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GREENFIELD'S COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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MUD SEASON

Well, it's that time of year again. Our favorite - mud season. We mean that facetiously, but the mud does precede one of the most beautiful and exciting times of the year - spring! Soon flowers will be popping up everywhere and there will be that euphoria that we all experience as our surroundings are renewed after a long winter. But for now, it's mud season, with its pot holes, wash boards and muddy shoulders that sometimes give way underneath our cars. Try to rejoice that it will soon be over and in the meantime, please have patience with our Highway Department, as they try to deal with the problems that the season brings. Your road may present you with a daily challenge, and you would like to see it fixed right away, but remember that you are not the only one who feels that way. The department has to deal with the usual drainage problems as well as whatever the weather brings - believe it or not, it could be snow, even at this time of the year. If it is rain, well, that presents another host of challenges. The Highway Department is short staffed at the moment since long time employee, "Chip" Craig, recently moved to Florida. We are in the process of hiring a new employee but until then, please give the Highway Department a call to report your problem. But have patience as you wait for results. After all, we are New Englanders, and we know how to tough it out if we have to. In the meantime, watch for those flowers!

Thanks for your patience.

The Board of Selectmen

TOWN OF GREENFIELD PUBLIC NOTICE

Tax Collector change of Office Hours:

Thursday 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Per order of the Greenfield Tax Collector

RECYCLING REVENUES ARE UP!

As the Recycling Center supervisor, I sincerely say thank you, Greenfield! You should be patting yourselves on the back. Revenues are up from user fees, like demolition and disposal charges, as well as from the sale of more recyclable materials than what we used to process. Thanks to increased participation in the town's recycling program, we are making progress toward our goal of a 50% recycling rate in Greenfield! One person's trash really is the town's treasure in this case, so keep up the good work!

If you are a frequent user of the facility, you've probably noticed a couple changes in the lineup. We now separate office/school paper from mixed paper, since it's worth as much as three times more than baling it together. Mixed paper now goes out loose, but we still get the same price per ton, and we don't have to put the extra labor into baling it. It's sort of like paying the same price for gas if you had to transfer every gallon by hand as opposed to just using a station with a pump. We appreciate your patience while we're making these small changes, and are open to any suggestions you might have.

We still have a ways to go if you remember that the town's recycling rate is only 18%. Together, we can reach 50% by the next town meeting. It's worth it for so many reasons, but one of the best is that, all the selectmen have agreed, Jarvis and Aaron will shave their heads, and Karen will dye her hair green if we reach our goal! That's a pretty bold commitment to increasing the rate, so now it is our turn! Thanks again,

Matt Blanchard

ROADSIDE ROUND-UP POSTPONED TO MAY 17TH DUE TO THE AMOUNT OF SNOW! SEE PAGE 9.



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To submit articles to the Spirit:

E-mail text to: greenfieldnhbos@verizon.net or riverqueen@pobox.com, 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 Deb at 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 Feb/Mar Issue. March 1st for the Apr/May Issue.

SPIRIT DEADLINE

May 1, 2008 for the June/July Issue Will cover events between June 1 & July 31st.

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@verizon.net or riverqueen@pobox.com. 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 Deb Davidson at

547-3442 or Karen Day at 547-2985.

TOWN DIRECTORY

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

POLICE/FIRE/AMBULANCE

DIAL 911 or 352-1100

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Brian Giammarino, Chief Office: 547-2535 Dispatch: 547-2525 greenfieldpd@earthlink.net

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Business Mtg. 1st Mon. of month at 7 pm Training 2nd & 3rd Mon. of month at 7 pm Chief: Jim Plourde Tel: 547-3501 Fax: 547-6396

Emergency Dispatch: 352-1100 Email: greenfieldfd@earthlink.net

FOR BURN PERMITS CALL:

Charlie Stevenson - 547-6663 Cliff Russell - 547-2722 Vinnie Anfuso - 547-2500 Chris Kowaleski - 554-5959

TOWN OFFICES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Executive Select Board meetings are weekly **Tuesdays at 6:00 pm unless otherwise posted.** Offices open to the public - Mon.-Thurs 9am - 12pm (closed for lunch) then open 1pm -5pm Closed to public on Friday.

Call for an appointment during closed hours.

Select Board: Aaron Kullgren, Ch., Karen Day and Jarvis Adams Debra Davidson, A.A. Catherine Shaw, Accounting Tel: 547-3442 Fax: 547-3004 Email: greenfieldnhbos@verizon.net

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
greenfieldnhtc@verizon.net

BUDGET COMMITTEE

2nd Tuesday of the month unless otherwise posted, 7pm. Chair: Bruce Dodge Tel:547-3451

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Office open Wed. evening 7:00 to 9:00 pm Insp's by Appt/as needed Inspector - Peter Hopkins Tel: 547-3442 Home 547-3449 Cell: 582-9521 Email: pwhopkins4@netzero.com

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meets 4th Wed. of the Month at 7:30 pm Chair: Roger Lessard Tel: 547-3204 Email: mtking1@pobox.com

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Meets 4th Wed. of the Month at 7:30 pm Open Space Chair: Carol Irvin Tel: 547-2037

ENERGY COMMITTEE

Meet 2nd and 4th Thursday at 7pm. Chair - Dan Wolaver Tel: 566-0685 Email: dan@wolaver.org

HIGHWAY DEPT.

Supervisor Wyatt "Duffy" Fox Tel: 547-3504 Email: greenfield.nh.dpw@verizon.net

LIBRARY

Monday 1pm - 8:00 pm, Wednesday 10 am to 8 pm, Friday 12 to 5 pm, Saturday 10 am to 1 pm Librarian - Gail Smith Tel: 547-2790 Trustees meet first Wednesday of each month at the Library at 7:00 pm Email: stephensonlib@verizon.net

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR

Molly Anfuso Tel: 547-3442 or 562-6380 Email: greenfieldnhrec@verizon.net

PLANNING BOARD

Meetings 2nd & 4th Mon. each month 7:00 pm At the Town Offices. Normally the 2nd Mon. meeting is for hearings and the 4th Mon. meeting is for other business.

