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VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE

Broadband Speed Vital to Economic Health

In order for businesses to remain competitive in today's economy, widespread broadband availability (or high-speed internet access) is indispensable. According to speed categories established by the FCC and state organizations, virtually all of Greenfield is considered underserved, or worse, **UNSERVED**, for high-speed internet access. The Greenfield Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) is actively involved in improving broadband speeds, as well as availability, in town.

The New Hampshire Broadband Mapping and Planning Program (NHBMPP) is managed by the University of New Hampshire, and is a partnership comprised of state, regional and local organizations. The goal of this program is to improve broadband access and use in New Hampshire by evaluating broadband availability, and also by encouraging communities and other stakeholders to conduct planning, capacity building, technical assistance, and training initiatives.

The Greenfield EDAC is urging everyone in town to assist in the program's broadband mapping efforts by visiting the NHBMPP website at:

<http://iwantbroadbandnh.org>

and taking the speed test, which is located in the lower right of the webpage. This test will measure both your download and upload speeds. The speed test information that you provide to UNH will be used to verify and map current broadband availability in Greenfield, and will aid in planning for future broadband expansion in the town, region and state. The test takes only a minute or two; there is also a broadband survey on this site that you may wish to take. An added benefit of taking the speed test is that you will confirm if your actual internet speed matches what your Internet Service Provider claims your speed is ... and that you're getting what you're paying for!

Paul Renaud, EDAC Chair

NOTICE

TAX COLLECTOR

Change in Office Hours

For

Monday, August 26, 2013

The Tax Collector

will be in

from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. ~ Kathy Valliere

MISS TRACTOR SHOW PAGEANT

Calling all girls between the ages of 5 and 12 to participate in the Greenfield Harness & Drawbar Clubs Miss Tractor Show Pageant to be held during their annual show on Sept. 21 & 22nd at Oak Park in Greenfield. It's fun, free and you do not have to be a Greenfield resident! For more info call Jane Rossi at 547-3351 or cell 398-9126.

THE GREENFIELD GET TOGETHERS

2nd Thursday of each month

10 am to Noon

Coffee, tea, and homemade goodies

Come meet your neighbors!

EVERYONE WELCOME

Held at the Greenfield Congregational
Covenant

Church Ministry Center

12 Depot Drive

Greenfield

For info, call Evelyn 547-3556



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

September 1st for the Oct/Nov Issue

November 1st for the Dec/Jan Issue

January 1st for the Feb/Mar Issue

March 1st for the Apr/May Issue

May 1st for the Jun/Jul Issue

July 1st for the Aug/Sep Issue

SPIRIT DEADLINE

**September 1, 2013
for the Oct/Nov Issue
Will cover events between
October 1 to November 30, 2013**

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@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

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

DPW Director: Tim Murray

Tel: 547-3504

Email: greenfield.nh.dpw@myfairpoint.net

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Business Mtg. 1st Tues of month at 7:00pm

Training 2nd & 3rd Tues of month at 7:00pm

Officer's Mtg 4th Tues of month at 7:00pm

Chief: Loren White H: 547-6874

Cell: 562-5007

Emergency Dispatch: 352-1100 or 911

Email: ldw13@myfairpoint.net

FOR BURN PERMITS CALL:

Fire Warden: Charlie Stevenson, 582-6663

Deputy Fire Warden: Al Burtt, 547-3839

/533-9967

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Brian Giammarino, Chief

Office: 547-2535 Dispatch: 547-2525

Email: greenfieldnhpolice@myfairpoint.net

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

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

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

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

Email: greenfieldnhc@myfairpoint.net

TOWN FORESTER

NH Licensed Forester

Karla Allen

Tel: 662-5646

Email: karla@garlandlumber.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: 547-2242

Email: greenfieldnhtaxes@myfairpoint.net

WELFARE DEPARTMENT

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

GREENFIELD STATE PARK

While looking through an old pocket notebook of my father's, a couple of lines caught my eye. The entries mentioned hours of tractor use and cordwood saw usage to cut pine slabs at the State Park. In the early years, truckloads of pine slabs were brought in and dumped in an old sand pit area of the park.

Every April and July, almost a week was devoted to the sawing of these piles of slabs into short lengths for the campers to use in the fireplaces. For quite a while, the wood was given free of charge to each of the site dwellers. In later years, it was sold to the campers. Today, the wood is now cut, bundled and delivered to the Park to be sold by the state prison inmates. The wood is cut by the inmates on state-owned land.

Another springtime job was utilizing the tractor and disc harrows to harrow the beaches. It always seemed to be cloudy, cool and windy during this job. Some years, a lot of sand had to be hauled to replenish the beaches. During the spring season, the cement fireplaces were also replaced. These precast cement fireplaces were huge and heavy. Each one was about three and a half feet square and one and half feet high. The front end loader and dump truck were used to remove the old fireplaces and set the new ones.

Also, in his notebook, my father listed all of the loads of loam and the specific contractors hauling to the Park in 1964. My father had obtained this loam from local fields. It had to be plowed, harrowed and pushed up into huge piles to be sold to the state.

