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STORM IN THE PAST BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

The ice storm of December 11, 2008 will go down in history as being one of the most destructive storms that we have ever had. It broke trees and lines, and put the power out for over 2 weeks in some places. This information is common knowledge due to the constant coverage of the event on radio and TV, but one of the things you might not know is how and who responded immediately to the threat to our town's citizens. Our Emergency Management Team, headed up by Peter Hopkins and our Fire Chief, Jim Plourde, swung into action immediately on Friday morning.

After a state of emergency was declared, the work began. The fire station is equipped with a generator and was designated as command central as well as a place where people could go for fresh water, warmth, and food if needed. Someone was at the station 24 hours a day to take calls and to help coordinate the information coming in from crews dispatched to assess the damage, and to begin clearing the roads. Everyone knew that it would be a long time before Public Service could get to the outlying roads, even if they got to the main roads quickly. While some crews were out clearing roads, other crews cooked and served hot meals for anyone who needed them. Calls were made to make sure that people were all right and knew that they could come in if they needed help. Other crew members helped residents hook up generators and clear driveways. This was a huge operation. After the weekend, the fire station stayed open at least 12 hrs a day and longer if needed. No one knew how long it would take to get power again, but finally after 10 days, Greenfield had power in most places. However, it was reported that some residents had to wait another 3-5 days to get their's.

We are so very proud of our emergency personnel; the Fire Department, the

Rescue personnel, the Police Department, and the Highway Department and our town residents. There were many residents who stopped to help the crews and others who took it upon themselves to check on their neighbors. There were many volunteers who gave up time at their jobs to attend to this disaster and others who made themselves sick from exhaustion. We are sure that there are many stories that we haven't even heard, but the dedication shown by all those involved is highly commendable. It is with great admiration that we, as selectmen, thank you, one and all, for your care, dedication, knowledge, and unflagging community spirit during this terrible storm.

Sincerely,

The Greenfield Board of Selectmen



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NOTICE BUDGET HEARING

All residents of Greenfield are invited to an informal hearing for the purpose of reviewing the proposed 2009 Annual Budget. The meeting will be held at the Greenfield Town Office on:

Thursday, February 12, 2009 at 6:30 PM

*Per order of the
Greenfield Board of Selectmen*

TOWN MEETING

Town Official Elections, Zoning Amendments, &
ConVal School Warrant Articles

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2009

VOTE AT THE MEETING HOUSE 10AM - 7PM

Town Administrative Budgets, New Equipment, Bond Issues, Studies,
Discussion and More! Come and get involved. Your taxes depend on it.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2009

9AM AT THE MEETING HOUSE



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the town, poems, drawings, historical info, let-
ters to the editor, etc., with the name of the
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Sponsor the Spirit

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

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.

January 1st for Feb/Mar Issue.

SPIRIT DEADLINE

March 1, 2009

for the Apr/May Issue

Will cover events between

April 1st to May 31st

If you wish to get your news into the
Spirit, make sure you send or deliver your
information to the Town Office by March 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 **Thursdays 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
greenfieldnhct@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
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

NOTICE CAVENDER ROAD HEARING

All residents of Greenfield are invited to public hearing for the purpose of discussing the speeding on Cavender Road and a request from its residents for a 25 miles per hour speed limit.

**Thursday, February 26, 2009
at 6:30 PM**

*Per order of the
Greenfield Board of Selectmen*

NOTICE

The Board of Selectmen's meetings
have been moved to
Thursdays at 6pm.

THE SPIRIT

The Board of Selectmen has been considering not mailing the Spirit to every household, or at least to only those who truly want it, to save money. Before we do this, we would like to have your input. Our idea is to leave a supply of newsletters at Delay's, the Town Office and the Post Office for residents to pick up. We have been informed that there are many newsletters that are thrown away, so it seems counterproductive to continue to print so many, only to see them thrown out. The other option is to mail to only those who truly want it. We cannot do a bulk mailing unless we have at least 200 pieces. We have 650 households that we mail to now, so even if we mailed to 200, we would save some money. This of course would require 200 households to request the mailing. We would appreciate it if all those interested would give Deb a call at the Town Office and give us your opinion. We will then base our decision on the input we receive from you.

Thank you,
The Board of Selectmen

BASIC PREPAREDNESS VS.

EXTENDED PREPAREDNESS

I believe it's safe to say that we all learned some very valuable lessons during December of 2008! My number one lesson was how much I take for

granted having the luxuries I live with every day, such as electricity! I always thought I was pretty well prepared for any emergency. After all, I have a "few" gallons of water stored in the basement. I have oil lamps, lamp oil, candles, lighters, matches, flashlights, batteries, tea light candles and glow sticks (for the kids to use as night lights)! I have a generator and gas and last I knew, which was whenever we used it last, my generator worked! I always keep a supply of canned goods on the shelf, so food is not an issue. We have a gas stove which can be lit and cooked on! We even installed extra water tanks so we would have gravity feed water and be able to have water to drink and wash with. I was pretty proud of the fact that I was ready if we ever lost power! For a day or two! Day three was getting pretty old. Day four was pushing it. Especially when our generator blew a rod or something like that and stopped running! Honey? Merry Christmas, let's buy a family gift. A new generator! Whoopie! Day five, I was contemplating going home to mother!

Then, "BINGO", we got power back! Yippee! Shower! Turn lights on! Do the "POWER" dance! Then I found out that not ALL Greenfield residents were as fortunate. I spent a lot of time at the Fire Station helping make meals and keeping the doors open for people to come get water. It became my family's second home for the next week and a half, and we were happy to help. Thankfully, by Christmas Day, most were with power!

