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PUBLIC NOTICE

WINTER PARKING BAN

By order of the Selectboard, 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, 2016 - April 1, 2017. This is to allow plowing of the streets during snowstorms.

*Per order of the Greenfield
Selectboard*

NEWS FROM THE SELECTBOARD

Most former selectmen will attest that the budget is the hardest part of the job. It's a constant challenge to balance the retention of a valued work force, fund necessary town services and keep the tax rate as low and stable as possible for taxpayers.

All year long we keep revenues and expenses in mind as we make individual decisions on purchases, expenditures, and how to wisely spend our savings. This past year, the Selectboard - through our department heads - scoured the countryside for good-value used equipment and tried to maximize the income side of the ledger. But inevitably, once a year we have to square the books and ask Town Meeting to approve a budget.

For 2017, we face increased insurance and retirement costs, and rising expenses over which we have no control, but this past year we also enjoyed some increased revenues. The last few years of adding to our Capital Reserve Funds is beginning to pay off in helping keep the tax rate steady. When all the juggling was said and done, we have arrived at a proposed budget that will be presented at the Budget Hearing on Tuesday February 7th in the Selectboard meeting room.

Right now, it adds 29 cents to the town's portion of the tax rate (an increase from \$8.99 to \$9.28). On a Greenfield home valued at \$200,000, the tax increase would be \$58 per year - or \$4.83 per month. You can estimate the cost to yourself: Take the value of your home, divide by 1,000, and multiply the answer by \$9.28.

That will get us a new cruiser, fix the library foundation and keep the wheels of government turning for another year. It means dipping into our savings a little, but building repairs are what we have been saving for. We could lower the tax rate a little more by using more of our savings, but that would endanger our future tax rate stability. Conversely, if we hang on to our savings, more would have to come from taxpayers, but it would provide a bigger buffer to next year. The Selectboard feels the proposed budget is the right balance.

We worked hard at the budget this year - not only at 'budget time' but all year long - and we are indebted to our entire team, from Town Administrator to Department Heads, Office Manager, Town Treasurer and Tax Collector for their constant attention to detail and the bottom line. Finally, thanks to the Budget Advisory Committee for their careful scrutiny and advice.

We feel we have a great team, and we are confident that your tax money is in good hands.

2017 BUDGET HEARING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH
TOWN OFFICE
SELECTBOARD'S MEETING ROOM
6:30 pm

TOWN DIRECTORY

TOWN OFFICES

GREENFIELD SELECTBOARD

Executive Selectboard meetings are **Tues. at 5:30pm every week unless otherwise posted.**

Selectboard: Margo Charig Bliss, Chair
Stephen Atherton Jr., Robert Marshall
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

Inspections 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: Conrad Dumas Tel: 547-2621
Email: cedumas2@yahoo.com

PLANNING BOARD

Meetings: 2nd & 4th Mon. at 6:00pm
At the Town Offices. Normally the 2nd Mon. meeting is for hearings and the 4th Mon. meeting is for other business.
Chair: Paul Renaud Tel: 831-9823
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 Sat. from 9:00am to 12:00pm
Town Clerk - Dee Sleeper
Tel: 547-2782
Email: greenfieldnhhc@myfairpoint.net

TAX COLLECTOR

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

OTHER DEPARTMENTS

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Roads Division Manager:

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

Buildings & Grounds Division Manager:

Rick McQuade
Email: DPWbuildings@myfairpoint.net

STEPHENSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Tues 2pm to 6pm, Wed 10am to 8pm,
Thurs 2pm to 8pm, Fri 2pm to 6pm,
Sat 10am to 4pm
Tel: 547-2790

Director: TBA

director@stephensonlibrary.org
youth@stephensonlibrary.org
Circulation/General Questions
circulation@stephensonlibrary.org

Monthly meetings at the library
Library Trustees 1st Wed at 6:30pm
Friends of the Library 3rd Wed 7:00pm

