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TAXES, TIMELINE, ELECTION, & A JOB TO FILL



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Town of Greenfield, NH PUBLIC NOTICE

By order of the Board of Selectmen, the Town of Greenfield in accordance with Town Ordinance Chapter 1, Section 4, as well as, RSA 105, Sections 6-7-8, no vehicle shall be left standing on any street in said Greenfield between the hours of 11:00 pm and 6:00 am. Effective, November 1, 2008 - April 1, 2009. This is to allow plowing of the streets during snowstorms.

Per order of
Greenfield Board of Selectmen

TAX RATE SET

Due to lower revenues this year, throughout the state, taxes have risen. The good news is that we had a fund balance, this year, in comparison to last spring when it was nonexistent. Our balance was approximately \$84,384 this year. By using half of it, we were able to keep the rate increase at only 20 cents per thousand. While this is not the scenario that we want to have happen every year, it will keep taxes lower and still leave us with a small fund balance. The total rate is now \$20.48 per thousand.

The Board of Selectmen

TIME LINE FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Meeting Dates

Tuesday, March 10, 2009

Elections: 10am -7pm

then adjourn to

Saturday, March 14, 2009

Budget voting: 9am

This time line is subject to change.

Monday - January 5, 2009 - First day to accept petitions to amend the zoning ordinance, building code etc. RSA 675:4

Thursday - January 15, 2009 - Yearly Reports for Town Report Due to Central Office, no later than 5 pm.

Friday, January 9, 2009 - First day to hold a public hearing on bond or note issues over \$100,000. Notice of time, place and subject of hearing must be published at least 7 days before the hearing. RSA 33:8-a.I.

Tuesday - February 3, 2009 - Last day for petitioned warrant articles RSA 39:3 Departments must have warrant articles in by now also.

Tuesday - February 10, 2009 - Last day to hold at least one Public Hearing- "Mini Town Meeting" to discuss the proposed 2009 budget. RSA 32:5, I & V (*If additional hearings are needed we can do so with 7 days public notice, earlier hearings are also acceptable*)

SIGN -UP FOR TOWN ELECTION

If anyone would like to sign up as a candidate for Town Election, the Filing Period is January 21th through January 30th, 2009 at the Town Clerk's Office.

Positions are as follows:

Budget Committee - 3 Yr Term (2)
Budget Committee - 2 Yr Term (1)
Cemetery Trust Fund Trustee - 3 Yr Term (1)
Check List Supervisor - 6 Yr Term (1)
Selectman - 3 Yr Term (1)
Schoolboard Rep. - 3 Yr Term (1)
Town Clerk - 3 Yr Term (1)
Library Trustee - 3 Yr Term (1)
Planning Board - 3 Yr Term (2)
Fire Chief - 1 Yr Term (1)

ANFUSO RESIGNS

Molly Anfuso has resigned as Interim Parks & Recreation Director. No reason was given. In future, we will advertise this position. We are in the process of reassessing the position and rewriting the job description with the help of the Parks & Recreation Committee.

It is not our intention to rush into filling this position until we have a clear idea of what is needed by the town. In the meantime, it is our hope that the groups that currently exist can pull together to fill in the gaps until a new director is appointed.

The Board of Selectmen



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To submit articles to the Spirit:

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

Sponsor the Spirit

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

Ad rates and sizes are available from the
Town Office.

DEADLINES

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.
September 1st for the Oct/Nov Issue
November 1st for the Dec/Jan Issue.

SPIRIT DEADLINE

January 1, 2009
for the Feb-Mar Issue
Will cover events between
February 1st to March 31st

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

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

greenfieldnhbos@verizon.net
or riverqueen@pobox.com.

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

TOWN DIRECTORY

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

POLICE/FIRE/AMBULANCE
DIAL 911 or 352-1100

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT
Business Mtg. 1st Mon. of month at 7 pm
Training 2nd & 3rd Mon. of month at 7 pm
Chief: Jim Plourde Tel: 547-3501
Fax: 547-6396
Emergency Dispatch: 352-1100
Email: greenfieldfd@earthlink.net

FOR BURN PERMITS CALL:
Cliff Russell - 547-2722
Vinnie Anfuso - 547-2500

TOWN OFFICES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Executive Select Board meetings are bi-weekly
during the summer on **Tuesdays at 6:00 pm**
unless otherwise posted.
Select Board: Aaron Kullgren, Ch.,
Karen Day and Jarvis Adams

Town Offices open to the public - Mon.-Thurs
9am - 5pm. Closed to the public on Friday.
Please call for an appointment during
closed hours.

