One vacancy

TOWN MODERATOR

Vacant

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

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POLICE/FIRE/AMBULANCE

DIAL 911 or 352-1100

FIRE & POLICE

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief: Rick McQuade
Office Tel: 325-7346
Office hrs: Sun. 9-11, Thurs. by appt.
Emergency Dispatch: Tel: 352-1100 or 911
Email: chiefrickmcquade@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 FW 4	547-0437
Chaz Babb, Deputy FW 5	562-0545

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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



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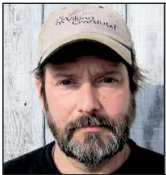
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To submit articles to the Spirit:

E-mail text to: GreenfieldSpirit@gmail.com,
or drop off typed articles to the Town
Offices. Also, please send in photos, arti-
cles, 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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of the authors and do not necessarily
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FROM THE DPW ROADS DIVISION

Moving on down the road!

We are rebuilding the town York rake so we can better take care of the dirt roads (see photo). As time goes on, the tines and spacers wear out and need to be replaced for raking the road and getting out the loose rocks after grading.

We are also about half way done on Coach Road with the new catch basins and culvert pipe (see photos). The headwalls and pipe are on order for the Dunklee Hill Rd culvert project and we will be on East Road getting ready for paving soon.

Please note that it is summer time and we are taking T2 UNH classes to better serve the town. Vacation time is also here so we will be short handed some weeks but will get the job done!

We are working on getting the water level down on Zephyr Lake Rd due to reoccurring beaver problems!

We have cold patch at the shop and have fixed some of the pot holes already but more keep coming. Please call or stop by anytime. Thank you!

Todd Mason
DPW Roads Manager
And the crew



York Rake



Coach Road

OPENING FOR TOWN MODERATOR

The Town of Greenfield has an immediate opening for Town Moderator. This is an appointed position until March of 2020. RSA 669:62.

Please submit a letter of interest to: Town of Greenfield - Moderator Position, PO Box 256, Greenfield, NH 03047, or call the Selectmen's Office 547-3442 by Aug. 29, 2019.

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OPENING FOR CEMETERY TRUSTEE

The Town of Greenfield has an immediate opening for a Cemetery Trustee. This is an appointed position until March of 2020. RSA 669:62.

Please submit a letter of interest to: Town of Greenfield - Moderator Position, PO Box 256, Greenfield, NH 03047, or call the Selectmen's Office 547-3442 by Aug. 29, 2019.

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Friends of the Greenfield Community Meetinghouse presents....

GREENFIELD COMMUNITY OKTOBERFEST!

Saturday, October 5th, 2019

Beer, Brats & Music!

5pm -10pm -Following the Harvest Fair

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Don't Miss It!

An Informal Farewell Reception For Greenfield's 1st Lady of Recycling



**Please drop in and join Carol and the GIVers
to share some cake and refreshments, and
wish her farewell.**

Where? Wensberg Room, Stephenson Library

Date? Sunday, August 25th

Time? Drop in anytime between 3 - 5 pm

Is there Arsenic in your drinking water?

DO YOU LIVE IN NH?
DO YOU GET YOUR WATER FROM A PRIVATE WELL?
THEN YOU MAY HAVE
ARSENIC
IN YOUR DRINKING WATER.



**4 out of 10
homes in NH
get their water from
private **WELLS****



What is arsenic and why is it dangerous?

Arsenic is a chemical that is naturally found in the environment. Even though it is natural, it can still be very harmful to your health. If you drink or cook with water that contains arsenic, then you could develop health conditions such as:

- ❖ Bladder cancer
- ❖ Other cancers like lung cancer, prostate cancer, and liver cancer
- ❖ Heart disease and diabetes
- ❖ Brain and nerve diseases
- ❖ Effects on brain development and decreased IQ in children

How do I know if my well water has arsenic?

**1 out of 5
wells in NH may contain
dangerous amounts of
ARSENIC**



Bottom line: you won't know it's there unless you test for it.
Arsenic has no smell, no taste, and no color. You can take a water sample from your tap and send it to a lab for testing. Most well water testing will look for arsenic and other dangerous contaminants. You should test your private well every 3 years.

The NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) provides a list of companies that offer water testing:

<http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/nhelap/documents/labs-private-wells.pdf>

What can I do if my water contains arsenic?

You can treat the water in your home to remove the arsenic. You can use simple filters on your kitchen tap or more complicated systems to treat all the water in your home. The NH DES provides information on treating private well water for arsenic and other chemicals:

<http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pip/factsheets/dwgb/documents/dwgb-3-2.pdf>

***For more information
on well water testing
in NH, please contact
the New Hampshire
Public Health Labs:***



29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03301
(603) 271-4661
<http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/lab/biomonitoring.htm>

WELL WATER TESTING PROGRAM

Officials from NH Dept. of Environmental Services (NHDES) will present a program on well water testing on

Thursday, Aug. 8 at 7:00 PM

in the Wensberg Meeting Room at the Stephenson Memorial Library, 761 Forest Rd., Greenfield.

Registration is required in order to ensure that there is a sufficient number of sampling kits for all attendees.

RSVP at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4CAA-AE23A6FD0-water2>

We must have at least 15 participants in order to have this program.

Samples will be collected at the Greenfield Meetinghouse, 776 Forest Rd. on Sunday, Aug. 11 between 1:00 and 3:00 PM.

Payment must be made by check only, made out to Treasurer State of NH, and must accompany samples upon delivery.

This program is sponsored by the Greenfield Conservation Commission.

Contact Roger Lessard with any questions: 603-933-3130 or mtking@pobox.com

TALKING ABOUT RACE

While we are in the midst of Summer — having paid our dues to a long Winter and a barely existent Spring — you might remember the first annual Martin Luther King event held in the Hancock vestry this past January. That event was organized by a group of approximately 15 individuals from Hancock, Greenfield and Dublin.

They have been meeting every two weeks since their inception in October 2018 – stimulated by a 2-session offering at the Hancock Library titled “Talking about Race: Staying Curious, Moving Forward, and Being Part of the Solution”. Those 2 sessions proved to be just the starting point in a much needed education about the role of race in our towns, state and country. And so a large number of individuals decided to continue meeting.

The group meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month in the Daniels Room at the Hancock town library from 6:45 to 8:45. There is no leader, no facilitator, no agenda, no book to guide

the conversations. There is a deepening faith that valuable dialogue will and does flow in an atmosphere grounded in trust with the understanding that conversations can be uncomfortable and that mistakes will be made. All interested people are welcomed.

Discussions are far ranging. Topics range from articles shared via email during the intervals between meetings to current events.....from personal stories of experiencing racial prejudice to exploring what biases and assumptions we each make and how they play out in our everyday world...from learning about the history of people of color that was never shared in schools to seeing the world with another's eyes and the sensitivity to language and choice of words.

The group serves a number of purposes. Participants are committed to their own individual growth and understanding about how racial prejudice is interwoven into their lives. They are also committed to exploring what types of community action they can initiate or support to increase racial diversity in the region and to bring a deepening awareness of racial prejudice to our communities. There may also be as yet unknown opportunities to work on behalf of racial justice on a state and national level.

*Martha Pitt
Old Bennington Rd*

MUSIC ON THE COMMON

ONLY TWO WEEKS LEFT!

August 6th
Blacklite Band
Rock and Roll

August 13th
Dragon Bone Jam
Rock

All concerts will be on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm.
Bring a blanket or a chair to sit on.

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GREENFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

CASTLE ON THE CONTOOCCOOK By Lenny Cornwell

In the previous article about signaling with mirrors from Crotched Mountain, the "Pioneer Register" at the top of the mountain that people signed was mentioned. In this "guest book" was a drawing of a proposed hotel to be built on the mountain's summit. The building, of huge size - 136 feet by 179 feet and of colonial and Spanish style- was to be called "The Castle on the Contoocook" or alternately, the "White House of New Hampshire".