RECYCLING CENTER

Hours: Tuesday 8:00am to 12:00pm
Thursday 1:00pm to 7:00pm
(Thurs hours changing Nov 1st to 1-5pm)
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
Chair: Norm Nickerson - 547-3592

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Chair: Gil Bliss - 547-3606

TOWN MODERATOR

Gil Bliss - 547-3606

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Chair: Ken Paulsen - 547-2180

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. by appt.
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 BURN PERMITS

To obtain a Fire Permit
Please call one of the following:

FIRE WARDENS

David Hall, Deputy FW2	547-2222
Jeff LaCourse, Deputy FW3	582-3289
Michael Borden, Deputy FW4	547-0437
Chaz Babb, Deputy FW5	562-0545

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief: Brian Giammarino
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.

GREENFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

WINTERS OF THE PAST

Compiled by Lenny Cornwell

Newspaper articles are a pretty good resource for viewing life in the past. As this is an article appearing in winter, a look back at some activities of town life in winters past recorded in the newspapers and directly used here gives us a glimpse of work and leisure long ago.

DECEMBER, 1878: Greenfield has shipped 3,100 barrels of apples on the Wilton and Peterborough railroads. In 1880, there was not much ice around Boston, so the Boston Ice Co. was cutting ice on Pollard Pond (Otter Lake) and shipping it on the railroad.

JANUARY, 1891: New street lights are a great improvement. Guess some of the boys are out after 10 PM and need the light if reports are true.

In town - 28 widows, 4 amiable spinsters, 11 bachelors, 15 widowers.

FEBRUARY, 1891: [There is] a dark circle where the new clock will sit in the steeple of the Meeting House.

MARCH, 1893: Talk of a narrow gauge railroad from the station to Bennington, Antrim, Stoddard and Washington with a branch line to Frankestown and the summit of Crotched Mountain.

At town meeting, \$100 to beautify town common, 161 names on the checklist, 15 articles, and a vote to see if town will raise \$1,000.

JANUARY, 1895: Horses broke through the ice at Zephyr Lake along with some men who fell onto the horses' backs after more ice broke. No serious injuries !

1897 brought lots of tramps to town. James Hill, the officer charged with overseeing them, said 70 tramps had been served at the town's expense by February of 1897.

1898: A New Ipswich man sued several towns in Hillsborough County for not having Guide Boards in the towns telling directions to other towns. It ended up in Superior Court in Manchester. Greenfield and Peterborough lost. Greenfield was fined \$35. The man was paid \$300 in each instance because the towns did not maintain signboards according to state law. He also sued other towns in the state.

Whiting hired a lot of townsmen to harvest ice. This is good

as there is not much work in the winter for some.

FEBRUARY, 1898: A huge snowstorm of two days shut down all travel. Even the railroad had a hard time getting through. The 8:13 AM train arrived at 4:45 PM with 2 engines following a snowplow which also had 2 engines. No such storm had ever been seen since March of 1888.

Charles Wood just returned from the Klondike and its gold fields. He gave a lecture at the town hall and it was very interesting and well received by all who attended. Charles knew a lot about this country we know very little of.

MARCH, 1898: At town meeting, a snow roller was approved to be bought for \$75, \$100 to build a house for the winter hearse, \$25 for Memorial Day, \$800 for highways, and \$1,000 for town charges. The meeting was quiet and voters good natured compared to former years.

1899: Ladies jackets on sale - \$10 to \$5, \$7.50 to \$4, and \$5 to \$3.

Spring suits (I guess men's) - \$20 to \$15, \$17.50 to \$13.50.

MARCH, 1899: D.W. Burnham bought 120 books and placed in the library, which now has 650 volumes. (In a clipping from 1965, it was noted that the library was where the 5th and 6th graders classroom was located - in the basement of the school, now the Town Offices building .) Anna McCanna was the first librarian. At the town meeting, there was an article to put a watering tub with water from the railroad tank to the 4 corners. Greenfield Grange turned 25 in March.

