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GREENFIELD'S ANNUAL VARIETY SHOW



TOWN OF GREENFIELD PUBLIC NOTICE

PER RSA 231:91: Effective March 4, 2013 all Class V Roads in the Town of Greenfield shall be closed to vehicles weighing in excess of 6-tons. Anyone needing a special exception to this posted weigh limit should contact the Public Works Supervisor at 547-3504.

This posting shall remain in effect until conditions warrant.

RECYCLING CENTER

The Recycling Center's hours will change as of April 4, 2013

The operational hours will be:

Tuesday: 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

Thursday: 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Saturday: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm



Remember these characters? Well, you never know who you'll see at the annual variety show. Be there or be square... See back cover for more info.



The Greenfield Spirit

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To submit articles to the Spirit:

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

Sponsor the Spirit

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

Ad rates and sizes are available from the Town Office.

DEADLINES

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SPIRIT DEADLINE

**May 1, 2013
for the Jun/Jul Issue
Will cover events between
June 1 to July 31, 2013**

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

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

greenfieldnhbos@myfairpoint.net

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

TOWN DIRECTORY

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

DIAL 911

POLICE/FIRE/AMBULANCE
DIAL 911 or 352-1100

TOWN OFFICES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Executive Select Board meetings are **every other Thursday at 4:30 pm unless otherwise posted.** Select Board: Rob Wimpory, Chair, Karen Day and Debra Davidson
Aaron Patt, Town Administrator
Email: greenfieldnhbos@myfairpoint.net

Town Offices open: Mon.-Thurs 9:00am to 5:00pm. Closed to the public on Friday.

Please call if you need an appointment during closed hours.

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

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Norm Nickerson, Chair
Call 547-3592

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Insp's by Appt/as needed
Inspector - Mike Borden 547-0437
Email: mbordenbi@gmail.com

CONSERVATION COMMISSION AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

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

DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS

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

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR: John Gryval

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Business Mtg. 1st Tues of month at 7:00pm
Training 2nd & 3rd Tues of month at 7:00pm
Equipment check 4th Tues of month at 7:00pm
Chief: Loren White H: 547-6874
W: 673-2601 Cell: 562-5007
Office: 547-3501 Fax: 547-6396
Emergency Dispatch: 352-1100 or 911
Email: ldw13@myfairpoint.net

FOR BURN PERMITS CALL:

Deputy Fire Wardens:
Lennie Weeks, 547-2206/325-2838
Al Burt, 547-3839/533-9967
Jim Morris, 831-8562

PLANNING BOARD

Meetings: 2nd & 4th Mon. at 7:00pm
At the Town Offices. Normally the 2nd Mon. meeting is for hearings and the 4th Mon. meeting is for other business.
Chair: Bob Marshall Tel: 547-3350
Email: bmarshall11@myfairpoint.net

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

RECYCLING CENTER

Hours: Tuesday 8:00am to 12:00pm
Thursday 1:00pm to 5:00pm
Saturday 8:00am to 4:00pm
Stickers for residents at the Town Office.
Supervisor: Carol Burgess Tel: 547-8617
Email: greenfieldnhrecycling@myfairpoint.net

SCHOOL BOARD REP: Myron Steere
547-3332

STEPHENSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Wednesday 10:30am to 8:00pm
Thursday 11:00 am to 6:00pm
Friday 10:30am to 4:00pm
Saturday 10:00am to 2:00pm
Librarian - Gail Smith Tel: 547-2790
Monthly meetings at the library
Library Trustees 1st Wed at 7:00pm
Friends of the Library 3rd Wed 7:00pm
Email: stephensonlib@myfairpoint.net

TOWN CLERK (Registrations)

Mon. 6:00pm to 7:30pm
Thurs. 9:00am to 12:00pm
Thurs. 6:00pm to 7:30pm
1st & 3rd Sat. from 9:00am to 12:00pm
Town Clerk - Dee Sleeper
Tel: 547-2782 Fax: 547-2782
Email: greenfieldnhc@myfairpoint.net

TAX COLLECTOR

Mon. 1:00pm to 7:30pm
Thursday 6:00pm to 7:30pm
3rd Saturday 9:00am to 12:00pm
Tax Collector - Kathleen Valliere
Tel: 547-2782 Fax: 547-2782
Email: greenfieldnhtaxes@myfairpoint.net

WELFARE DEPT.

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

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

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

HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

More Than Your Grandpa's Attic

The Historical Society's Museum is an archival storage facility for varied artifacts. Some items seem to be directly out of "Grandpa's attic", while others are photographs (or even glass negatives!) of townspeople and places. Printed documentation of town life is also catalogued.

