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SPIRIT DEADLINE
JANUARY 1ST FOR
THE FEB/MAR ISSUE

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, 2023 through April 1, 2024. This is to allow plowing of the streets during snow-storms.

Per order of the
Greenfield Selectboard

Greenfield Police Department Renovation

Reflecting back on March of 2020 and how dramatically our world changed due to the Covid 19 pandemic, it hardly seems possible that we are almost back to normal after nearly 4 years. As a Selectboard, one of the tasks that we were challenged with was to make service and gathering spaces safe for our employees and citizens. We were required to serve the public safely and we had to practice social distancing to try to keep the virus from spreading. We had to quickly brainstorm ways we could all function and get the work of the Town completed without endangering our citizens or employees. We quickly realized that without redundancy of service and the backup of our essential people, we could end up not able to function at all. For a local small Government, with so many moving parts, that could have been disastrous but we did well and managed to watch out for each other.

As a result of all this, the Selectboard and Town Administration began to create a plan of how we might further ease congestion in the Town office and plan for the future here in Greenfield. Crotched Mountain moved out of our old Town Office building on the Francestown Rd. After their closing, we had an idea to move our Police Department into this stand-alone building and thereby open up the lower level of our Town Office to the Town Clerk. If we could do this it would make the Clerk's office much more accessible directly from the parking lot, safer for citizens by reducing crowding, safer for our employees from crowding and security standpoints, and allow the shared office space on the main level to be spread out. If we could find funding this would be a big win for the Town.

Enter the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) which came down from the State and Federal Government in the form of grant funding for all municipalities. Greenfield was allocated \$196,000. This seemed like the perfect way to execute our plan for making a safer environment and not laying the total cost burden on the Taxpayers for the new Police station/Town Clerk/Office staff relocation renovation. The Selectboard put out an RFP (Request for Proposal) and as a result received 3 bids for construction.

Our goal was to create a space that, after consultation with Chief Giammarino and his staff, would serve our community for years to come. We needed to provide handicapped accessible access, a reception area, and offices for the Chief and his staff. The bathroom needed to be updated and accessible and include a shower. There needed to be an interview area and a large meeting space for group training, which the second floor provided. The new Police station needed electrical and lighting upgrades (a big thank you to Ed Bergeron for his assistance with that portion of the project).

We are very fortunate to have amongst our citizens Iris Waite who happens to be a Mechanical Systems Designer. Iris volunteers as a member of the planning board and when approached about the project, enthusiastically volunteered to provide a design we could put out to bid. As a result the old oil fired forced hot air furnace was replaced with a state of the art mini-split heat and air conditioning system. This along with an ERV (Energy Recovery Ventilator) which brings in fresh air and conditions it before circulating it throughout the building is a huge win for the health of our employees and the public that enter the building.

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TOWN DIRECTORY

TOWN OFFICES

GREENFIELD SELECTBOARD Meetings are Thurs. at 5:30 pm every week in the Meeting Room in the Town Office unless otherwise posted.

Selectboard: Michael Borden Chair, Tom Bascom, and Mason Parker
Town Administrator: Aaron Patt
Email: townadministrator@greenfield-nh.gov
Check the town website for updates.
<https://www.greenfield-nh.gov/>

Regular Town Office Hours:

Mon - Thurs 9:00 - 5:00

Fri - closed to the public

Office Manager: Catherine Shaw

Tel: 603-547-3442 Fax: 603-547-3004

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BUILDING/HEALTH INSPECTOR

Inspections by Appt/as needed

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Tel: 603-547-0437

Email: mbordenbi@gmail.com

TOWN CLERK (Registrations)

M 2-5 pm, W & TH, 3 pm - 5:30 pm

By mail and by appointment

Office Tel: 603-547-2782 Leave message.

Town Clerk: Dorene Adams

Email: townclerk@greenfield-nh.gov

Deputy Town Clerk: Ann Setaro

Email: deputytownclerk@greenfield-nh.gov

TAX COLLECTOR

Tax Collector - Wendy Drouin

Mon 1:00 - 6:00pm, Wed 11:00 - 4:00pm

Tel: 603-547-2782 Fax: 603-547-2242

Email: taxcollector@greenfield-nh.gov

WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Welfare Director: Leah Fiasconaro-Conway

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Tel: 603-547-3442 Ext. 3

Emergency assist: Call 603-547-2525

OTHER DEPARTMENTS

CEMETERY TRUSTEES:

Mtgs 2nd Wed at 7pm - Town Offices

Chair: Roger Lessard

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Email: mtking@pobox.com

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Mtgs 4th Wed at 7pm - Town Offices

Chair: Karen Day Tel: 603-547-5606

Email: concom@greenfield-nh.gov

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Jim Morris, DPW Director

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PLANNING BOARD

Mtgs: 2nd & 4th Mon. at 6:30 pm at the Town Offices. Normally the 2nd Mon. meeting is for hearings and the 4th Mon. meeting is for other business.