PLEASE NOTE ~

The Greenfield Historical Society is most appreciative of the community support shown during 2016 ! Your generosity, and willingness to contribute and showcase your culinary talents made several events (the 225 Celebration, On Blueberry Hill - our commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the hybridization of the highbush blueberry), and an Olde Fashion Christmas extra special.

CALENDAR: The GHS Board of Directors meets monthly at the Museum on the second Thursday of most months at 6:30 PM.

The Museum is open on the last Saturday of every month, except December, from 10 AM until noon. To arrange a visit at other times, simply call Lenny at 547 - 2198. Visitors, both local and from afar, are surprised at what they discover in the Museum and barn. Stop by for your own discoveries.

MEMBERSHIP: To join this very active organization, or to renew your membership, please contact Dale at 547 - 3377.

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This is also the perfect time to check about whether your employer matches charitable/ non-profit organization donations. If so, your donation to the Historical Society would be enhanced.

SHOPPING: If you use Amazon for your shopping, don't forget to click onto the Amazon Smiles program which contributes to the GHS. And, remember, the Museum also has gifts for the "discriminating shopper" !

CONTACTS: E-mail: Reach us at ghsociety@myfairpoint.net, Facebook: www.facebook.com/GreenfieldHHS

GENEALOGY: Is this the year you are going to pursue your family lineage? The GHS has underwritten the Heritage Quest computer site at the Stephenson Memorial Library. With just a library card, you are able to trace your family history on-line, all from the comfort of your home!

OPPORTUNITY: The GHS depends upon the philanthropic nature of individuals and businesses to off-set its Internet expense. For more information about how you can help, please contact Dale at 547 - 3377.



**FROM THE
RECYCLING CENTER**

Valentine's Day is fast approaching which always seems to make us think of spring and the projects that we have planned. February is a quiet month but come March, our enthusiasm will rise in anticipation of warmer weather.

We will turn the clocks ahead as of March 12th giving us longer days to start those projects. As you do this, please ask where your items need to be deposited and remember some items have a fee for disposal. If we are not visible to you, please open the door and give a shout. We are always happy to help you and answer any questions you may have.

WINTER HOURS: Tuesday 8am - Noon, Thursday 1pm - 5pm and Saturday 8am - 4pm.

SUMMER HOURS begin APRIL 1st.

WINTER PROBLEM: PLEASE DO NOT CLEAR YOUR CARS OF SNOW AT THE RECYCLING CENTER. We do our best to keep the snow cleared and the ground sanded. Our intention is to keep the Recycling Center safe and easy to use for everyone. Please help us keep it that way.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE: Collections will resume in the spring in Keene.

TAKE NOTICE: NO metals are to be deposited into the metal container **WITHOUT** permission. Restrictions on the contents have changed and we are responsible for the contents. The brush pile is open. A new brochure is now on line which contains more information.

PLEASE

**Attend Town Meeting on March 18th @ 9am at the
Meeting House
Come and support your local town departments!**

REMINDERS: No parking between the orange cones by the compactor area. You must have your load checked for items outside of normal kitchen trash and recyclables. Most likely there will be a charge involved and you must have your own muscle power to unload heavy items.

REMINDERS: The following will insure we can achieve the most lucrative results for the town.

- All trash must be in bags and tied closed.
- **ALL METALS and BRUSH MUST BE CHECKED** - yes, the brush pile is now open. Bear in mind if you are doing a land clearing project, we are not capable of handling that volume of brush.
- Mini Mall/Library all items must be checked. Children frequent these areas with enthusiasm, therefore everyone is responsible to help keep these areas safe and clean.
- Plastic, Steel/Tin cans, Aluminum cans, Corrugated Card board - If it has ridges it is corrugated!
- Vegetable and nut oils: We process vegetable oils as well as nut oils. We also take used motor oil - sign at door explains the restrictions.
- Lawn mowers and bicycles - the season will start again when the snow is gone for good.
- Demo/Construction debris/ Bulky Waste, Electronics, Tires, appliances and appliances with Freon - Must see attendant. FEES applied.