The newspaper coverage noted that the plans at the time, 1893, were in the office of a Boston architect where they were being finalized. A design feature was to be the dining room, different from any other, due to the fact that it would command a view in every direction. The look of the hotel, inside and out, was also slated to be unique and novel.

A proposed railroad would provide the transportation for passengers to the hotel, via a round about route. The destination at the summit at nearly 2,500 feet in elevation was virtually at the proposed hotel site. The scenery seen along the circuitous railway route provided one of the most spectacular and exhilarating rides in all of New England.

"Developers" of the hotel felt that the site of only seventy-two miles from Boston, and within fifty miles of other numerous cities, would guarantee that the hotel could become one of the most popular resorts in New Hampshire. The proximity to these metropolitan centers also meant that it would cost less to come here than to any other place in the state.

To date, regrettably, neither the "Pioneer Register" nor the plans for the "Castle of the Contoocook" have surfaced, leading the historian to wonder who held these documents and where did they go.

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As we move into October, be on the look-out for information about our Annual Railroad Show. There may be a surprise or two for this year's show.

FUN FACTS FROM GREENFIELD IN 1893

1. "Inharmonious relations" between teachers and pupils led to the discontinuance of the dancing school last week.

2. A new hearse arrived in town. The vehicle was touted as being very neat and pretty, an honor to the town, and costing about \$400.

3. Blueberries were picked and sold for twelve cents a quart !!! However, the yield was lower than expected.

4. Frank Cudworth received a dead alligator, about two feet in length, from Florida in the mail. According to the paper, the animal was "a pretty bird". Folks were encouraged to ask Frank to show it to them.

Information for the article and the Fun Facts derived from the 1893 Peterborough Transcript.

TO DO LIST

CONTACT the GHS: ghssociety@myfairpoint.net or www.facebook.com/GreenfieldHHS

BECOME A MEMBER: Just call Bruce at 547-3451.

UNDERWRITE THE GHS INTERNET SERVICE by contacting Dale at 547-3377.

PROMPT AN AUTOMATIC DONATION FROM AMAZON while shopping on-line there by clicking onto the Amazon Smiles program.

DONATE by calling Amy at 547-3339.

INITIATE OR CONTINUE GENEALOGY RESEARCH right in your home by using your library card to access the Heritage Quest computer program underwritten by a GHS benefactor.

VISIT THE MUSEUM on the last Saturday of every month, except December, between 10 AM and noon. Folks from around the country stop into the Museum. This treasure is right in your backyard. Make a point this summer to explore the Museum. Its two buildings hold countless stories. Or talk to Lenny at 547-2198 to arrange for a more convenient time for your visit.

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Email: info@cvtc-nh.org Visit: www.cvtc-nh.org



Greenfield's Moderator - Well Read and Well Liked

On Tuesday, July 2, 2019, Greenfield's Moderator and Cemetery Trustee Chair passed on to the next great adventure. Gil Bliss will be missed for his humor, his love of history, and his love of this town. For the past several years, Gil would search for a unique story or joke to share at Town Meeting, which he hosted with charm and personality.

Gil built his home here in Greenfield on old family land in 1992. An avid swimmer, he loved both Whittemore and Sunset Lakes in Greenfield. A season ticket holder of the Boston Red Sox for 30 years, for many years Gil was a writer for the Union Leader and a freelance writer for the Boston Globe. Gil liked to downplay his writing talent and tell stories of his days as a newspaper reporter covering police and court news; but he often said that he really enjoyed covering local governments. To people new to Greenfield, Gil summed up the personality of his hometown with a wry smile and an acknowledgement that history is alive and well in modern times - "nothing happens in Greenfield without the accompaniment of a Greek Chorus". The truth was that he carried the history of the town inside himself and this informed his sense of the world. Whether traveling at home or abroad, every day was a day unfolding in history. Gil enjoyed taking part in the rich pageant of life in New Hampshire and cherished Greenfield's spirit and soul alike.

