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Greenfield's Community Newsletter

August/September 2007

Municipal Septic System

We've had a suggestion that residents would like to know more about the municipal septic system and how everything is working. The system is working well, but it has had its problems. One of the pumps stopped working. We think it was struck by lightning, but we won't know for sure, until we remove it. Jim Cruthers, our system operator, is in the process of doing that now. If lightning was not the source of the malfunction, the warranty should cover the cost of a new pump.

If you see the system being

pumped, don't worry. This system must be pumped yearly. This is just part of the maintenance and does not indicate that there is anything wrong with the operation of the system. Jim Cruthers assures us that everything is

going well, although it took some time to adjust things, so that everything works as it should.

This system was designed for

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW OPERATIONAL COSTS FOR THE WASTEWATER SYSTEM

The Greenfield Board of Selectmen will be holding a Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 7, 2007 at 7:00 pm at the Town Office Building.

The purpose of this hearing is to review the operational costs of the wastewater system and to further allow the residents of Greenfield an opportunity to discuss this matter.

WE NEED YOUR INPUT

The Planning Board is looking for volunteers to help update Greenfield's Capital Improvement Program.

Here's an opportunity for you to have a say in the plan that we present to the citizens of Greenfield later this year. The CIP can have an effect on the town's budget and your future taxes.

If you'd like to get involved, please contact John Halper at 547-8777 or jhal@jdhassoc.com

TOWN OF GREENFIELD EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

- Minute Taker to the Board of Selectmen - approximately 5 hrs per week.

Please contact the Town Office if interested. - 547-3442

COMMUNITY ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

The Greenfield Selectmen cordially invite residents to attend a Community Round-Table Discussion at the Meeting House on September 16th from 2pm to 4pm. Please come with your questions, comments, and suggestions. Topics: To be decided. Refreshments will be served.

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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.

DEADLINES

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.
May 1st for the Jun/Jul Issue.
July 1st for the Aug/Sep Issue.

SPIRIT DEADLINE

September 1, 2007
for the October/November Issue
Will cover events between
October 1st to November 30th.

If you wish to get your news into the Spirit, make sure you send or deliver your information to the Town Office by September 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

TOWN OFFICES

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
greenfieldnhct@verizon.net

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 7:00 pm
Chair - Roger Lessard Tel: 547-3204
Email: mtking1@pobox.com
Open Space Committee-
2nd Wed. of the month at 7pm.
Carol Irvin, Chair Tel: 547-2037

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 1pm to 8 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.
Dario Carrara, Chair Tel: 547-0494
Email: dcarrara@localnet.com

RECYCLING CENTER

Hours: Tuesday 8:00 to 12:00 pm
Thursday 3:00 to 7:00 pm
Saturday 8:00 to 4:00 pm
Recycling Supervisor - Frank Pelkey
Permits and punch cards for residents at the Town Office. Tel: 547-8617

TOWN RECYCLING COMMITTEE

1st Thurs of the month, 7 pm
For more info: Call Neal Brown Ch. at 547-2023

TAX COLLECTOR

Mon. 1:00pm to 7:30pm
Thursday 6:00pm to 8:00pm
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

John Gryval, Chair Tel: 547-2844

BUDGET COMMITTEE

2nd Tuesday of the month unless otherwise posted, 7pm. Bruce Dodge, Chair.

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

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approximately 21 homes, give or take a few, depending on usage. 17 are now hooked up, and are being billed. Billings are done quarterly, based on number of bedrooms. Sheldon Carbee has been granted permission for additional usage, for the expansion of the coffee shop, at a later date. This additional usage will bring the system near capacity.

On August 7th, we will be having a public hearing to review the operational costs of the wastewater system, and to further allow the residents of Greenfield an opportunity to discuss this matter.

We still have approximately \$33,000 left on the Rural Development Grant for this project. We are working with Underwood Engineering, to see if we could purchase usage meters for the buildings involved. This would mean that residents would pay for exactly what they use. We also are looking into a portable generator. This would serve two purposes. It would be used to keep the system operating in case of a power outage, and in case of any other municipal need during an emergency.

If anyone would like to know more about the municipal septic system, please come to the hearing on August 7th.

The Board of Selectmen

GREENFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

Our third annual Historical Fair was held on Saturday, June 9th, at Oak Park. The morning showers did not dampen the enthusiasm. People came to see what we had to offer - in terms of both historical displays and vendor wares. The Greenfield Forge and the Civil War Reenactment were big draws, along with Kerry Smith's team of Randall oxen and Conrad and Ellen Dumas' sheep. We were entertained by Leslie Vogel's fiddle music. Once again, the GIVERS served breakfast and lunch menu items.

The Historical Society building was open for extended hours and several people dropped by to see the current exhibits. June was National Dairy

Month. A dairy-related display of a Greenfield farm will continue until mid-July. An exhibit titled "The Pause That Refreshes" will follow. This display will include old tonic bottles, carriers, and related items, such as advertisements from the Saturday Evening Post. Speaking of that magazine... We do have a large collection of the periodical, including some duplicate issues that we would like to move. The magazines date from 1945-1961. Contact us if you are interested.

The September general meeting will feature a guest speaker. Look for the announcement of the details of this meeting.

We are always seeking new members and volunteers to help us sort aspects of our artifact inventory. There is a LOT to go through and we hope to enlarge our displays in the future. Become connected to our town's history.

Call us at 547-2198 (Lenny Cornwell, President) or see us at the Historical Society building. The summer hours are from 2-5 PM each Saturday.

GREENFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATION (PTO)

GES parents are invited to come "check us out" at our "Get to Know PTO" meeting on Monday, September 10 at 7:00pm. We will talk about how PTO helps improve the school community and how you can get involved. The first official PTO meeting is on Monday, September 17 at 7:00pm. Free child care is provided for both events. For more info, contact PTO president Ginna Johnson at 547-8334.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN AGENDAS NOW ONLINE

Go to the town website at:

www.greenfield-nh.gov/

Click on Administration.

Look for a link for the agenda.

GREENFIELD TRAILS ASSOCIATION NEWS

By Joe Trudeau,
jm_trudeau@msn.com

We're well into summer here in the Monadnock region and this is the time of year to get out and enjoy the incredible trails and pathways that lace our area. Greenfield is blessed with an impressive recreational resource which includes the State Park, the National Wildlife Refuge, several mountains, and numerous boating and fishing opportunities. But did you know that there are more than fifty miles of trails in Greenfield? Unlike most other towns in the area, Greenfield is lucky to have a recognized 501(c)3 non-profit organization that works to restore, maintain, and enhance the town's unique system of trails and to foster their preservation and stewardship. That organization is the Greenfield Trails Association.