Chair: David Thimmel

Email: planningboard@greenfield-nh.gov

RECYCLING CENTER

Hours: Tuesday 8:00 am to 4 pm

Thursday 11:00 am to 6:00 pm

Saturday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Supervisor: Caleb Hall Tel: 603-547-8617

Email: recyclingcenter@greenfield-nh.gov

STEPHENSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Tel: 603-547-2790

Hours: Tues 2-6, Wed 10-8, Thurs 2-8,

Fri 2-6, Sat 10-4

Director: David Bridgewater

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Mtgs - as needed

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OTHER CONTACTS

OAK PARK COMMITTEE

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Chair: Dave Thimmel

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TOWN FORESTER

NH Licensed Forester

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GREENFIELD U.S. POST OFFICE

Open Hrs: 8-11:30 am & 1-5 pm,

Sat. 8-12 pm

Tel: 603-547-3310

SPIRIT DEADLINES

January 1st for the Feb/Mar Issue

March 1st for the Apr/May Issue

May 1st for the Jun/Jul Issue

July 1st for the Aug/Sep Issue

September 1st for the Oct/Nov Issue

November 1st for the Dec/Jan Issue

EMERGENCIES

DIAL 911

**POLICE/FIRE/AMBULANCE
DIAL 911 OR 352-1100**

FIRE & POLICE

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief: Jeff LaCourse

Telephone: 603-582-3289

Emergency Dispatch:

Tel: 603-352-1100 or 911

Email: chiefjefflacourse@greenfieldfire.org

FIRE BURN PERMITS

To obtain a Fire Permit, please go to

<https://nhdfweb.sovsportsnet.net/>

or call one of the following:

FIRE WARDENS

Eugene Hennessey, F. Warden 603-718-3936

Jeff LaCourse, Deputy 603-582-3289

Michael Borden, Deputy 603-547-0437

Chaz Babb, Deputy 603-562-0545

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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Sign up for alerts: ReadyNH.gov

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Chief: Brian Giammarino

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Dispatch: 603-547-2525

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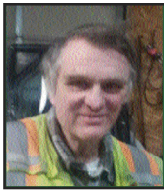
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Email text to: **GreenfieldSpirit@gmail.com**, or drop off typed articles to the Town Offices. Also, please send in photos, articles, event announcements, news of the town, poems, drawings, historical info, etc., with the name of the writer and/or photographer. Thanks!

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RECYCLING CENTER

Hours: Tues 8-4, Thurs 11-6, Sat 8-4
603-547-8617

As I write this the temperature outside is 45 degrees. The past couple days, however, we almost reached 80 degrees. One patron had even been swimming in Sunset Lake and planned to take another dip later that afternoon (remember we're talking late October here!) In fact, the three-day forecast is showing slushy snow in the very near future. I write this as a reminder to myself that preparations for snow are now a top priority at the Recycling Center. Towards that goal, I have stripped the compressors from the refrigerators and loaded the remainder into the light iron. The balance of the refrigerators in the yard still require that the contractor come and extract the refrigerant. Removing the compressors as well as the motors from other devices nets the town far more than what we would receive as light iron. Light iron currently nets the town about 3.5 cents/lb. whereas compressors pay 14 cents/lb. and electric motors pay 17 cents /lb. Some of these compressors and motors, filling 55-gallon drums, as well as aluminum, brass and copper are shown in the photo loaded in the DPW's one-ton about to be taken to the scrap buyer in Concord. In a year we typically create about 34 barrels of nonferrous metals. One memorable item we brought to the scrap yard was a long section of Public Service wire that had stretched and snapped under the strain of that Spring 3-foot snowstorm. It was all frizzled and coiled-and left behind by the utility workers. The yard attendant classified it as "irony aluminum."



I always ask how they are doing when I am at the scrap yard-it kind of gives a glimpse into the economy in general. There seems to be two times when the scrap business gets busy-when prices are high and people cash out and during a recession when people are forced to "cash in." Business in scrap has been slow for about a year even though prices have been stable. On our morning delivery, our truck was the only one bringing non-ferrous metals.

If you are bringing in large amounts of loose material destined for demo, it would be advisable to call first and see if there is room in the container. People who routinely have trailers full of demo call beforehand. Although old sofas and mattresses put on the ground are easy to move around with the Bobcat, chunks of drywall and wood scraps are not-especially with snow on the ground.

One of our patrons has dropped off an old pop-up camper and told us that if we could get some money for it, great. Just like with the aluminum boat and trailer, we are taking sealed bids if anyone wants it. The trailer frame and tires are good-the camper portion is not. Anyone interested can see me when they are at the transfer station. There is also a blue trailer parked next to it, but that belongs to the fire department and is not available.

