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THE GREENFIELD GET TOGETHERS

2nd Thursday of each month
10 am to Noon

Coffee, tea, and homemade goodies
Come meet your neighbors!

EVERYONE WELCOME

Held at the Greenfield
Congregational Covenant
Church Ministry Center
12 Depot Drive
Greenfield

For info, call Evelyn 547-3556

MUSIC ON THE COMMON

SUMMER FUN FROM THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT!

MUSIC LINE-UP FOR THIS YEAR'S Music on the Common



Starting July 9th
The Skip Philbrick Band
Rock & Blues



July 16th
Robbie O'Connell
Irish Ballads

July 23th
Off the Cuff
Jazz, Swing, & Blues

July 30th
Gutzy Right
Country



August 6th
Mary Maguire Band
Swing, Bluegrass, & Country

August 13th
The Boogie Men
Rock & Roll



August 20th
Hunt and Allison
Folk

August 27th
Mottau, Drew and Clark
Blues-Folk Mix

All concerts will be on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm.

Bring a blanket or a chair to sit on.

Jimbo's Jumbo's will be here again for hotdogs and drinks.
The Boy Scouts will be on hand selling ice cream and cold water.

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



SCHOOL IS ALMOST OUT!
WATCH FOR CHILDREN
PLAYING!



The Greenfield Spirit

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To submit articles to the Spirit:

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

Sponsor the Spirit

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

Ad rates and sizes are available from the
Town Office.

DEADLINES

July 1st for the Aug/Sep Issue.

September 1st for the Oct/Nov Issue

November 1st for the Dec/Jan Issue

January 1st for the Feb/Mar Issue.

March 1st for the Apr/May Issue.

May 1st for the Jun/Jul Issue.

SPIRIT DEADLINE

July 1, 2013

for the Aug/Sep Issue

**Will cover events between
August 1 to September 30, 2013**

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

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

greenfieldnhbos@myfairpoint.net

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

TOWN DIRECTORY

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

DIAL 911

POLICE/FIRE/AMBULANCE
DIAL 911 or 352-1100

TOWN OFFICES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Executive Select Board meetings are **every other Thursday at 4:30 pm unless otherwise posted.** Select Board: Rob Wimpory, Chair, Karen Day and Debra Davidson
Aaron Patt, Town Administrator
Email: greenfieldnhbos@myfairpoint.net

Town Offices open: Mon.-Thurs 9:00am to 5:00pm. Closed to the public on Friday.

Please call if you need an appointment during closed hours.

Catherine Shaw, Accounting & Webmaster
Tel: 547-3442 Fax: 547-3004
Email: greenfieldnhacct@myfairpoint.net

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Norm Nickerson, Chair
Call 547-3592

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Insp's by Appt/as needed
Inspector - Mike Borden 547-0437
Email: mbordenbi@gmail.com

CONSERVATION COMMISSION AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

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

DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS

DPW Director: Tim Murray
Tel: 547-3504
Email: greenfield.nh.dpw@myfairpoint.net

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Business Mtg. 1st Tues of month at 7:00pm
Training 2nd & 3rd Tues of month at 7:00pm
Officer's Meeting 4th Tues of month at 7:00pm
Chief: Loren White H: 547-6874
Cell: 562-5007
Emergency Dispatch: 352-1100 or 911
Email: ldw13@myfairpoint.net

FOR BURN PERMITS CALL:

Deputy Fire Wardens:
Lennie Weeks, 547-2206/325-2838
Al Burt, 547-3839/533-9967
Jim Morris, 831-8562
Chad Murray, 831-4977

STEPHENSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Wednesday 10:30am to 8:00pm
Thursday 11:00 am to 6:00pm
Friday 10:30am to 4:00pm
Saturday 10:00am to 2:00pm
Librarian - Gail Smith Tel: 547-2790
Monthly meetings at the library
Library Trustees 1st Wed at 7:00pm
Friends of the Library 3rd Wed 7:00pm
Email: stephensonlib@myfairpoint.net

PLANNING BOARD

Meetings: 2nd & 4th Mon. at 7:00pm
At the Town Offices. Normally the 2nd Mon. meeting is for hearings and the 4th Mon. meeting is for other business.
Chair: Bob Marshall Tel: 547-3350
Email: bmarshall11@myfairpoint.net

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

RECYCLING CENTER

Hours: Tuesday 8:00am to 12:00pm
Thursday 1:00pm to 5:00pm
Saturday 8:00am to 4:00pm
Stickers for residents at the Town Office.
Supervisor: Carol Burgess Tel: 547-8617
Email: greenfieldnhrecycling@myfairpoint.net

SCHOOL BOARD REP: Myron Steere
547-3332

TOWN CLERK (Registrations)

Mon. 6:00pm to 7:30pm
Thurs. 9:00am to 12:00pm
Thurs. 6:00pm to 7:30pm
1st & 3rd Sat. from 9:00am to 12:00pm
Town Clerk - Dee Sleeper
Tel: 547-2782
Email: greenfieldnhct@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 - **NEW**
Email: greenfieldnhtaxes@myfairpoint.net

WELFARE DEPT.

