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PUBLIC NOTICE HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The Town Clerk & The Tax Collector's offices will be CLOSED:

Thursday, December 24, 2015 Thursday, December 31, 2015

(The Town Clerk will be open 12/31 for AM hours)

Happy Holidays!

To all Greenfield Residents May all the joys of this holiday season be yours From All of Us in the Town Offices and Town Departments This issue of the Spirit is sponsored by **The Stephenson Memorial Library** see pages 8, 9, and backcover

TOWN OFFICES

GREENFIELD SELECTBOARD Executive Selectboard meetings are Thurs.

at 5pm every week unless otherwise posted.

Selectboard: Karen Day Chair, Margo Bliss, Stephen Atherton Jr.

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, Office Manager Tel: 547-3442 Fax: 547-3004 Email: greenfieldnhacct@myfairpoint.net

BUILDING/HEALTH INSPECTOR

Insp's by Appt/as needed Inspector - Mike Borden 547-0437 Town Office Hours: Tuesdays 1-4pm Email: mbordenbi@gmail.com

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

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: Kevin O'Connell 486-8071 Email: greenfieldnhpb@gmail.com

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: greenfieldnhtc@myfairpoint.net

TAX COLLECTOR

Mon. 1:00pm to 7:30pm Thursday 6:00pm to 7:30pm 3rd Saturday 9:00am to 12:00pm Tax Collector - Kathleen Valliere Tel: 547-2782 Fax: 547-2242 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

TOWN DIRECTORY OTHER DEPARTMENTS

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Roads Division Manager: Neal Beauregard 547-3504 Email: greenfield.nh.dpw@myfairpoint.net

Buildings & Grounds Division Manager: Patrick Greene 801-1866 Email: DPWbuildings@myfairpoint.net

STEPHENSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Wed 10am to 8pm, Thurs 2pm to 8pm Fri 2pm to 6pm, Sat 10am to 4pm Tel: 547-2790 Julie Steenson, Director director@stephensonlibrary.org youth@stephensonlibrary.org Circulation/General Questions circulation@stephensonlibrary.org

Monthly meetings at the library Library Trustees 1st Wed at 7:00pm Friends of the Library 3rd Wed 7:00pm

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

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

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

OTHER COMMITTEES OR CONTACTS

BUDGET COMMITTEE Meetings as needed Myron Steere - 547-3332

CEMETERY TRUSTEES Gil Bliss Ch. 547-3606

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS Ken Paulsen - 547-2180 Ch.

SCHOOL BOARD REP: Myron Steere 547-3332

TOWN FORESTER

NH Licensed Forester Karla Allen Tel: 662-5646 Email: karla@garlandlumber.net

EMERGENCIES DIAL 911

POLICE/FIRE/AMBULANCE DIAL 911 or 352-1100

FIRE & POLICE

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief: David Hall 547-3501 or 2222 Station hrs: Mon. 9-12, Thurs. 12-4 Emergency Dispatch: 352-1100 or 911 Email: chiefdavidhall@greenfieldfire.org

Business Mtg. 1st Mon. of month at 7:00pm Training 2nd & 3rd Tues of month at 7:00pm

FIRE WARDENS

FOR BURN PERMITS CALL:	
Jason Duval, Fire Warden	562-5814
Chad Murray, Deputy FW	831-4977
Michael Borden, Deputy FW	547-0437
Chaz Babb, Deputy FW	562-0545
Zack Davis, Deputy FW	547-5139

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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



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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, event announcements, news of the town, poems, drawings, historical info, etc., with the name of the writer and/or photographer. Thanks!

> All opinions in this publication are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Selectboard and may not necessarily represent any town official or department.

Town of Greenfield 2016 Openings for Town Officials Sign-up Notice

Budget Committee (2 members)	3 year term
Cemetery Trustee	3 year term
Library Trustee	3 year term
Moderator	2 year term
Planning Board (2 members)	3 year term
Selectboard Member	3 year term
Supervisor of the Checklist	6 year term
Trustee of Trust Fund	3 year term
Zoning Board of Adjustment (2)	3 year term

Candidates must sign up to be on the ballot between January 20 - January 29, 2016 at the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours, or Friday January 29th from 3-5 PM

TOWN MEETING TIME LINE

Saturday, March 12, 2016 9:00 am at the Meeting House.