I was really proud of our Fire Dept. We had to post people there round the clock, as we had an ambulance crew stationed there because Peterborough couldn't handle all the calls. We had crews from as far as Fairlee, VT. The Dept. pitched in and everyone pulled shifts to make it work. We also found out that many Greenfield residents did not know they could come to the Fire Dept. for water, hot meals or to sleep if they had to.

So, a few things to remember should this type of thing occur again:

- During any type of major emergency in Greenfield, the Fire Dept. is the base of operations. Call the Fire Dept. if you have any questions, needs or concerns.
- Store extra water in gallon jugs to be

used for toilets and washing. Do not drink it.

-Store bottled water that you purchased for drinking. Watch exp. dates.

-Remember, you can fill water jugs at the Fire Station.

-Have your generator hooked up properly by an electrician. Make sure you read the manual and know how to run it. Follow maintenance requirements. Store gas properly.

Make sure the generator is vented properly so fumes do not get into your house.

-In freezing weather, have your water & heating pipes drained if your house is without a heat source for an extended period of time to avoid frozen and burst pipes. Having a special anti-freeze added to your water heating system can help prevent freeze ups.

-Know your neighbors who might need help or assistance and give them a call. Invite them to your house or alert the Fire Dept.

All said and done, Greenfield residents held their own, helped their neighbors and came through this pretty well. I think we have an awesome town to live in!

Makes me glad to be a Greenfielder,
Dorene Adams

BOX TOPS

Please consider saving your BOX Tops for education and SHAW's Supermarket Receipts for Greenfield Elementary School.

GES has earned \$162.00 with the Box Tops program this year and over \$250.00 with SHAW's partner in education program.

Box Tops and Shaw's register receipts can be dropped off at GES, sent in with your child, or left in the designated spot in the Post office or Delay's Harvester Market.

Thank you for your support!
The GES PTO

HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

The December 2008 ice storm was definitely a historic event. Some times we fail to realize that things that are happening now will be history in the future. We are looking for pictures and stories of events that happened during the ice

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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.*

2009 WINTER CARNIVAL - Fri. nite/Sat - Feb 6/7 - **SAVE THE DATES**

The Crotched Mountain Foundation, PTO, GFD, Historical Society, Stephenson Library, the GIVERS, and many others are teaming up to organize this year's event! Don't miss it! It promises to be a good 'un. Details are available on the next page.

FAREWELL, OLD FRIEND!

For several years, the GIVERS has held its monthly meetings over breakfast served up by the Side Trax. Regrettably, with the closing of the Trax imminent, that tradition is coming to an end. We will very much miss our little restaurant. The Griffings worked magic to turn it into a warm and welcoming place where we locals could eat and socialize. Rick and Linda, the Side Trax was a gift to Greenfield, and we thank you for it. Godspeed and best wishes for success in your new venture in Brookline. And, be wary, because we GIVERS are already casing the joint!

NEW MEETING LOCATION: We will continue to meet at 8:30 AM on the third Wednesday of every month, and, until further notice, we will be convening in the downstairs meeting room of the Stephenson Library. We'll be serving a "continental"-style breakfast (bagels/muffins/coffee/OJ/tea/etc), and we'd be pleased to have you attend a meeting, break some bread, and get acquainted - free of charge! You also can find out more about us by calling Neal Brown at 547-2023

"ENERGY" REPORT:

GIVERS/Crotched Mountain Foundation (CMF) Wood Bank: We were pleased to be able to fill the unusually large number of requests occasioned by the recent power outages. We still have a modest stockpile of seasoned stovewood available. If you should need some supplemental wood 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 Chips in the Yard: To date, we have cut, split and stacked about 12 of the 19 cords of our 2008 timber. We would welcome volunteers to help with sawing, splitting, and stacking of the remainder. If you're interested, call Neal Brown at 547-2023 (Home) or 508-259-9735 (cell), and he'll get you started. FYI, we're still offering all chain saw volunteers free, 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: This year we sold some of our wood and donated the proceeds (\$2000.00) to Southern NH Services (SNHS) to specifically provide assistance to Greenfield citizens who need emergency help with their fuel and utility bills.

IF YOU NEED EMERGENCY HELP FROM THIS SOURCE, 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:

The sugar plum fairies have barely ended their dance, and already the seed catalogs are piling up in our mailboxes and directing our thoughts to gardening. We can't wait to get out there with the black flies and a trowel to get going. Well... maybe not the black flies.

Our Community Organic Garden subcommittee aims to remedy your mid-winter gardening blues with a series of three free talks/workshops suitable for all interested gardeners - beginners to veterans - or for anyone who just wants to learn about gardening. We have reserved the Library's new downstairs conference room for the first Wednesdays of March, April and May from 6:30 to 8:00. The three topics will be:

March 4: Fun in the sun---Getting started on your garden and saving on food costs

April 1: Starting your plants indoors---Workshop

May 6: How to make Free Fertilizer (Composting)

After the March talk there will be an opportunity to swap left-over seeds. In case you didn't know, some seeds remain viable for many years, so one shouldn't be too quick to dispose of them. If you have veggie or flower seeds you don't intend to plant again, bring them to share with others who may want to try them out.