Since 1999, the Greenfield Trails Association has worked to identify the existing trail network, restore old trails by clearing overgrowth, and reduce erosion by building bridges over brooks and wetlands. We've even established several new trails with landowner permission. We believe in being good neighbors, partners, and citizens in everything we do, and that's why we work in a transparent manner and welcome anyone, regardless of recreational affinity or land ethic, to come to the table.

Every year gets more exciting for the Greenfield Trails Association, its members, and the trail users of Greenfield. If you've been out on the trails you've probably seen some new bridges spanning formerly foot-soaking sections of brooks and wetlands. Many of these multiple-use bridges were built with grant money the association earned from the N.H. Trails Bureau. In fact, several more bridges will be installed this season thanks to this funding source. Also, we are currently compiling data to generate accurate trail maps to help you navigate, and help us better manage this precious resource. And keep your eye out for upcoming signs and markers at trail

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Greenfield Fire Department Safety Tips

Brought to you by EMT-I Linda Dodge

LIGHTNING

When I started researching this article, I thought, gee how much information can there be out there about lightning"? Boy was I surprised. Have you ever heard of 'stepped or ball lightning'; or how about 'lightning crawlers', 'spider lightning', a 'blue jet' or a 'red sprite'? Well, you have to look elsewhere for that information. Here I will provide you with some Facts, Myths, and Safety Tips about lightning.

Earliest recordings show lightning was considered to be a good or bad omen and was often used to decide matters of state and scheduling of battles. Lightning from the west was a bad omen and meant impending storm and lightning from the east was a good omen, storm was usually going away. I wonder how long it took them to figure that one out.

During a storm, colliding particles of rain, ice, or snow increase the imbalance between positive and negative charges and often leave lower storm

clouds negatively charged. Objects on the ground, like steeples, trees, and even people, become positively charged. Nature seeks to remedy this imbalance by passing current between the two charges.

Lightning is DANGEROUS! A single stroke of lightning can have 125,000,000 volts of electricity, enough power to light a 100-watt light bulb for more than 3 months, or enough to seriously injure or to kill someone.

Lightning FACTS

- Each second there are 50 to 100 cloud-to-ground lightning strikes to the earth world-wide.
- Most lightning strikes average 2 to 3 miles long and carry a current of 10000 Amps at 100 million volts.
- Lightning strikes can hit the ground 20 - 50 miles away from the storm.
- A Lightning bolt is extremely hot, typically hotter than the surface of the Sun.
- Thunder can only be heard about 12 miles away under quiet outdoor condi-

tions.

- Daytime lightning can be difficult to see.
- Heat lightning can be seen up to 100 miles away. There are several theories where the term "heat lightning" came from.
- Radar has detected lightning traveling at altitudes of 15000 ft to 20000 ft.
- A typical lightning bolt is about the size of a quarter to half-dollar. It just looks wider.
- Lightning strikes create powerful radio waves in the frequency range of 3 KHz (audio, VLF) through 10 MHz (shortwave radio). The best region to listen for distant shortwave lightning signatures is from 2 MHz through 7 MHz. After 3 AM local time you can listen to 3 MHz and hear the beautiful dispersion-ringing of the static as it bounces back-and-forth between the earth and ionosphere. It can sound like hundreds of tiny bells ringing.
- About 2,000 people are killed world-

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RECYCLING CORNER

News from the Town Recycling Committee (TRC)

Although our progress since the last Spirit has been dogged by vacations and summer laziness, it is, nevertheless, forward. Here's a summary of what's been happening:

(1) Frank now has two used trailer boxes on site at the Recycling Center (RC) and is currently dickering over the final price, etc. with the seller.

(2) Frank also has one bid in hand for the construction of the loading dock and is seeking two more before closing the bidding process. Contact Deb (547-342) at the Town Office if you happen to be a contractor and wish to submit a bid. All interested parties are aiming to get construction underway before Fall.

(3) The TRC has worked with Frank and the Selectboard to iron out a plan to bring us into compliance with the July 1 state of NH mandate to provide for the recycling of "electronics" -in particular articles containing cathode ray tubes (CRTs) such as TVs and computer monitors.

(4) The TRC, Frank, and the Selectboard also have joined forces to produce a new, user friendly RC brochure and a revamped fee schedule. This should be available to towns-

people shortly.

(5) SOON YOU CAN PAY ON THE SPOT! In the interests of user convenience, the TRC and the Select Board are working out the final details of an alternative, "on-site" mechanism to pay for disposal of items for which a fee is required. Starting on September 1st, users will have two payment options. He or she can either:

- (i) use the usual "ticket" purchased at the Town Offices or
- (ii) pay the RC attendant directly by cash or check.

SUGGESTIONS AND COMPLAINTS: If you have any suggestions about how to improve the operations of the Recycling Center and make it more user friendly, or, if you have questions about what we do or why we do it, you may do one of the following:

- Bring them to a regular TRC meeting - 1st Thursday of any month at 7 PM
- Call Neal Brown, Chairman of the TRC@ 547-2023 or
- E-mail him at neal.brown@glsynthesis.com (He will respond) or
- Contact the RC superintendant or the Board of Selectmen.

Thank you for your interest in recycling and your support.

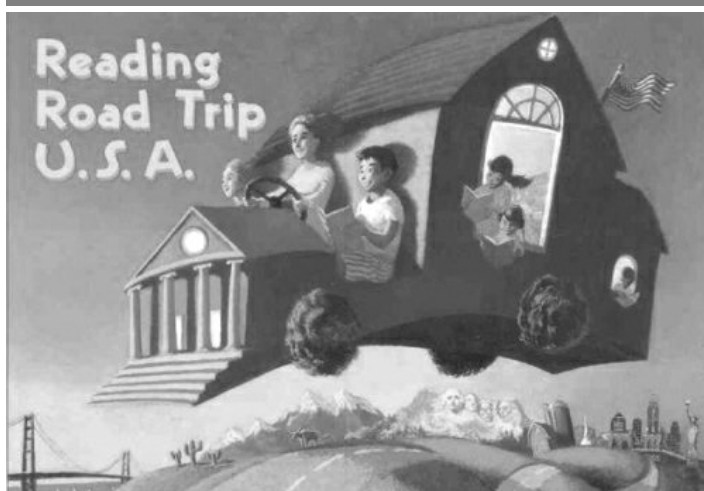
STEPHENSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY NEWS

NEW BOOKS:

THE PRINCE OF NANTUCKET
THE DOUBLE AGENTS
LEAN MEAN THIRTEEN
EDENVILLE OWLS
CHILDREN OF HURIN
DOUBLE TAKE
GRAY GHOST
THE LAST SUMMER

Jan Goldstein
W.E.B. Griffin
Janet Evanovich
Robert Parker
J.R.R. Tolkien
Catherine Coulter
William G. Tapply
Ann Brashares

NOTES FROM THE CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN and UPCOMING EVENTS



Our Summer Reading Program, READING ROAD TRIP USA, will run until August 10 when Roger Tincknell will perform and certificates will be awarded. Thank you to all readers and parents for making this a great summer of "traveling."