Those objects reminiscent of "Grandpa's attic" are the everyday "stuff" of by-gone eras. Artifacts such as old tools, kitchen gadgets, and clothing comprise the bulk of these sort of wares.. Examining these items is a good way to understand progress and note how far we have come in an effort to make our homes and work life easier. Many also admire the artistic beauty on the china and silverware housed in the Museum. Examples of period clothing range from the functional and bulky to the very sheer and elegant. Visitors often comment on the breadth of our collection; it showcases a bit of everything in our small museum.

Photos serve as a valuable record of how the landscape has changed over the past 150 years. Both landscapes and views of the buildings aid in looking back on the town's various industries and of families' livelihoods. Small family shops and farms comprised a portion of incomes for some time in our history. Mills made Greenfield a fine source of local employment. The soapstone and grain mills, along with sawmills, logging and ice cutting operations employed quite a few.

Photos in the museum collection illustrate many people who lived and worked here in town. Some photos bear no identification listing of the people and places depicted, but many do. Families researching their ancestors are so excited to find their relatives or a family home in the pictures. Add to that, the printed information. Town journals, records, files, newspaper articles, event programs, and scrapbooks help to round out lots of family genealogy research.

By having all of these resources, people can better appreciate and visualize the past. Much time is devoted to the inquiries we receive, not just from families on a genealogy quest, but from the town's Planning Board, or from someone appearing before the Board. Historical information is sought on specific parcels of land. Additionally, some are researching people and/or property for books they are writing. Generally, we assist with about a dozen research requests per year. These requests come from all over the country.

Thus, we are more than an exhibit museum; we also function as a research facility. That is why it is so important to us to receive information on the houses and families of Greenfield, past and present, for our archives. Printed material, such as the local papers, help to keep us abreast of contemporary townspeople, but your help with this is invaluable.

In April, the Society will have a membership business meeting in order to discuss the budget and establish a nominating committee. We will be seeking interested folks to serve on the Board of Directors. A program will follow this short meeting.

On Tuesday, May 14th, 2013, at the Meeting House, there will be a brief business meeting at 6:45 PM for the purposes of electing the officers and approving the budget for the next year. Then, at 7 PM, a program in conjunction with the NH Humanities Council, "On the Tail of NH's State Dog, the Chinook" will highlight this breed. Bob Cottrell will share the story and history of these sled dogs. Admission is free and light refreshments will be served. This is a program you won't want to miss!

In April, we will resume our "open hours" on the last Saturday of the month through September between 11 AM and 1 PM. In the meantime, call Lenny at 547-2198 to schedule an appointment to visit the Museum. To join, or to renew a membership, call Jane at 547-2759.

CHILDREN AND THE ARTS DAY

May 18, 2013

On May 18, 2013, the 20th annual Children And The Arts Day will be held in downtown Peterborough. The theme of this year's free festival is "Puppet Palooza". A year of planning and great community cooperation culminates in this all-day event, where the streets will be closed to vehicular traffic and filled instead with song, laughter, parading Giant Puppets, food, fun, dancing, chalk art and the Art Walk. Our Hands-on arts are coming up with creative puppet ideas, local students are producing puppets with artists, regional puppet troupes will be performing, and we will be bringing back Giant Puppets from the past! It is a day to celebrate art with, for and by children. Events will take place from morning through the afternoon.

Several dozen adult volunteers are needed to help make this festival a success each year. Morning and afternoon shifts are available at the event venues throughout Peterborough. Help is also needed in the late afternoon for closing up the festival. For more information about volunteering or to sign up, contact committee member Felice at 502-8566.

For more information, or for a schedule as the event approaches - please check out our website at www.childrenandthearts.org. This festival is free due to generous individual and business donors from ConVal communities and beyond. If you are able to make a contribution to this annual event, please send donations to Children and the Arts, PO Box 771, Peterborough, NH 03458. Donations are tax deductible.

SCOUTS

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

Boy Scouts: Mike Borden
cmrconstservice@gmail.com

Girl Scouts: Ruth Bergmann
rbergmann@nhbb.com

GREENFIELD RECREATION

Call 547-3442 for more i-fo.

JOIN YOUR LOCAL FITNESS PROGRAM!

TOWN OF GREENFIELD, NH

Step and Sculpt Classes!

GET IN SHAPE IN 2013!



8 Week Session

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

WHEN: TUESDAYS

TIME: 5:30PM - 6:30PM

PLACE: GREENFIELD MEETING HOUSE

COST: \$55.00 PER 8 WEEK SESSION

BRING: HANDWEIGHTS (2-5 LBS DEPENDING ON YOUR FITNESS LEVEL), EXERCISE MAT AND BOTTLE OF WATER.

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

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

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

DON'T FORGET

GREENFIELD'S ANNUAL VARIETY SHOW

Saturday, April 13, 2013

7pm

at The Meeting House

**Sponsored by the Greenfield Elementary School PTO
Show Director, Dorene Adams, 547-2706**

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

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

Economic Development Committee: This committee is involved in the development and guidance of ways to increase the tax base in our town. If you are interested in helping, call Bob Marshall at 547-3350.