Greenfield State Park opened in 1964 after years of research by the State of New Hampshire regarding securing a park area in southern New Hampshire for a large camping area. Initially, Greenfield was one of two proposed sites and eventually was selected as the location. The selection was followed

by years of acquiring the land, designing and laying out of the Park and the actual work to make it a reality. In 1963, work began on the sites, roads, beaches and buildings. Bath houses are scattered around the park. There are 252 camp sites; at one time, Greenfield State Park was the largest having the most campsites in the state.

The new park enhanced the Whing Ding nicely! Summer vacations were planned for the 4th of July in Greenfield. In 1965, there was a contest for "Miss State Park" during the Whing Ding events as well as the "Miss Whing Ding Queen". (For a glimpse of all of these memories, stop into the Society's Museum and browse through the photo albums.)

In 1969, the State Park opened in the winter for the first time to let snowmobilers onto the grounds. Back then, snow-mobiles were also called ski-mobiles.

In 1971, the State Division of Parks adopted the policy of "optimal use", replacing the previously used "maximum use". Under "optimal use", one family per camp site is permitted; this move was to promote the conservation of the natural environment and facilities and to prevent the overuse of the Park.

For a long time, Greenfield State Park was filled to capacity and would turn people away on the week-ends. Occasionally, people visit the Museum and reminisce about being at the State Park every summer for vacations. Fathers of some of the families would travel up on the weekends, while other fathers commuted daily to work.

Greenfield State Park remains a wonderful resource to residents and tourists alike!

(Information for this article was derived from the town history, the Town Report Journals, and family archives.)

The Historical Society Museum is open the last Saturday of the month from April through September from 11AM til 1 PM. Or to schedule an

appointment, call Lenny at 547-2198. To become a member or renew a membership, please call Jane at 547-2759.

ALL ABOARD! Join us on Saturday, October 19th, 2013, for the Third Annual Train Show held this year at the Museum from 9 AM - 3 PM.

The Bennington- Milford Train, as well as maintenance cars will be on the tracks. See displays, enjoy the sale of railroad items. There will be food, raffles, and door prizes throughout the day. Admission is by donation.

TOWN TRIVIA: In 1963, severe drought continued throughout the year. Slip Road was blacktopped from the railroad tracks to Zephyr Lake Road.

Lenny Cornwell



RECYCLING CENTER NEWS

Did you see it? Did you see it? The new sign on the rock by the gate! Many, many thanks to all those who participated in making this happen. A poster is on display in the bulletin board at the center that provides more information.

SUMMER HOURS:

Hours: Tuesday 8am - Noon, Thursday 1pm - 7 pm, and Saturday 8am - 4pm. Please arrive 15 minutes before closing to allow adequate time for taking care of your load. Summer hours will not change till November 1st.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE: Collections will run until October in Keene and please remember you **MUST** take your items to Keene. A copy of the schedule is available at the recycling center for your convenience. Please ask about the items you may have and together we can plan what disposal options are available for you.

Recycling Trivia: The Business of Solid Waste in New Hampshire represents 5,000 employees (public and private) and \$290 million a year. The 6-pack plastic rings last 400 years in a landfill.

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GREENFIELD RECREATION

Call 547-3442 for more i-fo.

JOIN YOUR LOCAL FITNESS PROGRAM!

TOWN OF GREENFIELD, NH

Step and Sculpt Classes!

New Session Starts August 6, 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

MUSIC ON THE COMMON




**SUMMER FUN FROM THE
RECREATION DEPARTMENT!**



DON'T MISS THE REST OF THE CONCERTS!

**August 6th
Gutzy Right**

 *Country*

**August 20th
Hunt and Allison**
Folk

**August 13th
The Boogie Men**
Rock & Roll

August 27th
**Mottau, Drew and
Clark**

All concerts are on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm.

Bring a blanket or a chair to sit on.

Jimbo's Jumbo's will be here again for hotdogs and drinks.

**Free and Open to the Public
Come on Down, Bring the Kids, and Enjoy
Music on the Common!**

SCOUTS

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

Boy Scouts: Mike Borden -
cmrconstservice@gmail.com

Girl Scouts: Ruth Bergmann -
rbergmann@nhbb.com

QUICK PRE-VIEW OF 2013 NH FAIR DATES

Cheshire Fair	July 31 - Aug 4
Belknap County 4-H Fair	August 10 - 11
Cornish Fair	August 16 - 18
Lancaster Fair	August 28 - September 2
Hopkinton State Fair	August 28 - September 2
Hillsborough County Fair	September 6 - 8
Rochester Fair	September 13 - 22
Deerfield Fair	September 26 - 29
Sandwich Fair	October 12 - 14

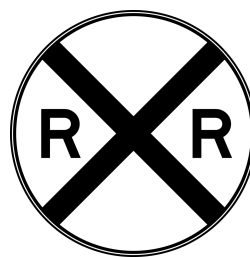
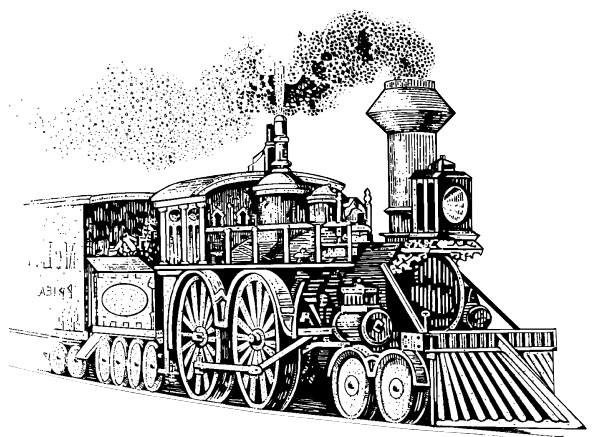
Miss Laura's School of Dance

Pre-Ballet Classes for ages 3-5 yrs old
12:30 - 1:10 Mondays
at the Greenfield Meeting House

Starts September 9, 2013 til June 2014
\$54 per month

Sign up anytime during the year
Call Laura Horne at 320-6786





.....ALL ABOARD!