So, do you think it's finally time to get your hands dirty? Wherever one inquires 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 tell of 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, what are you waiting for? Why not give it a try and get the feeling right here in Greenfield? Call Diane Boilard at 547-6662 for more details. We'd love to sign you on for an early bird start next Spring.

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-

2009 GREENFIELD ANNUAL WINTER CARNIVAL

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH & 7TH

Look at the fun you can have by bringing your family to the Greenfield Winter Carnival. There's something for everyone; a teen dance, a pancake breakfast, historical displays, games, a cardboard sled race, stories, hot cocoa, skating, ice fishing, lunch at the lake, a cross-cut cutting contest, and an awesome chili dinner.

Here's the schedule of events so that you won't miss out on this great time!

FRIDAY

WINTER CARNIVAL KICK-OFF

TEEN DANCE

7:00-11:00 PM.

At the Meeting House

Limbo Contest! Snacks & Soda will be sold
Admission is \$2 plus an item for the food bank

SATURDAY

8:00 - 10:30 A.M.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST & TOURS

AT THE FIRE STATION

Come on in and fill up on a wonderful pancake breakfast put on by our own local fire and rescue department personnel.

There will be tours of the Fire Station for all who are interested.

9:00AM TO 12:00 P.M.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OPEN

COME SEE OUR NEW/OLD DISPLAYS

10:30 - 3:00 P.M.

LAKE ACTIVITIES

Bring your skates and sleds. Dress warm. Ice Fishing Demo & Instructions, Ice Skating, & Games.

11:30A.M. to 1:00P.M: LUNCH held at the Crotched Mountain Lakeside Community Center at Sunset Lake.

*Events at lake are weather permitting.

12:30 P.M.:CROSS-CUT SAW LOG CUTTING CONTEST

Two-person log cutting competition. If you think you have what it takes to win this contest, get yourself over to the lake and show us what you've got.

12:30-2:30

BOARD GAMES ALL AGES

1:00 P.M.: Stories w/ Mrs. T. & crafts, Cocoa at the Meeting House
(children need to be accompanied by an adult)

1:30-2:30

CARDBOARD SLED RACE

Sled Race & Cocoa at the Greenfield Inn Parking Lot.
Kids, Teens & Adult Age Division Races!

Sled Building Instructions:

Make your sled from a cardboard box, large or small, we take them all! Use duct tape to hold it all together!

Decorate it! Be creative!

Let's see what you can come up with!

Questions?

Call Katherine Heck at 547-2450 or
Dorene Adams at 547-2706. (G.E.S.P.T.O.)

6:00 P.M.

CHILI COOK-OFF

All Chili Cook-off Entries are due
at the Meeting House at 5:30 P.M.

Chili Entry Instructions:

To enter your chili, please sign up by
calling Agneta Brown at 547-2023
and leave a message.

Chili Cook-Off Dinner

Don't miss the grand finale of the carnival put on
by the GIVers. Bring your family and vote for
the best chili of the day.

The doors open to the Public at 6:00 P.M
Admission is an item for the food bank.

WINTER CARNIVAL

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storm. Also any other things that happen in the community such as club meeting, PTO, births, weddings, events of little league, and so on. We can't be at all these occasions so we need the help of the community to keep a record of what happens in Greenfield and things that Greenfield citizens do.

The museum is closed now until late spring. If you need to do some research or have out of town guests that would like to visit the museum, that can be arranged by appointment. Contact Lennie Cornwell 547-2198 or Jane Winslow 547-2759.

We are looking forward to hearing from you.

Lennie Cornwell, president 547-2198

FITNESS FUSION CLASS FEBRUARY 21ST - MARCH 28TH

Need help reaching your fitness goals for the New Year? Bored with your current exercise routine? Fitness Fusion is for you! This one hour class will incorporate Classic Floor Aerobics, Strength Training and Stretching. Fitness Fusion is a great way to increase your cardiovascular fitness, strength and flexibility. Sign up today to enjoy the camaraderie and fun of working out in a group led by Fitness Professional Heather Boucher. All fitness Levels Welcome.

Location: Greenfield Meeting House
Time: Saturdays, 8:00am-9:00am
Cost: \$48.00

Pre Registration Required

To register call the Town Office at 547-3442

LET'S "PAWS" FOR ANIMALS

J. (Romanelli) Renaud

Watch out for deer! They love to run across Forest Road just north of the cemetery.

If you ever thought about feeding wild birds, this is the time to do it - it is very difficult for them to find natural food now. Remember, though - it's a commitment! If you do it, keep them up and filled until April 1st.

The ASPCA reports that the top ten substances that poisoned animals in 2008 included human medications, insecticides and rodent bait, and certain house plants. At this time of year, folks also need to be careful of anti-freeze - it smells and tastes good to animals, but is highly toxic.