Toddler Lap Times and Preschool Storytimes will resume on Wednesday, September 12 at 10:00 and 10:30 a.m. I'm looking forward to GES classes visiting this fall. Look for orange registration cards that come home with your student. We ask for them each year to be sure we have an accurate address and phone number. Thank you for your cooperation!



LIBRARY INFORMATION AND GROUP MEETINGS

THANK YOU TO:

The Lindsey family for our transportation display. The selection of antique vehicles is on display through August. The Winslows for a two year subscription to Cobblestone Magazine.

Lynette Hoppenstand for her very generous donation to the Adult's and Children's collections and rug cleaning equipment.

The Eva family for sponsoring adopt-an-animal (books).

BOOK GROUP:

The book group will meet on July 25 at 7:00pm. The book choice for August is THE SEIGE OF SALT COVE written by Anthony Weller. This is a darkly comic novel in which a town secedes from the United States.

LIBRARY DISPLAYS:

Come in and see the beautiful art work on loan from Margarita Good. Mrs. Good has been studying colored pencil drawing for two years. She has studied watercolor and pastel drawing at the Sharon Arts Center. She became a

member of the Colored Pencil Society in 2006. Anyone wishing to share a collection or art work is invite to contact the library.

TRAVEL LISTENING:

Download an audiobook onto your MP3 player for commuting.

WISH LIST:

Wet/dry vacuum, 6 or 8 foot stepladder, book cart, a subscription to the Sunday NY Times. See us for more details.

FALL INTO THE LIBRARY FOR A GOOD BOOK! Gail & Chris



Greenfield Parks and Recreation Department

Molly Anfuso, Director

Contacts: greenfieldnhrec@verizon.net

www.greenfield-nh.gov

cell: 562-6380 office: 547-3442

A NOTE FROM MY OFFICE

I cannot believe that I am sitting here in a nice, sunny, VERY WARM office in the beginning of July, only to be thinking about fall and winter (oh yeah, and school ☺) just around the horizon. As the planning stages of activities for this time frame start, please keep in mind that some events/activities will be planned after this publication, so please be sure to check newspapers, flyers, and the signboard at the Meeting House for activities and info that you may not see printed here. After all, why rush summer???

Molly Anfuso

REMINDERS....

Although my office hours are unpredictable due to activities, meetings and seminars, there are many ways to contact me. The best way is by calling 562-6380 or email : greenfieldnhrec@verizon.net. And if that doesn't work, just hop in the car and look for me tooling around town!

COMPLAINTS AND COMMENTS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO MOLLY ANFUSO, PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR AT 562-6380. EMERGENCIES AND VANDALISM IN PROGRESS SHOULD BE REPORTED TO THE GREENFIELD POLICE DEPT. BY DIALING 911.

DO YOU HAVE A TALENT?

If you have additional talent and would like to share it with your community, please let me know. I am always in the market for new and innovative ideas for programs and instructional classes.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Parks and Recreation Department always has different ways for Middle School Teens to earn community service as required each year. If you would like to be placed on a call list, please let me know. When something comes up and I need help, I will place calls to those on the list. Most of the things I need are totally fun and easy!

E. COLI and PUBLIC BEACHES INFORMATION

Greenfield has been very fortunate so far this summer because we have not had any beach closures due to high bacteria counts.

E. Coli is checked at the public beaches because, beyond it being a dangerous contaminant itself, it is a good indicator that others, less easily detected, may also be present. E. Coli is a very localized contaminant. According to the Department of Environmental Services, the tests performed at local beaches do not necessarily mean that the level of bacteria is high in all areas of the lake, as depth, lake temps, and other factors contribute to such counts. People who reside on a lakefront may wish to conduct their own testing throughout the summer months. The following facility may perform such a test:

Chemserve

317 Elm Street,

Milford NH 03055

Toll Free: 1-800-675-1868

Test # 9213D SM E. Coli (Natural Bathing Beaches)

www.chemservelab.com

The number one cause of E. Coli at public beaches is soiled diapers on infants and/or improperly cleaned infants that go into the water. The second major cause is animal feces, especially of dogs and waterfowl, like ducks and geese.

Parents, please make sure that your

infant's diapers are empty. When they become soiled, please change them promptly. Please do not use the lake to clean them up, but clean them before they enter back into the water.

Dog owners; please respect the NO DOGS ALLOWED signs that are posted at the public beaches. Dog feces are not only unsightly, but very dangerous to beach users, especially children and the elderly.

Our public beaches are inspected on a regular basis and all results are filed at the Office of the Selectmen. Should you see a sign at either beach indicating that it's closed, please adhere as it could potentially harm you.

Everyone suffers when one of our fine beaches is closed, so please do everything you can to help keep our public beaches open to be enjoyed by our community!

SWIMMING LESSONS At Sunset Lake Beach

Session II -

July 30th thru August 10th

Class times will be from 1 - 3 p.m. Individual class times will be determined for each level depending on registration participants and numbers of classes held.

To register, please contact 562-6380. Cost is \$25.00 per session.

CRAFT DAY AT THE BEACH

The staff at Sunset Lake Beach will be providing you with a fun craft activity on Fridays at 11:30 a.m. starting on Friday, August 3rd. Kids and adults, come on down and participate in painting colorful pictures, names or a personal message on the special picnic table! Please wear clothing that you don't mind getting paint on.....it's permanent! Other crafts and the schedule will be posted at the beach. COST: \$ 1 to offset the cost of the projects.

Greenfield Parks and Recreation Department

Molly Anfuso, Director

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cell: 562-6380 office: 547-3442



WATER COUNTRY DISCOUNT 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 are on sale for \$ 24.00 per person. That's a savings of \$9 per ticket! 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.