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

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

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

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

Recycling Committee: This committee is involved in research and support for the Recycling Center. For more info, call Diane Boilard at 547-6662.

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

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GREENFIELD ROADSIDE ROUND-UP

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

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



Well, here we are again folks. It's time ta clean up the town and have a great time getting together. We're doing it on Sunday 'cause the Meeting House is one busy place this year. Don't worry though, the Recycling Center will be open from Noon to 4pm just special for us ta leave our blue bags!

We have the free Ham & Bean Dinner for all those who help as usual at 5:30pm, and those Planning Board Wranglers will be with us again for another

**"ALL YOU CAN EAT (UNTIL IT'S GONE) GUTBUSTING
ICE CREAM BUFFET!"**

While you are doin' yur best to finish it all off, we'll have the free drawing for prizes (You have to be there to win) AND another special presentation by the Planning Board at 6:30!

IT'S EASY

HERE'S WHAT TO DO:

Start whenever you want on Sunday morning.

Clean up trash wherever needed along your road. Bring your blue bags and other roadside refuse to the Recycling Center and deposit them in the specially marked dumpster for the Roadside Round-Up from Noon to 4pm.

If you can't bring your bags & refuse in, please call 547-2023 and leave a message. Any help from those with trucks would be very helpful.

GENERAL INFO

Bags will be mailed just before Round-Up Day!

More bags are available at the Recycling Center from Apr. 16-20

**THIS IS A
RAIN OR SHINE EVENT!**

Organized and Sponsored by the Greenfield Conservation Commission



Janet's Planet

Info & Tips on Pets, Wildlife and Eco Issues

by Janet Renaud

Pets

All dogs in Greenfield must have a license! If yours doesn't, contact the Town offices. Also - Greenfield has a leash law! Remember - your pet's safety is at the heart of this law.

Are you being "dogged"? I have friends in Greenfield who are runners and cyclists, and I've heard some stories about them being chased by dogs. It's a sensitive subject; also, some dogs don't give chase. We do have a leash law, even though we're in a rural area. Some neighborhoods tolerate loose dogs, often by unspoken agreements among neighbors, and if it's OK with the neighbors, fine - but how do you know it's OK? Once upon a time there was a very sweet, friendly dog whose looseness was happily ignored for years until an intolerant neighbor moved in. This new neighbor set a leghold trap, and the dog was hurt. It's not a nice thing to do, but the new neighbor was within his rights (RSA 210:18). For cats and small dogs, if you love them, please keep them inside - fishers and other predators are out there.

Taking care of your pet - have you ever visited the ASPCA website? It is chock-full of info about everything to do with companion animals. They have over 1.1 million Facebook friends! They have info on:

- Pet Care - for dogs, cats, horses and small animals - including health, training and behavior tips
- Pet Insurance
- Adoption Info
- Disaster Preparedness - with a free Pet Safety Pack!
- Ways to get involved - helping stop animal cruelty, volunteering, championing animal welfare issues and legislation, helping families in crisis (like Hurricane Sandy) and more! For this

and more, check <http://www.asPCA.org> hot.

Adopting - I recently heard that there's a nationwide shelter exchange program. Some states are overloaded with homeless pets, and some don't have enough - hard to believe! We're one of the lucky states - some of our shelters are in this program and receive pets from overflowing shelters all over the country. I don't know if any of our local shelters participate in this, but you can help homeless pets by volunteering and - especially - by adopting or fostering...but remember - being in charge of the life of another is a big responsibility. Here are our local shelters:

- Monadnock Kitty Rescue and Adoption - by appointment, call 603-532-9444; <http://kittyrescueandadoption.org/>
- Monadnock Humane Society: 101 W. Swanzey Rd., Swanzey, NH 03446 Phone: 603-352-9011; <http://www.monadpets.org/index.html>
- Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire: 545 Route 101, Bedford, New Hampshire 03110 Phone: 603-472-3647; <http://www.rescueleague.org/> and more... http://www.animalshelter.org/shelters/New_Hampshire.asp - this also contains breed rescue sites, including Cocker Spaniel Rescue of New England right here in Greenfield!

You may qualify for financial help for spaying or neutering your cat or dog! Call Toll Free 1-800-990-SPAY. Remember - every litter hurts! Also see <http://www.nhspca.org/community-services/spay-neuter-programs.html> for all your options.

Wildlife

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

Interested in birding? This is a great time of year to get into it, as the migrators are arriving in hordes. I'm kind of a casual birder, but last year for the first time I went on two bird walks and learned how to spot them and identify them. It takes patience and attention, but is well worth it. Francie Von Mertens writes a great birding column in the Ledger-Transcript, and you can find lots of info on New Hampshire Audubon's website: <http://www.nhaudubon.org/> I belong to Massachusetts Audubon because they also function as a land trust and have some lovely properties, my personal favorite being Wachusett Meadow in Princeton. Mass. Audubon's website is <http://www.massaudubon.org/> If you have kids, both NH & Mass Audubons have great summer programs for kids, including camps.