Some clever person took a brass Chandelier put solar driveway lights into the candle holders and hung it up over the deck. With the fall evenings becoming dark, we were able to determine that the solar lights actually work. I tell people who ask that the style is "Early Colonial Modern."

Although we have had many happy endings with people able to reuse, repair or repurpose items that have come into the GRC since the last newsletter, the best one seems to be the person who took home three rather decrepit looking outboard motors and has been able so far to get two of them working. The largest one will go on his used pontoon boat (which also needs work).



On a sad note, we lost one of our regulars at the transfer station. Kent Vincent, age 71, was killed in an early morning two car crash near Granite Gorge north of Keene. He continued to work, driving a mini-bus for a school in Massachusetts. He usually came to the transfer station driving the bus. Not too long ago, I watched the bus pull up to the unloading area on a Monday. Kent saw that the windows were locked up. He looked at me perplexed and asked "Am I too early?" I laughed and replied, "Yeah, by about 24 hours!" He closed his eyes and shook his head and then said slowly: "It's not Tuesday today is it?" Although he offered to come back, I got him unloaded and he went on his way. He was soft-spoken with a dry sense of humor. I will miss him.

As always, "Keep the stuff coming!"

CJ Hall
Recycling Center Supervisor

STEPHENSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY NEWS

David Bridgewater, Director

Library Contact: 603-547-2790,
director@stephensonlibrary.org

OPEN to the public - Hours: Tues 2-6, Wed 10-8,
Thurs 2-8, Fri 2-6, Sat 10-4

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

WEEKLY EVENTS:

Wednesdays, 10:00am-11:00 Story Time

Thursdays, 3:30-5:00pm FLL Explore (Ends Dec. 2nd with Festival)

Saturdays, 10:00am-11:00am Baby Story and Play Time

MONTHLY EVENTS:

Lady Bug Book Club, Second Thursday of the Month, 3:45pm-4:45pm. K-3 students with parents invited to come and talk about the book and create a fun craft.

December 14th: Cat Problems by Jory John

January 11th: Noodle and the No Bones Day by Jonathan Gra-ziano

Teen Pizza and Book Club, Last Thursday of the Month, 6:00pm-7:00pm. Students grades 9-12 are invited to come talk about new books they've read, what's next on their reading list, and what releases they're looking forward to. Sign up in advance so pizza can be ordered.

Family Chapter Book Club, Third Saturday of the Month, 11:00am-12:00pm. Students ages 6 and up and their parents are invited to join Ella for a chapter book read aloud and discussion of each month's book.

December 16th: Castle in the Attic by Elizabeth Winthrop

January 20th: Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

SPECIAL EVENTS:

FIRST LEGO League Explore End of Year Festival: Saturday, December 2nd, 10:00am-12:00pm. Please join us in celebrating our FIRST LEGO League Explore team's season on December 2 from 10AM-Noon in the library's Reading Room. Once again, we will be welcoming another team from Temple to join us in this capstone experience, where children will be sharing all the hard work that they have put in during the fall. This year's challenge, Masterpiece, explores how we can imagine and innovate to create and communicate art.

The River Center Community Resources: Wednesday, January 10th, 10:00-11:00am. Come meet Ms. Stephanie from the River Center in Peterborough during story time to learn what resources the River Center can offer to parents and families in Greenfield!

Sheryl Faye Presents Laura Ingalls Wilder: Saturday, January 20th, 4:00-5:00pm. Join us at the Meetinghouse for a performance about Laura Ingalls Wilder's childhood and inspiration for writing.

Jigsaws:

The library now has about 75 jigsaw puzzles that have been donated. They range from a 100 piece, 4 foot tall floor puzzle through 500 piece double sided to many 1000 piece puzzles. They are for borrowing. You don't need a library card. Just come in, borrow and return when done. Easy!

Two Table Tennis Tables, Two Air Hockey Tables, and an Octagonal Pool Table:

They are in our Wensberg Meeting Room. We've offered games sessions to the children of the town with no takers (even with pizza). Perhaps a Parent/Child session with other families might work. If there is any interest please contact David at the library.

Festival of Trees:

This is taking place at the library this year so that there will be more days available for viewing.

COMMUNITY POWER PROGRAM

Community Power is a program in NH Hampshire allowing the municipality to procure electricity for its residents and businesses. The goals of this program are cost savings and increased use of renewable energy. If a plan is approved, the Town plan will automatically replace the default Eversource plan for residents and businesses that have not selected a competitive supplier. You will always have the option to "opt out" and choose some other plan!