FOXWOODS CASINO BUS TRIP

I am in the process of booking a trip to Foxwoods Casino this fall. I am hoping to book it for early October. Please call to indicate your interest and see the next issue to the Spirit for date. What a great getaway! Cost will be \$30 per person, which will include your transportation, a food voucher for lunch and KENO tickets.

SENIOR COFFEE HOUR

I will be hosting a senior coffee hour at the Greenfield Meeting House on Monday, September 10th at 10:00 a.m. Come on in and socialize with others. I would also like it to be a brainstorming session to knock around ideas for other senior activities. Refreshments will be served.

BALLET

Taught by Laura Horne, ballet classes for 3&4 y.o, 5&6 y.o will be offered again in the fall at the Greenfield Meeting House. For more information on this program, please call Laura at 673-4672.

KETCHUM KICKERS SOCCER CAMP AT OAK PARK WAS SUCCESSFUL

Peter Ketchum was here to run soccer camp for K-4th grade. We had 12 kids, and it was very successful. I have booked him again for the same week next year.

OAK PARK REMINDERS:

DOGGIE DO-NOT~

For those of you that walk a dog, please remember that you must clean up if a mess is made. We would like to maintain a mess-free park for all, including Rover, to enjoy! Please also make sure that Rover is leashed at all times.

DON'T THROW YOUR TRASH IN MY BACKYARD

There has been a concerning amount of unsightly trash being thrown around the grounds of Oak Park and at the beaches. Please remember that the two beaches and Oak Park are carry-in/carry-out facilities. When trash is around, so come the skunks and raccoons. Remember to take all of your trash, water/soda bottles, and diapers with you when you leave. Please help us out...if you see trash, please pick it up and dispose of it. If we all make an effort, our community will be something we can be proud of.

MONADNOCK MOUNTAINEERS FOOTBALL

The Monadnock Mountaineers football and cheerleading teams will be returning on July 30th for their fall season of practices. They will be at Oak Park. We are excited to have them back!

CONCESSIONS AT OAK PARK-Volunteers Needed

Plans to have concessions for the football season have begun. I need a couple of reliable volunteers to help make this a success. If you are genuinely interested and committed to helping, please call me, as I would love to hear from you.

OAK PARK HAPPENINGS

Saturday August 18th and Sunday August 19th Greenfield Trails /EFTA Mountain Bike Race
FMI on this event, please contact John Hopkins at 562-6690.

Saturday, August 26th
Annual Blue-B-Que Festival
Another annual tradition, this event also grows each year. Food, Fun, and Music is the name of this game. Please refer to the Town Website for more information on the bands and times they will be playing. Proceeds to benefit the development of Oak Park.

Saturday, September 15th
The Greenfield Tractor and Drawbar Club will be hosting its annual tractor show. There will be demonstrations, food, and antique farm equipment to look at.

Saturday, September 22nd
The Greenfield Trails Association will be hosting another bike fundraiser. Please visit the website for more information.

HAPPY SUMMER!

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intersections that will help you get around without getting turned around! We believe that by coming together and using our trails we can have fun and build a healthier community. To that end we support several fun and rewarding events for outdoor enthusiasts, including:

◆ August 19th, "The Hampshire 100!" With support from the Eastern Fat Tire Association we are hosting this 100 kilometer mountain bike race that starts at Oak Park and winds its way around Crotched Mountain through Bennington, Antrim, Deering, Francestown, and back to Greenfield. Proceeds will benefit Crotched Mountains new accessible trail system and the Greenfield Trails Association. See www.efta.com for details.

◆ September 21st, "The Greenfield Bike Bash!" Back for its second year at Oak Park, we are hosting a mountain bike festival featuring guided trail rides, an experts night ride, bike repair and women's clinics, tricks demonstrations, and of course food and music. Healthy fun for all ages and abilities. Every Tuesday and Thursday night we come together for mountain bike rides on our local trails at 5:30 pm. Ladies & beginners rides on Tuesdays. Always followed by yummy potlucks!

And for those who are truly dedicated and wish to give back to the community, we invite you to get involved with the Greenfield Trails Association. We are always looking for help maintaining trails, installing bridges, and more. Also, if you have experience with web site design, grant writing, or secretarial skills, we could really use your expertise. If you just want to use the trails, that's great too; that's why we do what we do! Membership is only \$10 for an individual, \$20 for a whole family, and \$25 for your business, and of course we welcome all trail users, from dog walkers to snowmobilers. Remember, when you give, in turn you'll receive. So come on, join us for a bike ride, hike, trails day, or potluck. Meet good folks who enjoy being out in nature, value community, and love to

have fun. As always, we ask that you respect the wishes of property owners who ask that you not cross their land and respect the Earth by refraining from abusing trails during muddy periods. For more information on the Greenfield Trails Association visit us at www.greenfield-nh.gov/ or contact John or Denise Hopkins at 547-9994, or email at greenfieldtrailsassociation@verizon.net. See you on the trails!

BROWNIE GIRL SCOUT LEADER NEEDED

Greenfield is in need of a leader for Brownie Troop 338 for next year. I have thoroughly enjoyed leading this troop for the past few years and hope that someone will step forward so that the troop can continue. For the past few years I have been leading the Brownies Troop and also leading my daughter's Junior troop. I will not be able to continue leading Troop 338 next year as my schedule has become too hectic. I have a 15 year old son that runs cross country and/or track year round. My 10 year old daughter is on the local gymnastics team and attends gymnastics 4 days a week, in addition to running cross country as well as a multitude of other activities. I do not want to leave the Brownies without a leader and hope that someone is willing to step forward.

This is my daughter's fifth year in Girl Scouts. She has been in scouting since the 1st grade. I can't begin to tell you how much she has enjoyed it. It is a wonderful opportunity for girls as it gives them the opportunity to experience many new ventures that they would normally not be able to try. Girl Scouts encourages them to make new friends and try new things. Girl Scouts enables the girls to get together and have fun as a group. The girls have a chance to try new things and can do so without worrying about being graded or judged. When we try something new, everyone looks just as silly as the other one and the girls can laugh along with each other, instead of being laughed at. We celebrate each others accomplishments when one girl is able to succeed at a new venture, as we encourage the others to continue trying their best

I can't even begin to tell you how much I have enjoyed leading this Brownie Troop. I have gotten to know each girl over the years. I have watched them grow and can see each one's unique talent. It is wonderful to see how each girl can deal with different situations. I can tell you that most of these girls are destined to be leaders someday. It is fun to see the different personalities and see how they all interact together.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a leader, please let me know as soon as possible. I will be more than happy to help out as much as possible. I have received my first aid certification and basic outdoor living skills and I would be able to assist on any or all fieldtrips troop 338 would like to make. Please contact me at 547-6893 or email me at billruth1267@msn.com. *Ruth Bergmann*

GREENFIELD FIRE CHIEFS HONORED



On Saturday June 9th, the Greenfield Fire Department recognized retired Fire Chiefs, Dale Russell, James Conway and Loren White at a surprise awards dinner. The chiefs were asked to attend a Murder Mystery dinner to honor member spouses as a ruse to getting them there.