Turtle time is just about here (May-June). I'll include this again in the June-July issue, but here are places where turtles are apt to cross the road in Greenfield - obviously, near wetlands, ponds and lakes - but I'll list some specific crossing sites below:

- corner of Forest Road and Russell Station/New Boston Rd.
- Frankestown Road near the big wetlands, ½ to ¾ mile from town center
- Forest Road near the Hancock line (covered bridge) and for about a mile in each direction of that area
- Forest Road near the State Park

Feeding - please DO NOT feed wild animals (except song birds in winter). DO NOT feed nesting wild water birds like Canada Geese! Feeding wildlife makes them dependent on people, and that is ultimately bad news for them AND us.

New Hampshire Fish & Game Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Projects - http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Wildlife/Nongame/projects/nongame_projects.html Some of these would be

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great to get kids involved in. They have:

Bald Eagle Project
Bats and White Nose Syndrome
NH Dragonfly Survey
Karner Blue Butterfly & Concord Pine Barrens Project
New England Cottontail and Early Successional Habitat Project
Project Osprey
Peregrine Falcon Project
Piping Plover Project
Reptile and Amphibian Reporting Program
Tern Restoration Project

Selected nature observations by the week - adapted from Northern Woodlands

April - week 1: Belted kingfishers nest in deep tunnels they build in sandy banks - sometimes over 10 feet long!

April - week 2: Wild leek leaves are approaching full size - delicious to eat now, but they will yellow and die before the flowers bloom in mid-summer.

April - week 3: Sapsuckers have returned, with their distinctive drumming that's a series of fast knocks followed by a few slower arrhythmic ones.

April - week 4: Blooming now: squirrel corn, trailing arbutus, bloodroot, Carolina spring beauty, wild ginger, purple trillium, blue cohosh, Dutchman's breeches, toothwort, shadbush.

May - week 1: For moose, heat stress begins at about 58°F. These northern creatures will need water for cooling from now until mid-September.

May - week 2: Porcupines have left the treetops to feed on herbaceous plants on the ground, so keep your dogs restrained! When the quills at the base of the tail are erected, a warning odor is also emitted.

May - week 3: Blooming now: nannyberry, highbush cranberry, clintonia and starflower.

May - week 4: Swallowtail butterflies don't just visit flowers, they need minerals that are more abundant in road salt, urine and dung, which is why you often see them sipping from puddles.

Eco Tips

Here's the Citizen's Guide to Reducing Emissions from climatechoices.org, a project of the UCS (Union of Concerned Scientists):

1. Become carbon-conscious. The problem of global warming stems from a previous lack of awareness of our "carbon footprint" and its effect on climate. Individuals and families can start by using one of several publicly available carbon-footprint calculators that will help you understand which choices make the biggest difference.

2. Drive change. For most people, choosing a vehicle (and how much they should drive it) is the single biggest opportunity to slash personal carbon emissions. Each gallon of gas used is responsible for 25 pounds of heat-trapping emis-

sions.

3. Look for the Energy Star label. When it comes time to replace household appliances, look for the Energy Star label on new models (refrigerators, freezers, furnaces, air conditioners, and water heaters use the most energy).

4. Choose clean power. New Hampshire residents can purchase "Green-e" renewable energy certificates that offset fossil-fuel use by funding renewable energy and energy-efficiency projects that meet high standards for ensuring the projects reduce heat-trapping emissions.

5. Unplug an underutilized freezer or refrigerator. One of the quickest ways to reduce your global warming impact is to unplug a rarely used refrigerator or freezer. This can lower the typical family's CO2 emissions nearly 10 percent.

6. Get a home energy audit. Take advantage of the free home energy audits offered by many utilities. Even simple measures (such as installing a programmable thermostat) can each reduce a typical family's CO2 emissions about 5 percent.

7. Lightbulbs matter. If every U.S. household replaced one incandescent lightbulb with an energy-saving compact fluorescent lightbulb (CFL), we could reduce global warming pollution by more than 90 billion pounds over the life of the bulbs.

8. Buy good wood. When buying wood products, check for labels that indicate the source of the timber. Forests managed in a sustainable way are more likely to store carbon effectively-thus helping to slow global warming.

9. Spread the word and help others. A growing movement across the country seeks to reduce individual, family, business, and community emissions while inspiring and assisting others to do the same.

10. Let policy makers know you are concerned about global warming. Elected officials and candidates for public office at every level need to hear from citizens. Urge them to support policies and funding choices that will accelerate the shift to a low-emissions future.

SAVE YOURSELF A TRIP!