Your thoughts on this are important. Please fill out the survey on the following pages and return it to a collection box at the Harvester Market, the Library, the Post Office or the Town Offices. Or complete the survey online at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GreenfieldCP>

Also, we will have two public meetings for you to attend at the Meeting House to ask questions:

- December 12th at 6:30 pm
- January 28th at 2:30 pm

There will be cookies!

For more information, you may call:
877-877-1670.

Community Power is a program in New Hampshire allowing the municipality to procure electricity for its residents and businesses.

The goals of this program are bundling residents for cost savings and increased use of renewable energy.

If the plan is approved, the Town provides electricity supply options for residents and businesses that are not already on competitive electricity supply.

Greenfield is looking to create a community power plan for its residents. Please help our town define our goals by taking this short survey.

Paper surveys can be returned to Town Office or an online survey is available by scanning the QR code below or going to:

surveymonkey.com/r/GreenfieldCP



FOR MORE INFORMATION

Website
standardpower.com

Phone
(877) 877-1670

Address
17 Technology Way
Nashua, NH 03060



GREENFIELD COMMUNITY POWER SURVEY



Greenfield Community Power Survey

We need your response!

This survey was created by Standard Power to assess the needs and interests of the community to design a Community Power program in Greenfield. Community Power allows towns to choose where their electricity comes from on behalf of residents and businesses with the goal of reducing electric bills and increasing independence and energy options. The survey should take less than 10 minutes to complete, and all responses are anonymous.

Q1. Is your HOME or BUSINESS located in Greenfield? If both, please complete the survey as a resident first, then return to complete a separate survey for your business.

- Home
- Business

Q2. Do you have solar panels?

- Yes
- No

Eversource is our primary electric utility, providing emergency services, poles and wires and billing services. This will not change with Community Power. Eversource also provides default electricity supply for most of our community members. This will change with Community Power.

Q3. Who is your electricity supplier?

- Eversource
- Other Supplier (third party supplier)
- I don't know

Q4. Greenfield is considering Community Power due to volatile and increasing electric costs. What would you want the Community Power program to bring to our community? Check all that apply:

- Local control over energy costs
- Lower energy bills
- Increased renewable energy, including local sources
- Consumer protections
- Local Jobs
- Increased knowledge about energy and how to reduce costs
- Other (please specify) _____

Q5. Are you interested in adding extra renewable energy to our electricity supply?

- I would like extra renewable energy, if I can still pay about the same as I pay today.
- I would like extra renewable energy and I'm willing to pay a little more than I pay today.
- I would like all (100%) renewable energy and I am willing to pay more.
- No, I would not like more renewable energy.

Q6. We will provide updates about this program. How would you like to be updated on this program? Check all that apply:

- Mail
- Print Media (e.g. Ledger-Transcript)
- Spirit Newsletter
- Town Website
- Outreach and Organizations
- Email: _____

Q7. Have you implemented any of the following energy efficiency steps at your home or business? Check all that apply:

- Performed an energy audit
- Improved insulation (walls, ceilings, attics, and/or basements)
- Purchased energy efficient appliances
- Installed LED lightbulbs
- Installed energy efficient windows
- Installed programmable thermostat
- Other (please specify) _____
- None of the Above

Q8. Which of the following best describes you?

- I rent my home
- I own my home
- Other (please specify) _____
- I prefer not to answer

Q9. Which best matches your age?

- Under 18
- 18-40
- 41-65
- Over 65
- I prefer not to answer

Q10. Which best matches your household income level?

- Under \$50,000
- \$50,000 to \$100,000
- Over \$100,000
- I prefer not to answer

Save Paper! Take the survey online: surveymonkey.com/r/GreenfieldCP



Please return completed surveys to Greenfield Town Office by 12/31/23. Please participate!

Learn more at standardpower.com



OUR CHRISTMAS EVE MORNING FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE WILL BE A SPECIAL TIME TO GATHER TO CELEBRATE "THE REAL REASON FOR THE SEASON" AS WE PRAISE GOD FOR THE GIFT OF HIS SON, JESUS CHRIST.

For more information contact the Rev. Dr. Dan Osgood, at 603-547-3626 or pastor@greenfieldchurch.org.

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All in all, the project was a great success, and we were able to achieve our goals, navigate through the process of ARPA funding, and create a legacy that will stand the test of time for generations to come.



Please, if you have an opportunity to stop by and say hello, ask for a tour and see the pride your Police Department has in their new home. We have an excellent Police department, and they work hard to keep us safe!

Thanks,
The Greenfield Selectboard



A CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 7:00 P.M.
Greenfield Covenant Church, ECC
12 Depot Drive, Greenfield
Come celebrate the
"Real Reason for the Season"

For more information contact the Rev. Dr. Dan Osgood, at 603-547-3626 or pastor@greenfieldchurch.org.