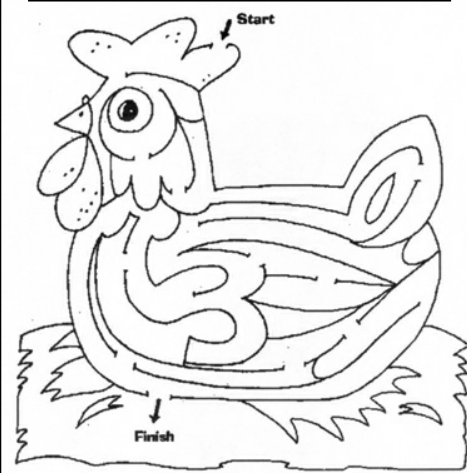
After the pot luck dinner and the mystery was solved, Fire Fighter and Emergency Management Director, Peter Hopkins presented Retired Chief Dale Russell with a plaque for his service and dedication to the town. Fire Warden and Retired Rescue Dep. Chief, Charles Stevenson presented the same award to Retired Chief James

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JUST FOR FUN**BEATLES SONGS**

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| ALL MY LOVING | HER MAJESTY | PAPERBACK WRITER |
| AND I LOVE HER | HEY JUDE | PENNY LANE |
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| ASK ME WHY | I FEEL FINE | RAIN |
| BIRTHDAY | IF I FELL | REVOLUTION |
| COME TOGETHER | IN MY LIFE | ROCKY RACCOON |
| CRY BABY CRY | LADY MADONNA | SEXY SADIE |
| DAY TRIPPER | LET IT BE | SHE LOVES YOU |
| DRIVE MY CAR | LOVELY RITA | SOMETHING |
| ELEANOR RIGBY | LOVE ME DO | TAXMAN |
| GET BACK | MAGGIE MAE | TELL ME WHY |
| GIRL | MICHELLE | THIS BOY |
| GOOD NIGHT | NO REPLY | TICKET TO RIDE |
| HELP | NOWHERE MAN | TWO OF US |
| HELTER SKELTER | OH DARLING | YESTERDAY |

**Connect the
DOTS****MAZE****WORD SCRAMBLE****Transportation**U S B A R C E B K I A N I R T Answer:

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wide by lightning each year. Hundreds more survive strikes but suffer from a variety of lasting symptoms, including memory loss, dizziness, weakness, numbness, and other life-altering ailments.

· Red Sprite lightning is a newly-discovered type of lightning.

Lightening MYTHS True or false, you decide?

MYTH: lightning never strikes the same place twice.

FALSE: it does, just ask anyone who works at the Empire State Building or Cape Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

MYTH: if it's not raining, or if clouds aren't overhead, I'm safe from lightning.

FALSE: lightning often strikes more than three miles from the thunderstorm

and under extreme conditions, anvil lightning can strike the ground over 50 miles from the thunderstorm.

MYTH: rubber tires protect you from lightning in a car.

FALSE: most cars are reasonably safe from lightning, but it's the metal roof and metal sides that protect you. Cars with plastic or fiberglass shells offer no lightning protection so stay away from them if possible.

MYTH: if outside in a thunderstorm, quick, get under a tree to keep dry.

FALSE: bad idea, underneath trees is the second leading location for lightning casualties.

MYTH: it's okay to finish the game before seeking shelter when a storm approaches.

FALSE: outdoor sports activities are the fastest rising rate of lightning casualties. No game is worth death or life-long injury.

MYTH: head toward a tall, pointy, isolated object when thunderstorms threaten, to be within the 45° "cone of protection"

FALSE: the "cone of protection" is a myth!

Lightning Safety Tips prepared by the National Lightning Safety Institute, Louisville, CO.

1. PLAN in advance your evacuation and safety measures. When you first see lightning or hear thunder, activate your emergency plan. Now is the time to go to a building or a vehicle. Lightning often precedes rain, so don't wait for the rain to begin before suspending activities.

2. IF OUTDOORS...Avoid water. Avoid the high ground. Avoid open spaces. Avoid all metal objects including electric wires, fences, machinery,

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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 convene over breakfast at the SIDE TRAX at 8 AM on the third Wednesday of every month. We'd be pleased to have you drop in and get acquainted. Breakfast will be on us! You also can investigate us by calling Neal Brown at 547-2023 .

BREAKING NEWS FROM OUR WOODBANK
Volunteers still needed for stacking. All of our stovewood is now split and seasoning, and its stacking is progressing steadily, thanks to volunteers Jim Grant, Gary Smith, Neal Brown, and a band of youngsters recruited by Jim Orr from the local Teen Challenge Program (see photo inset). We now have nearly 8 cords stacked and ready for the Fall. However, we still need more volunteers, because there's between 18 and 20 cords left to stack before the snow flies. If you can lend us a hand, please call Jim Orr at 562-5807 or Neal Brown at 547-2023.

We now have a limited amount of seasoned hardwood to sell! Since our Woodbank opened, we have found that several Greenfield residents who had a legitimate need for fuel simply could not use our stovewood - i.e., they could use only propane, heating oil, pellets, etc. To better assist such folks in the future, we plan to sell a limited amount of our seasoned stovewood and use the proceeds to establish a



small "non-wood" fuel fund. We will initially limit the sale to a total of 5 cords and make them available on a first-come, first-served basis, with an option for either pick-up by the buyer or home delivery by us. The cost per cord will be set at the prevailing market price adjusted according to the means of delivery. To obtain more information or to place an order, call Jim Orr at 562-5807 or Neal Brown at 547-2023.

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR INTEREST
AND SUPPORT.



**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!

AUG. 3: AIR BUD – A new boy in town befriends a lovable stray dog with the uncanny ability to shoot hoops.

AUG. 10: MISS ROSE WHITE – Sent to the U.S. before the Holocaust, a young career woman receives word that her older sister has survived the Nazi terror and is coming to America.