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
greenfieldnhc@verizon.net

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

BUILDING INSPECTOR
Office open Wed. 4:30pm - 6:30pm
Insp's by Appt/as needed
Inspector - Peter Hopkins Tel: 547-3442
Home 547-3449 Cell: 582-9521
Email: pwhopkins4@netzero.com

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

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

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

LIBRARY
Monday 12pm - 8:00 pm,
Wednesday 10:30 am to 8 pm,
Friday 10:30 to 5 pm
Librarian - Gail Smith Tel: 547-2790
Monthly meetings at the library
Library Trustees 1st Wed at 7:00 pm
Friends of the Library 3rd Wed 7pm
Email: stephensonlib@verizon.net

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR
Tel: 547-3442
Email: greenfieldnhbos@verizon.net

PLANNING BOARD
Meetings 2nd & 4th Mon. each month 7:00 pm
At the Town Offices. Normally the 2nd Mon.
meeting is for hearings and the 4th Mon. meeting
is for other business.
Chair: Gil Morris Tel: 547-3737
Email: morrismailact@verizon.net

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

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

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

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

WELFARE DEPT..
Call for assistance Tel: 547-3442

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Chair: John Gryval Tel: 547-2844



HOLIDAY SHOPPE

December 6th, 2008

9:00am-2:00pm

Greenfield Meeting House

Crafters, Vendors, Bake Sale,
Hot Lunch, Free Horse Drawn Hay Rides!

Santa will arrive
at 11:00am!

HUGE Raffle and Silent Auction including:
100 Gallons of Home Heating Oil,
Cord Wood, and over \$1,500.00 in Items &
Gifts Certificates from our
Generous Local Business Community!

Also visit the Greenfield Historical Society
for 'Vintage Christmas'
December 6th and 7th
10am -3pm

**FREE ADMISSION TO ALL
EVENTS!**

GREENFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Looking back to growing up in Greenfield in the 1960's, it seemed to me that most of all Greenfield residents' shopping needs could be fulfilled in town. There were two grocery stores, three sets of gas pumps, 2 garages for car repair, including one which sold cars, and a clothing store. Also hardware, grain, heating oil, and lumber could be bought right in town.

Dairy, poultry, and vegetables were readily available, fresh from farms in town. With all the activity of these businesses it was possible to live, shop and work right in Greenfield. Very little reason for some to go out to the bigger towns or cities. Life seemed a lot simpler then.

Was it really? Perhaps it is because I am looking back through a child's point of view or remembrances. Getting food and dry goods was not so easy for the early inhabitants. The Greenfield Town History tells of people coming to town in the spring to sell items not always found in small local stores. These peddlers had access to bigger towns and cities. This allowed them to acquire merchandise different from what small stores had. Traveling out to remote areas,

they made sales and carried news from all over. A lot of what townspeople used or consumed was made or raised on their property. Self-sufficiency, doing without, or improvising what one had was the way of life. As machinery progressed it enhanced the capability of man producing, more and diverse foods and goods became available to people in remote areas. Better roads, wagons, and the railroad enabled quicker and larger delivery of products from distant places.

Greenfield has had stores within its borders since the 1700's. Sometimes only one, but often several opened for business at the same time.

Population probably was a major factor for supply and demand, over saturation was the check and balance, determining how many stores the community could viably support.

It is said that history repeats itself. The current push to buy local, along with fuel prices and current state of the economy is similar to past ways of purchasing. Perhaps in the future citizens of Greenfield will again be able to do most of their shopping in town.

Christmas Trees is this year's theme for December 6 -7 vintage Christmas program, presented by Royalston Attic, at the Historical Society. This year's display will be more trees with decorations, along with lighting from years past. Various kinds of decorations from the 1800's - 1900's will be adorning the Historical Museum. Even if you saw last year's event, this year's will be different. The display will be opened Saturday, December 6th and Sunday, December 7th from 10 - 3 pm. There is no admission and light refreshments will be served. If you need more information about this event or to visit the museum call Lenny 547-2759.

Lenny Cornwell, president

LET'S "PAWS" FOR ANIMALS

Happy Ending #1

I am happy to report...a happy ending! A cat accidentally got out of a household on Slip Road and was recovered and returned to her owner two weeks later.