Top Ten Cold Weather Tips (ASPCA - <http://www.asPCA.org>)

1. Keep your cat inside. Outdoors, felines can freeze, become lost or be stolen, injured or killed. Cats who are allowed to stray are exposed to infectious diseases, including rabies, from other cats, dogs and wildlife.
2. During the winter, outdoor cats sometimes sleep under the hoods of cars. When the motor is started, the cat can be injured or killed by the fan belt. If there are outdoor cats in your area, bang loudly on the car hood before starting the engine to give the cat a chance to escape.
3. Never let your dog off the leash on snow or ice, especially during a snow-storm-dogs can lose their scent and easily become lost. More dogs are lost during the winter than during any other season, so make sure yours always wears ID tags.
4. Thoroughly wipe off your dog's legs and stomach when he comes in out of the sleet, snow or ice. He can ingest salt, antifreeze or other potentially dangerous chemicals while licking his paws, and his paw pads may also bleed from snow or encrusted ice.
5. Never shave your dog down to the skin in winter, as a longer coat will provide more warmth. When you bathe your dog in the colder months, be sure to completely dry him before taking him out for a walk. Own a short-haired breed? Consider getting him a coat or sweater with a high collar or turtleneck with coverage from the base of the tail to the belly. For many dogs, this is regulation winter wear.
6. Never leave your dog or cat alone in a car during cold weather. A car can act as a refrigerator in the winter, holding in the cold and causing the animal to freeze to death.
7. Puppies do not tolerate the cold as well as adult dogs, and may be difficult to housebreak during the winter. If your puppy appears to be sensitive to the

weather, you may opt to paper-train him inside. If your dog is sensitive to the cold due to age, illness or breed type, take him outdoors only to relieve himself.

8. Does your dog spend a lot of time engaged in outdoor activities? Increase his supply of food, particularly protein, to keep him-and his fur-in tip-top shape.
9. Like coolant, antifreeze is a lethal poison for dogs and cats. Be sure to thoroughly clean up any spills from your vehicle, and consider using products that contain propylene glycol rather than ethylene glycol. Visit the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center for more information.
10. Make sure your companion animal has a warm place to sleep, off the floor and away from all drafts. A cozy dog or cat bed with a warm blanket or pillow is perfect.

Other Animal Notes:

- ◆ Can you make the grade as a responsible cat owner? If so, contact Kitty Rescue & Adoption in Jaffrey (<http://www.kittyrescueandadoption.org>)
- ◆ 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

WINTER COURSES OPEN FOR REGISTRATION AT THE SHARON ARTS SCHOOL OF ART & CRAFT

Creative Learning Opportunities for Students of All Levels - New Instructors join, and New Programs are Offered; Specially Designed Youth and Teen Programs Continue
Sharon Arts Center, a non-profit arts organization, is pleased to announce that registration is open for all winter courses and programs at the School of Art & Craft in Sharon. It's the time of year where artists of all ages and skill levels throughout the region gather for conversation, inspiring workshops and winter-long courses.

NEW COURSE OFFERINGS:

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New instructors and new opportunities are part of the Sharon Arts Winter course line up, featuring courses led by: painters Jinghua Gao Dalia and Laurel Jamieson; stamp-making workshops with Karen Puls of Dublin, NH; metal-smithing armor classes with Eryk Jadaszewski of Dublin, NH and so much more!

YOUTH AND TEEN PROGRAMS: The new winter course schedule also features specially designed offerings for youth and teens:

- **AFTER SCHOOL ART CLUB AND CLAY CLUB** for 3rd through 6th grade students who want a meaningful way to spend their "beyond school" time.

- **THE HOMESCHOOL ARTVENTURE PROGRAM**, now in its second year, is designed to focus on exploration and learning about the art process while providing a supportive peer environment.

- **THE SCHOOL VACATION WEEK ARTVENTURE PROGRAM**, taking place during the week of February 23 – 27, offers either a morning or all day session. The theme of the program is "Artful Mysteries and Magic."

- **TEEN TIME @ SHARON ARTS** – a series of 8 weekly after school art intensives for teens with a focus on fiber, print-making, and glass.

CONTINUED COURSE OFFERINGS:

The Winter session will continue to offer opportunities for beginner and advanced students as well as both day and evening courses. There are various subjects to choose from including Clay, Decorative Arts, Digital Photo & Design, Drawing, Fiber, Glass, Jewelry, Natural Arts, Painting, Printmaking and Woodcarving. A complete listing of winter courses and workshops is available on the SAC web site (www.sharonarts.org). Course catalogs can be found at the Sharon Arts Downtown Galleries and other community locations throughout the region. Sharon Arts is also happy to mail course booklets by request. For additional information contact the Sharon Arts School of Art & Craft at (603) 924-7256 or register@sharonarts.org.

The mission of Sharon Arts Center, a non-profit organization, is to support and serve artists and craftspeople, to engage the community in the artistic

process, and to foster the relationship between artists and the community through education, exhibitions, the promotion and sale of art and craft, as well as through special programs and events. Sharon Arts offers a wide variety of art classes and programs in the school facility in Sharon, NH, and has an Artists' Resource Center (selling art supplies), a Fine Craft Gallery, a Juried Member Artist Gallery, and an Exhibition gallery in the Depot Square facility. For more information on Sharon Arts, and current exhibitions and events, please visit www.sharonarts.org.

Sharon Arts is sponsored in part by the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts and the Grimshaw-Gudewicz Charitable Foundation.

NH STATE DIVISION OF FOREST AND LANDS ANNOUNCEMENT

Several state parks, state forests, and state trail areas in the southern part of New Hampshire have been closed to protect the safety of visitors. Authorized under Administrative Rule Res 7301.07 (b) (3), the closures are necessary to allow time to inspect and clean up the properties and assess the damage to roads, bridges, dams, and trails.

The affected state parks and state forests are:

Property Town (s)

Monadnock State Park: Jaffrey

Greenfield State Park: Greenfield

Kingston State Park: Kingston

Miller State Park: Temple

Rhododendron State Park: Fitzwilliam

Annett State Forest: Rindge

Russell-Abbott State Forest: Wilton & Mason

Temple Mountain State Park: Temple

Low State Forest: Hillsborough

Northwood Meadows State Park: Northwood

Monadnock Branch Rail Trail: Jaffrey & Rindge

Casalis State Forest: Peterborough

Totten Trails State Forest: Henniker

Haven State Forest: Jaffrey

Vincent State Forest: Weare

Woodman State Forest: Northwood

All other trails in southern NH should be

considered hazardous and trail users should use extreme caution.