AUG. 17: THE MANY ADVENTURES OF WINNIE THE POOH – Charming stories filled with timeless Pooh adventures.

AUG. 24: TAP DOGS – Crackling with blue-collar energy, six young men from Australia steal tap from the world of black ties and carry it into the nineties.

AUG 25, 1pm: IOLANTHE – Twenty five years after being banished from Fairyland for marrying a mortal, Iolanthe returns with a grown son who is half-fairy, half mortal. A Gilbert & Sullivan satirical operetta.

AUG. 31: A LITTLE DUCK TALE – This true-life story portrays the adventures of “Chibi” the little duckling as he and his siblings struggle for survival in downtown Tokyo.

SEPT. 7: FERNGULLY: The last rainforest – Mystical miniature forest creatures are endangered when human invasion of their rainforest threatens to unleash an evil spirit locked up in a tree for years.

SEPT. 14: WATERSHIP DOWN – When their warren is threatened, a small group of brave rabbits escapes into the unknown countryside in search of a new home.

SEPT. 21: ISLAND OF THE DRAGONS : The exotic creatures of Indonesia - The world's most exotic habitat unlocks its secrets as you enter the realm of the man-eating Komodo Dragon.

SEPT. 22, 1pm: ALMOST PERFECT – Molly McQue loves mysteries so when her Grandpa's ashes are stolen, she's immediately on the case.

SEPT. 28: THE DARK CRYSTAL –Elaborate fantasy-from the Muppets crew enacting classic quest: a missing piece of the powerful Dark Crystal must be found or evil will take over the world.

**YOUNG ENVIRONMENTAL LANDSCAPERS
AT GREENFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

In the spring of 2007, Greenfield Elementary School (GES) was awarded a \$600 “Wildlife Action Grant” from the New Hampshire Department of Fish and Game. Money for such grants is derived from the sale of the State's conservation license plates. The school's PTO generously adds an additional \$300. The money was earmarked specifically to enhance the landscaping of the school grounds in order to attract and provide shelter, cover, and food for the area's wildlife.

The students at GES were very busy in early June. Every child was involved and enthusiastic about their landscaping task. Corneliancherry dogwoods were planted, a hedgerow of highbush blueberry bushes (three varieties) was added, serviceberry shrubs were placed, a lovely flowering crabapple was set into the ground, and white fringe trees were added to the side lawn area. All of these plant choices do well in New Hampshire. Two of the selections (the serviceberry and the blueberry) are native plant species. In fact, the blueberry is of particular interest to residents of Greenfield, since it was a popular economic commodity in the early 1900's when the berries were shipped throughout the region, and folks rode the train into Greenfield for a day of picking. Dr. Fred Coville of Greenfield developed highbush blueberry varieties from two plants found in Greenfield.

Additionally, a few nesting boxes were obtained and painted by some of the students. Now, the school community is eager to note wildlife visitors to the schoolyard!

Pam Cornwell

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.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN AGENDAS
NOW ONLINE**

Go to the town website at:

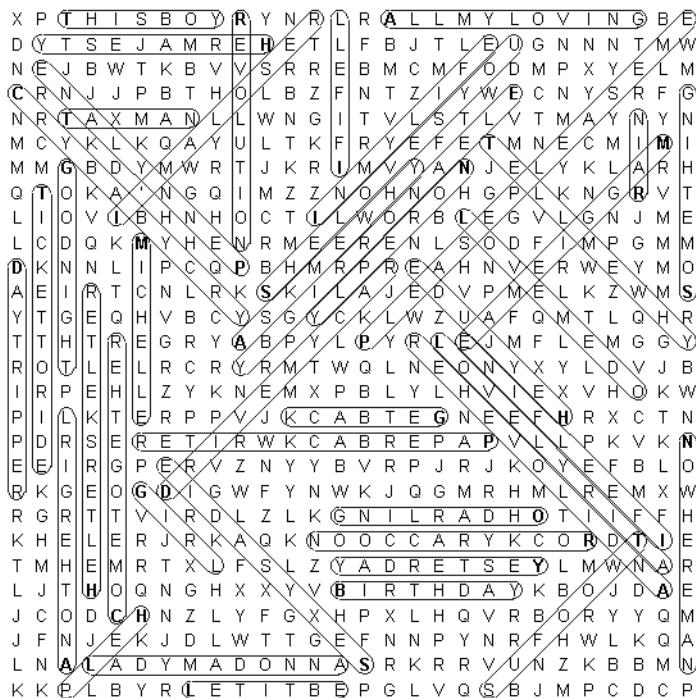
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Click on Administration.

Look for a link for the agenda.

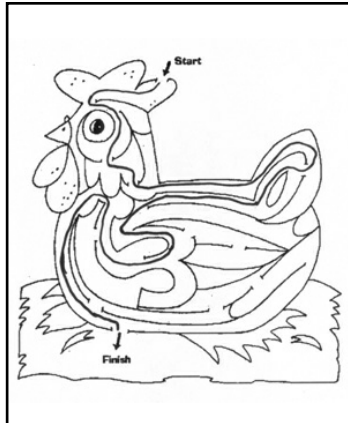
If you would like to get on the Board's agenda, please contact Deb at 547-3442 by Monday at noon.

JUST FOR FUN ANSWERS



Word Scramble Answers:

Bus, Car, Bike, Train, Cruise



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.

Name _____

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.

Sponsored by

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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motors, power tools, etc. Unsafe places include underneath canopies, small picnic or rain shelters, or near trees. Where possible, find shelter in a substantial building or in a fully enclosed metal vehicle such as a car, truck or a van with the windows completely shut. If lightning is striking nearby when you are outside, you should:

A. Crouch down. Put feet together. Place hands over ears to minimize hearing damage from thunder.

B. Avoid proximity (minimum of 15 ft.) to other people.

3. IF INDOORS... Avoid water. Stay away from doors and windows. Do not use the telephone. Take off head sets. Turn off, unplug, and stay away from appliances, computers, power tools, & TV sets. Lightning may strike exterior electric and phone lines, inducing shocks to inside equipment.

4. SUSPEND ACTIVITIES for 30 minutes after the last observed lightning or thunder.

5. INJURED PERSONS do not carry an electrical charge and can be handled

safely. Apply First Aid procedures to a lightning victim if you are qualified to do so. Call 911 or send for help immediately.