A celebration of his life will also be held at the Greenfield, NH, Meeting House at 1 p.m., Aug. 24. Bring a chair, bring a dish, bring a song, or a story

What's happening this fall with the kids of Greenfield?

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF GREENFIELD

The Boys & Girls Club offers unlimited monthly and daily drop in rates, and we're open for school vacations!

- Join us for our second year
- Servicing Greenfield, Hancock and Franconstown
- 6:30-8:30am and 3:20-6:30pm
- K-4th Grade

To register, visit svbgc.org or contact rvasques@svbgc.org!

COME TO THE BREAKFAST CLUB

Wednesday, August 7th
Community Conversations

All Are Welcome

Barbara C. Harris Camp - 8am

SPIRIT DEADLINES

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

May 1st for the Jun/Jul Issue

July 1st for the Aug/Sep Issue



THE FIRE CHIEF'S CORNER

I wanted to take this article in the Spirit to talk about recruitment and retention of volunteers in our Fire Department. The problem with volunteerism in most big and small communities around the US is its slowly dying. A staggering statistic that has recently been adjusted is that 70% of firefighters in this country are volunteers. I'm sure many of you have heard this speech over the last several years but, every so often we need to pull it off the shelf, dust it off, and talk about it, it's definitely not going away. The big question is how can we fix it? Can it even be fixed? And if it can be, how do we hold onto new and current members? You have to realize that some people just aren't cut out to be Firefighters, especially those that like an uninterrupted night's sleep or may have trouble watching people that they know go through some of the toughest times in their lives.

In the 80's, when I joined our local fire department, all you had to do to get more volunteers was ask around. The community had several highly looked up to members of the fire department and when they called, asking for your help, you did. That wasn't always the case, but stomping the ground and casting the net, usually got you a few new members. By doing this, it helped to keep the department roster afloat. Some of the highly respected patriarchs of the Departments have either retired or passed away and the new patriarchs have not yet been established. A large factor that also affected small communities in the past was that every small community had some type of mom and pop shop or small manufacturing facility that allowed their employees/volunteers to leave for emergencies. This has sadly also changed as it's either harder for small business to survive or the mom and pop shops have closed up.

Without getting into too many of the really fine facts, volunteers can join the department and do a couple of courses to become certified to go into burning buildings. This is the minimum training levels. This would be a safety class, small tool class, PPE class and SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) class. This would give you the basics to volunteer for this community. If you wanted to take the State Firefighters I program, it's approximately 240 hours. This will make you a State Certified Firefighter. For EMS training (not required as a firefighter) to become an EMR (Emergency Medical Responder) it requires a roughly 60 hour course and an EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) is roughly 160 hours. I give you this information to show you the different level of training and the minimum requirements.

Some would look at the Police Department and say how is the Fire Department different from our Police Department. When you call 911 because you think someone is breaking into your house at 3:00AM and your family is at risk, you

expect blue lights in your driveway quickly, and the officer to come out of that cruiser trained to handle your emergency. How is the fire service any different? When you have a medical emergency or some type of fire, you expect the same level of service from your volunteer Fire Department. Now please understand, I'm in no way bashing the Police department, there is a large mutual respect for each other's job. We wouldn't want to face a man with a gun, no more than they want to go running into a burning building. I say this to point out the responsibilities that both departments carry and how one is a paid position and the other either a paid per call or by a points system. Not exactly apple to apples, danger is danger.

So with that said, there are several ways that we can fix the current problem of volunteerism in our Fire Department:

- Discuss regionalization with other communities around us
- Hire either part/full time or per diem help.
- We stomp the ground and cast the net.
- Form a committee to look at the problem and come up with creative solutions.

Let's discuss those options... Regionalization has been very beneficial for many small communities. However, it works very well on the small level incidents but large scale incidents, like multi alarm fires, you still run into staffing issues. The cost to hire or have per diem shifts cost money. The cost to hire full-time firefighters is significant when you factor in wages and benefits. Stomping the ground and casting the net may gain us a few new members, but I think the ultimate solution is to get the communities input and try to form a long term plan for recruitment.