3rd Annual Greenfield Historical Society **TRAIN SHOW**

Saturday, October 19, 2013

9 AM - 3 PM

Greenfield Historical Society Museum

Displays ~ Railroadiana Tables ~ Slide Shows

Modeling Seminars

Motor Cars ~ A Real Train on the Tracks

Raffles ~ Door Prizes

Food Available All Day

Admission by Donation

Contact: Dale Russell @ 603 547-2179

or Frank Shea @ 603 547 2181





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.

Police Chief Brian Giammarino had this to say: "We want to bring your dog home. If your dog gets loose and isn't tagged, we won't know where to bring him." The license doesn't cost much, and you will have peace of mind knowing that our men in blue are here to help.

Regarding "animal control", here are a few notes - our police department may not be equipped to handle every issue, but they certainly know whom to call for help. You can always try calling them, but here are a couple of other things to remember: 1) Fish & Game would be called to handle wild animal issues, but they are just as overburdened as any State agency. For nuisance issues try checking online for solutions - here's an example: if you have a skunk, put mothballs where the skunk is hanging around. They hate the smell - ironic, isn't it? 2) For suspected animal abuse of any kind, you can try the Monadnock Humane Society in Swanzey: 352-9011. Again, they are overburdened, but they do have someone on staff specifically for abuse issues. You can also call them regarding feral cats. 3) If you have issues with neighbors' pets, try to work it out with the neighbor. If you don't feel comfortable doing that, call the police each time you have an issue. If this is a recurring issue, it can be addressed.

If you are taking your dog out in your car, and if you get out of the car to shop or perform any errand that will keep you out of the car for ANY length of time, take your dog with you, or tie him up outside the car, in the shade,

with a water bowl. It heats up incredibly fast inside a closed-up car. You wouldn't leave your kids or grand kids in the car, and it's just as cruel to do it to a dog, who can only pant to relieve heat.

Pet-Safe Gardening - Animal poison control experts field tens of thousands of calls each year involving animal companions who've had potentially hazardous contact with insecticides, weed killers and pet-toxic plants. Many popular outdoor plants-including sago palm, rhododendron and azalea-are toxic to cats and dogs. Sago palm and other members of the Cycad family as well as mushrooms can cause liver failure, while rhododendron, azalea, lily of the valley, oleander, rosebay, foxglove and kalanchoe all affect the heart. Ingesting large amounts of fertilizer can give your pet a good case of stomach upset and may result in life-threatening gastrointestinal obstruction. Be sure to follow instructions carefully and observe the appropriate waiting period before letting your pet run wild outside. Cocoa mulch also attracts dogs with its sweet smell, and like chocolate, it can pose problems for our canine companions. Depending on the amount involved, ingestion of cocoa mulch can cause a range of clinical signs, from vomiting, diarrhea and muscle tremors to elevated heart rate, hyperactivity and even seizures. For more info, see <http://www.aspc.org/pet-care/pet-care-tips/pet-safe-gardening.aspx>

It's starting to be that "Lost Cat" time of year. Predators are eating a lot now, preparing for the coming winter. PLEASE keep your cats and small dogs inside!

Flea Care -Talk to your vet about choosing the right, species-specific flea treatment for your pet and never use products made for dogs on cats, or vice versa.

Never use insecticides on very young, pregnant, debilitated or elderly animals without consulting your veterinarian.

Avoid applying flea powders and sprays in addition to a spot-on treatment-the combination of chemicals in

different products can cause an adverse reaction in your pet.

OTHER PET NOTES

- Can you make the grade as a responsible cat owner? If so, contact Kitty Rescue & Adoption in Jaffrey (<http://www.kittyrescueandadoption.org>).
- For all types of pets, visit "our" animal shelter: the Monadnock Humane Society in Swanzey: <http://www.monadpets.org> or 352-9011
- The Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire, in Bedford, is also a great shelter, <http://www.rescueleague.org/> Call 472-3647. They use the Petango adoption site.
- You may qualify for financial help for spaying or neutering your cat or dog! Call Toll Free 1-800-990-SPAY

WILDLIFE

Keep on the lookout for wildlife crossing the road! Obey the speed limit, and you may avoid hitting an animal, and especially...

Look out for Geese! Around the wetlands just south of the corner of Forest Road and Russell Station/New Boston Rd., and in the big wetlands on Francetown Road, 1/2 to 3/4 mile from town center. PLEASE DON'T FEED THEM!!!