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

www.greenfield-nh.gov/

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

Sign up to get notices automatically of hearings, closings, or special happenings in town.

www.greenfield-nh.gov/



Greenfield Trails Association

45 Longwood Drive, Greenfield, NH 03047

Contacts: Shannon & Judy Surdam (603) 566-9548/John Hopkins (603) 562-6690

Arline Guinn (603) 547-5581/Mike Teitsh (603) 801-4445

greenfieldtrailsassociation@yahoo.com

"RESPECT the trail..."

Respect the Trail

By Arline Guinn, GTA Secretary

Fairly soon all the snow will be melted and the warm spring air will be flushing the ground to soften and yield for those beautiful daffodils and tulips. And who can't wait to open the window and get that musty, winter's over smell thrown out? And to this, that warmth beckons our bodies to get moving and outside and to burn off that spare insulation we no longer need to fend off the cold.

The Greenfield Trails Association strives to diligently have their trails ready, not just for those "Spring Peepers," but for everyone all the time. However, GTA feels that the spring is also a good time to remind everyone of their motto: Respect the Trail. It is easy to Respect the Trail by simply following the basic guidelines below.

- Carry garbage out. If you come across trash on the trail, be kind and pack it out.
- Remove your animal's waste products. Even if you feel it is 'biodegradable', stepping over it is usually unpleasant for most.
- Refrain from using during muddy/rainy/flooding periods. Multiple tracks during this time can harm and quickly erode them.

· Leave the trail the way you find it. Most trails are carefully laid out in careful consideration for plant and animal life. It is better to slosh through a puddle than to widen the trail.

· Do not deviate from the trail. Some of the trails are on private land, and the landowners have generously allowed us to traverse across an established trail. Deviation could be considered trespassing, and a privilege could be lost.

· Don't mark or blaze trails. As previously mentioned, some trails traverse private property, and the landowner's have requested that the trails be kept low-key and unmarked.

· Remove obstacles on the trail, like tree limbs or branches, to make it safe for other users. If they are too large, or dangerous, please notify a GTA member at the above listed contact information.

· If you have any concerns or questions, or feel like volunteering at our next trail day, feel free to reach out to any officer at the above contact information.

· Thanks in advance from all of us at GTA for your help in keeping our trails a positive experience for everyone.

Here's to a Happy Spring!



RECYCLING CENTER NEWS

Springtime is here - really! This is the time for changes, clean outs, gardens, and flowers. Enjoy the fresh air and remember Earth Day is April 22nd. Do something nice for Mother Nature!

NEW EMPLOYEE: We are very glad to welcome our new part-time employee at the Recycling Center. His name is Billy Robbins and he is from Greenfield. Thanks again to all the volunteers who covered the workload until a new employee was on board.

SUMMER HOURS for Thursdays

start on April 4th.

Hours: Tuesday 8am - Noon, Thursday 1pm - 7 pm, and Saturday 8am - 4pm.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE: Collections have started again in Keene. Remember you must take your items to Keene - these items are NOT ACCEPTED at the Recycling Center. A copy of the schedule is available at the Recycling Center for your convenience. If you have questions, do not hesitate to ask.

Here are a few facts: The energy conserved by recycling one pound of steel cans is enough to light a 60-watt light bulb for more than one day. The national recycling rate for steel cans is about 50 percent.

Do you know? Recycling 1 ton of cardboard saves over 9 cubic yards of landfill space. Recycling 1 ton of glass saves 2 cubic yards of landfill space. Recycling 1 ton of newsprint saves 4.6 cubic yards of landfill space.

Other Information of Interest:

ATTENTION: The layout at the Recycling Center is changing. It will be an ongoing process to make the yard safer and easier to use. The Mini Mall, Library, Electronics container, Salvation Army bins and the old oil shed have been moved to a new location in the dock area. They are now facing the storage trailers and a road at the back of the dock has been upgrad-

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ed to exit from that area. The road goes around the back of the storage trailers and merges with the existing road by the blue metal container. If you are going to shop, drive into that area. PLEASE be careful when turning from the recycling area towards the Mini Mall. When you exit on the new road, make sure you yield to the drivers going out the usual way. Residents who choose not to shop can still recycle and use the trash compactor, and drive out the same way they always have. REMEMBER all items for drop off for the Mini Mall and Library must be checked first. We are striving to provide a safe and manageable place for you to browse in.

A few quick reminders:

USED OIL: Thank you for much-needed contributions.

METAL CONTAINER: Please have all your metal items checked before placing in the container.

BICYCLES & LAWN MOWERS: These will be set up in a more accessible way once the snow is gone.

MIXED PAPER and CARDBOARD: If you have questions please ask.

ALUMINUM CANS, PLASTICS and TIN/STEEL CANS: These must be empty and rinsed with the caps/lids removed

ELECTRONICS: Remember fees are associated with the disposal of these items.

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

Thank you for your efforts and cooperation in recycling.

I will gladly answer any questions, please do not hesitate to ask and I am always open for suggestions.