Friday - January 22, 2016 - Last Day to submit Notice to local paper of 2016 Budget Hearing (Friday February 5th is last day to post notice of Feb. 12th budget hearing)

Tuesday - February 2, 2016 - Last day for petitioned warrant articles (RSA 39:3)

Thursday - February 4, 2016 - Greenfield's Budget Hearing to be held at Town Office at 6:30 PM. Last Day to hold at least one Public Hearing on the 2016-proposed-budget is February 12, 2016 (RSA 32:5, I and V).

Monday, February 22, 2016 - Last day to post Warrant & Budget at all polling places & at clerk's office or town hall. Warrant shall state place, day and hour of election, hours polls are open & which items will be voted by ballot (RSA 39:5; 31:95; 669:2).

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2016 - TOWN MEETING Ballot Voting - **Hours 10am to 7pm** adjourn meeting and reconvene

Saturday, March 12, 2016 @ 9:00 am at the Meeting House - meeting of Town residents to vote on the annual budget.

PUBLIC NOTICE

2016 Town Budget Hearing February 4, 2016 6:30 pm Town Office Meeting Room



FROM THE DPW ROADS DIVISION

The DPW has finished up all the road projects for the year and we are now getting ready for old man winter. Over the next few weeks we will be doing our last road grading for the year, including blowing leaves off the edges of the roads to not only help with grading but to assist with drainage come the spring. We are also prepping trucks and equipment for winter maintenance to make sure they will be ready when the winter weather hits. The MT trackless sidewalk machine has gotten a complete overhaul, the F550 1 ton truck has needed a lot of work also that is still in the works along with the 6 wheel dump truck.

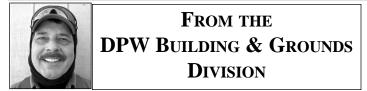
The Russell Station Road engineering is now complete along with all the proper permitting to move forward with its reconstruction in spring of 2016.

Schoolhouse road is currently closed due to bridge deficiencies noted by the State of New Hampshire bridge inspection crew. This bridge was put on the "Red List" in 2011 and inspected yearly since this occurred. We currently are awaiting an engineering quote to determine what would be needed for structures and funding to repair or replace this bridge.

This fall we spent some time upgrading portions of gravel roads such as Muzzy Hill Rd, Old Bennington Rd and South Francestown Rd by ditching, installing new gravel, compacting, and applying a wetting agent to assist with binding the gravel to give a firm drive surface. This also helps with shedding water and reduce the loss of the fines which helps cut down on the amount of grading needed. In the spring, we are also planning on starting some roadside ditching after the snow melts to help with our dreaded mud season and will be paying special attention to problematic areas so they can be addressed to help prevent a reoccurrence in the future.

Thank you for your continued support.

Neal Beauregard DPW Roads Division Manager



In preparation for winter all Town buildings have been staked for snow removal purposes. The MT Trackless Sidewalk machine has received a total facelift with many old worn out parts replaced with new ones. The sander that hasn't been operational for some time, has been replaced and should be a great asset this winter on our sidewalks.

The Building and Grounds division will be plowing the parking lots this winter. This should improve the timeliness of having parking lots clear since they will not have to wait until all the roads are cleared before they are plowed. In addition, the waste water treatment plant will be maintained for snow removal as well.

As you may know, the town office developed a leak in the foundation causing a sill to rot which will have to be repaired in 2016. I am pleased to report the concrete work that was done in back of the town office building along the foundation worked very well. After the last heavy rain storm there were no signs of water in the basement.

Seven truck loads of brush were removed from and around the track at Oak Park. I noticed that there are a few low spots on the track after the last rain. I've taken pictures and they are on my list of things to correct when time and money are available.

The DPW building is receiving a new metal roof. A major leak developed in the roof and upon inspection, more leaks will arrive soon if nothing is fixed. The run off from this leak was going directly into our underground tank that is there for the purpose of collecting the oily salty water that drips off the plow trucks. The tank has to be pumped every couple of years or so but if this leak were to be allowed to go on, the pumping would have to be more often, costing the town more money. To strip and replace the entire roof with new plywood would be expensive so the alternative was to put a metal roof over the existing roof. The Selectboard approved this expenditure and the repair will be begin the week of December 7th.

SPIRIT DEADLINES

January 1st for Feb/Mar

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 The Meeting House and the Library also have foundation leaks that have to be dealt with. I am currently getting quotes on these repairs that will need to be addressed in the spring.