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GREENFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY LOCAL SAWMILLS

By Lenny Cornwell

Logging and sawmills were, at one time, a large part of life in Greenfield. The earliest sawmills utilized up and down saws. These were water powered. Dams were constructed in streams to provide sufficient water to power these mills. Some of the dams were also used to power the grinding of grain as well. These were seasonal mills dependent on the large supply of water during that time of year.

The first mill was built around 1792 on Alexander Brook, located between Sawmill Road and Otter Lake. This mill was owned by Jeremiah Baldwin, and no mention could be found on how long this mill ran. The last up and down saw mill was owned by James Sawyer, and was near Pine Ridge Road.

In the mid 1800s, Colonel John Gregg had a steam mill which ran for several years off of Cornwell Road. The logging roads from that enterprise still exist to this day along with an old cellar hole. At another mill, around the Civil War era, both lumber and shingles were made. This was on the Savage property off East Road and was owned by John Grimes.

Another early steam sawmill/grist mill was built on Depot Street. Owned by a stock company, this mill did not last long. Stephen Holt, Jr. operated the mill and Silas Winn was the engineer. This burned in 1851. Albert and Woodbury Hopkins erected a new mill on the site. They sold it, and it subsequently burned in 1883.

George F. Russell bought the land and established another sawmill on the site. He leased a second story of the building to a box company from Marlborough. Mason White was employed as the manager. Different box companies occupied space in the building until it burned in 1901.

George F. Russell also had a portable steam sawmill. He would buy large timber lots and move the portable mill to that land. One winter morning, while moving the steam engine back to Greenfield, it slid off the Bennington Road and went down an embankment. Getting it back up onto the road took a long time.

Gasoline engines and later, diesel engines, powered sawmills. Clarence Babine and Son had a sawmill off of Slip Road for many years. Forrest Lowe had one on the John T. Robertson farm over on Old Bennington Road for a number of years.

Farmers needed sawdust or shavings for their animals. Pine sawdust was the best to absorb moisture and retard the bacteria especially in dairy barns. Charlie Ballou owned a mill on Route 31/ Forest Road in Lyndeborough. Floyd Cornwell worked there several winters until his farm was established. Sawdust was hauled from there to his dairy barn and also to

the Don-Jon Poultry Farm, the present site of Cameron's Way. Art Varnum also hauled sawdust from there for his race horses. Mac Atherton hauled sawdust from Durgin's in Bennington for his poultry houses. Lumber from all of these mills was used to keep the barns and hen houses in repair.

Steve Atherton ran a sawmill on East Road for a couple of years. He also did logging. Prior to this, Steve used his trailer dump truck to haul gravel from New Boston to the expansion of Logan Airport.

Maurice Smith started his mill in town on Sawmill Road after buying and running Charlie Ballou's mill in Lyndeborough. He needed more space and wanted to expand. During the meeting of the Zoning Board at which Maurice was seeking approval, the wife of one of the Zoning Board members was in opposition to having a sawmill in town. After the unanimous vote of the Zoning Board in favor of the sawmill was recorded, she piped up and said to her husband, "I don't know where you'll get your supper tonight!"

Maurice and his wife Betty, sold the mill to New England Forest Products owned by the Dave Buxton family. When the Buxtons retired, Kennebec Lumber of Maine purchased and ran the mill until it burned in 2022.

Sources: 1976 Greenfield Town History, Peterborough Transcript, Lenny Cornwell

Hope To See You Soon!

Do plan to stop by the Museum during the Fire and Ice events on Saturday, December 2, 2023, from 3-5 PM and enter to win the Raffle Basket.

The drawing for this Raffle Basket will take place during the Holiday Market Place on Saturday, December 9th at the Meeting House! See you there.

GET A RIDE Community Volunteer Driver Company

Serving those without access to transportation
throughout the Monadnock Region.

No-fee rides are available with volunteer drivers for non-emergency medical and social service appointments, pharmacy or grocery shopping. Trips will be posted with five business days prior notice and are fulfilled according to driver availability.

Learn more at www.cvte-nh.org
or call 1-877-428-2882 ext. 5

FIRE & ICE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023

You Are Invited To The Greenfield
Fire Department's 3rd Annual
Fire & Ice Celebration

This Year's Parade Theme:
Christmas Spirit
Parade Begins at 5pm

Decorate Your Apparatus or Enter A Float!
Awards given for best apparatus, furthest distance traveled, best private vehicle, best commercial vehicle, best personal float, best commercial float, and judges choice!

2 - 4:00 pm Friends of the
Meeting House - Festival of Trees
at the Stephenson Mem. Library
Historical Society - Museum will
be open. Times and activities TBA

4:30 pm Friends of the Library -
Tree Lighting at the Library with
caroling and hot drinks

5:00 pm Fire & Ice Parade down
Main Street to Oak Park

Oak Park: Bonfires, Heaters, Hay
Rides, Beer Tent, Raffles, & Mug
Boards and More!