Carol Burgess

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Sunday Worship Services 10:00 am at

Crotched Mountain Rehab. Center

ALL ARE WELCOME!

SPIRIT SUBSCRIPTION

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

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



CONSERVATION TRACKS

News of Conservation Doings

About the Greenfield Conservation Commission (GCC)

GENERAL INFO

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

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

CURRENT HAPPENINGS...

Roadside Round-Up! - see info elsewhere in the Spirit!

Invasives -GCC plans to eradicate some invasive species! Exotic species like bittersweet are bad because they crowd out native species that local fauna count on. We need your help - come to any meeting to find out.

TOWN HAPPENINGS

Surveys show that Greenfielders want to maintain the rural character of "our little town." Watch for public hearings regarding the Master Plan Update.

SELECTED UPCOMING REGIONAL EVENTS

Forest Society Events - <http://www.forestsociety.org/thingsToDo/>

2013 Cottrell-Baldwin Environmental Lecture Series

Fox Forest, Hillsborough

"Mountain Lions in the Northeast" (see description below).

Caroline A. Fox Research & Demonstration Forest, Hillsborough, NH

Final one of the series, Tuesday evening 7pm on April 2, 2013 PRE REGISTRATION NOT REQUIRED!

Mountain Lions in the Northeast

Bill Betty / Tuesday April 2, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

The most widely distributed mammal in the Americas after humans, cougars were nearly driven to extinction in the East in the last century. Now mountain lions are appearing in suburban backyards. Last year a cougar was killed in Connecticut. Increased sightings and the recovery of evidence suggests pumas are making a comeback. Learn more about catamounts and their presence in New England. Bill has logged more than a dozen sightings and personal close encounters in the last forty one years with America's most shy and secretive animal. The presentation will detail mountain lion behavior from predation, to reproduction. The three current theories which explain how pumas are recolonizing the Northeast will be explored. A collection of artifacts including a cougar skull, motion detection camera, lures and scat samples will be on display. Information on how to recover evidence and where to search for it will be covered in depth.

Saving Special Places 2013

Saturday, April 6

John Stark Regional High School, Weare

Saving Special Places is New Hampshire's largest annual conservation event. Whether you're new to conservation and want to learn from the people who do it every day or you're an old hand wanting to network with colleagues, Saving Special Places is not to be missed. Visit www.savingspecialplaces.org for more information.

Annual Volunteer Land Steward Training

<http://forestsociety.org/thingsToDo/#event547>

Friday, April 26 and Saturday, April 27 (both days are required)

Lodging and meals provided

Camp Calumet, Ossipee

Are you interested in making a significant contribution to conservation by helping to steward a piece of conservation land? Want to learn some new outdoor skills and be part of a great community of energized, conservation-minded people? The Forest Society's Land Steward Program may be for you! The annual core training for land stewards will include field and classroom instruction in forest management, trail maintenance, boundary monitoring, map and compass navigation, and recreation management. New stewards then adopt a property near their home (we have 172 all across the state) to assist with stewardship and monitoring. For more information, contact Carrie Deegan, Land Steward Program Specialist at cdeegan@forestsociety.org.

Cost: Free, although we ask for a minimum 2 year commitment to stewardship of a Forest Society reservation.

How to sign up: contact Carrie Deegan at cdeegan@forestsociety.org or 603-224-9945 for registration forms.

Harris Center Events - <http://www.harriscenter.org/calendar>

83 King's Highway, Hancock, NH 03449

Phone (603) 525-3394

Friday, April 5

10:00am Senior Hike to Lower Purgatory Falls

Saturday, April 6

9:00am Spring Cleaning on the Cadot Trail (F)

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Sunday, April 7

9:00am Spring Hawkwatching from Bald Mountain (F)

Thursday, April 11

7:00pm Bats of New Hampshire

Saturday, April 13

9:30am Tick Talk, Lyme and Triple E

Bring water, snacks, and a lunch for outings lasting through noon. No dogs and no smoking on Harris Center outings. Events marked with an (F) are good for families with children in elementary grades.

Also - To participate in/volunteer for Citizen Science programs like the Ashuelot Valley Environmental Observatory (<http://www.harriscenter.org/education-with-the-harris-center/citizen-science>), contact Program Director Brett Amy Thelen at thelen@harriscenter.org or (603) 358-2065.

UNH-Cooperative Extension Forest/Wildlife events - <http://extension.unh.edu/FWT>

Woods Forum - WARNER

Thursday, April 11, 7 - 8:30 pm

Location: Burnt Hill Road

Hosted by: Alice Chamberlin & Steve Brown

Please RSVP to save your spot today!

Call 526-6555 x 0

Leave your Name, Town, E-mail and Phone Number

We'll be in touch with details about location.