Chair: Dario Carrara Tel: 547-0494 Email: dcarrara@localnet.com

RECYCLING CENTER

Hours: Tuesday 8:00 to 12:00 pm Thursday 1:00 to 5:00 Saturday 8:00 to 4:00 pm Permits for residents at the Town Office. Supervisor: Matt Blanchard Tel: 547-8617

SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Tom Welden Tel: 547-3238 twelden@conval.edu

TOWN RECYCLING COMMITTEE

For more info: Call Neal Brown Ch. at 547-2023

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@verizon.net

TOWN WEBSITE WEBMASTER:

Catherine Shaw Tel: 547-3442 Email: greenfieldnhacct@verizon.net

WELFARE DEPT..

Call for assistance Tel: 547-3442

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Chair: John Gryval Tel: 547-2844

NOTICE

License dogs by April 30th \$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

VARIETY SHOW

Saturday, April 12th at 7:00 pm at the Meeting House. You won't want to miss this event! Come see your neighbors in "Lights! Cameras! Action!" You won't believe your eyes when you see who is on stage!

The Greenfield Elementary School, PTO and the Parks & Rec. Dept. are sponsoring this fun filled evening. Admission is a canned good for our food pantry.

FIRE DEPT. NEWS

Your Greenfield Fire and Rescue Department will be celebrating its 100th Year Anniversary in July 2009! This is a year away, but plans are underway to make this a fun filled family weekend, and we would like the whole community to be a part of it. The Fire Dept. will be holding various fund raising events throughout the year to raise money for this celebration.

Upcoming fund raising events schedule:

Sat. April 26th, 8:00 pm Spring Dance, B.Y.O.B., \$10 cover

Sat. May 10th, 8:00-10:30 am Fancy Pancake Breakfast

Sat. May 10th, 8:00 pm Mother's Day Weekend Dance, B.Y.O.B., \$10 cover Sun. July 20th, Firemen's Parade and Muster

In the fall, look for a road race and more dances and breakfasts.

If you would like to help sponsor events or make a donation, send a check to the Greenfield Fire Dept. with a note for the 100th Anniversary Celebration. If you would like to help out at events, please contact Dorene Adams at 547-2706.

All proceeds go toward the G.F.D. 100th Anniversary Celebration in 2009!

THE GREENFIELD WOMAN'S CLUB

We haven't met for a while, due to weather, but we have a busy Spring planned. When you read this article we will have already brought Big Ryan's Tall Tales to the elementary school children. The Woman's Club tries to give some program to the school every year.

In April the Historical Society and the Woman's Club sponsor a joint meeting. This April it is on Tuesday, the 8th at the Meeting House at 7:00 P.M. and open to everyone. Look for more information from the Historical Society.

The Woman's Club will sponsor a program on Identity Theft on May 13th at 7:00 P.M. at the Greenfield Commons. All are invited! The program is given by a member of the Peterborough Police department.

The Greenfield Woman's Club is always accepting new members. If you are interested or would like more information, call Carele Mayer at 547-2258.

GREENFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

In the fall it looked as if we could get a lot of filing and sorting done at the museum this winter. Instead a lot of shoveling has been done. At least this gave the Historical Society a good topic for the Winter Carnival, Work and Play in the Snow. The sleigh that Dr. Cheever used in the town until early into the 1900's was brought down for the Winter Carnival and is still on display at the museum. The sleigh was made by H. F. Nichols and son in Peterborough, NH probably in the late 1890's. For its age, the sleigh is in good shape, being made mostly of thin wood. It is a one horse sleigh, so weight was crucial. There were no sleigh bells on it, but a set of shaft bells were found in our collection. So they are on display with the sleigh.

For the Winter Carnival we were open for a few hours in the midday. Some winter artifacts were set out on

display. Among them were, snow-shoes, wooden skis, a ski wax thermometer, an iron runner sled, and one wooden skate. This skate was found in a wall of a house built in 1894. Several other items accompanied the skate, railroad receipts from 1894, a wooden sap spout and a double photo showing some of Greenfield village around that period of time.

Also on display were some ski mobile magazines and brochures from the early 1970's. A few model snowmobiles (as they are now called) were set up too. A handmade 1/16 scale replica of a log scoot (sort of like a sled) pulled by a tractor was included. This was crafted out of a pine board cut in town in 1964 by Floyd Cornwell, who used a scoot to haul logs and cordwood out of the woods. Aluminum was used to represent the iron parts of the scoot and painted to give it a natural rust color.

Many photo albums from the society's collection were enjoyed by the attendees. These showed prints of road clearing from the snowroller, town owned crawler tractor with "vee" plow and wings up to more modern equipment. Other deep snow and ice scenes could be seen, along with ice harvesting and modes of transportation for winter. The society was pleased by the number of folks who dropped by to enjoy hot mulled cider and donut holes while browsing through the various articles on display. The photo albums were a favorite not only for the winter scenes, but to see an earlier way of life in Greenfield. The Historical Society was excited to be part of the Winter Carnival activities, especially on such a beautiful, sunny winter day.

The Historical Society lost 2 of its members this winter, Anna Chute and Bill Hopkins. Anna was a founding member of the Society and helped a lot to get items cataloged, especially photographs. Bill was also active in the Society through the years. Both will be missed for their vast knowledge of Greenfield people, places, and past events.

From the president, a note from the past: I remember my father, Floyd, telling of hauling logs out at our farm.

ELDERLY EXEMPTION

At the 1996 Town Meeting, in accordance with RSA 72:39-b, the Town of Greenfield voted to adopt the adjusted Elderly Exemption. This exemption offers the elderly an opportunity to receive a small reduction off their property assessment. The criteria to meet, in order to qualify for this exemption, is as follows:

Income Limits	65-74 years of age	75-79 years of age	80+ years of age
Single	\$19,000.00	\$19,000.00	\$19,000.00
Married	<\$27,000.00	<\$27,000.00	<\$27,000.00
Asset Limits	65-74 years of age	75-79 years of age	80+ years of age
Single	\$20,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$60,000.00
Married	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00

The exemption, as voted in 1996, would allow an elderly resident between the ages of 65-75, to receive \$20,000.00 off the assessed value of their home; a person 75 - 79 would receive \$40,000.00 off their assessed value; and a person 80+ would receive \$60,000.00 off their assessment. This could make a difference of anywhere between \$400.00 - 730.00 tax dollars for a qualifying elderly resident. If you think you may qualify for this exemption, you can pick up applications from Deb or Catherine during regular business hours. Or, if you have access to the internet, you may go to the following link, http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/V/72/72-39-a.htm. You must provide proof of income/assets to allow for verification. Your homestead is not figured into the asset amount to qualify for this exemption. Any information provided will be kept confidential.