6 - 7:30 - Treats & Pictures for
Kids with Santa

8:00 pm Parade Winners
Announcement

We hope to see you there!

*For more information or to sign up to be included in the parade -
Email gfdnhfireandice@gmail.com, or
call or text Stephanie at 603-831-3745.
See the Fire Dept Facebook page for updates.*





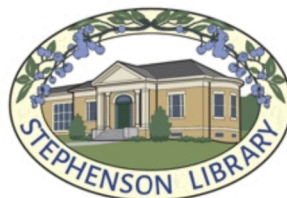
**ANNOUNCING THE THIRD ANNUAL
GREENFIELD FESTIVAL OF TREES
now at Stephenson Library!!!**

**Bring your decorated tree to the library starting
Saturday, November 25, through Saturday
December 2 to be displayed during Fire and Ice.**

** Artificial trees only **

** Please use battery powered lights
as outlets are very limited in the library! **

SHOW YOUR HOLIDAY SPIRIT, GREENFIELD !!!!!





Saturday,
December 9th

HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE

9 AM ~ 1 PM
Greenfield Meeting House

Fine Variety of Vendors

Antiques, Collectibles, Jams & Jellies, Baked Goods, Cards,
Handmade Crafts, Vintage Postcards, Historical Society Sun Catchers
and more

Light Refreshments, Raffle Basket Drawing
Call Adele at [603 547-3403](tel:6035473403) for information and to vend.

Sponsored by the Greenfield, NH, Historical Society ~



Greenfield Covenant Church presents
A
Christmas Concert
Saturday December 16
6:30-8pm
Please join us for a celebration of the birth of our Lord
and Saviour Jesus Christ, through Hymns and carols
42 Depot Drive
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Christmas Tree Safety



As you deck the halls this holiday season, be fire smart. A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow large very quickly.



PICKING THE TREE

- Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.



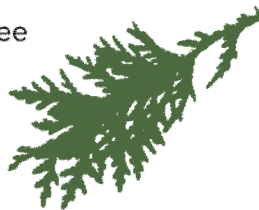
PLACING THE TREE

- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2" from the base of the trunk.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.



LIGHTING THE TREE

- Use lights that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.



After Christmas

Get rid of the tree after Christmas or when it is dry. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home.

Check with your local community to find a recycling program.

Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.

FACTS

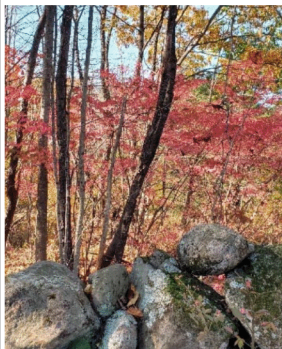
- ! **One quarter** of home Christmas tree fires are caused by electrical problems.
- ! Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be serious.
- ! A heat source too close to the tree causes roughly **one in every four** of the fires.



Your Source for SAFETY Information

NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

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DID YOU KNOW?

Greenfields Stone Walls have been remotely mapped by LiDAR!

For those of us who enjoy a walk through our woods, it does not take long before a stone wall appears. Many were built in the 18th and 19th century – the hey-day of farming in our town. If you have wondered where the

walls end or where they may connect to others, check out this resource:

NH Stone Wall Mapper at Granit.unh.edu.



Here's a sample from around the village:

From the website, "You can't help noticing the innumerable stone walls arrayed across the NH landscape, but then again perhaps they seem so commonplace that they just blend into the background of your day-to-day experience. This project is an invitation to take a "fresh" look at these simple relics from New Hampshire's past and see them in a new light, or more literally, Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR)."

For a deep dive into the subjects of stone walls read Stone By Stone-The Magnificent History of New England's Stone Walls, by Robert M. Thorson 2002.

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Donations of food and clothing are always welcome. (You can donate food items at the Greenfield Post Office or on Saturday mornings at the Food Pantry. Good, clean clothing can be dropped off at the Ministry Center Drop Box or on Saturday mornings at the Clothes Closet. To all of our friends who contribute to our GCC Food Pantry, THANK YOU!! Your contributions go a long way in help those who are experiencing food insecurity.

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FGCM

by Jesseca Timmons, Secretary

Last spring, the Friends of the Greenfield Community Meetinghouse learned about the CDFA Community Center Grant Program, which is a federal grant, administered at the state level, which gives funds for communities and organizations to invest in their community centers. To be eligible, projects had to be “shovel-ready,” with design plans and building bids ready to go, and each applicant needed to be able to demonstrate broad community support for their project. The FGCM kicked into high gear for part of March, all of April, and part of May to complete the requirements for the grant, which awards up to \$1 million in funds per project to renovate and rehabilitate community centers. This was quite a scramble for our small group! We were very fortunate to be able to work with Todd Horner, a grant writer at the SWRPC (Southwestern NH Regional Planning Committee), and we got our application in on the deadline.