There are many issues that need to be fixed with the town buildings. I've taken an inventory and will continue to keep it updated. I fix or cause to be fixed just as many items as time and money allow. As with everything, money is the issue. I continue to look for ways to save money for the town and get a good value for the work that is done.

Thank you for your support and encouragement,

Patrick Greene DPW B&G Manager



FROM THE Recycling Center

Tic Tock Tic Tock - is it really that time again?? It seems we just got over the last winter - not much of a spring and when summer came, it came hot and heavy - then beautiful weather that was way too short.

The broken snow shovels, worn out winter clothing, sports equipment and old decorations have started coming in now. PLEASE remember when you come to ask where items are to be placed. Due to market downturn, we must enforce a "no tolerance" policy. This applies to all recyclable items that are collected at the recycling windows and all recyclables that leave our center. Please help us do the best job we can do for the town by paying attention to what and where you are depositing items. At the Recycling Center (RC), we are never too far away or too busy for you to ask questions or to give permission to deposit items. If we are not visible to you, please open the door and give a yell as we may be "enjoying" our new bathroom or working at processing the recyclables coming in from the windows.

WINTER HOURS: Tuesday 8am - Noon, Thursday 1pm - 5pm and Saturday 8am - 4pm. Please arrive 15 minutes before closing to allow enough time to process your load.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE: Will resume next spring

YAHOO we have a new employee - William Gaudette. Give him a warm welcome as you process your recyclables.

TAKE NOTICE: NO metals are to be deposited into the metal container by the bicycles WITHOUT permission. There are changes taking place with regard to these containers that now REQUIRE a special release to be signed that holds the town responsible for its contents.

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YES! - YES we have a newly paved driveway coming in that should help tremendously to keep that hill clear in the winter. BUT remember this is not a raceway. With the new smooth road, the speed seems to have increased. Coming around the building at the entrance can be dangerous in itself without speeding. A great many children enjoy the Recycling Center but they have such a short attention span that they are at risk when cars come in too fast. PLEASE SLOW DOWN.

Due to the brush piles being closed you can take your brush to Mathewson Co. in Hancock. You can call them at 525-3549 for more information.

REMINDERS: Be mindful of the no parking zones (traffic cones) in certain areas. The paved driveway going to the Mini Mall/Library must stay open for good traffic flow. Also notice the traffic cones that are placed at the telephone pole across from the deck at the compactor.

If you have items outside of normal kitchen trash and recyclables, you must have your load checked. Most likely there will be a charge involved. If you do not have the payment due, you will have to take it back with you. You must also have your own muscle power to unload heavy items.

REMINDERS: The following will insure the Recycling Center will have the most effective results for the town.

• The brush piles are CLOSED until further notice (high fire

The **GREENFIELD FOOD PANTRY** The **GREENFIELD CLOTHES CLOSET** 12 Depot Drive · Off Slip Road · Behind Harvester Market

HOURS: Food Pantry: Saturdays, 9 – 12 Clothes Closet: Fridays & Saturdays, 10 – 12

These are services of the Greenfield Community Church. Food is available to anyone in need. Great clothes at great prices. (You can donate food at the post office or at Depot Drive, good clean clothes at Depot Drive. We have a drop box.) To our friends who contribute \$\$ to the Food Pantry: THANK YOU! You are helping your neighbors more than you may realize!



Worship Sundays @ 10am Carter Hall, Crotched Mt. Rehab Center, Greenfield

547-3626 • greenfieldchurch.org

threat). NOTHING brush or otherwise is to be added.

• All trash must be in bags and tied shut.

• ALL METALS MUST BE CHECKED

• Mini Mall/Library all items must be checked. If items continue to be unchecked these buildings may be closed.

• Plastics - remember "RCR" Rinse-CRUSH-Recap, # l's is BOTTLES ONLY and #2 plastics is the same.

• Steel/Tin cans include only those that are related to food or household cleaning products. No paint cans ect.

• Aluminum-cans/pie plates/food trays/clean foil/pet food cans but NO aerosol cans - these go in steel cans

• Corrugated cardboard must be clean and dry. If it has ridges it is corrugated-TEAR to check. PIZZA boxes: NO greasy boxes-tear off the greasy bottom then recycle the clean top and take out the inserts (cardboard/paper).