6. KNOW YOUR EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS.



15th Annual Greenfield Blue-B-Cue

August 25th, 2007 from 3:00-11pm, Rain or Shine

At Oak Park, 791 Forest Road, Greenfield, N.H. (Across from the Greenfield State Park)



Diane Blue 3:00-5:15pm

“Rockin’ R&B, Red Hot Blues, Groovin’ Funk & Soul!”



Kid Pinky & his Restless Knights 5:45-8:00pm

“Blues that will Knock You OUT!”



**Roomful
of Blues
8:30-11 PM
Alligator
recording artist**

Tickets: \$15 at the Gate (Gate opens at 2:30) NO Glass Containers Allowed!

Children UNDER 12 admitted free WITH an adult.

Benefits Oak Park, \$1 off Admission with canned good

Campsites are available at the State Park (603-547-3497)

For more info call 603-547-3442 or Greenfield-nh.gov

Delicious Barbecued Food on Sale.

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Conway followed by Chief James Plourde presenting the award to Retired Chief Loren White.

EMT-I Kristine Hall and EMT-I Linda Dodge were part of the cast of the Murder Mystery "You Bet Your Butt". Chief Russell's wife Kathleen correctly identified the "murderer" and was the winner of a basket filled with barbecue items.

GREENFIELD GIRL SCOUTS



In May, Greenfield Girl Scouts competed in the first annual Powder Puff Derby in Sharon. Girls from Brownie Troop 338 and Junior Troop 585 designed their wooden cars and raced them in the derby with family and friends cheering them on. Awards were given to first, second and third place in each age division. All the girls did very well. In the Junior division, Shannon Glidden and Brianna Cadorette tied for first place and were forced to race against each other to determine first place. In the end Shannon Glidden was first, Brianna Cadorette was second and Autumn Labonte was third, with Asia Hill, Michelle Thompson and Ashley Boutwell placing closely behind. In the Brownie division, Hannah Lajoie was first, after her car easily won each heat. Lexi Hill's car was fourth.

Greenfield Junior Troop 585 travelled to Boston on June 10th to cruise Boston Harbor on the Spirit of Boston. The ship was beautiful and the Spirit of Boston staff was excellent. The girls experienced great food, drink, dancing, sight-



seeing and fun. The girls started dancing to the DJ even before the ship had lifted its anchor. We couldn't have asked for better weather. It was about 70 degrees the whole day. We saw some beautiful scenery while on the cruise and tons of jelly fish around the boat. After the cruise we walked to the NE Aquarium. It was a great way to see some of the amazing architecture in Boston without having to deal with the traffic. We had a good time at the Aquarium and saw seals, penguins, sharks and lots of other cool fish. Afterwards we had dinner at the No Name restaurant before the drive home to NH.

SPRING POND FARM CONTINUED

in harsh chemicals before it is made into yarn. For this reason, Alpaca fiber is thought to be extremely hypoallergenic. Alpacas come in 22 natural colors and can also be easily dyed into a broad spectrum of colors.

We now have 25 alpacas grazing in our field, and 8 cria due this year. Alpacas almost always give birth between 9am and 1pm, so we are usually able to watch and hardly ever needed to assist.



Farm visitors are always welcome, but it's best to call ahead (547-2964) so we can be on hand to answer any questions. You will find us on Muzzey Hill Road.

Spring Pond Farm has a variety of alpaca related products for sale (yarn, socks, scarfs, etc) and will be opening a store at the farm this summer.

The BERRYFICATION of GREENFIELD

In order to ensure that there is an abundant supply of locally grown blueberries available for years to come, the Greenfield Conservation is promoting the propagation of this tasty American fruit. If you missed the opportunity to order highbush blueberry plants at our booth at the Blueberry JAMboree, dry your tears. You may order them until September 1.

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Growing Highbush Blueberries

Highbush blueberries are a popular home garden fruit for both fresh and frozen use. They grow well throughout the southern half of New Hampshire and satisfactorily on warmer sites in northern New Hampshire where the planting is protected from prevailing winds and winter temperatures rarely fall below -25 degrees F.

Site and Soil

Blueberries grow best in a well-drained sandy loam, rich in organic matter. Clay soils can be made suitable for blueberries by adding organic matter (such as peat moss) and sand. In very poorly drained soils, blueberries may be planted in ridges 4 inches above the surrounding soil level. Full sunlight all day long is essential for maximum production.

Blueberries require an acid soil with a pH range of 4.5 to 5.0. Abandoned pastures and fields and woodland soils generally have a pH suitable for blueberry growth, although a soil test will determine the actual pH level.

Soil test kits are available through county Cooperative Extension offices or by calling the tollfree UNH Cooperative Extension Info Line, 1-877-398-4769, weekdays between 9AM and 2PM. If the soil pH is above 5.0, apply fine ground sulfur or aluminum sulfate at the recommended rate. Do not apply sulfur or aluminum sulfate except as directed by a soil test recommendation.

Planting

Highbush blueberries are normally planted 5 feet apart in rows 8 to 10 feet apart. Set healthy 2 or 3 year old plants in early spring. Dig a planting hole at least twice as large as the blueberry plant root system. Backfill with good topsoil. Set the plant slightly deeper than it was set in the nursery and water thoroughly. Take care that the blueberry roots do not dry out during the transplanting process. Prune out weak and broken branches.

Care

Remove all blossoms that appear the year the plants are set (second year blossom removal also is desirable) to encourage plant growth.

Blueberries have a shallow root system and must be mulched with a 3 to 4 inch deep layer of organic mulch. Sawdust, bark, pine needles, leaves, or combinations of these all make good mulch. Moisten soil before applying mulch. Supply plants with a uniform and adequate water supply as needed from blossom time through harvest and control both perennial and annual weeds.

Three to four weeks after planting apply 2 ounces 7-7-7 fertilizer (a fertilizer designed for acid loving plants such as rhododendrons and azaleas) or its equivalent. Apply fertilizer in a circle 15 to 18 inches from the plant. In future years increase this fertilizer according to Table 1.

Table 1 Ounces of Fertilizer Per Plant

| Years from Planting | 7-7-7 ounces | or Ammonium Sulfate ounces |
|------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Newly-set | 2 | 1 |
| 1 | 2 | 1 |
| 2 | 4 | 1 1/2 |
| 3 | 6 | 2 |
| 4 | 8 | 3 |
| 5 | 10 | 4 |
| 6 and older | 12 | 4 |

Pruning

During the first 2 or 3 years blueberries require little pruning except to remove dead, diseased or weak branches. After the third year, prune plants annually in early spring. Fruit is produced on vigorous, one-year-old wood resulting from an annual moderate pruning. First remove all dead, broken, or diseased wood and branches close to the ground. Remove at ground level any old, weak stems no longer producing strong one-year-old wood. Keep 6 or 7 vigorous older stems and 1 or 2 strong new shoots per bush. The new shoots will eventually replace older stems.