Welfare Director: Leah Fiasconaro-Conway
Walk-in Hours: Weds- 5:00pm to 7:00pm
Email: greenfieldnhwelfare@gmail.com
For Appts: 547-3442
Emergency assist: Call Police at 547-2525

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

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

BOY SCOUT FUNDRAISER

Boy Scout Troop 271 would like to offer the community the opportunity to participate in a Christmas tree pre-pay this year. The Scout Troop will be making a bulk order of beautiful #1 6.5'- 8' balsam fir trees for a Saturday, November 30th pickup at the town common. The cost will be \$35 each. To pre-buy your tree now, please call Mike Borden at 547-2025 anytime. Your tree will be available on November 30th for pickup.

The scouts will also be serving a pancake breakfast that morning from 8-10 am. The cost will be \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children with a cap on families. So come and make a morning of it and participate in this fundraiser for the Boy Scouts. For more information, please call Mike Borden at 547-2025. We look forward to serving our community and hope to hear from you. Thank you. Troop 271.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

The town history tells us how the Greenfield Historical Society was formed in 1973 and incorporated in 1973 as well. Later, in 1975, John Brodie, then of Winrose Farm on the Francetown Road, gave a talk at the May meeting on the topic of the "History of Printing". He presented each member with a numbered packet of articles pertaining to colonial American history. Recently, one of these packets appeared at our Board of Directors meeting. It had been left with Adele Hale by Peter Hopkins. The packet is a great artifact to add to our collection.

One of the goals (besides the preservation of town history) in the early days of the Society was to find a place to house all of the archival items and artifacts. Forty years later, we have such a place in our museum and the barn.

Such facilities may be more than the original members envisioned or perhaps the buildings are what they had in mind.

Someone as early as the late 1800's was keeping track of some town history. Apparently this person was whomever the news correspondent to the local paper happened to be. References are made once in a while to the "Town Historian". Or, the by-line of "Yours truly, the Correspondent" is affixed. Weekly news columns were an important way for people to learn of town happenings and the well-being of the residents. A lot of these newspaper clippings were cut, dated and saved by someone. They provide a very good historical record and an invaluable research tool for us.

There were also a number of family lineage papers collected in town by various community members. Most of these pre-date the formation of the Historical Society. Again, it was someone having a vision who kept all of this information independently. There may have been an informal "historical group" in town to collect and preserve such information for the future.

In some years, the Annual Town Report had a Town Journal section in which various town activities were mentioned, as well as the construction of new houses and their owners. Other years included a count of how many wells there were in town and the depth of the water in these wells.

After several years of serving on the Board of Directors, Lennie and Diane Weeks are leaving. Diane has acted as our Treasurer for some time. Lennie, most recently our Vice-President, was very instrumental in getting the barn project underway. He was particularly interested in having a suitable storage location for the 1928 fire truck: such a storage site was one of the goals of the Society's founders. We appreciate the service of Lennie and Diane.

Please remember that the Museum is open on the last Saturday of the month

from April through September from 11 AM to 1 PM. Other appointment times to see the Museum may be arranged by calling Lenny at 547-2198. To become a member of the Society or to renew your membership, contact Jane at 547-2198.



RECYCLING CENTER NEWS

Summer is about to begin! Many activities, vacations, visiting family and friends, and local day trips will be taking place in the next few months. While enjoying these events, remember to recycle all you can.

SUMMER HOURS:

Hours: Tuesday 8am - Noon, Thursday 1pm - 7 pm, and Saturday 8am - 4pm. Please be mindful of start and ending hours for each day.

Household Hazardous Waste: Collections have started again in Keene. Remember you MUST take your items to Keene! A copy of the schedule is available at the Recycling Center for your convenience. Please ask about the items you may have and together we can plan what disposal options are available for you.

A few quick reminders: Containers must be rinsed and clean. This is a safety and health issue.

USED OIL: Please leave caps on the empty containers, as we will continue draining the last drops inside. Thank you for your contributions.

METAL CONTAINER: Please have all your metal items checked before leaving them. There are metals we recycle separately for the town.

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

ELECTRONICS: Remember fees are associated with the disposal of these items.

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GREENFIELD RECREATION

Call 547-3442 for more info.

JOIN YOUR LOCAL FITNESS PROGRAM!

TOWN OF GREENFIELD, NH

Step and Sculpt Classes!

New Session Starts June 4, 2013



8 Week Session

Classes begin with a warm up followed by 35 minutes of low impact step aerobics and a body toning workout using light hand weights. Classes end with a full body stretch.

WHEN: TUESDAYS

TIME: 5:30PM - 6:30PM

PLACE: GREENFIELD MEETING HOUSE

COST: \$55.00 PER 8 WEEK SESSION

BRING: HANDWEIGHTS (2-5 LBS DEPENDING ON YOUR FITNESS LEVEL), EXERCISE MAT AND BOTTLE OF WATER.

STEPS ARE PROVIDED. WEAR COMFORTABLE WORKOUT ATTIRE. SNEAKERS REQUIRED - NO STREET SHOES PLEASE!

**TO REGISTER: CONTACT AARON PATT AT THE GREENFIELD TOWN OFFICE. 603.547.3442
MONDAY - THURSDAY 9 TO 5PM**

Note: Step classes will be ongoing throughout the year in 8 week sessions

SUNSET LAKE BEACH

Sunset Lake Beach will reopen for supervised swimming on June 17, 2013

**General Hours of operation:
Everyday 12:00 Noon - 5:00 p.m.**

SWIMMING LESSONS AT THE BEACH

2013 "LEARN-TO-SWIM" American Red Cross Youth Swim Lessons

WHO: Youth, ages 4 and up

WHERE: Sunset Lake Beach. Resident lessons are free. Non-Resident fee is \$30 per child, per session, Non-refundable.