• Vegetable oils used or new accepted - No lard, shortenings or other products in a solid state.

• Lawn mowers and bicycles - must see attendant - the season is ending very soon.

• Demolition/Construction debris/ Bulky Waste and Electronics - Must see attendant. ALL have FEES applied.

Heating season is here - used oil is in demand for use in our waste oil furnace. The requirements are posted at the door and your cooperation is appreciated otherwise the town will bear the burden of the cost of disposal as a hazardous waste.

We strive to help make your time at the center an enjoyable and productive experience and we always enjoy the interaction with you.

Carol Burgess and the Recycling Center staff.

PUBLIC NOTICE WINTER PARKING BAN

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, 2015 - April 1, 2016. This is to allow plowing of the streets during snowstorms.

Per order of Greenfield Selectboard



THE FIRE CHIEF'S CORNER

Season's greetings from all of us at the Fire Department. There are lots of good things to report as we draw to the close of 2015. What follows are some of the highlights. First and foremost, we still have not missed a single call in town since we started our overnight duty shifts last November; we are no longer relying on mutual aid from other towns. And we have already done more calls than any previous year, 316 as this article goes to press in mid November. Our roster has grown to 24 members... still short of the 30 we should have, but much better than in recent years. We have several members in EMS classes and by the New Year should have a number of new EMRs and EMTs.

Some quick safety reminders: the cold weather is here... if you burn wood; please get your chimney cleaned. If you use space heaters, keep all combustibles at least 3 feet away. It's a good time to replace batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Please keep all your doorways free of snow. You may not normally use your front door, but you might need to get out of it... or we may need to get in through it. If you have an underground propane tank we may not be able to find under the snow unless you shovel around it. It's a little extra work, but can make all the difference if there is a fire.

The Greenfield Firefighters Association and Auxiliary have been working very hard to raise funds for some of our projects. We want to thank all those who helped put together or acted in the Murder Mystery Theater... and thank all of you who attended that memorable night. And a big thank you to the many that help support us through our annual Christmas wreath drive.

We are still collecting contributions for the Fire Training Building that we will be constructing next year. American Steel & Precast Erectors (ASPE) has made a monumental commitment to this project. They will be donating all the steel and precast walls to build this structure. And... they will donate the labor and specialized equipment necessary to erect the building. A project of this magnitude could never possibly happen without extraordinary generosity of ASPE and the Cilley family. With their help, we are going to build a state of the art training center without using any taxpayer dollars. To put this in perspective, a building like this typically costs several hundred thousand dollars! We are deeply grateful for the Cilley family's remarkable generosity.

Last but not least we are in the process of buying a used fire truck. A new fire engine today costs a minimum of \$300,000... many come in well over 400K. We only have about 100K in our Capital Reserve Fund. Looking to work with the money we have, we were looking at refurbishing our 1985 E-One fire engine and squeezing some more years out of it. In the midst of this, I found a used truck in nearby Massachusetts that met all of our requirements and then some. This truck is an older meticulously maintained 1993 ladder truck that also serves as an



1993 Meticulously Maintained Used Ladder Truck That Will Replace the 1985 Fire Engine

engine. Many ladder trucks do not carry water; such is the case with Peterborough's ladder. Our new truck actually carries twice as much water (1500 gallons) as either of our current engines. I cannot overstate the importance of "water on wheels". In rural firefighting, the single greatest challenge that small towns like ours face is the establishment of water supply. The water you bring with you may be the only water you have for the first 20 to 30 minutes of a fire. There are no hydrants hooked up to town water. Just like most of the other towns around here, we have to send a fire engine to a water source (pond, river or stream) and pump water into water tankers and then drive them to the fire. In winter, snow and ice further slow this process. So this truck carries a lot of water. It also has a fully enclosed cab (unlike our 1985) for all 5 firefighters. This is a huge safety consideration and is a bit more comfortable on the way to the scene in winter! And then there's the ladder. A chimney fire on a snow and ice covered roof, no problem... up goes the ladder. Last spring many of us watched in horror as a Fresno CA Fire Captain fell through a burning roof on the national news. We will be able to send our people up on the ladder... if the roof collapses, we'll be OK. You can elevate the ladder above the fire and operate the nozzle at the end of the ladder remotely (without a firefighter on the ladder in the heat and smoke) and rain water down into the fire. This truck is a "short stick"; the ladder is only 55' long. We don't have a lot of tall buildings; for the buildings we have, this ladder will be just fine. The simple truth is that this truck is pretty much the ideal truck for us: fully enclosed cab, lots of water and a ladder. It only has 23,000 original miles and one owner. We settled on \$30,000, a fraction of what it would cost new (700K plus). We are very fortunate to be getting this truck!