VETERANS EXEMPTION

The Town of Greenfield also offers a Veteran's Tax Credit. The Town voted to authorize a \$300.00 tax credit to qualifying veterans. Again, this must be applied for on or before April 15th. To determine if you qualify please either see Deb during regular business hours or, if you have access to the internet, you can go to the following link which will provide helpful information as to qualification for this exemption. http://www.revenue.nh.gov/munc_prop/vetex_cr.htm

Both of these exemptions must be applied for on or before April 15th, if you think you may qualify for either exemption, be sure to get in touch with Deb at 547-3442 during regular business hours.

GIVERS' CORNER

THE GIVers' MISSION: To build - through fund raising and volunteering - a partnership with the community of Greenfield and to assist the community in meeting its needs.

MEETINGS: We meet over breakfast at the SIDE TRAX at 8:30 AM on the third Wednesday of every month. We'd be pleased to have you drop by and get acquainted. Breakfast will be on us! You also can find out more about us by calling Neal Brown at 547-2023

NEW MEMBERS: We are pleased to welcome Hilda and David Bridgewater and Connie Austin to our group.

OUR WOOD BANK IS STILL SOLVENT! We have a fair supply of seasoned stovewood left for qualified residents who may need wood to get them through this never-ending winter. Interested parties should call 547-3442 and discuss their needs with Deb Davidson, the Town of Greenfield administrator. After establishing need, Deb will contact Neal Brown, the Woodbank Manager to make arrangements for obtaining wood.

WANT TO HELP THE GIVers STACK NEXT YEAR'S WOOD? We recently finished sawing and splitting our ~ 22

cord timber pile, and as soon as the snow and ice melts, we will begin stacking the product to season it for next Fall. If you can lend us a hand, it would be most appreciated. For more information, please call our Woodbank Manager, Neal Brown, at either 547-2023 or 508-259-9735.

WELCOME BASKET PROGRAM: We continue to deliver baskets to Greenfield newcomers, and we rely on tips from Spirit readers like you to locate many of them. So, please call our point person, Mary Ann Grant, at 547-8856. if you know of anyone who has recently taken up residence in Greenfield.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT AT TOWN MEETING '08: We were pleased to have the opportunity to put on the refreshments for our first Saturday Town Meeting, and we thank all those who very generously contributed to our refreshment "kitty".

OUR NEXT EVENT: MEMORIAL DAY ICE CREAM SOCIAL: In the early PM of Sunday, May 25, after completion of church services and the parade, we GIVers will hold our annual Ice Cream "Social" in the Meeting House. We hope that you'll drop by for a treat!

-Thanks for your interest in the GIVers-

STEPHENSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

NOTES FROM THE CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN and UPCOMING EVENTS

NATIONAL POETRY MONTH • APRIL

NATIONAL POETRY MONTH:

April is national poetry month. My earliest memories of any sort of poetry is having nursery rhymes read to me by my parents. We would recite those rhymes many times throughout our lives. I read the same nursery rhymes to our children and they to theirs. What fun to read Shel Silverstein's "A Light in the Attic" or "A Child's Garden of Verses". Later in school I had to memorize "September" by Helen Hunt Jackson. How could you not imagine a beautiful Fall day after reading this poem? Today our lives seem too hectic and stress-filled to take the time to sit and read poetry. How sad that we no longer have time to savor someone's written words as much as we would savor a delicious meal or a beautiful sunset. You are invited to come into the library and share our poetry books. Better yet, come in and share your favorite poem or nursery rhyme. Celebrate poetry

month at the library.

SOME OF OUR POETRY BOOKS:

Collected Poems
Jane Kenyon
Cora Fry
Rosellen Brown
Return
Aha Khaki
The Complete Poems Of
Emily Dickinson
In The Clearing
Robert Frost
Three volumes by
Donald Hall

POETRY FOR CHILDREN

Because I Could Not Stop My Bike *Karen Jo Shapiro*Get Out of the Alphabet, Number 2!:

Wacky Wednesday Puzzle Poems by Kalli Dakos

Antarctic Antics : A Book of Penguin Poems

Judy Sierra

It's Raining Pigs & Noodles

Jack Prelutsky

Butterfly Eyes and Other Secrets of the Meadow

Jovce Sidman

Snuffles and Snouts , poems selected by Laura Robb

NOTES FROM THE CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN

Thank you to all 70 people who attended the Wildlife Encounters program during February vacation. I've started a "Pennies for Platypuses" coin drive to help sponsor a return visit this summer. If you have coins weighing down your wallets, briefcases or pocketbooks, please send some our way.

To celebrate National Poetry Month we are holding a poetry festival for the month of April. Submit a poem until April 30 and win a prize in many categories. Share the love of poetry and gain some ideas, and time to write, on April 23 when two poets will lead a workshop.

Drop-in book swap during April vacation week. Bring a book you're done with (in good condition) and trade for another. It's that easy!

Keep watching our outdoor sign for a Search Dogs Northeast program in May to celebrate "Be Kind to Animals Week."

Keep Wednesday mornings free for Preschool Storytimes at 10:30 a.m.

LIBRARY INFORMATION AND GROUP MEETINGS

BOOK GROUP: The book group will meet April 30 and May 28, 2008. Books to be read will be announced at a later date. Possible choices are ATONEMENT and THE TIME-KEEPERS'S WIFE.

BRIDGE OR CRIBBAGE CLUB: We have patrons interested in joining a bridge or cribbage club. If you would like to play too please contact us.

DISCUSSION GROUP: We also have someone interested in participating in a discussion group. Topics for discussion could include current events or literary figures, anything which is of interest to the group. Please contact the library if you are interested. WISH LIST: multiple shelf book cart, American Girl books, especially sets of Kaya, Felicity, Addy, and Josephina. If your readers have outgrown them please consider donating them!