We strive to make your time at the center an enjoyable and productive experience.

Carol Burgess and the Recycling Center staff.

*Happy
Valentine's Day*

STEPHENSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

New Director Soon

Library Contact: 547-2790, director@stephensonlibrary.org
T 2-6, W 10-8, Th 2-8, F 2-6, Sat 10-4, Closed Sunday-Monday
 The Stephenson Memorial Library is a not-for-profit public library.

At the time of this submission, Ms. Julie is still here, finishing up (and her ghost is writing this)....Hopefully, by the time you are reading this, a wonderful, new library director has taken the helm and great things are happening. Ms. Julie's gift to her successor is that these events are already planned, so don't miss the opportunity to meet our new director and share with him/her all the joys of our beautiful library.

Please join us for these events!

SKYWATCH presented by the NH Astronomical Society has been postponed. Stay tuned.

ARMCHAIR TRAVEL: Steve Farrar's National Parks series continues the second Wednesday of each month at 7 pm in the Wensberg Room

- Wednesday, February 8 - Eastern U.S.
- Wednesday, March 8 - Southern California & Pacific

WORD ORIGINS with Dan Wolaver - Thursday, February 16 at 7 pm

What's the connection between a set of dentures, an indentured servant, and a dandelion? What do "umbrage" and "umbrella" have in common? Don't a microphone and a megaphone achieve the same thing? Why do we put up our "dukes" to fight? Word origins help make these connections and open a world of sleuthing for us every day. What fun to discover that nightmares are related to a hen hatching an egg! Dan Wolaver is a retired engineer who has always been asking "why." His father sparked his interest in words by telling him about "dandelion."

WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS! - Friday, March 10 at 6 pm at the Meetinghouse

Celebrate the end of winter reading by meeting an Arctic Fox! We will also award brand new bikes to two outstanding young winter readers, as part of our Winter Reading program. (Many thanks again to the Benevolent Lodge in Milford for this wonderful donation in support of children's literacy.)

WINTER LEARNING Our Winter Reading and Learning program is underway. If you haven't registered, be sure to stop by the library and get your Library Challenge BINGO card for a chance to win great prizes, even a new bike!

MONTHLY BOOK DISCUSSIONS

We have monthly children's book clubs for Pre K - Grade 7. We also have two adult book clubs that offer daytime and evening meeting times. Please visit our "Book Club" display at the library to see titles and times for all of our groups.

RECURRING EVENTS:

- **Writers' Group** - Every Tuesday 3 - 6 pm in the Wensberg Room
- **Preschool Storytime** - Every Wednesday at 11 am
- **Greenfield Watercolor Collaborative** - Every Wednesday at 6 pm
- **Makers Club** - Legos, 3Doodlers, Snap Circuits and more - Every Thursday at 4:30 pm
- **Click Clack Knitters** - Every Thursday 3:30 - 5 pm
- **Adult Coloring** - Every Friday 3 - 5 pm

When in doubt, give us a call at 547-2790 or email director@stephensonlibrary.org. As always, our events are FREE and open to the public.

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 Email: info@cvtc-nh.org Visit: www.cvtc-nh.org

Think Spring!



LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL

Over the last 20 years, the stone and mortar foundation that supports the original (1909) library structure has been failing, and the failure has drastically progressed.

Specifically, when we have rain or high snow-melt, water freely leaks through the old foundation, making much of the building's basement unusable, and threatening to cause even more damage to the foundation itself. Over the last several years there have been various proposals to correct this problem. However, none has found a consensus on either the specific way forward or a means for paying for it.

In 2016, the Trustees took the bull by the horns, and resolved to get the problem fixed in 2017.