These DRED properties will remain closed until further notice.

Assessing Ice Storm Damaged Trees

Not knowing whether to send snow or rain, Mother Nature covered much of the state in a glaze of ice reminiscent of the ice storm of 1998. We learned many lessons from that storm, the most important- trees and forests recover from damage, so don't panic, be safe and seek professional help.

The best advice is a word of caution: Removing large trees or limbs is dangerous. Don't climb a ladder with a chain saw. Don't climb into a damaged tree. Never touch any tree near electrical wires. Assess your particular tree situation carefully and watch for safety hazards. Most tree work needs to be done by professional arborists, especially when the work requires climbing or the tree is leaning against another tree or structure. If you're going to work on your trees yourself, make sure you have the skills and the right safety gear.

Hire an arborist: Trained arborists are aware of proper pruning and removal procedures and can reduce the chance of further damage to the tree. Check to see that they are certified and ask for certificates of insurance, including proof of liability for personal and property damage and worker's compensation. Also, request local references and get more than one estimate.

Prevent additional damage: Later, you may want to prune the damaged trees to improve appearance and reduce additional hazards. If the top has been broken, the tree should be pruned back to a strong side branch. Damaged branches should be pruned back to the branch collar.

Hire a forester: If you own large acreage, contact your County Extension Forester or a licensed forester to assess the damage, and then salvage the trees if needed. Over time, damaged trees may develop decay and discoloration. As long as it is safe, there is no need to rush. You have more than a year to act before you lose wood to discoloration and decay.

Brad Simpkins, Interim Director of the NH Division of Forests and Lands

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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. Spend some time visiting with other parents while your child plays with other children their age.

The storm cancelled the announcement of the Ladybug Picture Book Award winner for 2008. The book with the most votes from NH children in preschool through grade 3 was *When Dinosaurs Came With Everything* by Elise Broach. It received 3,344 votes out of 19,518 total votes! Thank you to everyone who voted. Interested in joining a Lego Club? Once we have a supply of donated Legos we'll start meeting and creating. See Mrs. T. if you are interested in joining the club or donating some Legos.

VACATION WEEK ACTIVITIES:

Come in from the cold for a vacation family story time to be held on Monday, February 23 at 2:00 p.m. Stories and a craft (for preschoolers through 2nd grade) will warm you up! Please join us!

A "magical" vacation week includes a program of *Magic for Nonbelievers* by Peter Boie on Wednesday, February 25 at 2:00 p.m. Be amazed as Peter makes items appear out of nowhere and items torn apart are repaired. This program is for all ages.

On Friday February 27 at 2:00 all young magicians are invited to a Magicians' Roundtable where admission is one trick to teach the group. Bring any materials you need to show the trick and teach others so everyone goes home with new ideas to practice. The program is designed for 4th grade and older. Adults also welcome to display their magical talents. For more information please see Mrs. T.

READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY IS MONDAY, MARCH 2!

Spend some time reading with your children on this day and join millions of other people reading too! This day is sponsored by the National Education Association with a particular emphasis

on reading and remembering beloved Dr. Seuss. Mrs. T. will be available from noon to 8 p.m. this day to stop and read some Seuss with anyone who asks!

TITLES FOR HOMESCHOOLING PARENTS:

When Kids Can't Read by Kylene Beers
Seeing the Whole Through Social Studies by Tarry Lindquist
Reading Don't Fix No Chevys by Michael Smith
Reading Essentials by Regie Routman
Making Sense: Teaching & Learning Mathematics With Understanding by James Hiebert

TITLES FOR YOUNG CHILDREN:

Wow! I'm Reading! By Jill Hauser
Math Play! By Diane McGowan
Making the Most of the Preschool Years by Valerie Bendt
Fun With My Five Senses by Sarah Williamson
The Mudpies Activity Book : Recipes For Invention by Nancy Blakey

LIBRARY INFORMATION AND GROUP MEETINGS

THANK YOU TO: Generous patrons have donated several titles from the Adopt-A-Book tree. We always have a wish list going so please think of us when remembering a birthday or anniversary. A book adopted in someone's name keeps giving to many readers for many years. Donna Smith has donated numerous videos and books to the children's collection. Also thanks to Putnam Ercoline and Jarvis Adams for help during our roof leaking episode after the storm.

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: Drop in to see Colton and Bow Smith's Lego creations. If you have a collection to share, please let us know!

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.

NEW BOOKS

THE HOUR I FIRST BELIEVED	Wally Lamb
DIVINE JUSTICE	David Baldacci
CROSS COUNTRY	James Patterson
SISTERS, INK	Rebeca Seitz
DEWEY	Vicki Myron
SCARPETTA	Patricia Cornwell
KNIT TWO	Kate Jacobs
THE CATCH	Archer Mayor

ONGOING BOOK SALE: Looking for used books at great prices? Our ongoing book sale will be held each Friday from 3pm to 5pm downstairs. The sale will be managed by Friends of the Library.

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

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service. Patrons will phone in their requests and a delivery schedule will be arranged. Please call the library with any questions. 547-2790 Monday - noon to 8pm Wednesday - 10:30 to 8pm Friday - 10:30 to 8pm

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 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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.