WIRELESS SERVICE: Wireless service is now up and running at the library.

MEETING ROOM: The awesome new downstairs meeting room is finished! An Open house/dedication was held in February and was well attended. Delicious refreshments were served by the Friends of the Library. Thank you to all who made this day possible.

NEW BOOKS

Friday Night Knitting Club *Kate Jacobs*

The Whole World Over *Julia Glass*

The Golden Tulip Rosalind Laker

Sizzle And Burn *Jayne Ann Krentz*



Greenfield Parks and Recreation Department

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From my desk:

I would like to express my gratitude to all of the citizens of Greenfield who took the time to attend our town meeting. I look forward to continuing to provide responsible, safe, and fun recreational activities for our citizens. With this department comes an exciting ebb and flow of activities that will work one year, but not another. Check us out, things are always changing! I am very excited to work with the community and its members to make this department better and better each year.

INDOOR FLEA MARKET Saturday, April 5th 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Meeting House

The Parks and Recreation Dept. will be hosting an indoor flea market. People from the community will come to sell their wares whether it's spring-cleaning items, crafts or antiques! The dept. will be selling lunch items, so please come on over to eat and browse!

GREENFIELD TALENT SHOW Saturday, April 12th 7 p.m. Meeting House

Co-sponsored by the GES-PTO and the Parks and Recreation Dept, this show is sure to bring laughter and joy to your hearts. Come see some of Greenfield's finest, young and old perform their special talents! FMI please contact show coordinator Dorene Adams at 547-2706.

CAL-RIPKEN BASEBALL SEASON OPENING DAY SLATED TO BEGIN MAY 1ST

Baseball registration took place and we are looking forward to the teams learning the sport of baseball, while having fun too. I am fortunate to have Brian Putnam begin his 3rd year as the Cal Ripken Representative for the Town of Greenfield. Once the teams are determined by the Cal Ripken Organization and coaches are determined, players will be contacted by the individual teams for information pertaining to practice times.

Attention Baseball Enthusiasts! SPEAKER ROB HANNINGS - BASEBALL HISTORIAN Friday May 23rd 7 p.m.

Stephenson Memorial Library Meeting Room Baseball Historian and Greenfield Resident Rob Hannings will be talking baseball with a local flair. He will also share a collection of hundreds of vintage and present day items. Town teams and more! Born in the Bronx, and a Yankee fan, Rob has lived in the Monadnock region for over 30 years. He is known to many as a star slugger, achieving All-American status in softball in the mid 1980's and to others as the Mitt Doctor, repairing and re-lacing baseball gloves for hundreds of area players. Collecting baseball memories and vintage memorabilia has been his lifelong passion. His baseball research and playing career has taken him in many directions, local histories, town teams, to state wide research such as the color barrier break in the 1946 Nashua Dodgers. He even once caught for Arizona Diamondback pitcher Randy Johnson!

KETCHUM KICKERS SOCCER CLINIC-JUNE

Plans to have Pete Ketchum of Ketchum Kickers run a soccer clinic at Oak Park the last week of June are still in place. If school is not out by then, we will need to make other arrangements. Please stay tuned for more information

NEW UK ELITE SOCCER DAY CAMP July 28th - August 1st Oak Park

Greenfield Parks and Recreation would like to announce a Summer Soccer camp in conjunction with Elite UK Soccer Training. The camp will be conducted at Oak Park, Greenfield from July 28th to August 1st. Elite UK Soccer is a professional soccer training company based in Southern New Hampshire. They have provided soccer players with the skills and knowledge to take their game to "the next level". Camps will be conducted: Full day from 9am to 3pm, (Open to 7 to 14 year olds) Half Day camps from 9am to 12pm (Open to 5 to 14 year olds) and TOTS 9am to 10.30am (Open to 4 and 5 year olds). For more details please contact coach@eliteuksoccer.com, call (603) 672 0002. Or check out their website at www.eliteuksoccer.com.

HATHA YOGA

Saturdays 4/12, 4/19, 4/26, 5/10, 5/17, 5/24 & 6/7 Greenfield Town Offices 2nd Floor Gymnasium Instructor: Nanette Perrotte

Yoga combined with toning. Beginners thru intermediate welcome. Nanette brings the element of toning or sounding to body and energy work. By humming and ah-ing, gentle sound can guide you into a very solid and colorful state of focus, calm and centeredness. Let the healing power of Hatha yoga and sound bring melody to your breath. FMI contact Nanette at nanette902@aol.com

Greenfield Parks and Recreation Department

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cell: 562-6380 office: 547-3442



MEDITATION CLASSES

Mondays 7:30 p.m. Meeting House

Instructor: Nanette Perrotte

Learn the art of meditation. Good for the body and soul!

FMI contact Nanette at nanette902@aol.com

STAYING STRONG FOR SENIORS Thursday** from 11-12 noon Greenfield Commons Instructor: Barbara Metivier, M.Ed.

This is a movement program for strength, flexibility, and balance tailored for senior citizens. Open to all seniors. classes will be held at the Greenfield Commons Community Room starting every Thursday, with the development of a second class during the week. Please wear supportive shoes to class. For more information, please call Barbara direct, evenings after 6 p.m. 547-2780. *Day of the week subject to change. Please call instructor to confirm day. FREE TO ALL SENIORS.

ADULT AND CHILDREN EXERCISE CLASSES

I am working on additional fitness classes for both children and adults. Please stay tuned for more information!

SUNSET LAKE INFORMATION SWIMMING LESSONS AND FLOATING DOCK

At the town meeting, there were some questions that I brought to the attention of the community who were in attendance. I asked for a general consensus of how people felt about providing swimming lessons this summer at Sunset Lake. Because Crotched Mountain offers swimming lessons at their pool, the show of hands at the Town Meeting indicated they preferred not to have lessons at the beach this year. I have taken this under advisement, and have decided to go with that consensus. If you'd like to get your child into a swimming program, please call the aquatics department at Crotched Mountain Rehabilitation or visit www.crotchedmountain.org.