I am very, very happy about that. I know how I would feel if I never knew what happened to my beloved cat. In rural Greenfield - particularly in wooded areas - there is much more danger to small animals than in suburbia, particularly from predators such as coyotes, fishers, owls, and even feral cats and dogs. In this year's "lost cat" season, there were at least four cats that went missing; add this to the eight or nine have gone missing since I moved here 7+ years ago. Some are lucky and find their way home, or into other loving homes, but the grim reality is, most get killed by predators or die from exposure - a horrible death.

Do you love your cat? Then keep him or her indoors. There persists a misguided belief that cats "must" go out, or that you "put the cat out at night" - not so. If you love your pet, please think about how your actions affect them - read up on how to introduce new pets to your household; lock them up if you know there will be disruption in the house, etc. If you

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

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR ANNUAL HOLIDAY WREATH SALE!

We very much appreciate the support of all those who purchased our wreaths. You were sensational! We sold a record 252 hand-bowed, balsam wreaths. In the process, we tested the endurance of the GIVERS' squadron of bowmaking elves and their intrepid mentors, Elizabeth Landry and Gail Smith. But, all's well that ends well! Those tiny fingers and creaking joints have healed, and we now have fresh funds in hand to help the needy during the coming holidays.

THANK YOU MOLLY! As most readers probably know, Molly Anfuso has resigned her position as Parks and Recreation Director. We are sorry to see her go. She has worked closely with the GIVERS for several years, and it has been a pleasure to count her as one of us. Molly has served us and her town with good cheer and with distinction. And more important, she's a mensch - the real deal. Molly, good luck to you. We're gonna miss ya' at our 8:30 meetings!

WINTER CARNIVAL: It ain't going to be easy without Molly as organizer, but we are eager to work with other Town organizations in organizing a 2009 edition of Greenfield's annual Winter Carnival. To that end we welcome offers of help and interest from all quarters! The tentative date is Valentine's Day Saturday, Feb 14, 2009. Please stay tuned for more information in the Feb-March issue of your Spirit.

"ENERGY" REPORT:

GIVERS/Crotched Mountain Foundation (CMF) Wood Bank: We have a modest stockpile of seasoned stove wood for distribution in the coming heating season. If you need supplemental wood to help you through the winter, and can't afford to buy it, please call 547-3442 to discuss your situation with Deb Davidson, the Town of Greenfield Administrator. After establishing need, Deb will contact Neal Brown, Woodbank Manager, and he will call you to make the appropriate arrangements to get some wood to you.

Fresh Sawdust in the Yard: On Oct 23, Ray Sebold from CMF delivered 19 cords of freshly cut CMF hardwood timber to the woodyard. With the help of Greenfield volunteers Bob ("i.e., Chainsaw Bob") Marshall, Mike ("The Woodsman") Shubelka, Lennie ("The Hammer") Cornwell, and Jim ("The Mauler") Grant, we are making steady progress through the pile. If you would like to volunteer in our effort, it would be an understatement to say that we would be pleased to have your help. Just call Neal Brown at 547-2023 (Home) or 508-259-9735 (cell), and he'll get you started. And, don't forget, we're even offering all volunteers free, same-day professional chain sharpening! (Note: If you happen to have a school kid who

needs Community Service time, piling wood for the Woodbank qualifies!)

Emergency Fuel/Utility Assistance: Last year we sold some of our wood and donated the proceeds (\$1000.00) to Southern NH Services (SNHS) to specifically provide assistance to Greenfield citizens who need emergency help with their fuel and utility bills. We are pleased to inform Spirit readers that SNHS expended this money to assist three Greenfield families. We are even more pleased to report that this year we have raised \$2000 - double last year's amount - for the '09 program.

PLEASE NOTE: The SNHS emergency assistance is not coordinated by either the GIVERS or by Deb Davidson. It is administered directly by SNHS. To inquire, you should contact one of the following SNHS offices. Someone there will determine your eligibility and take care of the rest of the application process.

SNHS
46 Concord St
PETERBOROUGH 03458)
877-757-7048 (Toll-free)
603-924-5756

SNHS
4 Church St
HILLSBOROUGH 03244
603-464-5835

GREENFIELD COMMUNITY GARDEN: Winter has put a stop to our gardening down on the Town Hall ball field. The five raised beds have been weeded and covered with a layer of leaves to keep them snug during their winter vacation.