So, that's what is going on at the Fire Department. We wish you all a wonderful holiday season. Stay safe and enjoy... but, as always, if you need us... we're here 24/7 and you know our number... 911.

Thank you, *Chief David Hall*

GREENFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

AN HISTORICAL CONNECTION BETWEEN GES AND THE GHS By Lenny Cornwell

Last spring, some of the students at Greenfield Elementary School found part of an old tool partially buried behind the school building. Later, in June, while visiting the Greenfield Historical Society's Museum, they spotted a similar looking tool among the collection.

When school resumed this fall, the students' curiosity lingered and they were eager to learn more about the implement. I was invited to Mr. I's fourth grade classroom for a "show and tell" session about the beam drill they had unearthed. I used the one from the Museum to demonstrate how the tool would drill holes in the wooden beams for pegs or tenons. The tenons would have had to be finished with a chisel, but drilling made the cut for the tenon go more quickly.

The beam drill lay on top of the beam and the driller sat on a board connected to the drill frame to hold it in place. The one found behind the school is an older model than that of the Historical Society's - probably dating back to the mid-1800's, while the one in the Museum is most likely from the late 1800's or early 1900's.

The students were also interested to learn more about the history of the land upon which the school is sited. There is really no written documentation regarding the plot. An old photo shows the gable end of a house near the tracks. The records indicate that the structure might be the house that burned in the late 1930's or 1940. Following the fire, the townspeople got together and donated a house for Carl Magoon and his family living there. Another small house, that of George Magoon was nearby. A sand pit was near George Magoon's house. It is assumed that most of this sand was used either to build roads or railways around the area.

The State of New Hampshire had a salt bin on the banking next to the present Wakeman residence. One hundred pound bags of salt from the rail cars on the tracks across the road were dumped into the bin. It was shoveled and pushed by workers definitely a hot and dirty job in late summer. A chute went out to let the salt flow into the trucks to be spread on the roads. The salt was shoveled out the back into a spreader hanging on the tailgate or through a tube in the dump truck body floor. Sometimes, the workers loaded the hundred pound bags and poured them into the spreader as the truck was moving down the road. Very labor intensive!

Finally, some of the students sought more information about their own homes.

These ties with the school indicate that Greenfield has many budding history buffs.

A RESOLUTION YOU CAN MAKE AND KEEP: Does your employer match charitable/ non-profit organization donations? Please check this out. If so, your donation to the Historical Society would be enhanced.

BLUES-B-QUE TEE SHIRTS: The Historical Society is seeking a few Blues-B-Que tee shirts to use in finishing a quilt made from the shirts. The shirts we need are the ones from 1991 (the first year), 2010 (the 18th year), and 2012 (the 20th year). We would like to display the quilt during the 225th celebration in 2016, but just need these shirts.

HERITAGE QUEST SITE: Once again, the GHS has underwritten the Heritage Quest Site to the Stephenson Memorial Library. With just a library card, you are able to track your family genealogy on-line.

MULTIPLE CONTACTS: There are now several ways to reach the GHS.

For Facebook, click onto: www.facebook.com/GreenfieldHS

To send us an e-mail, reach us at: ghsociety@myfairpoint.net

To renew or become a member, contact Amy at 547 - 3339. To arrange to visit the Museum at non-open times, phone Lenny at 547 - 2198.

SUN CATCHERS; Remember that our commemorative sun catchers make fine holiday gifts, tree ornaments, or gift wrapping embellishments. The locally-crafted glass disks are available in blue or green for \$10 each (\$9 for members of the GHS).

THE MUSEUM: The Museum is open on the last Saturday of every month, with the exception of December, from 11 AM til 1 PM. Visitors are surprised at what they find in the Museum and barn. Stop by and see for yourself.

Contoocook Valley Transportation Company GIVE A RIDE - SHARE A RIDE

Join CVTC's "Elite Fleet" and become a Volunteer Driver.