Want to educate the kids about protecting our rivers and waterways? Check out DES's education and outreach page: <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wmb/vrap/categories/education.htm>

Also, there's an education and outreach page for all of DES's functions.

Selected nature observations by the week - adapted from Northern Woodlands:

August - week 1: Striped skunks can be seen lounging in front of beehives, catching and eating bees as they prepare to take off.

August - on hot days, the beautiful blue flowers of chicory will close up by noon.

August - week 3: Chimney swifts are gathering in flocks and will migrate soon.

August - week 4: The nodding flowers

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of the ghostly Indian pipe have turned upwards and will persist through winter in a blackish, stiffened form.

September - week 1: The flesh of the giant puffball is delicious when it is snowy white. Off-color ones aren't so good.

September - week 2: Many birds make short flight notes during their nocturnal migrations. You can hear them on a quiet night.

September - week 3: Red admiral butterflies are heading south. You'll see them again in May.

September - week 4: Chipmunks will stash as much food as they can - sometimes much, much more than they can possibly use.

Eco Tips

Remember to check the air quality before heading outside to exercise. DES posts info when we have occasional "bad air" days.

http://www2.des.state.nh.us/airdata/air_quality_forecast.asp

Check out all the local farmers markets: <http://www.visitnh.gov/what-to-do/markets-and-fairs/farmers-market.aspx>

Let 'no child left inside' be your mantra!

Water plants in the morning - the best time to water plants is usually in the early morning, both to maximize the efficiency of water used and to promote healthy flora.

Conserve water by using rainwater for gardening - covered rain barrels that don't attract mosquitos are a great way to conserve. Check out this article: <http://www.thedailygreen.com/going-green/tips/rain-barrels>

Don't dump, donate! Of course, there are clothing donation boxes everywhere, including the one next to Harvester Market...but have you seen the new Goodwill store in Amherst? Check it out!

Print double-sided to save paper.

Don't idle your car.
Opt out of catalog deliveries.

Pay bills online.

Turn off the tap! Remember to turn it off while brushing your teeth - why does the water need to keep running while you're brushing?!?

Recycling continued from page 3

Do you know? A gaylord is the U.S. term for double or triple-wall corrugated boxes 48"x48"x48". These boxes were first manufactured by the Gaylord Container Co. in Gaylord, Michigan - hence the name.

A few quick reminders: All Containers - Glass, Plastic, Steel

cans and Aluminum cans - must be rinsed and clean. This is a safety and health issue.

USED OIL: Please leave caps on the empty containers, as we will continue draining the last drops inside. Now there is a separate barrel at the plastics window just for these empty containers. Thank you for your waste oil contributions. This saves the town heating fuel money.

METAL CONTAINER: The metal container has been relocated recently but in the same area. Please have all your metal items checked, as there are certain types of metals we recycle separately for the town.

BICYCLES & LAWN MOWERS: Please see attendant and remember to drain all oil and gasoline before dropping off item.

ELECTRONICS: Please see attendant. Fees are associated with the disposal of these items and it is unlawful to dispose of these items in the trash compactor. There is a specified place for 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. Please remember - no question is too dumb or small to ask - after all we all should learn something new each day.

We are always open for suggestions.

Carol Burgess

Greenfield Clothes Closet

12 Depot Drive

Open Saturdays, 10:00 am - Noon

A variety of gently used clothing is available at low prices.

All proceeds go to the Food Pantry.

Greenfield Community Food Pantry

12 Depot Drive

Open Saturdays, 10:00 am - Noon

Food is available to anyone in need.

To Donate Food:

Non-perishable foods may be left in the drop-off boxes available at the Greenfield Post Office or at the Ministry Office

The Food Pantry and Clothes Closet are sponsored by the Greenfield Congregational Covenant Church
Ministry Office: 12 Depot Drive, PO Box 341
Office hours: M, T, and F from 9:00 am to noon

Phone: (603)547-3626

Email: gccc@greenfieldchurch.org

website: greenfieldchurch.org

Sunday Worship Services 10:00 am at
Crotched Mountain Rehabilitation Center

ALL ARE WELCOME!



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..."

The Hampshire 100

Oak Park is going to be busy, BUSY on August 17th and 18th! The 7th annual Hampshire 100 will be taking place and because of its increasingly national and worldwide popularity, our itty-bitty town of Greenfield has become the place to race. I keep saying that our trails are exquisite, unique, sweet, and whatever other adjective I can think of, and as the participants cross the finish line, they all verify how true it is. Greenfield has a true gift! And Greenfield Trails Association is once again, proud to be involved on every level of this event~ from the organizing and preparing, to the volunteering and participation.

This year some new action comes to the Hampshire 100 weekend. Saturday will feature both a short track MTB event and a cyclocross training race. Guaranteed spectator-friendly. And for the ultra-trail runner, on Sunday there is the 100K-trail race.

If you are new or old to Greenfield, make it a point to stop by this year and check things out. Or better yet, volunteer or race it. I can guarantee you this is an amazing event on amazing trails that starts and ends in an amazing town.

For more information on this exciting Hampshire 100 event, go to www.hampshire100.com.

The Officers would like to mention that once again efforts are under way to reach out to landowners for consent to maintain trails. For any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to them at the above contact information.