The first step was to level the playing field and make sure all bidding contractors were on the same page. To that end, the Trustees hired an engineering firm to study the problem and recommend a course of action. The study was expensive but the Trustees decided to use monies from the Library's Merrill trust fund to pay for the study to avoid any impact on the taxpayer.

The study was very thorough, (You may have seen the test pits being dug last summer to check the soils and foundation). The report included two specific recommendations: 1) how to best fix the problem, and 2) how to create a bid proposal so interested contractors would all have the same specs and info when preparing their bids.

The request for bids went out this past fall and five companies responded by the dead line. The library trustees invited the Selectboard to join us to review the bids. The final selection of the winning bid will be completed soon, when we finish checking on the backgrounds of the contractors of interest.

A warrant article regarding this project is included in the 2017 Town Warrant. We hope we will have your support. The last two years have shown the value of an active engaged Library. It's a town jewel that needs to be protected and maintained both for you and for Greenfielders of the future.

Bruce Dodge
Chairman
Board of Library Trustees



GOOD CITIZENS OF GREENFIELD, HELP!

We're a bunch of aging retirees known as the Greenfield Independent Volunteers (GIVers). We were launched with the mission to "Volunteer in the Service of Greenfield", and we've been diligently pursuing that mission for more than 14 years.

For those who might not know what we do, we're into all sorts of things. We hang and water the summer flower baskets on the downtown light poles and replace them with wreaths and lights in the winter. We put on the Annual Chili Cook-Off, and we scramble up free firewood, winter fuel subsidies and holiday gifts for Greenfielders in need. We have established a successful Community Garden and made gifts like the new flagpole in Oak Park for the Town's 225th and the Maltese Cross sign above the front door of the GFD. We even organized and put on the Town's annual Memorial Day Parade and Celebration.

So? What if the GIVers folded? For us that's painful to contemplate, but, after aging 14 years and failing to recruit younger blood, we will have no other choice. It's regrettable that our Town will be left without a community-oriented volunteer organization like the GIVers. Think of it. Who would hang and water the summer flower baskets, who would put up the yuletide decorations, who would hold the Chili Cook-off, who would give extra help for the needy, and YIKES! Who would organize the Memorial Day Celebration the way the GIVers have?!

Do you think that the GIVers and their mission are worth preserving? If you do, please explore joining us. Just give Neal Brown a call at 547-2023 or e-mail him at neal.agnetta@glsynthesis.com

Thanks for your interest and support.
Neal Brown, President, The GIVers.

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

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- Mileage reimbursement is available



To learn more about our **Volunteer Driver Program**

Call, toll-free: 1-877-428-2882, extension 5

To learn about **Monadnock Rideshare**,

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

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



THE FIRE CHIEF'S CORNER

Winter greetings from the Fire Department... it's that time of year when we take stock of what was accomplished in the previous year. The first order of business is the numbers for last year. We were a little less busy than the previous year, we did 301 calls... 48 less than 2015. These numbers still greatly exceed our comparably sized neighbors who are doing more like 150 to 180 a year. As in other years medical calls still made up about two thirds of our calls... in 2016 we did 190 medical, 90 fire calls and 21 motor vehicle accidents (which are both fire and medical). Another metric of interest is where our calls came from: 203 were calls throughout the town, 80 were to Crotched Mountain Rehabilitation Center (CMRC) and 18 were mutual aid to our neighbors. CMRC's numbers were significantly down from the previous year. In 2015 we went to CMRC 143 times as compared with 80 this past year. In 2015 CMRC constituted 41% of all calls, this past year 27%. The 90 fire calls were a mixture of alarm activations, smoke (without active fire) in a building, trees on wires, chimney fires and brush fires. There were 4 calls for structure fires. Thanks to the prompt response system we now have in place, 3 of these fires were caught early and contained by fire extinguishers or even a garden hose while awaiting the arrival of our fire trucks. The fourth fire was a working basement fire that we were able to contain and extinguish before it swept through the house resulting in a successful "save" of the home. Clearly our long hours of training are paying off!