- Help your neighbors with transportation to non-emergency medical and support services.
- Drive when you want, as often as you want



Mileage reimbursement is available

To learn more about our **Volunteer Driver Program** Call. toll-free: 1-877-428-2882, extention 5

To learn about Monadnock Rideshare,

our free online carpool rideboard at www.cvtc-nh.org

or call, toll-free: 1-877-428-2882, extention 2

STEPHENSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Greenfield, NH, 603 547 2790, director@stephensonlibrary.org

W 10-8, Th 2-8, F 2-6, Sat 10-4

Closed Sunday-Tuesday

The Stephenson Memorial Library is a not-for-profit public library.

The library is a very busy place. Over the past year, we have grown in many ways, adding more books, audiobooks and CDs, more book shelves, more chairs, more staff, more programs, and most importantly, more Greenfield residents. No longer just a repository for books, we have transformed into a community center for all ages. As we head into the holiday season, we wish you and your families good health and happiness and want to thank you all for including the library in your lives.

Special Upcoming Holiday Hours

It is always difficult when holidays fall on our open days. In an attempt to make the library more available to the community and make up valuable work time for staff, we are adding some **extra days over Christmas school vacation week**. You may also see our cars on closed days for staff time so we can do training and work on the "behind the scenes" planning and tasks that help our library be all that it can be.

Friday, December 4 - Extended Hours until 7:30 pm

Library Tree Lighting with the GIVers and Special North Pole Guest at 6 pm! Join the Greenfield Independent Volunteers, the library staff and Santa for the lighting of the library tree. Santa will hang around after the tree lighting to share a story, warm cider and cookies, and to hear your special requests. Cameras welcome.

Wednesday, December 23 - Normal Hours 10 am - 8 pm

Thursday, December 24 - Closed

Friday, December 25 - Closed

Saturday, December 26 - Normal Hours 10 am - 4 pm

Monday, December 28 - OPEN 12 - 6 pm

Tuesday, December 29 - OPEN 12 - 6 pm

Wednesday, December 30 - Normal Hours 10 am - 8 pm

Thursday, December 31 - Open 2 - 5 pm (early closure)

Friday, January 1 - Closed

Saturday, January 2 - Normal Hours 10 am - 4 pm

Snow Closures - We do NOT follow ConVal and will make a decision based on Greenfield safety conditions, in cooperation with the DPW. We will post any delays or closures for weather on WMUR and the Library's Facebook page.

Recycled Book Craft - Saturday, December 5 at 11 am in the Reading Room and Children's Room. We received dis-

carded books from the state library that we plan to repurpose into holiday trees! We have plenty of materials. Open to all ages. FREE!

PTO Christmas in Greenfield - Saturday, December 12 at GES. Miss Eileen will be there for stories, right before Santa's arrival. The library is so pleased to support the PTO in their efforts for Greenfield's families. Thank you for including us in this special day.

Researching your Family History with Lenny & Julie -Thursday, January 21 at 7 pm in the Wensberg Room

A little bit Greenfield Historical Society and a little bit Stephenson Memorial Library - Lenny Cornwell and Julie Steenson will talk about the genealogy resources available to you. Lenny will discuss the process and techniques he uses, and Julie will demonstrate the library's genealogy databases, Ancestry and Heritage Quest. Heritage Quest is made possible due to a generous donation by the Greenfield Historical Society. What better way to spend the winter months than researching your family tree!

RECURRING EVENTS @ YOUR LIBRARY

• **LEGO Club** - Open to all ages - Second Wednesday of the month at 4:30 and Third Thursday of the month at 4 pm (Children's Room)

• **Read to Toven** - Our friendly Greenfield therapy dog will be here for young readers to practice with him on Wednesday, December 16 at 4:45 pm. Toven visits us once a month. Sign-ups are helpful if you would like one on one time.

• Greenfield Collaborative Watercolor Group - Every Wednesday (except holidays) at 6:30 pm- This adult group in the Reading Room is open to all level artists, materials not provided.

• Click Clack Knitters - Every Thursday 3:30 - 5 pm (Reading Room)

• Color your World - Adult Coloring - Every Friday 4 - 6 pm (Reading Room)

• Writers' Group - Every Tuesday at 1 pm (Wensberg Room) This small group is adding a workshop/sharing session after the writing time, at 3- 4 pm.

• **Children's Weekly Drop-in Craft** - Every day in the Children's room - Enjoy a children's craft and stories at times that work for your busy schedule.