Greenfield Elementary PTO Corner

Upcoming Events

- August 29th - First Day of School
- September 24th - GES Open House

Summer's winding down and we're heading into the new school year - I can't believe it's gone so fast!

Plans for the 2013-2014 school year are already well underway and it looks like a great year - with old favorites like our Harvest Fair and new soon-to-be-favorites like our year-long Mural program "Trees and their Eco-Systems Through the Seasons".

We'll keep updates going here through the Spirit Greenfield Elementary PTO Corner, but for the latest and greatest on everything PTO please come see us on our website: gespto.my-pt.org. And for some easy ways to support our school, see the sidebar to the right!

One of the most wonderful things about living in Greenfield is the spirit of the community, and the ways that we come together in community to support each other. From a simple "Hello!" over ice cream at Delay's to movies and popcorn on the Common and swimming at Sunset Lake, together we make the world in which our children grow up. Greenfield is a wonderful environment to be a child, and we really appreci-

ate everything that you do to support our smallest citizens. We look forward to seeing you throughout the school year, and be on the lookout for announcements of our special events!
~ Your GES PTO

Amazon Fundraiser

GES now earns money when you shop Amazon through our custom link! If you are an Amazon shopper, check out how on our PTO website: gespto.my-pt.org.

It's easy and free - be sure to spread the word to family and friends!!

BoxTops4Education

From groceries to Christmas presents, our community earns money for GES in stores and online through everyday shopping!

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Thanks so much for your support!



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...

Contoocook and North Branch Rivers Local Advisory Council (CNBRLAC) - Greenfield is now represented on this Council. Did you know?...Greenfield is in three watersheds: the Contoocook, the Piscataquog and the Souhegan. Greenfield's monitoring sites are across the river, in Hancock.

Invasive Reminder Alert! We were hoping they would not come, but they did - the Emerald Ash Borer is here. There has been a confirmed multiple infestation in Concord. Adults hatch in the late summer. For more information, please contact the UNH Cooperative Extension Forestry Information Center hotline at 1-800-444-8978, or visit www.nhbugs.org to learn the signs and symptoms associated with the ash borer or to report a suspect ash tree.

NH COVERTS PROJECT - Volunteers Working for Wildlife - Last Chance to Sign Up!

The New Hampshire Coverts Project trains volunteers to promote wildlife habitat conservation and forest stewardship. The NH Coverts Project is coordinated by UNH Cooperative Extension.

Each September, twenty-five landowners and conservation-minded New Hampshire residents gather with a team of natural resource professionals at a rustic camp. For 3 ½ days, participants learn about the latest concepts and issues in wildlife and forest ecology, habitat management, land conservation, and effective outreach. The 19th annual New Hampshire Coverts Project Workshop will be held September 18-21, 2013 right here in Greenfield at the Barbara C. Harris Camp & Conference Center.

In exchange for the fall training (meals, lodging, and materials are paid by program sponsors), participants agree to return to their communities and motivate others to become stewards of the state's wildlife and forest resources.

Why is it called "Coverts"? A "covert" (pronounced "cover" with a "t") is a thicket that provides shelter for wild animals. Modeled on similar Coverts Projects in other states, the name of the NH program symbolizes the Project's focus on wildlife habitat.

Space is limited - apply today! You'll be glad you did. To learn more:

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

Selected upcoming regional events

FOREST SOCIETY EVENTS -

<http://www.forestsociety.org/thingstodo/>

Guide to Our Lands - The Forest Society now has their reservations online - please see this link: <http://www.forestsociety.org/ourproperties/> and then click on Guide to Our Lands

"In The Company of Light": Readings from the Works of Naturalist, John Hay & Hike to picnic on Sunset Hill
<http://forestsociety.org/thingstodo/#event560>

Sunday, September 15, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (rescheduled from June)

The Fells and Hay Reservation, Newbury

Acclaimed naturalist John Hay was fond of hiking the hills of New Hampshire. Join Forest Society Education Director Dave Anderson for a sweet hike to spectacular views from the summit of Sunset Hill, ancestral Hay family picnic spot. Dave will read aloud from passages of John Hay's writings specifically inspired by his boyhood at The Fells, Lake Sunapee and his times exploring the farms of the former Hay Estate which now comprise both The Fells and the Forest Society's Hay Reservation. John's daughter, Kitty Hay, will accompany the group to share her father's philosophy and personal experiences with both her father and grandmother, Alice Appleton Hay. We'll adopt a comfortable, leisurely pace for this moderate, 2.4-mile round-trip hike that gains 550 feet to the summit. Bring your own picnic lunch. Meets at the Gatehouse kiosk at the Fells Historic Estate and Gardens on Lake Sunapee, 456 Route 103A, Newbury, NH.

This program sponsored in partnership by Society for the Protection of NH Forests and The Fells. Advance registration of \$10 per person required. To register or for more information, call 603-763-4789 x 3 or visit thefells.org. Supported by grants from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation's Wellborn Ecology Fund, and the Creekmore and Adele Fath Charitable Foundation.