The second question I had was whether or not people wanted to have the floating dock put back in at Sunset Lake Beach. The reason for the raft being removed from the water 2 years ago was due to vandalism by a group of people who put the raft into the lake causing damage to it, while bystanders watched it all happen. About half in attendance at town meeting were in favor of having the raft in the water this summer. We'd like to try it again this year, pending certain conditions:

- ☐ There will be a work detail scheduled in June, where members of the community who support having a dock will come to repair what is necessary. This includes a new ladder that will need building.
- ☐ The dock will be put in after school is out, which will be later in June.
- ☐ Any vandalism or mis-use of the dock, causing unsafe conditions, will be reason to take the dock out for the rest of the season.
- ☐ If the dock successfully remains in the water for the season, a second dock will be considered for the 2009 season following the same conditions as listed above.

If anyone has any questions, please let me know.

DISCOUNT WATER COUNTRY TICKETS!

Looking for somewhere fun to go this summer? Look no further. Discount tickets are available thru the Parks and Recreation office. Please call ahead to be sure you get me. Tickets will be honored any day they are open, mid June -Labor Day. Tickets include all day unlimited use of all attractions and DO NOT EXPIRE. Seniors 65+ and kids under 4 ft. tickets are available on line at www.watercountry.com or at the gate. Call 562-6380 for special pricing.

WANTED

PT Gardener to handle all planting and watering of the Town Office and Meeting House properties.

Lifeguard to work summer hours at Sunset Lake Beach. Monday-Saturday 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Call for more information

Happy Spring!



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Some years when the snow was deep, they would take two tractors up to make tracks to haul out logs. He and Clarence Paige would shovel around the tree to be cut for logs so there wouldn't be a high stump, which would be the loss of good lumber. Sometimes both tractors would become stuck. Shoveling and pushing would finally get one out. Then they would hook on to the other one and free it up. This made for some long and frustrating days. The logs were cut in between the morning and evening milkings of the cows. If you have any stories of days gone by in Greenfield please give Lenny a call so they could be put in the Spirit or the news letter and shared with people in Greenfield.

April 8, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the Meeting House, the Historical Society and the Woman's Club will welcome Marcia Blaine for a presentation of Susannah Johnson, An English Captive

among the Abernakis and French". This took place in 1750's. The program is made possible through a grant from the N.H. Humanities Council. It sounds like a very interesting story. A short business meeting of the Historical Society will be held at 7 p.m. before the program. There will be light refreshments served after the program. The program, as always, is open to the public. Please come and join us.

The Historical Society welcomes anyone to display your collection at our annual June Fair. This year to be held on June 7, 2008. Do you collect old kitchen utensils, tools, cars, old equipment, jewelry, bottles or anything else? Contact Lenny. We would enjoy having displays at the Fair, so other people could see and appreciate your collecting passion. Also if you are a crafter and would like to have a booth at the fair contact Jane at 547-2759.

We are still working on arrangements for the Fair and hope the sun

will join us this year, as the last two were wet. This will be our 4th annual Fair at Oak Park. Hope to see you there, if not with a display or craft, then to look at the ones there.

Lenny Cornwell, president 547-2759

PET CARE

Hi, Neighbor ~

I am hesitant to give anyone advice on how to care for their pets, because I realize that it's actually none of my business. Nevertheless, I want to provide some important counsel to owners of small pets - particularly those who may have moved to Greenfield from a more "urban" or even "suburban" area:

If you own a cat or a small dog, please consider keeping it indoors.

In rural Greenfield - particularly in wooded areas - there is much more danger to small animals than in suburbia, particularly from predators such as

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GREENFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT SAFETY TIPS

Brought to you by EMT-I Linda Dodge

SPRINGTIME CLEAN-UP SAFETY TIPS

Too much snow? Can't wait for spring? Want to pick up a rake instead of a shovel?

Follow these safety tips and stay safe all summer.

- · Warm those muscles up. Yard work uses muscles that most of us normally do not use. Warming the muscles up is a good way to help prevent pain later.
- · Always wear protective clothing when you handle pesticides and fertilizers. And that includes eye protection too.
- · Before you mow, rake or look for any stones and loose debris that may become projectiles.
- \cdot Wear shoes, you never know what you might step on.
- · Never leave any power equipment running while unattended.
- · Store gasoline-powered equipment away from anything that uses a pilot light.
- · When pruning trees, be careful not to let

metal ladders or trimmers contact overhead wires.

- · Before you pull that weed, make sure you know how to identify poison ivy, sumac, and oak and similar toxic plants.
- · Know how to treat a rash if one occurs.
- · After a long days work, stretch those muscles, they will be glad you did.

Lawn Mower Safety

- · Never carry passengers.
- · Only allow responsible adults, who are familiar with the instructions, to operate this machine.
- · Do not put hands or feet near rotating parts or under the machine.
- · Turn your mower's engine off and let it cool before refueling or doing repairs.
- · Don't use electrical mowers on wet grass.
- · Make sure blade guards are in place on all cutting equipment.
- · Do not mow in reverse unless absolutely necessary. Always look down and behind before and while backing.

- · Never direct discharged material toward anyone.
- · Avoid discharging material against a wall or obstruction. Material may ricochet back.
- · Stop the blades(s) when crossing gravel surfaces.
- · Slow down before turning.
- · Disengage blades when not mowing.
- · Operate machine only in daylight.
- · Do not operate the machine while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- · Never leave a running machine unattended. If you leave the machine, shut it off and take the key!
- \cdot Follow all manufacturers' recommendation.

Remember thousands and thousands of people each year sustain injuries from trimmers, lawn edgers and pruners. Read the manufacturer's instructions carefully before using any tool and work smart.

GREENFIELD ROADSIDE ROUND-UP

in honor of Earth Day SATURDAY, May 17th

Postponed because of the snow.

LET'S SPEND A FEW HOURS TO BEAUTIFY OUR TOWN THEN WE'LL GET TOGETHER FOR FOOD, FUN, & PRIZES



Well, we had a problem last year with that gall durn flood, I tell ya. Let's try it again this year and hope that Mother Nature smiles on us. We can do a heck of a job when we work together. Come on, get the whole family involved! Take pride in keeping our town roads clean.