• **Family** Movies - These titles, dates, and times are announced in the library, according to film release dates.

• **Monthly Book Discussion** - Last Wednesday of the month at 7 pm. No December book discussion meeting but the book for the January discussion will be available by the end of December. Please check in with library staff.

• Watch for our new Children's Book Clubs and special Winter Reading program after the holidays!

Sincere Thanks

The library would like to thank the many volunteers and generous donors who have given time, expertise, books, technology, and so much more to the library this year. You have helped to make our library the thriving place that it is today.

Wishing you all the best in 2016,

Julie, Eileen, Roger and Michele & the Library Board of Trustees

A YEAR IN REVIEW AT THE STEPHENSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY CONTINUED

MAY 2015

Library computer usage nearly doubles with new hardware and software, thanks to a very generous donation! The Girl Scouts get locked in the library for a special overnight adventure!

JUNE 2015

Summer reading for Kids AND Adults kicks off with Rick Goldin's Concert for the GES students at the Meeting House and our town-wide event, thanks to our collaboration with the Fire Department, BOOKS AND LADDERS!

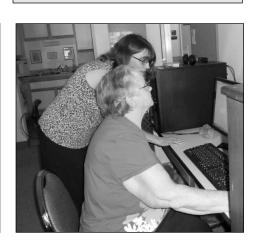


AUGUST 2015

August beats July's record for people and circulation, with over 1300 people coming to the library that month! We celebrate with ice cream. And we were one of only ten libraries nationwide awarded a Teen Read Week Grant. AND we are accepted in to the Library of Congress Surplus books Program!

JULY 2015

The Summer Reading program is in full swing with events for all ages and record circulation. We are awarded a community program grant from the NH Humanities Council. Julie starts weekly library visits to Greenfield Commons.





SEPTEMBER 2015 A whirlwind trip for Julie and her husband to DC brings back \$6,000 worth of NEW, FREE books from the Library of Congress! No rest for us, however, as we host Abraham Lincoln at the Meetinghouse to 98 guests. The Gettysburg Address made it a night few will forget. OCTOBER 2015

More programs are added and our knitting group receives national recognition in the library world for their cool video and Warm Hands, Warm Hearts project. Congress woman Annie Kuster agrees to pay for our Library of Congress books to be shipped to us at no cost.

NOVEMBER 2015 - Happy One Year Anniversary to Julie!

The Hancock Woman's Club's 2016

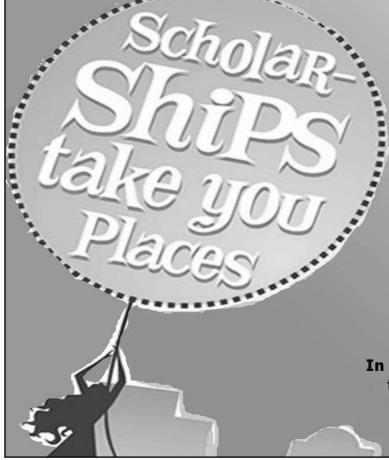
\$1,000 Scholarship for Adult Women

The Hancock Woman's Club annual scholarship is once again being offered. This year's scholarship will be in the amount of \$1,000.

To qualify, an applicant must be:

- An adult woman in mid-career OR an adult woman who plans to either begin, change or return to a career after years of family rearing or other responsibilities.
- A current resident within the Conval School District and who has lived there for 2+ years.
- Applicant must provide official confirmation of acceptance or enrollment in:
 An educational program, such as a college, university, technical or other training school or professional organization.

• A short term program leading to licensure or a certificate, to meet requirements for professional advancement, or to continue competency in a current field.



For more information or to obtain an Application:

Write to the: Hancock Woman's Club PO Box 366, Hancock, NH 03449 or Call: Joyce Perry 525-3304

Deadlines Applications must be received no later than March 31, 2016.

In early May applicants will be notified of the Scholarship Committee's choice. With the recipient's permission, her name will be announced publicly.

GREENFIELD SAVE the DATE to CELEBRATE!



Saturday, June 25th, 2016 225th Anniversary 1791-2016

The big day is only 7 months away!

The 225th Town Anniversary Committee has been hard at work making plans and holding fundraising events to earn money to put on this celebration! We are asking Town residents to come forward and volunteer to help and participate. Here's what you can do:

Participant in the Parade

Help Celebrate Greenfield's, illustrious, history! Then, now and everything in between!