HARRIS CENTER EVENTS -

<http://www.harriscenter.org/calendar>

83 King's Highway, Hancock, NH 03449

Phone (603) 525-3394

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Thursday, August 1 - 7:00pm

River Runners: Invasive Aquatic Plant Identification and Monitoring Workshop

Friday, August 2 - 10:00am

Senior Hike to Sharon Ledges

Sunday, August 4 - 10:00am

Hiking Wantastiquet Mountain

Saturday, August 17 - 9:00am

Trail Clearing Along the Cadot Trail

Friday, September 6 - 9:00am

Senior Paddle Along the Ashuelot River in Washington

Saturday, September 7 - 9:00am

Trail Clearing Along the Dandelyon and Boulder Trails

10:00am - Ants of New England

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/WILD-LIFE EVENTS - See the link below - there are many events and workshops. Many are in Durham, but there are some nearby.

Tuesday, 08/13/2013

Woods Forum

(07:00 PM - 08:30 PM)

Ausbon Sargent and the UNH Cooperative Extension are offering 3 Woods Forums for landowners in the area to gather and discuss conservation topics of common interest. Talk with other local landowners, hear about their experiences, share your questions, and meet local conservation and forestry professionals.

Location: Bradley Lake, Andover, NH, 03216

Saturday, 09/07/2013

2013 Tree Farm Field Day - SAVE THE DATE (All day) at the Ames Road Tree Farm in Canterbury. Ned and Jean Therrien, owners of the Ames Road Forest in Canterbury, are the 2013 N.H. Outstanding Tree Farmers.

Location: Ames Road Tree Farm, Canterbury, NH, 03224

Thursday, 09/12/2013

GIS 101: Learning to Map in the Digital Age

(09:00 AM - 12:00 PM)

Topics Covered: basic GIS concepts, free GIS and mapping software, types of GIS data

Learn GIS basics and explore a variety of free GIS and map-

ping programs (for PC's and Macs)! You will be introduced to the basic concepts of GIS, explore the variety of GIS and mapping software available for free, learn GIS jargon and understand both the applications and the limitations of GIS. This course is useful for people who have no prior GIS experience and new GIS users.

Participants will learn to: "talk the talk" of GIS by learning basic terminology describe the applications and limitations of GIS, understand the pros and cons of free GIS and mapping software options, download free GIS data.

GIS on Pennies a Day - Test Drive

(01:00 PM - 04:00 PM)

Take a variety of full-functioned, free GIS programs for a test drive! After a brief intro to the software covered in this workshop, hands-on exercises will provide a framework to learn the basics of the programs, including how to create own maps, edit GIS data and do basic processing. Participants are encouraged to bring their own data to use after they understand the basics of the software.

Making Maps the Google Way

(05:30 PM - 08:30 PM)

Learn how to make interactive and 3D maps using free Google mapping tools! This course explores the basics of Google Earth, Google Sketch Up and Google Maps with a special focus on creating your own maps to share with others. Make Google Earth, Google Maps and Sketch Up work for you and get your geographic information out to the world.

Location: NH Fish and Game Department, 11 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH, 03301

Tuesday, 09/24/2013 (3 day workshop)

Introduction to ArcGIS 10.1 (3 day workshop)

(09:00 AM - 04:00 PM)

Learn the ins and outs of working with ArcGIS 10.1 in a hands-on learning environment! This course is useful for people who have no prior GIS experience, as well as those who have used ArcGIS, but are new to ArcGIS 10.1 With a focus on New Hampshire data and applications, participants learn how to use ArcGIS 10.1 to produce attractive, effective maps. Data processing and data editing techniques are also covered. Location: NH Fish and Game Department, 11 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH, 03301

http://extension.unh.edu/events/index.cfm?e=app.home&calendar_id=976

Focus on... Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Program 25 Years and counting... (from Extension publication)

The Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Program is celebrating 25 years of protecting, restoring, and enhancing rare wildlife populations and their habitats in New Hampshire. When the Nongame Program was created at NH Fish and Game in 1988, a pair of bald eagles nested in NH for the first time in almost 40 years. Through dedicated research and protection from the Nongame Program and its many partners, bald eagles can now be seen in most of our river systems

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across the state, and were removed from the federal endangered species list as a result. Other birds benefited from the program's assistance as well - in 1997, the Seabird Restoration program was initiated at the Isles of Shoals, where in less than ten years NH went from no remaining pairs of state endangered common terns to protecting over 2,500 breeding pairs!

Other species, such as reptiles and amphibians, have seen dramatic increases in research and protection through programs such as the public-supported Reptile and Amphibian Reporting Program. Through this interaction with people all over the state, reports have helped researchers launch in-depth studies on state-endangered Blanding's turtles and state-threatened black racer snakes, in hopes of incorporating their protection needs into future conservation plans. These were among the 123 species listed as Species of Greatest Conservation Need in the Wildlife Action Plan. Join us in celebrating continued research on piping plovers, Bicknell's thrush, American pine marten, Canada lynx, bat species, and many more of NH's variety of wildlife and habitats!

The Taking Action for Wildlife Program emerged from a partnership between the Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Program and UNH Cooperative Extension which started in 2006.

For more information, see:

http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Wildlife/nongame_and_endangered_wildlife.htm

NEIGHBORHOOD HERITAGE DISTRICT NEWS

Responding to the wishes of residents, as expressed in the Visioning exercises last year and community conversations last fall, the Planning Board applied for and received a Community Planning Grant in Round 2 of the New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority's Community Planning Grant program. This grant will enable us to prepare a proposed ordinance for next year's Town Meeting by which we hope to preserve and protect the village character while promoting economic development consistent with a vibrant village center.