FOR ALL YOU ROAD RANGERS THAT HELP OUT. WE'VE GOT THE FREE HAM & BEAN SUPPER FOR YA AS USUAL AND WE'LL HAVE THE FREE DRAWING FOR PRIZES. GOT A FEW NEW ONES TOO. BUT YOU HAVE TO BE THERE TO WIN! Look for more details in the mail just before

Round-Up Day!

IT'S EASY

HERE'S WHAT TO DO: Start whenever you want on Saturday morning. Clean up trash wherever needed along your road. Leave bags and oversize trash on the side of the road for pick up by those who were so kind to help out in the past,

or YOU can bring them to the

Recyling Center yourself.

GENERAL INFO

Bags will be mailed just before Round-Up Day! More bags are available at the

Recycling Center from May 12-16 Call 547-2985 for more info.

> THIS IS A RAIN OR SHINE EVENT!

Organized and Sponsored by the Greenfield Conservation Commission

April 2008

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Just send us your
information and we'll print it for free.

Make sure you only give us 4 lines

(between 10-15 words). Thanks.

BLACK BEARS IN THE SPRING



Black Bear (Ursus americanus)

Tips on avoiding unbearable conflicts

Although black bears are generally shy and usually avoid humans, they are opportunistic and will search for human food supplies when natural foods are not available. Maintaining a sustainable bear population in New Hampshire depends on minimizing human-bear conflicts. The majority of conflicts can be avoided. Here are some tips on preventing bear problems:

Residential prevention

- · Take down, clean and put away bird feeders by April 1. Store the bird feeder until late fall. (Birds will do just fine with the natural foods available.) Bear damage to bird feeders is a common and growing spring complaint.
- · Clean up spilled seed below feeder stations.
- · Keep garbage in airtight containers inside your garage or storage area. Double bagging and the use of ammonia will reduce odors that attract bears.
- · Garbage for pickup should be put outside the morning of collection and not the night before.
- · Do not place meat or sweet food scraps in your compost pile.
- · Do not leave pet food or dishes outdoors at night.
- · Clean up and/or store outdoor grills after use.
- · Use a bear-proof dumpster.
- · Never intentionally feed bears to attract them to your yard for viewing.

Camping prevention

- · Maintain a clean campsite.
- · Put food scraps and fat drippings in closed containers, not in the campfire.
- · Do not cook or eat in your tent.
- · Keep food and cooking gear separate from your sleeping area.

· Keep food in a closed-up vehicle or hang food at least 10 feet off the ground and five feet out on a limb that will not support a bear.

A fed bear is a dead bear!

When black bears are fed, they quickly learn unbearlike behaviors. Sadly, this may lead to serious, often deadly, results for the bear. You can prevent this by following the simple guidelines above.

Don't feed the habit

As snow disappears in the early spring hungry bears leave their winter dens. Early spring offers the promise of abundant bear foods, but yields no such benefit until grasses grow, bulbs sprout and flowers bloom. Hungry bears lack the option to wait for spring growth. Although bears are generally shy and usually avoid humans, their need for food and their fondness for sunflower seeds often draw them to New Hampshire bird feeders.

Here are some suggestions to prevent your bird feeder from becoming a bear feeder:

- · Complete your bird feeding activities by April 1 each year. Don't feed the birds until late fall (the birds will do just fine).
- · Bears are clever. This, coupled with their strength and agility, make it very difficult to establish bearproof bird feeders
- · Purposeful feeding can result in the bears getting accustomed to humans. This "habituation" of bears may cause a variety of conflicts with humans. The end result may be the removal (most often with lethal consequences) of the offending bear.
- · Encourage your bird-feeding friends and neighbors to adhere to these guidelines. Be reminded that many people have an irrational fear of bears. A black bear's presence in a residential area may create fear among neighbors and lead to negative consequences for the bear.

Take proper care of your garbage

Black bears are one of New Hampshire's most magnificent big mammals. Although bears are shy and usually avoid

humans, they are also opportunistic and will search for human food supplies when there's little natural food available. Their keen sense of smell can lead them to trouble - both for themselves and humans. Maintaining a sustainable bear population in New Hampshire depends on minimizing human-bear conflicts. Take proper care of your garbage to help avoid these conflicts.

Don't trash our bears

- · Keep dumpsters and trash containers secured at night. Lock and bolt both tops and sliding side doors, if necessary Use metal trash cans, including lids.
- · Choose adequate sized dumpsters. Don't let dumpster garbage overflow.
- · Stabilize smaller dumpsters to prevent bears from tipping them over.
- · Rinse out dumpsters with a hose, and deodorize with ammonia if necessary
- · Pick up loose or spilled garbage.
- · Erect portable electric fences around dumpsters to reduce bear activity, when necessary
- · Double-bag garbage and place it in airtight containers to reduce food odors that may attract bears.
- · If you keep garbage in a shed, keep the doors closed tightly to prevent bears from forcing them open. If bears get into sheds, move garbage to a more secure location and leave shed doors open after removing attractants. Deodorize with ammonia as necessary
- · Further discourage bears from approaching dumpsters by using loud noise-making devices.
- · Never intentionally feed bears to attract them to your yard for viewing. Remember... a fed bear is a dead bear!

What you should do if you encounter a black bear

- · Normal trail noise should alert bears to your presence and prompt them to move without being noticed. However, if you see a bear, keep your distance. Make it aware of your presence by clapping, talking or making other sounds.
- · If a bear does not immediately leave after seeing you, the presence or aroma of food may be encouraging it to stay. emove any sight or smell of foods.

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coyotes, fishers, owls, and even feral cats and dogs. Indeed, just in one season, four households in my Gould Hill neighborhood "lost" their cats to predators, and about eight or nine have gone missing since I moved here 6 years ago.

For those who may be skeptical of providing a cat or small dog an exclusive indoor life, there are good statistics about how they can thrive and actually live longer than they would outdoors. According to the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), the estimated average life span of an outdoor cat is less than three years-compared to 15-18 years for the average indoor-only cat. Cats who venture outdoors unsupervised can fall victim to the health hazards of fleas and parasites, the dangers of outdoor chemicals and automobiles, disease, and other hazards, including the predators mentioned above.