I personally think that even though I am the Fire Chief, the fire department volunteerism problem is not just confined to the 4 walls of the Fire Station. This is very much a community based problem and I feel it best solved by us. I would like to invite the community to the Meeting House in October, a date to be determined, to start the process of trying to find a solution. This would give the community an opportunity to ask question about the Fire Department and also give feedback. My ultimate goal is to form a committee that allows us to explore how we tackle this problem. Please watch the Town Website and Fire Department FaceBook page for the upcoming date. Look forward to seeing you there.

Rick McQuade
Fire Chief Greenfield Fire/Rescue



Questions?
CONTACT US

STEPHENSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY NEWS

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.

End of the Summer Astronaut parties

August 7th from 11:00 am- 12:00 noon ages pre-k- 2nd grade

August 8th from 3:45-5:00 pm 3rd -8th grade

Summer Reading has been a literal "blast!" We have been exploring many topics relating to space, including stars and constellations, the moon, the possibility of extraterrestrial life on a goldilocks planet, telescope building, planets and rockets. Everyone who participated this summer is a winner, so join us for a moon pie at one of our Astronaut parties. You deserve it! It's time to turn your reading logs and bingo sheets in and watch us draw the raffle tickets for a wide range of space gear!



Want to travel around the world without leaving Greenfield?



Candi Fowler's program, "A Photographic Journey spanning the Globe-Part One," has been moved to August 15 at 7 pm. Candi is a world traveler who will take us from Italy to Luxemburg, from China to Japan, and hopping over to Hawaii before completing our trip across the States to NH!

If you're interested in hearing about some fun facts and seeing some beautiful photos....save the date! There will be refreshments too!

Book clubs for the whole family

Attention Kindergarten through 2nd grade readers!!

Ladybug Book Club Second Fridays at 3:45 pm



Come get your first book club book for the first Ladybug book club meeting on September 13th!

The book is called "Alma and How She Got her Name" by Juana Martinez.

Be prepared to talk a little bit about your family history, we will be making a "Family Tree!"

Attention 3rd- 5th graders

Puma Bound Book Club Third Fridays at 3:45 pm



September 20 - "Hello, Nebulon!" by Ray O'Ryan

October 18- "Saving Winslow" by Sharon Creech

November 15 - "Edison: The Mystery of the Missing Mouse Treasure" by Torben Kuhlmann

Attention Teens!

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Attention Adults! Night Readers

Facilitated by Jean Rainier, Night Readers meet 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!

Children's regular programming will resume August 28th



Preschool story hour Wednesdays 11:00- 12:00

Join Ms. Cheri to celebrate Grandparents Day, learn about bear habits, fire safety and more!

1,000 Books before Kindergarten Party September 18th 10:00-11:00 am

If you haven't signed your preschooler up for this program yet, we will give you an introduction and get you all set up! Participation in this program is easy and fun and will help your child get kindergarten ready. Past participants are welcome to attend and will be recognized as well.



First Lego League takes over STEAM CLUB

Starting September 5th children who have signed up to participate will engage in a new and exciting program with the library's very own "First Lego League."

Projects will be worked on Thursdays after school from 3:45- 5:00 pm. call the library for more details.



Starting September 18th Local retired educator, Ken Garnham will offer classes on the constitution. From Ken:

"It seems every generation of Americans has been confronted with challenges that test our resolve and ability to handle and overcome those challenges. Each generation believed that theirs faced the most complicated and painful social issues.

Throughout each crisis, the most important factor, the glue that has held our country together, has been the constitution.

The founding fathers believed that it was crucial that American citizens be an "informed electorate" if that constitution was to flourish. The purpose of these lessons is to provide citizens of Greenfield and the surrounding communities an opportunity to become better informed about one of the most important documents ever written. It makes no difference what your level of knowledge is . . . all are invited."