Sign: This should be in place by the Spring thaw. Our plan has been approved by the appropriate Town authority, the supporting posts are up, and, thanks to New England Forest Products, we have, in hand, planed oak "panels" on which the sign letters will be carved and painted.

Winter activities: We plan to host talks at the library on such topics as: "How to get started"(hmm?...), "Gardening Techniques", "Why (not!) organic?" "The Art(?) of Composting" and more. We also intend to donate books and magazines to the library to enhance access of Greenfielders to relevant resources and guides.

So, is there a gardener lurking somewhere in you? Wherever we have inquired about community gardening, be it Peterborough, Wilton, or San Francisco - members typically tell us that participation gives back much more than fresh food for the table. They all stress how it provides a strong sense of community among its members, how it introduces them to new and interesting friends, and how it leads to an increased appreciation of one's dependence on the natural world. So, why not give it a try and get the feeling right here in Greenfield? Call Diane Boilard at 547-6662 for more details. She'd love to sign you on for an early bird start next Spring. NOTE: Don't delay! We've already signed on three more families.

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

-Thanks for supporting the GIVERS-

STEPHENSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

NOTES FROM THE CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN

Preschool story times are held most Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Come listen to three stories and do a related craft or activity. I would like to start the Toddler Lap Times up again but need to know if there is interest. Let me know!

A Wearable Origami program will be held with Jenn Fraser on Wednesday, December 3rd at 6:30 p.m. for crafters grade 5 and older. Make some holiday gifts or some new jewelry for yourself. All materials will be provided.

A holiday family story time on Wednesday, December 17 at 6:30 p.m. will include gingerbread stories and decorating your own gingerbread people. Please join us!

Vacation week program for the strong of stomach! Come to the library on Wednesday December 31 at 2:00 p.m. for some "Grossology." See how your innards work, find out what pus really does in a wound, check out some ear wax and test your sweat! This program is

designed for kids in grades 3 to 5.

NEW YOUNG ADULT BOOKS:

THE BOG CHILD by Siobhan Dowd

WRITE NAKED by Peter Gould

PALACE OF MIRRORS by

Margaret Peterson Haddix

PLAYING WITH MATCHES by

Brian Katcher

THE SHADOW PLACE by Carol Tanzman

TROLL BLOOD by Katherine Langrish

LIBRARY INFORMATION AND GROUP MEETINGS

THANK YOU TO: Everyone who helped with our annual Book Sale. The Friends of the Library did an amazing job of planning, setting up and running the show. Thank you also to those who donated so many books and baked good for the food sale. Without all of you this event wouldn't have been so successful. Thank you to Kathy Seigars and Yankee Farmer for pumpkins for the October contest and a preschool activity. A HUGE thank you for their generous donation of time and talent goes to the three storytellers, Joan Knight, Sebastian Lockwood and Putnam Ercoline, for making our first annual Dark Tales event a success. Many residents have made sizeable donations of books, movies and audiobooks to the library in the last month, especially Jamie Bascom, David Bridgewater, the Russells, Gil Morris and Jane Winslow. Thanks for thinking of us first!

The library's ADOPT-A-BOOK program is up and running through the month of January. Browse the book wishes on the tree and see Chris or Gail to sponsor your choices. When the book is ready to circulate you will be the first to read it. A bookplate in the books will say who has adopted them. Consider a gift that will last for years and brighten others' lives.

BOOK DONATIONS: Gently used books, video, DVDs, etc. are welcomed at the library. Please do not include any text books or magazines. Any materials we cannot use in the library will be gratefully added to the book sale collection. Thank you to all who have donated in the past. Your generosity is truly appreciated.

DISPLAY CASES: Do you have an interesting collection to share? Come in or call to arrange a time to set up a nice display of handmade cards, tea pots, cups and saucers, salt and pepper shakers, or what have you, which would stay in the case for about a month.

ART IN THE LIBRARY: Is there anyone out there who may be ready to share their work with us? Please call or come in to tell us about yourself and your work.