WHEN: One six week session is offered this summer.

TIMES: 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. (adjustments may be made at the discretion of the lifeguard)

**June 24th - July 30th
Monday - Tuesday each week**

American Red Cross (ARC) Swimming Lessons are offered by age and ability level. American Red Cross certified Water Safety Instructors (WSI) teach lessons. Each swimming lesson session consists of 10 classes, including safety program, rules, and ability assessment day. The WSI reserves the right to transfer students to the proper class level, which will be determined once your child is observed in the water. Our goal is to make every effort to conduct lessons at the lake. Lessons will be cancelled if it is raining heavily or any thunder and/or lightening present. This is at the discretion of the guard staff. An adult **MUST** accompany children during lessons for safety reasons. Please have your child(ren) on time so lessons can run smoothly. Children will need a towel and sunscreen for lessons.

REGISTRATION: You **MUST** register by contacting the Town of Greenfield, Town Administrator, Aaron Patt at 547-3442 no later than June 21st, 2013. No late registrations will be accepted. See next page for swimming levels.



See page 5 for more recreation

QUICK PRE-VIEW OF 2013 NH FAIR DATES

Stratham Fair	July 18 - 21
North Haverhill Fair	July 24 - 28
Cheshire Fair	July 31 - Aug 4
Belknap County 4-H Fair	August 10 - 11
Cornish Fair	August 16 - 18
Lancaster Fair	August 28 - September 2
Hopkinton State Fair	August 28 - September 2
Hillsborough County Fair	September 6 - 8
Rochester Fair	September 13 - 22
Deerfield Fair	September 26 - 29
Sandwich Fair	October 12 - 14

GREENFIELD RECREATION

Call 547-3442 for more info.

SWIMMING LESSONS ARE STRUCTURED AS FOLLOWS:

LEVEL	PURPOSE	COURSE CONTENT INCLUDES
Aquaduck Water Familiarization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Develops swimming readiness by teaching children how to have fun in the water * Follows Red Cross Infant & Preschool Aquatic Program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Floating and gliding * Basic movements and kicks * Safety * Floating on back and underwater exploration
Level 1 Water Exploration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Orientation to aquatic environment * Create a sound foundation for aquatic and safety skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Supported floating and kicking on front and back * Alternating arm action * Water safety rules * How to get help in an emergency * Reaching assists without equipment * Fundamentals of using a life jacket
Level 2 Primary Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Expand on fundamental aquatic locomotion and safety skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Floating and kicking on front and back * Rhythmic breathing * Combined stroke on front and back * Turning over front to back, back to front * Reaching and extension assists.
Level 3 Stroke Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Increase swimming skill competency * Practice safety and rescue skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Fundamentals of elementary backstroke * Jumping into deep water with life jacket * Diving from floating raft * Treading water * Self-rescue skills * Rescue breathing
Level 4 Stroke Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Develop confidence and competency in strokes and safety skills beyond preceding levels * Introduction of breast stroke and side stroke 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Deep-water bobbing * Dive from side of floating raft from stride and standing position * Breast stroke and side stroke
Level 5 Stroke Refinement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Continue refinement of front crawl, back crawl, crawl, elementary back stroke, breast stroke, and side stroke * Introduce butterfly, surface dives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Alternate breathing * Swimming underwater * Butterfly * Open turns of front and back * Diving safety
Level 6 Skill Proficiency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Develop maximum efficiency and endurance for strokes * Introduce surface dives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Alternative kicks for treading water * Throwing rescues * Turning spinal injury victim face up * Approach stroke

SCOUTS

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

Boy Scouts: Mike Borden -
cmrconstservice@gmail.com

Girl Scouts: Ruth Bergmann -
rbergmann@nhbb.com

Have a Great Independence Day!





Janet's Planet

Info & Tips on Pets, Wildlife and Eco Issues

by Janet Renaud

Pets

All dogs in Greenfield must have a license. If yours doesn't, contact the Town offices. Also - Greenfield has a leash law. Remember - your pet's safety is at the heart of this law.

Top 10 Tips for a Lifetime of Good Health for Your Pet

1. Spay or Neuter: These safe procedures help your pet avoid cancer, reduces aggressive behavior and keeps your pet from roaming.

2. Vaccinate: if you want your pet to live a long, happy life, vaccinate your cat against feline calicivirus, rhinotracheitis and panleukopenia, as well as rabies; dogs can be protected against distemper, leptospirosis and parvovirus (and rabies, of course).

3. Please see Your Vet! You go to the doctor regularly-and so should your pet.

4. Fight Fleas: But do it safely, please! These little pests can cause big problems for your pet.

5. Prevent Heartworm: It's difficult to treat and sometimes fatal, but heartworm infection is easily prevented. Your dog should be given a blood test for heartworm every year in the early spring.

6. Get Moving! Not only will daily exercise keep your pet physically fit and mentally healthy, it helps channel aggressive and destructive behavior.

7. Battle the Bulge: Not enough exercise and too much food will cause any animal to gain weight-especially pets, who rely on you to regulate nutrition and activity levels.