The Library provides many services, materials and programs. How much would you need to pay out-of-pocket if you purchased books, movies and other library services in stores? Use this calculator to find out! You will be surprised and hopefully more aware of what a value we provide.
<http://www.nhlibrarians.org/calculator.html>

Drop in and check something out! Even more important, come and support us at town meeting! We cannot continue to provide programs and resources for you without the funds to do it!
Gail & Chris

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reminds homeowners to be safe, "The trees and forests will recover. It is important people take care of themselves, first".

If you have questions about your trees contact your County Extension Forester. Visit www.nhwoods.org or call 1-800-444-8978 to learn how to contact your forester and for safety, contract and pruning information.

Don't forget to look at your trees in the spring and summer: Some damage may not be immediately apparent. Hidden cracks may cause branches to droop when leaves come out in the spring. Stem decay, as well as cracks, may lead to structural loss, causing the tree or large branches to become hazardous. Root damage may not be evident until

twigs or branches in the upper crown begin dying after two or three growing seasons.



Becoming an Outdoors-Woman (B.O.W.) is a chance for women age 18 or older to learn outdoor skills they can use in fishing, hunting and other outdoor pursuits -- presented in a fun, supportive environment in the company of other women. Co-sponsored by the N.H. Fish and Game Department and the N.H. Wildlife Federation, New Hampshire's B.O.W. program has been

teaching outdoor skills to women since 1994. Events offered include:

- * Fall B.O.W. weekend workshops feature classes in archery, fly-fishing, spin-casting, firearms use, camping, back-packing, nature photography, canoeing, kayaking, map and compass, outdoor survival and much more.

- * A one-day winter B.O.W. workshop encourages participants to get out and enjoy the great outdoors during the cold months, with classes on ice fishing, snowshoeing, snowmobiling, winter survival skills and "shoe and shoot."

- * Other specialty workshops at varying skill levels are offered from time to time to go "Beyond B.O.W." These include an intermediate level fly-fishing weekend.

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JUST FOR FUN

80'S SONGS PUZZLE

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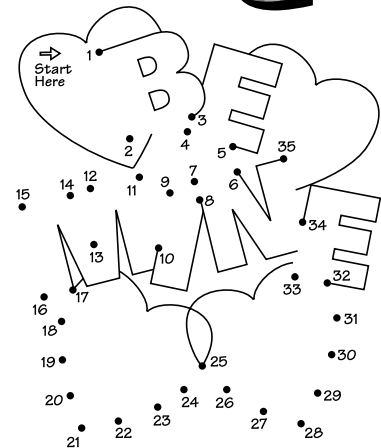
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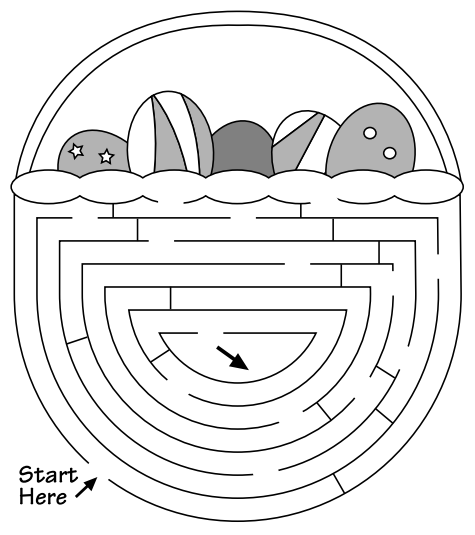
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connect the dots



MAZE



WORD SCRAMBLE

Feelings

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Answer

RECYCLING CENTER NEWS

Well! This certainly has been an interesting winter so far! With no electricity for extended periods of time since December 11, we all learned how to survive without electricity and with generous help from each other. A big thanks goes out to all residents who muddled through with us at the recycling center while we had no power for ten days. Your patience and sense of humor were greatly appreciated by us as well as your help and patience.

As you may have heard, the prices for recycled material has been at an all time low during the last few months. This is a result of the global economic down turn, and there really is nothing we can do about it except ride the tide until it turns. However, even if we have to pay to get rid of recyclables, there is still a substantial cost savings to the town by not putting recyclables into the trash. We continue to save an average of 75.00 a ton on every ton of recyclable

material that doesn't go into the trash. That's not as much of a savings as is realized when we are paid for materials, but it is still significant. The vendors that take our recyclables are still picking up the materials, so we are still saving money and easing the impact on the environment. The town of Greenfield is part of a recycling cooperative that enables us to get the best prices for getting rid of recyclables. So, keep up your good work with recycling as much as you can, and we will keep you informed about any changes in the recycling market.

The days are slowly getting longer, and in a couple of months we'll be talking about mud season and sugaring. Let's keep our chins up!

The staff of the recycling center.

Matt, Pat, and Danni

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For registration materials, more information, scholarship details and photos of past workshops, click here to visit www.nhbow.com. Many more people apply for these sessions than can be accommodated, so be sure to sign up early. Exact class offerings vary from year to year and season to season.

During open registration periods, applications are accepted only by mail or delivered in person to the N.H. Wildlife Federation, 54 Portsmouth St., Concord NH 03301 (phone 603-224-5953).