And, for the record, the life of an indoor companion animal need not be boring. You can find all kinds of ways to entertain them with toys and occasional catnip, give them comfortable perches with a good view of the outdoors, and even walk them in a stroller or on a harness - I do.

In sum, I hope that you will seriously consider keeping your little one safe inside.

Thank you for your consideration.

Janet Romanelli Gould Hill, Greenfield

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FRIDAY NIGHT & SATURDAY MOVIES

CROTCHED MT. MEDIA CENTER

Movies are each Friday at 6:15 PM and 1PM on some Saturdays. Everyone is welcome (children need to be supervised by an adult) and the cost is free!

Apr 4: **RATATOUILLE-** Remy, a French rat, who has a cultivated palate, rises from his humble beginnings to become head chef at a Paris restaurant. 2008 Oscar winner

Apr 11: **JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH-** An adaptation of Roald Dahl's fantasy about a beleaguered boy who discovers a magic pathway inside a giant peach.

Apr 18: **KEEPING THE PROMISE**- An adaptation from Elizabeth George Speare's "The Sign of the Beaver". A hopeful tale about a colonial family seeking a new and promising life in the deep wilderness of Maine in 1768.

Apr 25: **TARZAN**- The wild and exotic adventures of Tarzan. Two worlds collide when Tarzan meets Jane and others of his own kind.

May 2: **HONEY, I SHRUNK THE KIDS-** A preoccupied inventor accidently shrinks his kids down to ½" tall and tosses them in the trash.

May 9: **RASCAL**- This is a story of a boy and his rescued pet raccoon, an animal whose talent for causing loads of mischief is equaled only by his power to trigger tons of laughter.

May 16: **THE RUNAWAY-** Luke and Sonny grow up as best friends in a rural Georgia town in the 1940's. At their birth, a Conjure Woman prophesizes, "You're going to make a difference and start the change" and they do.

May 23: **TREASURE SEEKERS-** In a classic story by Edith Nesbit, five motherless children struggle to save their inventor father from financial ruin.

May 30: **HERBIE RIDES AGAIN-** Fun fast paced movie about a Volkswagon Bug and his partner who are determined to save a Victorian firehouse home from the wrecking ball.

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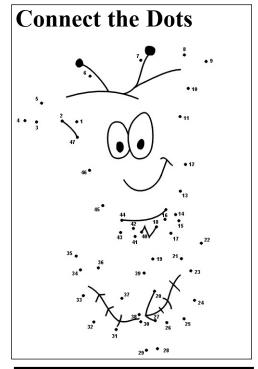
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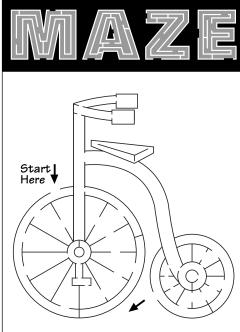
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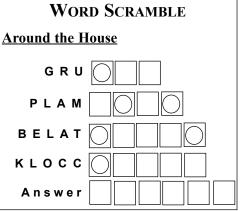
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TOWN ENERGY COMMITTEE

The Town Energy Committee was formed late last year and has been meeting since December 20, 2007. Its mission statement is

To evaluate energy usage and "carbon footprint" of the Town of Greenfield government buildings and recommend changes. To increase community awareness of efficient energy practices.

We are looking first at the Town Offices Building because it uses the most fuelabout \$10,000 in oil last year. Many of its windows are old and leaky, there is no insulation in the walls, and the heating system is old and inefficient. Our committee is looking at the alternatives to address each of these problems, including their costs, compatibility with maintaining a historic building, and how much they will save in heating costs. This information will be provided to the Board of Selectmen for their action.

Besides reducing the energy usage of the Town buildings, we are also looking to reduce the use of fossil fuels, which add to carbon dioxide (CO2) in the atmos-

phere. Both of these objectives can lead to lower heating costs; alternatives fuels such as wood chips or wood pellets cost less per BTU than oil, gas, or electricity. To become better informed, the committee is visiting sites in the area that use alternative fuels. Also, we have joined the Cool Monadnock coalition of towns seeking to reduce carbon emissions. For more information, go to:

www.anei.org/pages/1445_cool_mon-adnock.cfm

We all must change our behavior if we wish to lessen climate change, and the sooner the better. Industry shares much of the responsibility, but what can we do as individuals? The major energy uses of the average household fall into three categories-heating fuel, automotive gasoline, and electricity. Solar, wind, geothermal, and nuclear energy produce virtually no CO2. Burning biomass such as wood is very nearly carbon-neutral since the CO2 released in burning is taken out of the atmosphere by the biomass grown to replace that burned. So

we can support the construction of electric plants that use these alternative energy sources. We can use more florescent and LED lighting in our homes, we can buy more fuel-efficient cars and those that use alternative fuels, we can use solar power to boost the heating of house water, and we can use cord word and wood pellets to heat our homes. For more information, go to:

www.cleanair-coolplanet.org/action/solutions.php

The Town Energy Committee meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month in the Town Offices Building at 7:00 p.m. We will continue to provide information on ways to use less energy and ways to release less CO2. If you have questions or suggestions, please contact one of the committee members:

Dan Wolaver, chair dan@wolaver.org

Candi Fowler csfowler@verizon.net Aaron Harris aph603@gmail.com Roger Lessard mtking1@pobox.com



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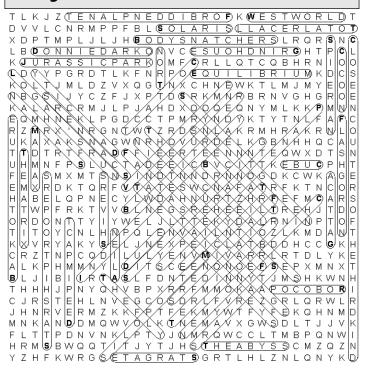
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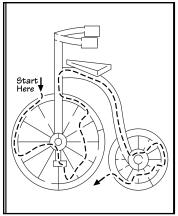
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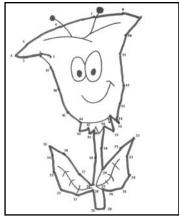
JUST FOR FUN ANSWERS



Word Scramble Answers:

Rug, Lamp, Table, Clock, Carpet





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.