8. Do a Weekly Health Check: Regular home checkups are a great way to nip potential health problems in the bud. Plus, they're as easy as one, two, three:

a. Check under your pet's fur for lumps, bumps, flakes or scabs.

b. Check your pet's ears and eyes for any signs of redness or discharge.

c. Make note of any changes in your pet's eating or drinking habits. If something seems off, call the vet.

9. Memorize the ASPCA's List of Foods to Avoid - go to ASPCA.org

10. Don't Forget Your Pet's Teeth: Check your animal companion's teeth and gums at least once a week.

Other Pet Notes

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

· For all types of pets, visit "our" animal shelter: the Monadnock Humane Society in Swanzey: <http://www.monadpets.org> or 352-9011

· You may qualify for financial help for spaying or neutering your cat or dog! Call Toll Free 1-800-990-SPAY

Wildlife

Reminder - it's Turtle Time! (May-June). Female turtles are crossing the road, seeking higher ground to lay their eggs. Please avoid hitting them and if possible, you might want to help the turtle cross the road (SAFELY, PLEASE) - but remember always to move a turtle in the direction she is headed. If she is moved back to the side she came from, she will just try to cross the road again. Turtles are often seen laying eggs on the soft shoulders of roads. The best thing to do is to leave them alone.

Here are some known crossing sites (by no means exhaustive):

· near the corner of Forest Road and Russell Station/New Boston Rd.

· Frankestown Road near the big wetlands, 1/2 to 3/4 mile from town center

· Forest Road near the Hancock line (covered bridge) and for about a mile in each direction of that area

· Forest Road near the State Park

Mosquito Alert! Do you have empty

tubs in your yard that fill up with water? That's mosquito heaven! Dump 'em out! They're bad this year! Ticks, too.

Look out for Geese! We have a least two nesting pairs of Canada Geese - one pair in the wetlands just south of the corner of Forest Road and Russell Station/New Boston Rd., and another pair in the big wetlands on Frankestown Road, 1/2 to 3/4 mile from town center. They sometimes cross the road, so please drive carefully along these stretches...and see next paragraph:

Wildlife Feeding - please do not feed wild animals (except song birds in winter). Do not feed nesting wild water birds like Canada Geese! Feeding wildlife makes them dependent on people, and that is ultimately bad news for them AND us. Folks were feeding the ones on Frankestown Road last year. People should not do that.

Song Bird Feeding - hope your seed feeders are down! For hummingbird feeders, clean and fill them freshly each day, especially when it's hot.

New Hampshire Fish & Game Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Projects - visit http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Wildlife/Nongame/projects/nongame_projects.html for some great summer projects for kids!

Selected nature observations by the week - adapted from Northern Woodlands

June - week 1: Several tiny white spring flowers are blooming: false Solomon's seal, baneberry, starflower, foamflower and sarsaparilla.

June - week 2: Beautiful tiger swallowtail butterflies are out - yellow, black and large.

June - week 3: Male smallmouth bass are guarding their eggs in the sandy shallows of lakes and ponds.

June - week 4: By now, most blue-winged teal and shoveler eggs have hatched.

July - week 1: Asian longhorned bee-

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ties begin flying on about July 4th. Report 'em! (see piece about emerald ash borer above).

July - week 2: Broad-winged hawk chicks are almost fully fledged. They often stand on the edge of the nest.

July - week 3: Basswood leaves are the top choice of porcupines in summer. Big-toothed and trembling aspen leaves are also eaten in abundance.

July - week 4: Toads are tiny, just 0.3 to 0.4 inches long when they transform into adults and leave their breeding pools.

Eco Tips

It's summer!!! Try not to use your air conditioner - open the windows! We don't have long summers in Northern New England - enjoy it while you can!

To keep gas usage to a minimum when attending summer events, join up with others and carpool. For some great things to do close to home, there's a wealth of activities in Greenfield and nearby towns like Hancock and Peterborough.

For culture, we have an award-winning summer theatre in Peterborough, great live music on the Greenfield Common as well as at the Northeast Café (and also in P'boro, Hancock, Dublin and Antrim), and much more that can be found in the Monadnock Ledger-Transcript.

For interacting with nature, not only do we live in one of the prettiest parts of the state, but we also have great ways to enjoy it (see the GCC - Greenfield Conservation Commission page), as well as activities with New Hampshire Audubon (<http://www.nhaidubon.org/>) and Massachusetts Audubon (Mass Audubon for short). Mass Audubon has activities in properties that are fairly close by - in Princeton, Mass., for example. Visit them at <http://www.massaudubon.org/catalog/> for events, as well as the Fish & Game site mentioned above.

When you take your week off, please don't go - stay! You can get a season pass (<http://www.nhstateparks.org/explore/visiting/seasonal-pass-options.aspx>) and visit state parks for canoeing and kayaking, swimming and hiking. There are so many places to hike and bike, who needs to go far? Head to Toadstool Bookstore (Peterborough, Milford and Keene) and pick up Nature Hikes in Southern New Hampshire by locals Sherman and Older and one of the AMC "Quiet Water" books, and go for it! It's less than an hour to our biggest state park, Pisgah in Winchester - a "hidden gem". Of course, we have our own state and town parks, three lakes, and the northern terminus of the Wapack Trail. Want to volunteer at the Wapack? Check out <http://www.fws.gov/wapack/> Enjoy the summer!

Recycling continued from page 3

FEES: I am still accepting the punch cards as payment, so if you have these please use them.

Thank you for your efforts and cooperation in recycling.

I will gladly answer any questions, please do not hesitate to ask, and I am always open to suggestions.