WINTER LIBRARY HOURS: Due to higher energy costs the library will continue to be closed on Saturday until further

NEW BOOKS

TESTIMONY

Anita Shreve

ROUGH WEATHER

Robert Parker

WILLS & TRUSTS KIT FOR DUMMIES

Aaron Larson

WASHINGTON D.C. WITH KIDS

Fodor Travel Books

CHOSEN FOREVER

Susan Richards

LOVING WHAT IS

Byron Katie

A THOUSAND NAMES FOR JOY

Byron Katie

THE WISE WOMAN

Philippa Gregory

TRIBUTE

Nora Roberts

notice. We will be opening earlier on Monday and Friday. Please note new hours.

MONDAY noon to 8pm

WEDNESDAY 10:30 to 8pm

FRIDAY 10:30 to 5pm

ONGOING BOOK SALE:

Beginning on Friday - November 7, 2008 an ongoing book sale will be held downstairs. The sale will be managed by Friends of the Library and will be held each Friday from 3pm to 5pm. Thank you "Friends".

IT'S PARTY TIME!! EASY APPETIZERS FOR THE HOLIDAYS Monday, December 8, 2008, 6:30 to 7:30 Downstairs Meeting Room. Nori Odoi will present a demonstration on making easy appetizers for the holidays

BOOK MOBILE:

Plans are underway to offer Book Mobile services by the end of the year. These services will be available to local house-bound residents and residents of the Greenfield Commons. You will need a library card to participate in this service. Patrons will phone in their requests and a delivery schedule will be arranged. Please call the library with any questions. 547-2790 See hours above.

JUST FOR FUN

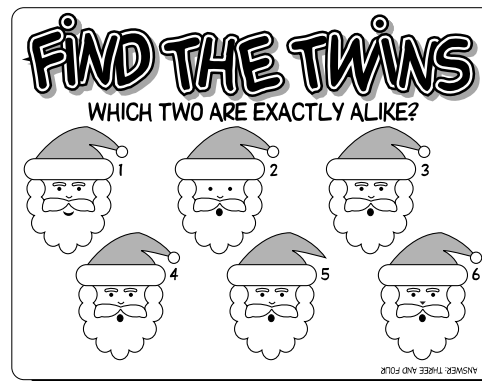
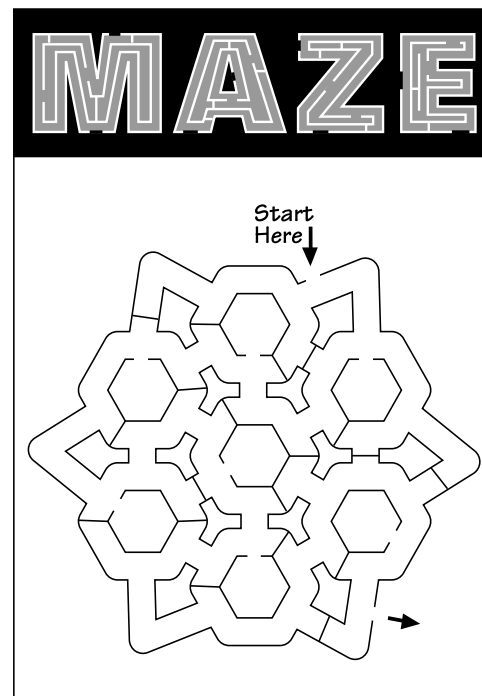
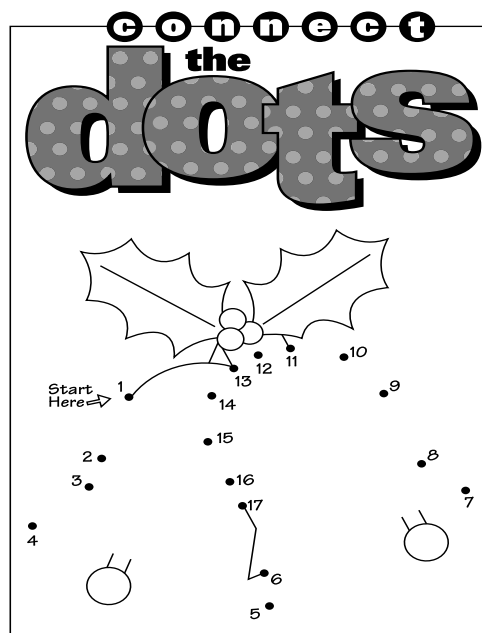
HOLIDAY PUZZLE

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TOYS
VACATION
VISITING
WASSAIL
WREATH



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RECYCLING CENTER NEWS

Here's a year- to -date update on how the residents of Greenfield are progressing toward the goal of 50% recycling:

As of October 1st, 2008, the town has recycled 120.26 tons of material. That represents revenue for the town in the form of payments per ton for materials.