Harvesting

Blueberries begin producing in early to mid-July in New Hampshire and reach peak production during early August. Fruit is produced in clusters of 5 to 10 berries which ripen in succession over a period of several weeks. Pick only fully ripe berries and harvest all of the ripe fruit on the bush. Blueberries often turn blue with a slight reddish tinge several days before they are fully ripe. Delaying harvest until berries are fully ripe will result in better tasting, larger fruit and increased total yields.

Insect and Disease Control

Blueberries generally have few insect and disease pest problems. A general purpose fruit spray mixture used according to label directions will usually control most common blueberry insect and disease problems if they do develop. Sevin may be useful in controlling pests like the blueberry maggot. For control recommendations for specific insect and disease pest problems, call the UNH Cooperative Extension Info Line, 1-877-398-4769.

Bird Control

Birds pose a particularly serious problem for home blueberry growers. Netting (plastic mesh available from garden supply dealers) is the most effective method of control. Usually a permanent post and wire frame is built to hold the netting in place up off the plants. Apply netting as soon as the first fruits turn blue; remove and put in storage as soon as the harvest is complete.

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Fact sheet developed by William G. Lord, UNH Extension Fruit Specialist, revised 2/01.

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Although Spring is the ideal time for planting blueberry bushes, they'll do just fine when planted in the Fall, as long as you ensure that the roots are kept moist. Also, note that it is best to plant more than one bush, for better pollination. We offer early or late varieties. We recommend that you plant at least one of each, to lengthen the harvest season.

Roger Lessard, Chair

BERRYFICATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____

Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

\$15 each or 2 for \$25

Number of early variety plants _____

Number of late variety plants _____

Total dollar amount \$ _____

Please send to, and make your check payable to, the Greenfield Conservation Commission: PO Box 256, Greenfield, NH 03047

I got a great recipe from a friend of mine and I'd like to share it with all of you. This stuff is so good.

JOANNE'S FANTASTIC HOT CHEESE DIP

- 1 8oz package of cream cheese (softened)
- 1 15 oz can of chili (with or without beans)
- 1 16oz jar of medium hot salsa
- 1 package of shredded sharp cheddar
- 1 package of shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- (Shredded cheeses can be either 12 or 16 oz. depending on your taste)

Layer all ingredients in a large shallow dish then bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes.

When done, stir and serve with taco scoops.

I think you could add anything that you like to this so have fun! *Karen Day*

ADS SPACE FOR SALE

Advertising space can now be purchased in the Spirit. Potential advertisers have asked in the past if they could purchase ad space, but at the time, there was no support for the idea. The issue has come up again, and we have decided that there is no reason that we should not do so. Since you support this publication through taxes, we believe that it is only fair that resident owned businesses receive a discount. The rates are as follows:

| Size | Resident | Non-Resident |
|--|----------|--------------|
| Full page | \$85 | \$100 |
| 3/4 page | \$75 | \$90 |
| 1/2 page | \$60 | \$85 |
| 1/4 page | \$35 | \$50 |
| 1/8 page | \$15 | \$30 |
| Sponsor (includes back cover and sponsor box) | | |
| | \$100 | \$125 |
| Trade listings | FREE | N/A |
| Special placement | \$10 | \$25 |
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The idea of farming and farm life has been an interest of ours since we purchased our first 40 acres of land 24 years ago. We started clearing fields, opening up areas to enhance the beautiful mountain views and building our home.

We first became interested in alpacas in 2002 after seeing them on a commercial on television. We started visiting alpaca farms, attending shows and gathering information, and we fell in love with them after our first farm visit. We purchased our first alpacas in 2002 and our new farming adventure began.

Alpacas are categorized as New World Camelids, and they have been domesticated for over 5000 years. Alpacas make great pets for a stress-free lifestyle. They are intelligent, clean, quiet and because they have soft padded feet, they are gentle on the land. They are very curious, easily handled and can be halter trained.

Alpacas are fairly low maintenance for a farm animal. They are not stalled and go in and out of the barn at their leisure.

Aren't Alpacas just small llamas? No! Alpacas are members of the camelid family, making them cousins to llamas, vicunas, guanacos, and camels. Llamas are mainly



beasts of burden, while Alpacas main purpose is to produce fiber. Alpacas have a lifespan of approximately 15-20 years and have a mature weight of about 130 to 175 pounds and are about 36" tall at the withers. The gestation of the Alpaca is about 11 months, and they produce one offspring per year, called a cria. Crias weigh about 15 pounds at birth. Female Alpacas, sometimes called hembras, reach sexual maturity at about 18 to 24 months of age. Male alpacas, sometimes called machos, reach sexual maturity at about 24 to 36 months of age. Alpacas are modified ruminants, meaning they have only three compartments to their stomach, and they chew cud. Alpacas require approximately 3 pounds of grass hay or pasture per day, and depending on the quality of your hay and/or pasture, little (about 1 pound per day) or no grain. Alpacas use communal dung piles, so clean up is very easy and their manure is also very low in nitrates so it does not burn plants and can be used almost immediately. Alpacas have padded feet, and require occasional trimming of their toenails. Alpacas also require regular worming, which costs about \$1/month depending on your area. Alpacas require minimal fencing, however many farms will have extensive perimeter fencing to keep predators at bay.

There are two breeds of alpacas: huacaya and suri. Huacayas have a crimp (wavy) fleece that grows straight out from their bodies giving them a teddy bear appearance. Suri alpacas have a locking fleece that hangs down from their skin making them look like they have dreadlocks all over their bodies.

Incan royalty were once the ones allowed to wear the the luxurious fleece from the alpacas. Alpacas produce approximately five to ten pounds of fleece per year. The animals are shorn once a year, usually in the spring. This process is performed not only for the use of the valuable fleece, but also for the health of the animal. Alpaca fiber has excellent insulating qualities and the animals are at risk of death as a result of heat stroke if the fleece is left on for too

long. The shaft of the fiber is hollow, making the fleece very light, but still warmer and stronger than wool and softer than cashmere. Alpaca fiber contains no lanolin, which makes sheep wool greasy, so it does not have to be washed

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