Carol Burgess
Recycling Center Supervisor

SAVE YOURSELF A TRIP!

In many instances, what you are looking for is on the Town Website at:

www.greenfield-nh.gov/

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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Conservation Commission: This committee is involved with the protection of Greenfield's natural resources. If you have an interest in conservation and protecting the natural environment, you may call, Carol Irvin at 547-2037.

Fire Department: Greenfield has an all volunteer fire and rescue department. We are very fortunate to have this department in town because if we didn't, these services would have to come from another town resulting in a longer time before they were actually on the scene. For more info, call Loren White at 547-6874.

Givers: The Greenfield Independent Volunteers are a group of interested residents who partner with the town to assist the community to meet its needs such as the wood bank, the community garden, decorating the light poles, keeping flowers watered, raising funds for needed items, and much more. For more info, call Neal Brown at 547-2023.

Historical Society: The Historical Society is involved in finding and preserving Greenfield's historical artifacts and in educating the public on Greenfield's history. For more info, call Lenny Cornwell at 547-2198.

Oak Park Committee: This committee plans events that produce income to support the development of the park. For more info, call John Hopkins at 562-6690.

Recycling Committee: This committee is involved in research and support for the Recycling Center. For more info, call Diane Boilard at 547-6662.

Technology Committee: This committee will assure current technology is considered for current and future needs of the town and its residents. For more info, call Mark Long at 547-2784 or 617-538-8678.





Greenfield Trails Association

45 Longwood Drive, Greenfield, NH 03047

Contacts: Shannon & Judy Surdam (603) 566-9548/John Hopkins (603) 562-6690

Arline Guinn (603) 547-5581/Mike Teitsh (603) 801-4445

greenfieldtrailsassociation@yahoo.com

"RESPECT the trail..."

My Favorite!

Arline Guinn, GTA Secretary

I am often asked, "Why is mountain biking your favorite?" I think quickly, "It's fun. It's challenging. It's exciting. It's a great workout." While mountain biking is all of those things, a deeper answer exists. When I ride, everything extraneous disappears. I literally have to shelve the day away and focus on the trail in front of me~ whether navigating a particular nasty, rocky section, or leaning into a tight switchback, or flowing downhill on a smooth singletrack. There isn't any room for any other problems, little or big to think about. And for the split second I let my mind wander back to them, I am literally setting myself up for failure, and failure can mean falling, and falling is like taking a bat to the legs~ a sharp reminder to stay focused! So after a few hours of challenging my wheels, laughing and playing on the trails, I can easily return to homebase, and pick up that shelved day with a fresh mindset, renewed eyes, and sometimes even a clean slate.

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

Greenfield Clothes Closet

12 Depot Drive

Open Saturdays, 10:00 am - Noon

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

All proceeds go to the Food Pantry.

Greenfield Community Food Pantry

12 Depot Drive

Open Saturdays, 10:00 am - Noon

Food is available to anyone in need.

To Donate Food:

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

The Food Pantry and Clothes Closet are sponsored by
the Greenfield Congregational Covenant Church

Ministry Office: 12 Depot Drive, PO Box 341

Office hours: M, T, and F from 9:00 am to noon

Phone: (603)547-3626

Email: gccc@greenfieldchurch.org

website:greenfieldchurch.org

Sunday Worship Services 10:00 am at

Crotched Mountain Rehab. Center

ALL ARE WELCOME!

SPIRIT SUBSCRIPTION

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The Spirit may also be found on the Town website at
<http://www.greenfield-nh.gov/> in PDF form.



CONSERVATION TRACKS

News of Conservation Doings

About the Greenfield Conservation Commission (GCC)

GENERAL INFO

Generally, the GCC meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30 in the Town Office building. Want to make a difference? Come and join us!

What is a Conservation Commission? According to the 2004 Handbook for NH's Municipal Conservation Commissions, it "...is the only local body specifically charged with protecting natural resources; it provides a focal point within the municipal government for environmental concerns. Without a conservation commission, other boards may or may not be aware of and consider natural resources in carrying out their responsibilities."

Current happenings...

Roadside Round-Up! - The Roadside Roundup was particularly successful this year. We collected nearly 200 bags of trash and about 90 people enjoyed the Ham and Bean dinner put on by the Woman's Club and the ice cream provided by the Planning Board. Carol Burgess will get the trash weighed, and we'll see how much we picked up - great job, folks!

Contoocook and North Branch Rivers Local Advisory Council (CNBRLAC) - Greenfield is now represented on this Council. Did you know?...Greenfield is in three watersheds: the Contoocook, the Piscataquog and the Souhegan.

Invasive Alert! We were hoping they would not come, but they did - the Emerald Ash Borer is here. There has been a confirmed multiple infestation found in Concord. It's along the river, near one of the big truck depots. Here's an adapted article:

CONCORD, N.H. - Officials from the New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED) and Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food (DAMF) have confirmed that the emerald ash borer (*Agilus planipennis*) (EAB), an invasive beetle that attacks and kills ash trees, is in New Hampshire.

A suspect tree was spotted in Concord on March 28. Insect specimens from the tree were collected and sent to scientists at the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal Plant Health Inspection Service, Plant Protection and Quarantine (USDA APHIS PPQ), who have confirmed the insect's identity.