Address		
City	State	Zip

The cost for a one year subscription to the Spirit is \$6.00. 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

Greenfield Community Food Pantry and Clothes Closet

Open Saturdays, 10am - Noon

Located at 12 Depot Drive

Food and Clothing available to anyone in need. Contact Gail Curtis, Coordinator, at 547-2155.

To Donate Food:

Leave non-perishable foods in the drop-off boxes available at the Greenfield Post Office, Delay's, at the Church and at Ministry Offices.

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The Greenfield Congregational Covenant Church

Ministry Office: 12 Depot Drive, PO Box 341
Office hours: M, T, W, F 9am to noon
Tel: (603) 547-3626 Email: gccc@greenfieldchurch.org
Sunday Worship Services 10am

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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GREENFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO UPCOMING EVENTS:

-Sat. April 12 - GES Variety Show at the Meeting House - featuring local talent (children and adults) in a funfilled show guaranteed to make you smile - free admission - contact Dorene Adams for more info.

-Sat. May 17 - Cheer on the GES kids marching in the "Children and the Arts Festival" parade in Peterborough - we will be displaying our giant puppets -

come march with us!

-Sat. June 7 - Annual Spring Fling/Carnival at GES - lots of low cost activities for kids and families (face painting, bouncy house, pie eating contests, cake walk, dunk tank, cotton candy, etc.) - kids who want to go in the dunk tank should bring a swimsuit and big towel. All proceeds go toward enrichment activities for GES students.

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Place food items inside a vehicle or building. Occupy a vehicle or building until the bear wanders away.

- · Black bears will sometimes "bluff charge" when cornered, threatened or attempting to steal food. Stand your ground and slowly back away.
- · Enjoy watching black bears and other wildlife from a distance. Respect them and their right to live in wild New Hampshire.
- · Black bears do not typically exhibit aggressive behavior, even when confronted. Their first response is to flee. Black bears rarely attack or defend themselves against humans.

Courtesy of NH Fish & Game Something's Bruin Program & the Greenfield Conservation Commission



Got Permits?

A Quick Look at the Permits Needed for Development In or Near Water

Your land development project may require a state permit from the NH Department of Environmental Services above and beyond any local permits needed, and beyond those DES water-related permits listed here. For projects that do not require a permit, there may be standards you must follow during construction. Contact DES at the numbers below. A five-minute phone call could save you time and money.

Prior to	When working here	You need this approval	From	Contact
Installing a dock or other type of shoreline structure	Any surface water including its banks			
Disturbing the bank of any waterbody, e.g., stabilization or construction	Within the banks of any surface water	Wetlands Permit or	DES Wetlands Bureau	(603) 271-2147
Adding sand to a beach or constructing a new beach	Adjacent to any surface water	Notification		wetmail@des.state.nh.us des.nh.gov/wetlands
Dredge, fill or construction, e.g., culvert installation	Any wetland, tidal buffer zone, stream or sand dune			
Earth moving or excavation of 50,000 sq.ft. or more	Within 250 ft. of public waters	All of these examples must		
Applying fertilizer	or 4th order streams	meet Shoreland Protection Minimum Standards		
Cutting vegetation			DES Wetlands Bureau – Shoreland Protection	(603) 271-2147 shoreland@des.state.nh.us
Building a new residential structure	Within 150 ft. of public waters or 4th order streams	Must also be set back behind the primary building line	Section	des.nh.gov/cspa
Expanding or changing an existing nonconforming residential structure	Within the primary building line setback	Must obtain a waiver from DES		
Tree cutting	Anywhere	Must use best management practices for timber harvesting		
Earth moving or excavation with an impact greater than 50,000 sq.ft.	Within 250 ft. of public waters	Alteration of Terrain Permit	DES Alteration of Terrain Program	(603) 271-2303 des.nh.gov/sitespecific
Earth moving or excavation with an impact greater than 100,000 sq.ft.	Anywhere			252 - 259 - 25
Executing a purchase and sales agreement on devel- oped waterfront	Within 200 ft. of tidal waters or a great pond without municipal sewer	Site Assessment Study		
Building a residential dwell- ing, adding bedrooms, or expanding living space	Anywhere not serviced by	Septic System Construction Approval and Operational Approval	DES Subsurface Systems Bureau	des.nh.gov/ssb
Subdividing land, for single family, condominium, apartment or campground	municipal sew	State Subdivision Approval		
Installing a well closer than 75 ft. to a property line	Anywhere	Must file a recorded well release		
Supplying water for 25+ people 60+ days per year	Anywhere not serviced by a public water supply	Water Supply Engineering Permit	DES Water Supply Engineering Bureau	(603) 271-2513 WSEBinfo@des.state.nh.us des.nh.gov/wseb
Building, reconstructing or making major repairs to a dam	On any dam	Dam Permit	DES Dam Bureau	(603) 271-3406 damsafety@des.state.nh.us des.nh.gov/dam

Howdy Greenfield From Stonegate Farm and Flowers

We grow a large assortment of perennials, including over 200 varieties of Daylilies and Hosta. We also grow some shrubs and Exotic Conifers, including Korean Fir, Concolor Fir, Serbian Spruce and others. Our plants and trees are herbicide and pesticide free.

Bring your family and enjoy our gardens, sheep, pigs and chickens for a total day-trip experience.



We are located on Driscoll Rd in Greenfield. Follow signs from rt. 31 at Yankee Farmer or from rt. 202 at Sand Hill Rd. in Peterborough.

This year we will be open weekends from Memorial Day thru June. Hours are 10-4.

We will have 2 special Daylily/ Hosta weekends July 19-20 and 26-27. Also a Fall Planting weekend Sept. 6-7. If you wish to come at another time, call for an appointment at 547-3395 for Maggie Sauvain or Ron Lucas.



Farmers Markets: Tuesdays: Bedford, Wednesdays: Peterboro, Thursdays: Amherst

Bring this Coupon along to receive 10% off

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Valid until June 30, 2008



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Next issue deadline: May 1, 2008

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