Central to this initiative is an Advisory committee of residents who have generously volunteered their time to guide consultants from the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance and Southwest Region Planning in crafting the new ordinance. Members of this committee include residents Mary Ann Grant, Rev. Dan Osgood, Mary Ann Beard, Lee LeBlanc, Louise Crete-Gryval, Beth Nee and Sheldon Pennoyer. This committee has met several times since our Kick-Off Meeting at the Roadside Round-up dinner sponsored by the Conservation Commission in April. Thanks go out to them all for volunteering in the interests of their community in this important work.

Thanks to the more than forty community members who responded to our brief survey in early July to get some direction. Despite the fact that we are very early in the development process and few details have been developed, almost 70 percent of respondents indicated that they supported some review of some Village developments. Using this information and a long list of suggestions from respondents, our consultants will present an outline of a proposed ordinance to Advisory team members in mid-August. The Advisory team will recommend adjustments. Using this information, we will develop a draft of a proposed ordinance to be shared with the public in a community conversation in mid-September for further input.

Our consultants, Maggie Stier from the New Hampshire Preservation alliance and private consultant Liz Hengen of Concord have been conducting reconnaissance of the Village in their attempt to identify its extent and just what the neighborhood character is.

Part of this has included a collection of photographs they have taken as well as some photographs collected by Bob Marshall from the Planning Board over the past several months of various buildings, parking/roadways, open space and public facilities in the Village to help define its character. During the presentations about the process for this research, it was mentioned that photographs of the village would be taken in the initial phase of the project but it seems that not enough emphasis was given to its importance or to better notification to Village residents. Consequently, this led to some concern from the public about a person taking photographs of the Village. With the understanding of the public, we need to continue to photograph buildings, events, activities etc. in our attempt to define what the character of the Village is. Should you be a property owner in the Village who wishes to not have photos of your property included, please let Bob Marshall know at 547-3350 and he'll be happy to comply.

Long range planning for this project includes additional meetings between October and December, a public hearing in early January for final revisions and then consideration of the ordinance at Town Meeting in March 2014. Watch for mailings, newspaper notifications and other outreach activities to assure thorough public input. Should the ordinance be successful next spring, we will need to form a new advisory committee who will review changes and make recommendations to the Planning Board when proposals come forward. We will then be soliciting for volunteers, including residents of the district itself, to be members of that committee. Please consider volunteering to serve in that capacity should the ordinance pass.

Watch for more news as the project continues.

Bob Marshall, Chair

STEPHENSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Don't you just hate it when you read about a great activity AFTER it's already happened?
Stay in touch with library programming through Facebook, greenfieldHappenings.blogspot.com, town website, email, phone or come for a visit.

HIGHLIGHT

Outdoors at the Library

Thanks to generous trustees, The Conservation Commission, our friends at Troop 271, Plow Share and Americorp volunteers and Jeremy Gagnon and his crew at Gagnon Landscaping, and a few nudges from the Town Administrator, we've gained a new appreciation for the importance of our outdoor space. Staff and Trustees will be hard at work on a more comprehensive plan for maintaining and improving our outdoor space. Blueberry branding of the library and sign design are in the works.

LOGO Contest - Watch for insert or ask at the library. Looking for Greenfield resident artists to contribute original design to be used for Library branding. Your design must incorporate the highbush blueberry.

Volunteer LOVE ... Shout outs to Patricia, Susan, Nick and Rich for the love, support, creativity, work, laughs and medicinal chocolate; especially while I was on surgical leave. You always show up at the exact moment we need a shot in the arm or help "picking things up and putting them down." So grateful for how good you make us look.



NEW MATERIALS

ADULT BOOKS

Local Authors:

Ken Macdonald's *The Pellet Stove Almanack*
Elizabeth Marshall Thomas's *A Million Years with You*

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CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Thanks to an anonymous donor we have added a beautiful selection of children's nature books by artist, naturalist, author, Gordon Morrison.

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DIG INTO READING

35 kids, toddler through 7th Grade, and some devoted Grandparents too DUG into Summer Reading, flying cats, blue elephants, root vegetable cheers, Library Dogs, Dinosaur Poop, Digger McBones, Rootbeer Floats, Potato Pals, Gems & wire and Friday Afternoon Picnics and prizes, Red, White & Blueberry Bouquets, Lunch Bag Riddles, Reading challenges at TD Bank, Barnes & Noble and Jamespatterson.com and our FIRST edible Books contest. Check Facebook for pics. My colleague at CMRC, Marlene Damery, Media Specialist, will be hosting a LIVE animal presentation with Creature Teachers at their Air Conditioned Facility, Friday August 2, at 1 pm.

Looking forward to community partnerships with new team of officers at GES PTO for a fall Read-A-thon and Ezra Jack Keats minigrant book making program and our friends at CMRC Story Walk.

August

Wednesday evenings, 6-8pm, Dave Buchanan, FOL Booksale hours

Saturday mornings, 10-1pm, Dave Buchanan, FOL Booksale hours

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Friday, August 2nd, 104th Birthday of Stephenson Memorial Library?