New Hampshire Commissioner of Agriculture Lorraine Merrill says the insect's arrival was not unexpected. "We have been monitoring the emerald ash borer's eastward march and preparing for its arrival here," Merrill said. EAB now occurs in 19 U.S. states and two Canadian provinces.

Brad Simpkins, state forester with the N.H. Division of Forests and Lands, said state agencies have implemented the action plan that has been in place in anticipation of the insect's arrival. The first step will be to determine how widespread its presence is.

Simpkins says Concord residents should be prepared to see Division of Forests and Lands personnel surveying ash trees in the area in the days and weeks to come. "This work will be

critical to developing a management program for this unwelcome pest," Simpkins said. "Residents' cooperation would be greatly appreciated."

Emerald ash borer attacks and kills North American species of true ash, and tree death occurs three to five years following initial infestation. The detection in Concord is the first for New Hampshire and is the easternmost detection in North America.

Ash makes up about six percent of New Hampshire's northern hardwood forests, and it's a commonly used landscape tree.

For more information about emerald ash borer, please contact the UNH Cooperative Extension Forestry Information Center hotline at 1-800-444-8978, or visit www.nhbugs.org to learn the signs and symptoms associated with the ash borer or to report a suspect ash tree.

Did you know...

...that the Emma Gipson Forest on Slip Road is a fee-owned property of the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (fondly known as "the Forest Society")? This lovely wooded land is designated as 'forever wild'. The land stewards of the property are Janet and Paul Renaud. If you have any questions about the allowed uses, or any other question about this land, please contact Janet at jromane202@myfairpoint.net.

Selected upcoming regional events

Forest Society Events - http://www.forestsociety.org/things_todo/

"In The Company of Light": Readings from the Works of Naturalist, John Hay & Hike to picnic on Sunset Hill
http://forestsociety.org/things_todo/#event560
Saturday, June 8, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Fells and Hay Reservation, Newbury

Acclaimed naturalist John Hay was fond of hiking the hills of New Hampshire. Join Forest Society Education Director Dave Anderson for a sweet hike to spectacular views from the summit of Sunset Hill, ancestral Hay family picnic spot. Dave will read aloud from passages of John Hay's writings specifically inspired by his boyhood at The Fells, Lake Sunapee and his times exploring the farms of the former Hay

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Estate which now comprise both The Fells and the Forest Society's Hay Reservation. John's daughter, Kitty Hay, will accompany the group to share her father's philosophy and personal experiences with both her father and grandmother, Alice Appleton Hay. We'll adopt a comfortable, leisurely pace for this moderate, 2.4-mile round-trip hike that gains 550 feet to the summit. Bring your own picnic lunch. Meets at the Gatehouse kiosk at the Fells Historic Estate and Gardens on Lake Sunapee, 456 Route 103A, Newbury, NH.

This program sponsored in partnership by Society for the Protection of NH Forests and The Fells. Advance registration of \$10 per person required by May 31. To register or for more information, call 603-763-4789 x 3 or visit thefells.org. Supported by grants from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation's Wellborn Ecology Fund, and the Creekmore and Adele Fath Charitable Foundation.

Tree Identification Field Workshop

<http://forestsociety.org/thingstodo/#event551>

Friday, June 14, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Conservation Center, Concord

Join Forest Society staff foresters Gabe Roxby and Wendy Weisiger to learn some tips and tricks for field identification of many common trees in our New Hampshire woods. This workshop will take place on our Merrimack River Outdoor Education & Conservation Area where there is a good diversity of tree species. Come prepared to be outdoors!

What to bring: appropriate outdoor clothing, water

Cost: \$10 for non-members; FREE for members and land stewards/volunteers

To sign up: Use the Register button above or contact Tina Ripley at or 224-9945.

Farnsworth Hill Forest Celebration

<http://forestsociety.org/thingstodo/#event561>

Saturday, July 13

Farnsworth Hill Forest, Washington

Field Trip 101: YOU Can Lead a Guided Hike!

<http://forestsociety.org/thingstodo/#event554>

Thursday, July 18, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Conservation Center, Concord

Come learn the basics of how to lead a guided hike or nature walk on conservation land in your community. Contrary to popular belief, you don't have to be an "expert" to lead a hike...we'll teach you how plan, advertise, and pull off a successful, fun, and safe walk that will leave you wanting to do it all over again! Leading hikes and other forays is rewarding and a great way to contribute to the conservation effort in New Hampshire (the more people know about conservation land, the more likely they are to support conservation efforts!). Give it a shot!

What to bring: bag lunch, water, be prepared to go outside

Cost: Free

To sign up: Use the Register button above or contact Tina Ripley at or 224-9945.

Dragonfly Walk at the Heald Tract

<http://forestsociety.org/thingstodo/#event555>

Wednesday, July 24, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. (RAIN DATE: Thursday, July 25)

Heald Tract, Wilton

If you have ever wondered what dragonflies look like up close, here is a chance to find out! Join Land Steward Program Specialist Carrie Deegan on a fun walk to learn about dragonfly biology and see which species we can find at the Heald Tract. This walk is appropriate for children and families too.

What to bring: Come prepared to be outside, and to potentially get your feet wet!

To sign up: email Carrie Deegan at or call 224-9945.