In June, we found out we had not received the grant, but we were invited to re-apply. One piece of feedback we received from CDFA was that we needed to more clearly demonstrate town-wide support for our project, so we asked even more residents if they would be willing to write letters explaining why they feel the Greenfield Meetinghouse is deserving of grant funds. Every single person we reached out to said yes, and we have been able to submit more than 50 letters of support from residents, including leaders of about every organization in town, stating why the Meetinghouse is so important to Greenfield. Thank you to everyone who wrote these letters! Some were handwritten, some were Google docs, some contained many memories, and others were short and to the point. Every letter talks about the Meetinghouse from a different perspective: from people who are new in town, to people whose families have been here since the founding of Greenfield; and from people who go in the Meetinghouse once a year to vote to people who are in the building on a regular basis. It is clear that our Meetinghouse is deeply valued by our community!

As we continued the grant application progress this fall, it became apparent that it made more sense for the Town of Greenfield, instead of the Friends of the Meetinghouse, to be the applicant for the CDFA grant. One issue is that Friends do not own or manage the Meetinghouse, and another issue is that the grant funds, which would come in the form of a forgivable loan, will need to be approved at Town Meeting if the application is successful. The town also has a lot more experience administering grants (the Friends had been planning to partner with SWRPC to fulfill the legal requirements on administering the grant.) In October, the Selectboard voted to take over as the grant applicant and complete the CDFA grant application started by the FGCM. Many thanks to the Selectboard, to Katherine Heck, our Town Treasurer, for her invaluable assistance in helping with the transition;



and to Aaron Patt for taking this on, along with Todd Horner. Hopefully, we will have some good news in the spring!

We had a wonderful event in November, when Sebastian Lockwood returned to the Meetinghouse for another Storytelling. Thanks to our Italian dinner cooks, Sharon Andrews and Warren Aldrich, for another fabulous meal. We were also very excited to have the Festival of Trees move to the library. Many, many thanks to David Bridgewater and the whole Stephenson Library staff for making this happen! The Library is a much better location for the Festival of Trees, since the trees can stay up for several weeks and people can come set up and tear down whenever the library is open. Best of all, everyone can enjoy seeing the trees in the windows of the library during for the whole dark month of December! Next year, we will organize a different event to take place at the Meetinghouse during Fire and Ice—possibly a cookie walk.

The FGCM is always looking for volunteers to help out with events and projects. We would love to hear from you! Our email is greenfieldmeetinghouse@gmail.com and our website is greenfieldmeetinghouse.org.

SPIRIT DEADLINES

**JANUARY 1ST FOR
THE FEB/MAR ISSUE**

March 1st for the Apr/May Issue

May 1st for the Jun/Jul Issue

July 1st for the Aug/Sep Issue

September 1st for the Oct/Nov Issue

October 1st for the Nov/Dec Issue



Sundays at the Meeting House

Worship Service
10:00AM

Potluck Fellowship After Service



www.greenfieldbiblechurch.org

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CONSERVATION HAPPENINGS

This past spring and summer, the Conservation Commission has been working on our pollinator garden at the municipal parking lot next to the blacksmith shop, spreading soil, planting, and watering to get it established. We are planning for more pollinator gardens in 2024. One of the areas that we are interested in is behind the aforementioned parking lot, but we discovered a huge patch of poison ivy. We began to discuss what we could do to get rid of it so that we could do something with this area. One of the problems we found is that there is a lot of trash there and some of it is buried. We are consulting with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services on the best way to remove some of it due to its proximity to the adjacent pond. But first, the poison ivy has to go.

After receiving a recommendation from one of our members, we decided to ask Helaine Hughes of the Poison Ivy Removal Company, located right here in Greenfield, to take care of it. Helaine and her crew immediately came to our rescue and started removing this stuff by pulling it up by the roots. It's quite a process that involves a full coverage suit for each one of the crew with gloves taped on to make sure that they don't get exposed. They were able to remove quite a bit before the weather closed in and they will come back in the spring to remove the rest. We were able to use our conservation fund for this work so it comes at no added cost to the town.

The poison ivy was just one part of our discussion. We also talked about the school house trail that leaves the parking lot and goes all the way to the school. One of our thoughts was to clear this trail especially as an emergency exit for the school kids if they needed it. This trail also connects to the field behind the Town Offices, where the community garden is located. There are some major problems with it such as downed trees and wet areas that would need a lot of work. As we discussed this, we found out that the school no longer considers this trail viable because it is not maintained in the winter. So the discussion came back to the trail from the parking lot that could be cleared and made shorter to go around and connect to the field, continuing along the side of the pond and back to the parking lot.