Fruit Tree Pruning Demonstration

Date: Monday, April 15, 2013

Time: 4 pm - 6 pm

Location: Shieling Forest, Old Street Road, Peterborough, NH

Cost: \$5.00 per person.

To register, please call 603-641-6060

Learn how to prune old back yard trees, pears and crabapples, as well as newly planted dwarf apples and peaches. UNH Cooperative Extension Field Specialists, George Hamilton and Jon Nute will demonstrate. Will be held rain or shine.

Save the Date! 2013 Coverts Workshop coming up in September. UNH Cooperative Extension, in cooperation with the NH Fish and Game Department, NH Division of Forests and Lands, and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, is looking for landowners and other individuals committed to wildlife conservation and forest stewardship. If you have time in your schedule for a training workshop, and approximately 40 hours of volunteer outreach during the coming year (it may be volunteer work you are already doing), then we invite you to request an application.

<http://extension.unh.edu/FWT/CovAppl.htm>

Focus on...Cool Habitat - Vernal Pools (from the UNH Cooperative Extension website)

Vernal pools are wetlands with a seasonal cycle of flooding and drying. Some vernal pools flood in the spring with water from melting snow, rain or high groundwater and then typically dry by summer's end. Other pools follow a similar pattern, but fill with rain in autumn, hold water all winter and spring, and then dry out by late summer. The annual drying cycle of vernal pools makes them different from other wetlands and plays a key role in determining which wildlife species uses which pools as habitat.

Some sunnier vernal pools may contain sphagnum moss, sedges, ferns and shrubs such as high-bush blueberry or buttonbush. Red maple and eastern hemlock commonly grow on the edges of vernal pools, although pools may be found in many different forest types. Dry vernal pools can sometimes be identified by the presence of dark, matted leaves within a depression in the ground.

For more info, see:

<http://extension.unh.edu/FWT/VernalPools.htm>

NOTICE

License dogs by April 30th

If your dog is over
3 months old.

Male: \$9.00

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NEW BOOKS

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CHILDREN'S

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Sullivan - Once upon a Baby Brother

Rubin - Dragons Love Tacos

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ADULT NONFICTION

My Beloved World - Sonia Sotomayor
How to retire the cheapskate way - Jeff Yeager

The Naturally Clean Home - Karen Siegal Maier

Backyard Beekeeper's Honey Handbook, Kim Flottum - Guide to Creating, Harvesting and cooking with natural honeys.

Wicked Good Barbecue; Fearless recipes from two damn Yankees who won the biggest, baddest BBQ Competition in the world, Andy Husbands and Chris Hart - Includes Jack Daniel's World Championship Winning Rib Recipe.

A People's Guide to the Federal Budget, National Priorities Project, Mattea Kramer,

Colorwork for Adventurous knitters, Lori Ihnen - Master the Art of Knitting Stripes, Slipstitch, Intarsia, and Stranded Colorwork through Step-by-Step instruction and Easy Projects.

FICTION

Aviator's Wife - Melanie Benjamin,

Story Teller - Jodi Picoult,

House Girl - Tara Conklin

Six Years - Harlan Coben

Suspect - Robert Crais

From Lee Child's (pen name for British author Jim Grant) Jack Reacher thrillers, now at the movies with Tom Cruise as Jack Reacher.

Reacher left home at 18, graduated from West Point. Performed 13 years of Army service, demoted from Major to Captain in 1990, mustered out with the rank of Major in 1997.

Service Awards (circa 1990):

Top row: Silver Star, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit
Second row: Soldier's Medal, the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart
Bottom row: "Junk awards"

"Medals?" she asked.

He shrugged.

"Dozens of the damn things," he said.

"You know how it is. Theater medals, of course, plus a Silver Star, two Bronzes, Purple Heart from Beirut, campaign things from Panama and Grenada and Desert Shield and Desert Storm."

"A Silver Star?" she asked. "What for?"

"Beirut," he said. "Pulled some guys out of the bunker."

"And you got wounded doing that?" she said. "That's how you got the scar and the Purple Heart?"

"I was already wounded," he said. "Got wounded before I went in. I think that was what impressed them."

What he doesn't have: A driver's license, Federal benefits (doesn't want them), tax returns (doesn't do them; he hasn't filed taxes since he left the Army).

APRIL

Wed, 3rd, 7:00 pm Library Trustees Meeting

Wed, 10th, 10:30 am Farm Animal Day - Story & MOO-vement, 7:00 pm Computer Users

Thurs, 11th, Late Opening 1 pm Professional Meeting



Sat, 13th, 11 am Tween Craft Session
Sat, 13th, 7 pm, Greenfield Variety Show - Meeting House

Week of April 14th National Library Week Communities Matter

Wed, 17th, 8 am GIVers Meeting - Wensberg Room

Wednesday, 17th, 7 pm Friends of the Library Open House - Celebrate their gifts to the library community and find out how you can help.