These classes are free and open to the public in the downstairs Wensberg room from 7-8 pm. Ken Garnham is a retired Social Studies teacher who taught courses in Civics and Problems of Democracy including the history and principles of the constitution. Ken has a Masters degree in Constitutional Studies from Georgetown University. After the first class, a list of upcoming classes will be posted on facebook and at the library.

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Ben Kilham: New Hampshire Bear Whisperer

Ben Kilham has been rehabilitating and releasing injured, orphaned and abandoned black bear cubs brought to us by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department since 1993. He has written two books and established a safe haven for bears to be re-introduced to their natural habitats. Ben and his wife are expert educators when it comes to Black bears in New Hampshire and will be discussing their behaviors and how to react to encounters with these wild creatures.

Thursday, September 26th at 7 pm
Wensberg Room



The library is hosting the only chapter of Krosslink in the state of New Hampshire. This spring the group elected Sarah Sim as President. Sarah is a new resident of Greenfield who has a business as an interior designer. She organizes the Krosslink meeting at the library every month. Currently the group is meeting the second Saturday from 10:45 am until noon. The group also has a SCORE representative, Tom Bergin, as a member who attends every meeting. Tom is a retired business expert with ties to the business community. The Library Director helps support this group by booking and bringing various speakers to present on topics of interest generated by the members of the group. In July the group hosted Christine Halverson, local Social Media guru, to discuss the importance of effective social media to the promotion of your business. Upcoming potential speakers will include Krosslink founder Venkat Kolluri. Stay tuned.

YOGA CLASSES with Esther Cassidy offered on the following dates: August 10, 17, 24, 31 September 21, 28 from 8:00 am - 9:00 am in the Wensberg room. Classes are \$12.00 per session- all levels and abilities are welcome.



Ongoing programs/meetings schedule:

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

Friends of Library - Third Thursdays of the month

Writers' Group - Every Thursday 2:00- 4:00 pm in the Wensberg Room

Greenfield Water Color Collaborative (October-May) - Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

Monadnock quilters once a month on Saturday

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.

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FROM THE RECYCLING CENTER

It is hard to believe our summer is on the down side. When the football season is about a month away it **shows** how quickly the time has passed. Speaking of how fast time flies by us, I have some thoughts to share with you.

Life will always present challenges to us as it teaches us new found wisdom, all the while showing us what strength we unknowing have. Life sends us all sorts of relationships which will enrich our lives by some means, sometime and for some reason. We hope to learn, share, support, and grow with these connections. I believe we have all done this together. We have shared happy events, tragic incidents, sad times and just every day experiences. I am blessed to have been able to travel alongside you through your life's journey, trash and all!

Now I have some news to share with you. August 24th will be my last day of work in Greenfield. I have been offered and accepted a new position working for the Town of Wilton as the Manager of the Wilton Transfer and Recycling Station.

For the last 9 ½ plus years, we have worked together towards our common goal of recycling, doing all we can for the protection of the environment. I have confidence you will continue to do so with the same commitment and enthusiasm you have always shown. And I also believe that you will carry on teaching and sharing this experience with your children not only at the Recycling Center but at home as well. We must always remember that the children are not only our future but the future of Mother Nature herself. It is always a special delight for us to witness the children's participation at the Recycling Center and, of course, the Mini Mall and Library.

The changes to the appearance of the center are due to your willingness to make it into a welcoming and enjoyable location. A place to not only "cheerfully" do your chores but also to visit with your friends and neighbors. GRC has blossomed with your pride and constant support. It has been a slow process but the rewards are many. Ongoing changes to the center are in the planning and will continue.

You will still see familiar faces as Bill and Steve will carry on until my replacement is found. They both have future plans of continuing to work at the center. Bill and Steve are very capable and knowledgeable of the center's operations and will be there for any needs you may have. I will very much miss working with them.

I want to thank you for your inspiration. It motivated me to do my very best for you and the town as a whole. You will never be far from my heart and mind.

In the meantime;

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

Remember hazardous waste days will end in October.
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We are always open for suggestions and look forward to seeing you.
Carol Burgess and the Recycling Center staff.

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