Wooden Sign Making Workdays

<http://forestsociety.org/thingstodo/#event552>

Tuesday, June 25 and Wednesday, June 26, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Conservation Center, Concord

Learn the steps involved in creating and/or refurbishing the beautiful routed wooden property signs that grace our Forest Society reservations! We are looking for some handy and energetic folks to help stencil, route, plane, sand, stain, varnish and paint signs during this workday blitz. There is something for all interests and abilities. We will bring the music and spring for a pizza lunch - you just need to bring enthusiasm and your work clothes!

What to bring: old clothes, work gloves. If you have a belt sander or router you're willing to bring, that would also be helpful!

To sign up: email Carrie Deegan at or call 224-9945.

Monadnock Trails Week

<http://forestsociety.org/thingstodo/#event553>

July 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16

All workdays run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Monadnock State Park, Jaffrey

Join conservation professionals and other volunteers from the Forest Society and NH State Parks in restoring hiking trails on New Hampshire's Mount Monadnock! Come for one day or several, alone or with friends! Prior trail maintenance experience is very welcome but not necessary. Tasks for the week will include restoring and re-marking trails, building waterbars, improving trail tread, and constructing footbridges.

Where: meet at Monadnock State Park headquarters at the end of Poole Road at 9 a.m.

What to bring: old clothes, work gloves (if you have them), a bag lunch, and plenty of water. Trail tools will be provided!

To sign up: email Carrie Deegan at or call 224-9945.

Harris Center Events -

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

83 King's Highway, Hancock, NH 03449

Phone (603) 525-3394

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9:00am Trail Clearing Along the Harriskat Trail

10:00am Otter Brook Farm for Families

Sunday, June 2

10:00am Climbing Mount Caesar

Thursday, June 6

1:30pm Environmental Studies Institute: The History, Culture and Nature of Mt Monadnock

Friday, June 7

10:00am Senior Hike up Rose Mountain

10:00am Environmental Studies Institute: The Story and Science of Social Insects

Saturday, June 8

6:00pm Evening Paddle on Howe Reservoir

Thursday, June 13

7:00pm Forever Changing Climate, But What Does It Mean For Us?

Friday, June 14

10:00am Environmental Studies Institute: The Story and Science of Social Insects

Friday, July 5

10:00am - 3:00 p.m. Senior Hike to Otter Brook Dam

Otter Brook Dam, Roxbury

Lee Baker and Ollie Mutch will lead a moderately easy, 4-mile roundtrip hike through the Otter Brook Dam area in Roxbury. Bring water and lunch, and meet outside Ocean State Job Lot (at the intersection of Routes 101 and 202 in Peterborough) at 10 a.m. Back by 3 p.m.

For more information, please contact Lee (603-525-5262; snowman3137@gmail.com) or Ollie (978-386-5318; wapak@peoplepc.com).

7:00pm Rye Pond Paddle for Those Bloomin' Bog Flowers

Saturday, July 13

9:00am Celebrating Henry David Thoreau's Birthday on Mount Monadnock

Sunday, July 14

10:00am Tippin' Rock and Hewes Hill

Saturday, July 20

9:00am Trail Clearing on the Thumbs Up and Thumbs Down Trails

Sunday, July 21

10:00am Paddling for Eagles on Lake Nubanusit

Sunday, July 28

2:00pm Hiking Hedgehog Mountain

Bring water, snacks, and a lunch for outings lasting through noon. No dogs and no smoking on Harris Center outings. Events marked with an (F) are good for families with children in elementary grades.

Also - To participate in/volunteer for Citizen Science programs like the Ashuelot Valley Environmental Observatory (<http://www.harriscenter.org/education-with-the-harris-center/citizen-science>), contact Program Director Brett Amy Thelen at thelen@harriscenter.org or (603) 358-2065.

UNH-Cooperative Extension Forest/Wildlife events - See the link below - there are many events and workshops. Many are in Durham, but there are some nearby.

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

Focus on... Wildlife Research - (from the UNH Cooperative Extension website)

New Extension Wildlife Research

The effects of exotic shrubs on caterpillar abundance and breeding success of declining songbirds

In spring 2012, researchers from UNH Cooperative Extension and UNH Department of Natural Resources and the Environment, led by Associate Extension Professor of Wildlife Matt Tarr, will begin research to examine how exotic shrubs influence habitat for shrubland-nesting birds.

Researchers will study the relationship between caterpillars, exotic/invasive shrubs, and the breeding success of birds that use shrubland habitats. This study will be conducted on shrubby powerline rights-of-way in southeastern New Hampshire. Powerlines represent some of the largest and best remaining examples of shrubland habitat in this part of New England.

Why study exotic shrubs and caterpillars?

Caterpillars are an important food source for many shrubland birds. These birds rely on caterpillars to feed their nestlings during the breeding season.

Many caterpillars have evolved to eat the leaves from only certain native shrubs. Since exotic shrubs (such as glossy buckthorn and autumn olive) have only recently been introduced to the United States, they support fewer caterpillars than native shrubs (such as dogwoods and viburnums). UNH researchers predict that birds will have better breeding success (i.e. produce more young) in shrublands that have more native shrubs than exotic shrubs.

This study will focus on the common yellowthroat, a species of bird that breeds in shrubby thickets and uses caterpillars to feed its nestlings. This species is one of the most common birds in New England shrublands. However, populations of common yellowthroats have been declining in recent decades, along with those of many other Neotropical migrants that breed in shrublands.

See the link below for more info:

<http://extension.unh.edu/Wildlife/Extension-Wildlife-Research>

SPIRIT DEADLINES

July 1st for the Aug/Sep Issue.