Fall B.O.W. weekend workshop --
Sept. 11-13, 2009

Registration for the fall weekend workshop takes place in June 2009. N.H.'s fall BOW weekend is a great chance to get into the outdoor action in the company of other adventurous women. Choose from skills sessions on archery, fly-fishing, spincasting, firearms use, camping, backpacking, nature photography, canoeing, kayaking, map and compass navigation, mountain biking and outdoor survival. Each participant attends 4 sessions during the weekend. Fall BOW is held in the beautiful setting of Rockywold /Deephaven Camps in Holderness, N.H., with cozy cabins set on the shores of Squam Lake. Cost: \$295 (includes workshops, food and lodging).

Beyond BOW-- Intermediate Fly-Fishing Weekend --
September 25-27, 2009
Purity Spring Resort in Madison, N.H.

For women with some fly-fishing experience who want to become more confident fly-fishing on their own. The weekend covers the finer points of casting -- accuracy, timing, shooting the line; reading the water and then picking a proper fly and knowing how to cast it; and what to do when you catch a fish -- playing and releasing. Participants will have the opportunity to fish both still and moving water. The weekend cost of \$275 includes meals, lodging, materials and instruction. Participants must be at least 18 years old. Course description is posted at www.nhbow.com when available. A registration form will be posted at www.nhbow.com after registration opens in July, or call (603) 271-3212 in July to request an application by mail. Class space is limited, and registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.

GET INVOLVED IN B.O.W. -- It might change your life! B.O.W. activities are for you if you've never tried them before and want to learn; if you're a beginner looking to improve your skills; if you're familiar with some outdoor activities but want some new challenges; or if you're simply looking for the camaraderie of like-minded women. (Though B.O.W. is designed primarily for women, the program is an opportunity for anyone 18 or older to explore new outdoor interests.)



ADVANCE NOTICE

**Celebrating
"100 Years of Volunteers"
The Greenfield Fire & Rescue
Department**

**100th Anniversary
Parade & Muster Celebration
Saturday & Sunday
July 18th & 19th, 2009**

Sat. at Oak Park

7:30-10 breakfast

9am Vendors & events

11am Parade Downtown

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

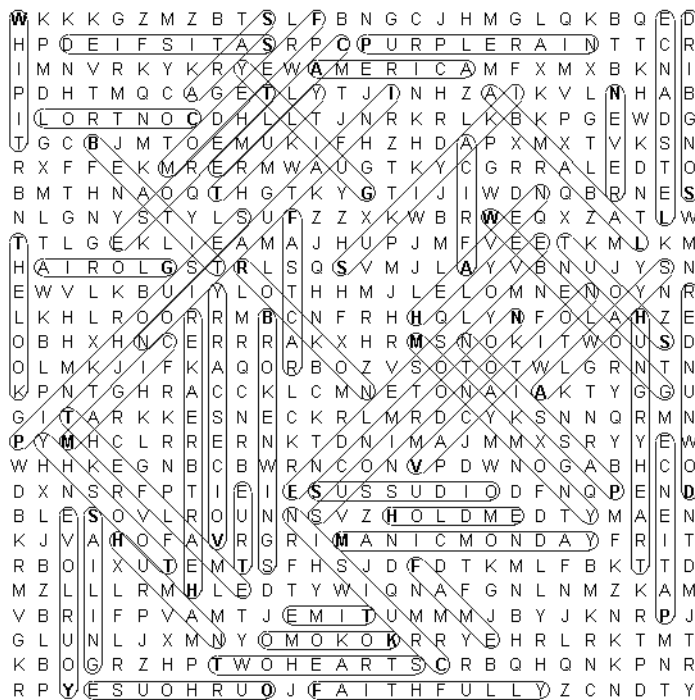
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Lunch

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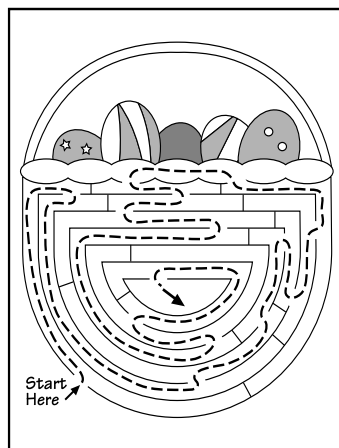
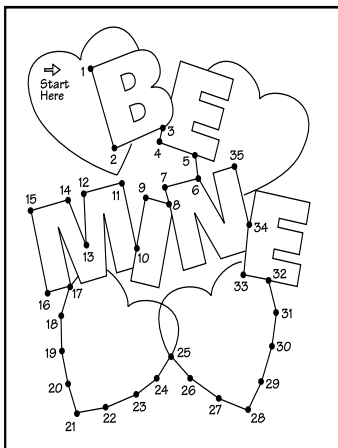
If you'd like to sponsor an issue of the Greenfield Spirit, please call Deb at 547-3442. We now have a sign-up form for those who want to do it. The cost is low, and it's a great way to get the word out about your business or group, as well as an easy way to support your community.

JUST FOR FUN ANSWERS



Word Scramble Answers:

Shy, Glad, Tired, Upset, Sleepy



754 FOREST ROAD FIRE VICTIMS FUND

On January 26, 2009 a fire destroyed a house in Greenfield on Main Street and left 3 families displaced. The Town of Greenfield has set up an account at Ocean Bank for the families of this fire. Anyone who would like to make a donation to these families please send checks to:

The Town of Greenfield
PO Box 256
Greenfield, NH 03047

The funds will be promptly deposited to the account on a daily basis if necessary.

For any further information as to what donations may be needed please contact either Debra Davidson at the Greenfield Town Offices 547-3442 or Reverend Dan Osgood at the Greenfield Congregational Covenant Church 547-3626.