-Floats

-Dress up and walk, ride a bike or ride your horse

-Horse drawn buggies, carriages, wagons?

-Antique cars, trucks, farm tractors etc.

-Conval Marching Band, Nelson Town band and the American Legion Band.

The Day's Events at Oak Park

7am-9am Set Up

9am–3pm We will have, craft & food venders, music, entertainment, special activities, games, animal petting zoo, farmers market, agricultural exhibits, demonstrations, cavalry encampment, antique exhibits, as well as colonial village store fronts!

10am Parade begins at corner of East & Forest.12 at Gazebo: Welcome speech by Select Board3pm Oak Park events end and we will need help cleaning up, any volunteers?

FIREWORKS will end the celebration later that evening. The location will be announced.

We invite Greenfield businesses, Groups, Clubs, Organizations and Committees to participate by having a tent/table set up at Oak Park to let people know who you are and what you do!

Be creative and set up your area to look like a colonial village store front or something from the early 1800's, 1900's, 1950's, 1980's, get the idea?

Do you have something to put on display? We will have areas roped off for exhibits. This will encompass the last 225 years, old and new. Think about how YOU can participate in celebrating Greenfield's history and the people who make Greenfield what it is today!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We have many areas that we need help with during the day, such as:

-Marching band shuttle from Oak Park to East Road.

-Trash detail.

-Parking attendants.

-Help lining up parade participants.

-Help in the information booth and misc.

DO YOU HAVE IDEAS? CAN YOU HELP?

Contact: Dorene Adams: 547-2706 Greenfield225anniversary@gmail.com

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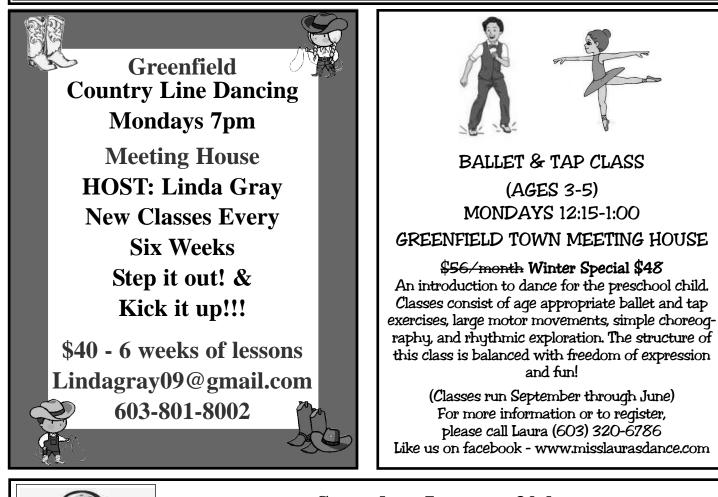
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or call, toll-free: 1-877-428-2882, extention 2

GREENFIELD RECREATION

Call 547-3442 for more information or the contacts below.





Saturday, January 30th

Come warm up in the Wensberg room in the library 10-4 pm. The Friends of the Library will have a Book and Bake sale.

G•R•E•E•N•F•I•E•L•D HAPPENINGS

Find out what is going on in town – concerts, yard sales, items for sale or wanted, lost animals, political discussions, etc.

Browse at your leisure or sign up for automatic email updates at

http://GreenfieldHappenings.Blog spot.com

A service for the Greenfield community sponsored by The GIVers.

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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









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NOVEMBER 2014

The Trustees hire a new director. On November 24, we sent out our first newsletter to 43 subscribers. We now have 195!

DECEMBER 2014

The library's digital branch, Biblionix Apollo, goes live, offering the community 24/7 access to the library's resources.

JANUARY 2015

The library hosts the first of continual art exhibits, beginning with felting artist, Michelle Russell. The library and Greenfield Historical Society join forces to offer the community new genealogical databases for researching family histories.



FEBRUARY 2015 - New programs galore! Our knitting group begins ...Family movies return...and we host our first annual Stuffie Sleepover!

MARCH 2015 - New, more convenient hours for the same budget! Julie brings a live chicken to the library for a special storytime.



APRIL 2015

Two HUGE events at the library-Our first Spring Egg Hunt and Lizzie Borden bring new faces to the library and pack the parking lot and Forest Road more than once.





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