September 1st for the Oct/Nov Issue.

November 1st for the Dec/Jan Issue.

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STEPHENSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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HIGHLIGHT

Friends of the Stephenson Memorial Library

Dave Buchanan, long-time friend, postcard collector, Aroostook county boy - Staffs our basement booksale on Wednesday evenings 6-8 pm and Saturdays 10-1.

Mary Ann Grant, in addition to acting as Treasurer to library trustees, performs miracles of color and hope as our garden fairy.

Valli Hannings baker & sign maker.

Carol Smith, Special thanks to our long-time Treasurer for her attention to detail. We are looking for a person with a special skill set to take her place and thank Agnetta Brown for filling this role temporarily.

Mary Ann Beard has recently registered for a workshop at the annual Trustees conference to help enrich our dedicated group.

Your Name Here ... Talents include ...

Please consider renewing your "Friends" membership or becoming a member for the first time. \$20 Annual dues for working member. Our Friends group supports programming and activities at the library and around town. Check made payable to Friends of Stephenson Memorial Library.



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Zombie Chasers Series, Kloepper (Recommended by Simon Doerr)

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Dig Into READING



Readers of all ages will explore all things underground this summer as Stephenson Memorial Public Library presents "Dig Into Reading" during our 2013 summer library program. Activities will include story times & shared picnic lunches outdoors, drop-in crafts, reading logs & prize drawings as well as our first edible book contest* and BBQ to end the summer. Dig into Reading is all about the wonders under our feet-root vegetables, buried treasure, evidence of ancient civilizations, insects, dinosaur bones, and more. SML is also happy to sponsor one of this season's summer concerts at the meeting house.

The 2013 Summer Reading Program is open to young people and their families and caregivers of all ages. Registration for "Dig Into Reading" begins on Wednesday, June 19th - Saturday, June 22. For more information call the library at 603 547 2790. Email Miss Kristin at stephensonlib@gmail.com and watch for breaking news on the library's Facebook page as well as at greenfieldHappenings.blogspot.com.

All programs are free of charge. Donations towards prizes, programming and supplies are always welcome. If you have a special underground talent you would like to share ... decoupage class, drawing, cake decorating demo, cartooning, crafting, hiking ... Please sing out.

*Find out more about edible books on Pinterest, Google and YouTube.

June -

Fri, 14, Last Day - ConVal,

Sat, 15, 11 am Dads n Donuts - Flying Things

(Sunday 6/16 Father's Day),

Week I - Root Veggies -

Wed, 19th - Sat 22nd, Sign up to Dig into Reading this summer.

Fri, 21, 12:30 Stories & Lunch, BYO Picnic to share on the lawn, First Day of SUMMER!

(Sat, 6/22 Great American Backyard Campout - Stock up on Ghost Stories, Recipes, Games & Crafts - Tells us about your campout or share pictures for an extra chance at Week I Raffle)

Week II - Buried Treasure, Gems, Minerals -

Wed, 26, 4:30 Read & Visit with Toven, Official Library Dog,

Fri, 28, 12:30 Stories & Lunch, Patriotic Parades.

July - Week III - Ancient Civilizations

Thurs, 4th, Closed Independence Day - Enjoy Your Celebrations,

Fri, 5th, 12:30 Story Picnic

Week IV - Insects/Animals Underground -

Fri, 12th, 12:30 Story Picnic

Week V - Dino Bones -

Wed, 17th Friends of the Library Meet,

Fri, 19th, 12:30 Story Picnic

Week VI - Rocks in My Head, Dirt in my pockets -

Wed, 24, 4:30, Toven Pajama Time Stories,

Fri, 26th, 12:30 Story Picnic,

Sat, 27th, 11 am Edible Books Showcase & Judging followed by Friends of the Library BBQ.

Wed, 31st, 7 pm, Pajama Stories - Last Librarian storytime until September, volunteers welcome.

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FUNDRAISING KICKED OFF FOR NEW MEETING HOUSE CEMETERY FENCE



Greenfield's Meeting House is on the National Historic Register and was featured this year on the cover of the state's local elections handbook for town officials. Behind the Meeting House lay buried some of the town's oldest inhabitants, in a cemetery surrounded by the traditional plain, white picket fence. The fence has suffered over decades through winter weather, failed paint jobs and natural deterioration of wood.

Town meeting voters approved a research project in March for replacing the fence, after temporary fixes over several years had proven ineffective. Town Building Inspector, Mike Borden, suggested a white, synthetic replacement that is virtually indistinguishable from the original wood construction.

The campaign to replace the picket fence behind the town's iconic Meeting House kicked off on Memorial Day, with cemetery trustees hoping to raise enough for a long-lasting synthetic replacement.

The public face of the fundraiser are collection bottles created by cemetery Sexton, Merrill Villmore, that are placed at the Town Office, Harvester Market, Recycling Center and Northeast Cafe. They are easily recognizable by the model white picket fence attached.

Trustees are also offering \$100 sponsorships for 10-foot sections of the fence. There are more than 700 feet of fence, creating more than 70 opportunities. Each sponsored section can bear a memorial plaque of up to 4 lines.

Those preferring to mail a donation may send it to: Greenfield Cemetery Fence Fund, c/o Cemetery Trustees, Town Office, PO Box 256, Greenfield, NH 03047.

For more information, contact cemetery trustees Gil and Margo Bliss at 547-3606.

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