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.

Sponsored by

The Greenfield Congregational Covenant Church

Ministry Office: 12 Depot Drive, PO Box 341

Office hours: M, T, W, F 9am to noon

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

website: greenfieldchurch.org

Sunday Worship Services 10am

ALL ARE WELCOME!

BOARD OF SELECTMEN AGENDAS AND MINUTES ONLINE

Go to the town website at:

www.greenfield-nh.gov/

Click on Administration.

Look for a link for the agenda.

THE IMPORTANCE OF WETLANDS

Wetlands are the link between land and water and are some of the most productive ecosystems in the world. Some common names for different types of wetlands are swamp, marsh and bog. Depending on the type of wetland it may be filled mostly with trees, grasses, shrubs or moss. To be called a wetland, an area must be filled or soaked with water at least part of the year. Some wetlands are actually dry at certain times of the year!

Wetlands have many important functions that benefit people and wildlife.

- * Provide habitat for a wide variety and number of wildlife and plants

- * Filter, clean and store water, and act like kidneys for other ecosystems

- * Collect and hold flood waters

- * Absorb wind and tidal forces

- * Provide places of beauty and many recreational activities

Other names for wetlands include: muskeg, moor, fen, carr, dambo, mangal, vlei, bayou, slough, pocosin, prairie pot-hole and vernal pools. Each type of wetland has characteristics specific to their part of the world.

Wildlife

Wetlands provide extremely important habitat for a wide variety of wildlife - mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish and invertebrates like crabs, crayfish, dragonflies and yes, mosquitoes. Some animals live their whole lives in wetlands and others depend on wetlands for essential parts of their life cycle such as breeding sites. Wetlands provide:

- * An extensive and complex food chain used by animals from alligators to zebra butterflies, salamanders, snakes, snapping turtles, marsh hawks and mink.

- * Nesting sites and rookeries (places where birds that live in colonies nest together) for: red-winged blackbird, marsh wren, wood duck, herons, egrets, pelicans

- * Spawning and nursery habitat for fish such as: striped bass, mangrove snapper, flounder, sea trout.

- * Resting stopover sites for migratory birds, including: Canada goose, peregrine falcon, whooping crane, indigo bunting.

- * Shelter and hiding places from predators like marsh hawks and raccoons for

prey animals like rabbits and frogs

- * Homes and travelways for beaver, otter, bear, bobcat, muskrat.

- * Clean drinking water for all wildlife and people

Wetlands also act like sponges by holding flood waters and keeping rivers at normal levels. Wetlands filter and purify water as it flows through the wetland system. Plants found in wetlands help control water erosion.

Types of Wetlands

MARSHES

Marshes are areas with shallow water that are mostly grasslands. Marshes can be freshwater or saltwater and the amount of water in a marsh can change with the seasons and in the case of salt water marshes, can also change with the tide.

Plants

Freshwater marshes have soft stemmed and herbaceous plants, like grasses, shrubs and wildflowers. Plants found in saltwater marshes include reeds, grasses and shrubs like rushes, sedges, and saltbush.

Animals

Marshes are home to a variety of animals, including beavers, alligators, newts, shrimp and turtles.

Soil

Marshes have soil with low mineral content.

Location

Freshwater marshes often occur along the edges of lakes and rivers. Saltwater marshes occur along coastlines, inlets and estuaries where they are affected by tides, and often have a source of fresh water from surrounding land, rivers or ground water.

SWAMPS

Swamps are slow moving streams, rivers or isolated low areas with more open and deeper water than marshes.

Plants

Swamps have trees (for example, cypress trees in freshwater and mangrove trees in salty water) and woody shrubs rather than grasses and herbs. [Papyrus can be the main plant in African swamps.]

Location

Swamps are found in low-lying areas near rivers or coastal areas. Examples include the Everglades in Florida.

Soil

Swamp soil is poorly-drained and water logged.

Animals

Swamp wildlife includes alligators, snakes, a variety of insects, bobcat, beaver, large diversity of birds and river otter.

BOG

A bog is a fresh water wetland, usually formed in an old glacial lake with a spongy peat base. Most of the bog's water comes from rain. A fen is a fresh water peat wetland covered mostly by grasses sedges, reeds, and wildflowers of high pH (alkaline) ground water.

Soil

Bogs have soil that is low in nutrients.

Plants

Evergreen trees and shrubs, and a floor covered by a thick carpet of sphagnum moss. Some species of carnivorous plants are also found in bogs.

Animals

There are only a few animals that are found in bogs. These include, red deer, Dragonflies and birds such as grouse and plover.

Threats

The United States has lost over half of the wetlands in the lower 48 states and the losses continue at an estimate of over 60,000 acres per year.

The life supporting importance of wetlands was largely unrecognized in the past. People drained, dredged, dammed and channeled wetlands, eliminated or converted them into dry land or filled them for lakes and water retention areas - changing wetlands into cropland, pasture and subdivisions, mining the underlying resources, destroying insect life, filling in for road beds or flooding them for open water lakes, and using them for dumping grounds for waste and sewage.

Legal Status/Protection

In the United States some wetlands are regulated under the Clean Water Act and the Rivers and Harbors Act. Some states and counties also have wetland protections. Internationally, the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance recognizes significant wetlands and works to conserve them.

Greenfield Tradespeople: To include your FREE Business listing, call 547-3442

Aaron Chacos Carpentry
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