As of October 1, 2008, the town has disposed of 172.14 tons of trash in the compactor and the demolition dumpster. That represents the tonnage we pay tipping fees for to get rid of it. Even though there is a charge to put material in the demolition dumpster, there are still fees attached to emptying the compactor. So, keep up the good work with recycling all you can because the less often we fill the compactor, the less money it will cost you, the taxpayer. Random bag checks are meant to help you recycle as much as possible. Ask as many questions as many times as you want to increase your recycling. That's what we're here for, and we want recycling to be as easy as possible.

That puts the town at a 41% recycling rate. The goal and challenge set forth by the select board at the last town meeting was to reach a town goal of 50% recycling. The rewards are more revenue and less cost to the town and the select board shaving their heads and dying hair green as a badge of honor for the town achieving the goal. We're almost there!

The mini-mall has greatly improved with the help of residents seeing attendants to check out items before donating. This has made the experience of shopping there much better for all and we really appreciate your help and cooperation. If you are looking for something specific, please let one of us know. We'll keep a lookout for it and let you know if it comes in.

There seems to be some confusion about what constitutes cardboard. While clean food boxes, such as cereal boxes, are cardboard, they are not corrugated, so they go into mixed paper. The easiest way to tell if what you're recycling is mixed paper or corrugated cardboard is to rip it: if it has channels, it's corrugated and if not, it's mixed paper. They are separated because we bale the cardboard as it brings more money per ton than mixed paper. So, please feel free to ask if you have a question about it.

Last, but not least, Danni Lowell has achieved his Level 1 certification for solid waste operation, and Pat LaPree has passed a Level 3 certification for solid waste operator. These are required by the State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services in order to work at a transfer station/recycling facility.

So, stay warm, enjoy the holidays and keep up your good work for the town and the environment by recycling.

Thanks, The Recycling Center Staff

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think your cat will just "stay in the yard," think again. If a dog or another loose animal comes through and gives chase, you may never see your cat again.

Happy Ending #2

Folks may have noticed the two domestic geese that were living at Zephyr Lake this past spring and summer. Through the effort of a few local animal lovers, they were placed at the home of a family in Troy who raise exotic poultry for show and for pets, promising that they would not end up on the dinner table. Next spring, don't indulge the kiddies by buying cute little chicks, ducklings or goslings at Agway - I suspect that the above two were left at the lake by a someone who did exactly that. It's irresponsible and cruel.

Other Animal Notes

· Can you make the grade as a responsible pet owner? If so, please visit the Monadnock Humane Society in Swanzey. Also, Petsmart (Amherst) has shelter pets for adoption.

· Audubon recommends not putting up bird feeders until there is snow cover because bears don't usually go into hibernation until then.

· Turkey alert! Wild turkeys are flocking together for the winter. I know, I know, turkeys can fly, but be alert for large flocks crossing the road, I've seen them crossing Route 77 in New Boston.

· If you haven't gotten your dog license, contact the Town offices.

· If you need financial help for spaying or neutering your cat or dog, please e-mail me and I will connect you with that help: jromane202@verizon.net.

Janet Romanelli Renaud

GES PTO NEWS

The G.E.S. P.T.O. would like to thank everyone who participated in making the 1st Annual Harvest Fair, held on Sat. Oct. 4th, an extremely successful event.

Vendors and crafters were pleased with the turnout and can't wait to come back next year! Patrons appeared to have a wonderful time and many seemed to hang around all day shopping, visiting

with people, having lunch and going on the hay ride. Many thanks to Greenfield businesses for helping to defray our costs! The P.T.O. was able to raise \$2000.

The amount raised at the Harvest Fair helped bring the "Circus" to G.E.S. students! This was held during physical education classes. The children learned to use devil sticks, spin plates on a stick, juggle etc. They had a show on Wed. Oct. 29th in which they showed off their newly learned talents! We will be hosting a "Holiday Shoppe" on Sat. Dec. 6th from 9-2 at the Meeting House in Greenfield. There will be vendors and crafters, lunch from 11-2 and Santa will arrive at 11am. There are many Groups from our Greenfield Community that will be participating in this event. COME CHECK IT OUT! CMRC is also hosting a Holiday Shoppe that same day from 10-4, so don't forget to visit that as well! All monies earned from this PTO event will go towards having the Boston Museum of Science come to G.E.S. on December 22nd for a special science show for all students to learn

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LIBRARY SERVICES:

Inter-library Loans - we will gladly try to borrow books and materials we may not have. Please check with us if you are looking for something .