Friday, 19th, 10 am, Adult Library Tea, Check out the newest books, make wishes for future programming & meet your fellow readers.

Tues, 23rd, WORLD BOOK NIGHT, Watch for Librarians giving out Free books OUTSIDE the library in your community.

Wed, 24th, 10:30 am Pigs n Blankies Story & Snack, 4:30 pm Read & Visit with our Library Dog, 7:00 pm, Book Group

MAY

Wed, 1st, 7 pm Library Trustees

May, 4th, 8:30 am Quilter's Workshop

Mon, 6th, 9-4, Manchester, Librarians attend Best Practice Workshop

Wed, 8th, 10:30 am Socks n Shoes Story Time & Craft
7:00 pm Computer Users

Sat, 11th, 11:00 am Tween Crafting

Mon, 13th, 9:30 - 11 am Librarians host colleagues of Nubanusitt Coop Libraries Summer Reading Brain Storm

Wed, 22nd, 9:30 am Monadnock Quilters - Wensberg Room
10:30 am Story Time - Flight
4:30 pm Toven - Read & Visit with our library dog.

Planning Board Community Conversation Continues

Greenfield Selected for Round 2 NH Community Planning Grant

Greenfield has been selected to receive a \$23,330 federal grant from NH Housing Authority for the establishment of a Neighborhood Heritage District Ordinance, to be voted on in the 2014 Town Meeting. In July 2012, the town received a \$7125 Round 1 Planning Grant from NH Housing to review its Zoning Ordinance, Site Plan Review and Subdivision regulations to insure consistency among the major land use regulations we have. Working closely with Southwest Region Planning, these have been reviewed. Towns people voted on changes to the Zoning Ordinance at Town Meeting 2013 and Site Plan Review and Subdivision regulation changes are currently being reviewed. Completion goal is June 2013

Background for Round 2 Grant

At this time last year, the Planning Board began revision of our 2003 Master Plan. Through a photo exercise, a written survey and a community roundtable discussion, residents said a top priority was to preserve the historical character and nature of the Town and its village:

- "...Attention to the Village District and the historical and cultural entities within this area needs to be a priority to keep the Greenfield values that are important to many."
 - "...Attracting compatible businesses, at a growth rate consistent with the vision, will require some planning for the future..."
 - "...encouraging in-fill development within the Village District, including mixed use, will add workforce housing units..."
- (Source: Master Plan Vision Statement, adopted august 2012)

To that end, the Planning Board began to look at strategies that would preserve the historical and cultural characteristics of the village while promoting a more pedestrian friendly economic and social center for the community. Recent developments at the Harvester Market and the Greenfield Meeting Place serve as models for how this type of development can happen, but those types of developments rely on cooperative developers/owners, something we can't always count on. One strategy towns can use is a Neighborhood Heritage District.

Neighborhood Heritage District

Neighborhood heritage districts are areas designated by a local community, usually as an overlay district of an existing area, created to achieve a variety of goals, some of which are:

- to preserve the character of an existing neighborhood that has some unique qualities
- to increase or preserve the supply of affordable housing
- to guide small business expansion into residential areas
- to revitalize/protect unique neighborhoods
- to control demolition
- to prevent commercial development that is out of scale with the district and whose use is incompatible with existing uses

There is a high degree of citizen participation in creating and administering a neighborhood heritage district. An advisory committee, composed of town residents/businessmen, initiates the designation process and participates in drafting the neighborhood plan. At least one resident of the district must also serve on the district's advisory committee. Once the district is established, the advisory committee reviews proposed changes and makes recommendations to the Planning Board. This process enables communities and residents to manage change in creative ways, while preserving community assets.

The Planning Board would like to thank the Selectmen, Conservation Commission and Historical Society for their support in this grant initiative. The Planning Board is seeking volunteers to serve on an advisory committee to guide this proposal. Interested residents are encouraged to contact Bob Marshall, Planning Board Chair, for further information or to volunteer for service on this advisory committee.

As the first step in this initiative, on April 21, 2013, as part of the Conservation Commission's Roadside Round-Up thank you dinner, the Planning Board will be reporting out on the work they have been doing since last spring's Vision statement exercise. A brief introduction to the concept of a Neighborhood Heritage District will be followed by an opportunity to ask questions and offer opinions. Members of the community in general and residents of the village in particular are urged to attend to learn more. All residents will have an opportunity to volunteer to participate in the project as well. See you on the 21st at the Meeting House. Watch for notices of time.

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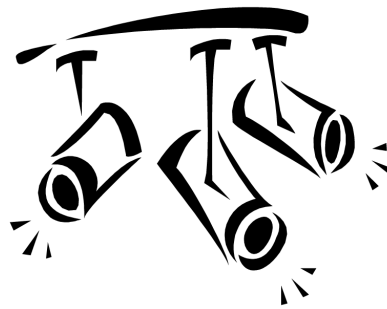
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