2016 was a good year in terms of equipment replacement and upgrade. We were able to replace our oldest (1985) fire engine with a used 1993 ladder truck. Although not new, this meticulously maintained ladder truck, carries twice the water as the engine it replaced and gives us the added utility and safety of an aerial device. Speaking of used equipment, we replaced all of our about to expire airpack bottles at a fraction of their retail price, saving the Town nearly \$20000. We replaced our ageing cardiac monitor/defibrillator with a state of the art unit that was entirely paid for (to the tune of \$32000) by fund raising. No tax dollars whatsoever were used! And then there was the issue with the "jaws of life". Our mid 1980s jaws were no longer reliable and the cutting tool had to be taken out of service. We have been responding for the last year or so with a borrowed cutter from a neighboring town. We were very fortunate to have been able to buy new tools with year-end money. The new jaws should be here next month and we will be able to return the borrowed cutter.

Although several of our members moved on in 2016, we also added a couple of new members. Overall our roster is down from the previous year, we now have 19 members. Several of our members went to school and increased their

knowledge and value to the department. Captain Borden, Chris Borden, Dave Simmons and EMD Dave Martin all became EMTs. There are two more that are waiting to test out. Garrett Prince and Pete Censabella completed their Firefighter II training. Garrett and Pete are enrolled in the fire science program in Laconia and will be getting their EMT this semester. Congratulations to all our successful graduates!

And last but far from least, we have been able to continue our unbroken string of call responses. Every small town misses a call here and there (and eventually we will too) but we made it a matter of pride and a top priority to improve our call response a couple of years ago. We want to extend our unbroken string for as long as we possibly can. The last call we missed was on Thanksgiving morning 2014. Since then we have responded to nearly 700 consecutive calls without a single miss. We continue to take great pride in this record!

So that's all for now... until next time. And please remember, we are here 24/7 and stand ready... for all of you.

*Thank you,
David Hall, Fire Chief*

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!

Serving the Community since 1791

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547-3626 • greenfieldchurch.org

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

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Lindagray09@gmail.com

603-801-8002



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**Ad rates and sizes are available from
the Town Office.**

SPIRIT 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



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.Blogspot.com>

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SCOUTS

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

Boy Scouts: Mike Borden -
cmrconstservice@gmail.com

Girl Scouts: Ruth Bergmann -
billruth1267@msn.com



GIRL SCOUTS



Boy Scouts of America





GREENFIELD'S ANNUAL WINTER CARNIVAL Saturday, Feb. 4th

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8-11am Fire Department Breakfast, \$3-\$8, Car Wash by donation

10-12 Historical Society is open! Stop by for a visit.

10-12 Greenfield Clothes Closet is open at the Ministry Center on Depot Drive

10-3 Sunset Lake Activities, Sponsored by The Greenfield Trails Assoc.
Dress warm. Bring skates, sleds & snowshoes. Hang out at the campfire and visit with friends. Enjoy some hot cocoa and a lakeside lunch.
Donations accepted.

10-4 Library is open!

11-2 Meeting House, Inside Board Games!
Sponsored by The Greenfield Congregational Covenant Church.
Hot cocoa and snacks. Bring your friends and play a variety of games!
Build a Snowman on the Meeting House lawn.
Weather permitting.

2:30 Cardboard Sled Race for all ages! At the Greenfield Inn.
Sponsored by the G.E.S. P.T.O. Arrive by 2:15 to register. Park along the road side or at the Meeting House and walk over.

Please note:

The G.I.V.ers Annual Chili Cook-Off has been postponed until February 25th at the Meeting House at 5:30 pm.

Sled Race Instructions:

- Build a sled w/cardboard and duct tape.
- Decorate your sled! Wear costumes!
- Race categories are kids to adults.
- Arrive at the Inn by 2:15 to register.
- Race starts promptly at 2:30.

All events are subject to change and dependent on weather conditions.

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