Adult Reading Group - meets the last Wednesday of each month at 7pm

Preschool Storytime Sessions - most Wednesdays at 10:30am

News Papers - Ledger/Transcript and the Sunday New York Times

Magazines - Videos & DVDs -

Books on Tape - Large Print books -

Internet Access - 3 computers available for public use - Wireless Internet Access

Downloadable Audio Books Program - Tumblebooks Subscription online

Town Reports for 1891 to present

We have received many positive comments on our choices of books and materials for both children and adults. These comments are truly appreciated. If you have any questions or comments please don't hesitate to call or visit the library. Your input is always welcome. Our Mission is to provide the residents of Greenfield with free access to a diversity of ideas and information through books and other resources, services and programs. We encourage reading for education, research and recreation.

WISH LIST: a computer/DVD compatible projector for the meeting room, a multiple shelf book cart, large bulletin boards, a white board and stand.

WIRELESS SERVICE: Wireless service is available at the library.

ONLINE RESOURCES: You have access to the New Hampshire Downloadable Audio Program using your library card number. See Gail or Chris for more information and the prefix you need to log in. Download audiobooks to your MP3 player or computer. EbscoHost resources for research and general information is available with an ID and password available at the library for use at home. Find articles in newspapers and magazines, search for health information, and find lists of books based on criteria you choose. This and more and it is FREE!

MEETING ROOM: Please call to reserve a date for your meeting or gathering.

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and enjoy. We are very excited about this!

We continue to host a family fun night once a month on a specified Friday. In December, our music teacher, Mr. Parshall, will lead a Family Fun Night Sing-a-long. More details to follow!

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

Please remember, that any time you see an event posted on the board in front of the school, this is an invitation to the Community to attend. You do not have to have a student in the school to attend the event.

You can help the P.T.O. earn money for extra activities by:

****Saving your Box Tops for Education.** We earn a few hundred dollars a year by collecting these. If more people participate, we could earn more, so look for those box tops on the products you purchase and help the G.E.S. students!

**** Shaw's receipts.** Did you know that Shaw's will give a percentage of the total spent on a Shaw's receipt? Please help the G.E.S. P.T.O. collect Shaw's receipts!

**** Donations.** are accepted by the G.E.S. P.T.O. at any time of the year. If you would like to contribute to one of the activities that we have planned for the students, you can mail a check to the G.E.S. P.T.O. made out to the same for any amount you choose. All donations are greatly appreciated. We also use monies raised to help supplement supplies needed in classrooms for special projects that are not always funded by the district. This helps teachers to enrich the lessons by doing a hands on craft or project that would otherwise be impossible. We thank all those who have so generously contributed financially and volunteered their time and energy to make a difference in the lives of the students at G.E.S. and our Community! You can check the web at: conval.edu Email the PTO at greenfieldelementarypto@yahoo.com.

Sincerely
G.E.S. P.T.O. Secretary
Dorene Adams

ADVANCE NOTICE

Celebrating

"100 Years of Volunteers"

**The Greenfield Fire & Rescue
Department**

100th Anniversary

**Parade & Muster Celebration
Sat. & Sun. July 18th & 19th,
2009**

Sat. at Oak Park

7:30-10 breakfast

9am Vendors & events

11am Parade in Downtown Greenfield

11-2 Lunch

12- 5 multiple "Public Safety" Events
& Demo's

BBQ at Pavilion

Dance at Gazebo

Sunday at Oak Park

Annual Firemen's Muster

(come cheer on your dept.!).

**Greenfield
Fire & Rescue
Safety Tips**

As the winter months draw near, there are a few things we all need to think about.