Wednesday, August 7, 7 pm, Library Trustees
1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7th and 21st at 6:30 at the Library
Last of Summer Knitting, Chime in for continued program interests.

Wednesday, August 14th, Computer Users, Switching to a Tablet? Discussion Group

Wednesday, August 21st GIVers 8:30 am Wensberg Room, Friends of the Library 7 pm, Wherever they want

Wednesday, August 28th, 4:30 pm, Toven, TDI, Library Dog, Reading Buddy, Counselor, Cuddler
Stephenson Library Book Group, Visiting Tom, Michael Perry

September

Wednesday, September 4th, 7 pm, Library Trustees

Wednesday, September 11th, 7 pm, Computer Users, Best Upgrades / Updates

Late Opening 1pm, Staff Attends NUB COOP meeting at Chesterfield Library.

Wednesday September 25th, Book Group, Selection of Titles by Local Author Ernest Hebert



GREENFIELD MEETING PLACE AWARD RECIPIENT

On June 26, 2013 at the Red River Theater in Concord, the Greenfield Meeting Place was the recipient of a Visualizing Density Award (in the category of Adaptive Re-use Rural) in a state-wide competition designed to identify exemplary projects which emphasize compact design and multiple uses. This competition, co-sponsored by the New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority and Plan New Hampshire (as part of their Vibrant Villages in NH initiative), is designed to build a database of pictures and related information that show what good compact design looks like

and how it can work in a variety of settings across the state.

While the focus of the competition was residential, good examples of compact development were encouraged. Entries were evaluated by a jury consisting of representatives of professional planners, NH Planners Association, American Institute of Architects (AIA-NH), historic preservation, Homebuilders and Remodelers Association of NH, Regional Planning Commissions and Plan NH.

The Greenfield Meeting place has a long and storied history for the Town. Going back to 1873 when it was first constructed, it has been a centerpiece of Greenfield's village, serving an incredible diversity of uses. From livery to gas station, from IGA store to gift shop, the structure has provided housing, a candy store, a bakery, restaurants and office space and more recently a hair salon and a nail, skin and massage spa, just to mention a few.

In 2011, Greenfield Corner Properties, LLC, owned by Robert Grunbeck of Amherst, NH, purchased the property from the Town and brought a site plan proposal to the Greenfield Planning Board for the property. After a site-walk and several meetings, the project was approved. Working closely with the Code Enforcement officer Peter Hopkins and Fire Chief Loren White, Mr. Grunbeck and his project manager, David Hall, did some major structural work, installed sprinklers in the facility, removed an unsightly wooden fire escape, rebuilt the second story porch, and other projects too numerous to mention. The result is a beautiful structure which graces the center of Town today.

This project is a fine illustration of what can be achieved through collaboration between the public and private sector.

Credit goes to:

- Residents, who authorized Selectmen to work on projects such as this.
- The Selectmen, who took the initiative and secured the property, finding a developer whose interests were consistent with the town.
- The Developer, Robert Grunbeck, who demonstrated sincere interest in preserving the building as an historic property, as well as his interest in an economic opportunity.
- The Planning Board, for its work in Site Plan Review oversight.
- Code Enforcement and Fire Chief ensuring public safety considerations were met.
- Residents of the property who endured inconveniences of the restoration.

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Bob Marshall

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Greenfield Fire and Rescue has over a 100 year tradition of volunteerism to our community. Today, both the Fire and Rescue members are continually being reduced by a combination of age and members leaving the community. This article is focused on the rescue squad; however, the fire squad has similar needs. Over the past year, we have witnessed the retirement of two of our officer corps and three of our most senior members. While a natural process of aging, it leaves our ability to respond sorely limited. Five years ago, the squad had 11 members that had obtained the Advanced Life Support level of training; a level that permitted the application of first line cardiac intervention, as well as others, in the field. Today, we are fortunate to have a Paramedic on our squad, however, in addition to the Medic, only two regularly responding members who can respond at the Advanced Level.

What does this mean to the town? A lot! As in the past, we continue to rely on Peterborough for coverage as we cannot cover the town 24-7, when there is no one responding from the town. Peterborough is also our transporting agency. Understandably, it is unrealistic that, during the work day, the squad will be 100% able to respond. Yet, from 6:00 PM to 6:00 AM, there is a realistic expectation that we have a responsibility to provide our community with a timely response. Locally, we can reach the furthest home within 10 minutes from emergency call; Peterborough will take up to 20 minutes, depending on location.

What are we asking the volunteers to do? We have monthly training for both fire and rescue members; additionally there is a monthly business meeting on the first Tuesday of the month. As first responders, we are expected to respond to all emergency calls in town, regardless of the time of day or night. As members of a mutual aid compact, there may be times when we are dispatched to a neighboring town to assist them in addressing the need for extra person power or equipment. For those who are interested in providing medical intervention, there is an additional formal training program that results in a state license to practice. The town carries all insurance requirements for the department.

In closing, in that you have taken the time to read this plea, I would ask that you consider actively entering into an active commitment to your family, your neighbors and contact us through our recruitment phone at 547-2222 or stop in on a Tuesday night.

Jim Murphy, EMT-I, Dep. Chief, Rescue

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