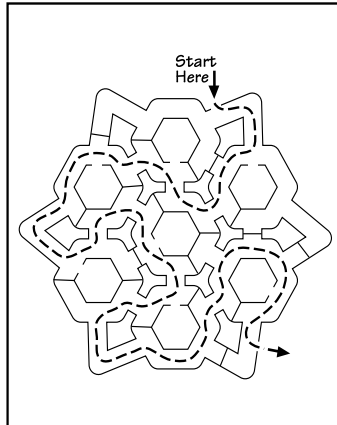
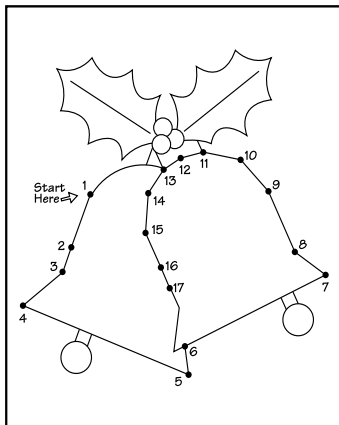
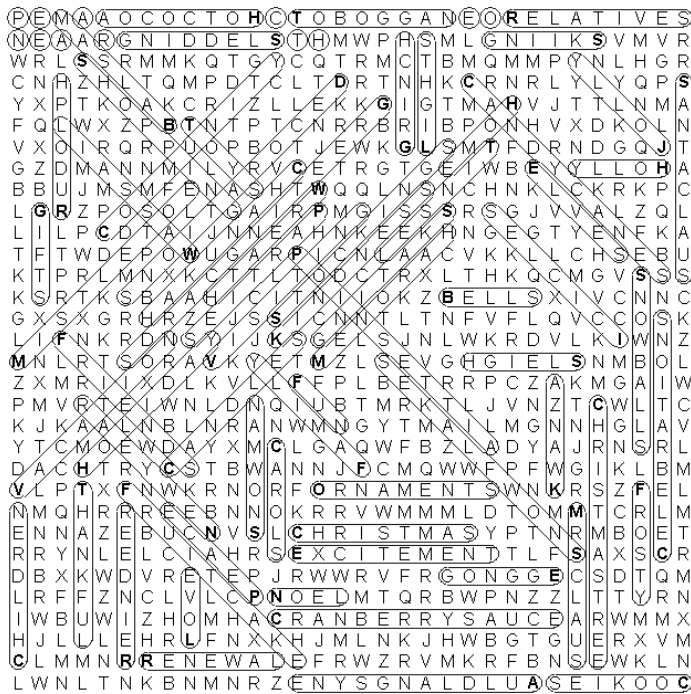
I have lived here all my life and have noticed a lot of houses that have wood stoves. Have you had your chimney cleaned and checked to make sure it was safe? I am sure that with the oil prices this year even more people will be burning wood. Have the chimney checked and be safe.

Also, when you shovel, plow or have your driveway plowed, make it just a little bit wider in case emergency vehicles need to come to your house. I know that old saying, "It won't happen to us." You never can tell when someone may get sick, fall or for some other reason need the rescue or ambulance. The fire trucks need room to maneuver in your driveways. Also, icy walkways and steps may make it difficult to get to you.

Last but not least, what I feel is most important is, do you have your house number visible from the road? As I drive around town I notice a lot of

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JUST FOR FUN ANSWERS



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homes NOT numbered. When 911 came in, lots of addresses changed. The town told us that we had 1 year to post our new numbers. PLEASE, this is so important. Time lost trying to find you means delay in getting help to you. Some fire departments have a saying on their trucks: "Remember, if we can't find you, we can't help you".

Please have a safe and happy winter.

Diane Weeks

Past President of the Fire Fighters Association

SAVE YOURSELF A TRIP!

In many instances, what you are looking for is on the Town Website at: www.greenfield-nh.gov/

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

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

Food Pantry Open Saturdays, 10am - Noon

Clothes Closet Open Saturdays 10am - 1pm

Located at 12 Depot Drive

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

To Donate Food:

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

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Tel: (603) 547-3626 Email: gccc@greenfieldchurch.org

website: greenfieldchurch.org

Sunday Worship Services 10am

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Annual

Christmas Candlelight Service

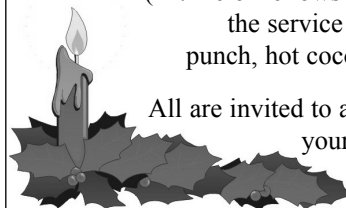
Wed., Dec. 24, 2008

7pm

Greenfield Congregational Covenant Church

(A time of fellowship will be held after the service with snacks, punch, hot cocoa, tea & coffee)

All are invited to attend and to include this time in your families Christmas tradition!



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and peace fill your hearts!*

*From all of us here at the Town Offices
to all of you!*

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Next issue deadline: January 1, 2009

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