Then the subject of a veteran's memorial park came up. For a long time, several residents have been suggesting that it would be good to consolidate our memorial monuments in one place so that we could honor our veterans in a better way. This is something that we think would have strong support in town, but the park project is not something we could accomplish, nor is it in our purview. What we could do is to rehabilitate the trail so that if the town decided to put in the park, there would be an entrance to it from the parking area.

The rest of the poison ivy at the parking lot and at the other end in the field where there is also a large patch will be cleared in the spring. After that, barring any major problems, we will be working on getting the trail cleared so that we can all enjoy a short hike right in the middle of our beautiful downtown.

Karen Day
Conservation Commission, Chair

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Website: www.greenfield-nh.gov

OFFICE HOURS: M 2-5pm, W & Th 3 – 5:30pm
Changes will be posted on the Town Website.

Office will be closed:

Mon. Dec. 25th, 2023 and Mon Jan. 1st, 2024

Appointments: Email or call us with the day and time you want to come in and we will add you to our list! Making appointments cuts down on your wait time in the office.

Online Payments via E-Checks:

Online payment option for vehicle renewal registrations, dog licenses and vital record requests (Marriage, Birth & Death Certificates). Check out the Town of Greenfield website.

Mail in Renewals/Use Drop Box:

Residents can mail in renewals or use our drop box outside our office. Please address your envelope to **Greenfield Town Clerk, PO Box 256, Greenfield, NH 03047**. Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for us to return your registration in. Instructions are on your renewal letters. Please include the letter.

Payment Types: Two Checks or Cash

We are a 2 check Town, which means you will write a check to The Town of Greenfield, for the Town portion of the registration and a check to The State of NH-DMV, for the State portion. **We DO NOT take cards.**

Moving to Greenfield from another state:

New residents to NH are required to register their vehicles and obtain a NH driver's license within sixty (60) days of moving to NH. Bring in your Vehicle Title, or Lienholder information, proof of residency (such as a utility bill, pay stub etc), current registration, your driver's license and 2 checks or cash for payment. We will retile your vehicle to NH and give you a registration.

If you have a dog, you need to register your dog with the Town Clerk as well. Bring in the Rabies Cert.

New Residents to Greenfield from another Town in NH and Change of Address:

Residents who move here from another town in NH must notify the Motor Vehicle Dept. of their new address within ten (10) days of a change. Forms are available at the Town Clerks office. Bring in your ID, proof of residency (such as a utility bill, pay stub etc.) and current registration. We will issue an updated registration at no charge. You can transfer your dog's reg. as well.

DOG REGISTRATIONS!

New dogs must be registered with the Town Clerk when you get them. All dogs must have renewal registrations done by April 30th. You have until May 30th before fines will be charged.

A renewal letter will be sent to you if your dog was registered in Greenfield during the last year. You can pay online, by mail or make an appointment. Current rabies certificate must be on file with the Town Clerk. Check your renewal letter for rabies exp. Date.

Fee Schedule:

Male or Female Dog	9.00
Spayed or Neutered Dog	6.50
Puppy (Under 7 mths)	6.50
1st Dog owned by a Senior (age 65)	2.00
Group Licenses (5-10 dogs)	20.00
Group License (10 or more)	25.00

Failure to license your dog is a violation of State law. In addition to the annual license fee you will be charged a late fee of \$1.00 per month, per dog for each month (or part of month) after May 1st. A civil forfeiture fee will also be assessed in the amount of \$25.00, which is payable within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the notice of failure to register your dog (s).

Please notify our office if your dog passes away or if you no longer own the dog, so we can keep our records up to date. Thank you.

REGISTER TO VOTE

You can register to vote with the Town Clerk or when the Supervisors hold a session.

What to bring when registering to VOTE:

- **Proof of identity & age:** a photo ID such as a driver's license or passport.
- **Proof of citizenship:** birth certificate or citizenship papers. Marriage certificate or legal paperwork if you had a name change.
- **Proof of domicile:** such as, an ID, a utility bill, a pay stub or current registration, showing your name and physical address.

Need an absentee ballot?

Fill out an Absentee Ballot Request form. You can find it on the NH, Secretary of State website or at the Town Clerks office. You must be a registered voter to receive an absentee ballot. Not sure if you are registered? Email us.

Presidential Primary in January

Tuesday, January 23, 2024 8am – 7pm
At the Greenfield Meeting House

See information for Town Elections and Town Meeting on the next page.

**Town of Greenfield
Office of the Town Clerk
Greenfield, New Hampshire 03047**

**MARCH TOWN ELECTION
POSITIONS OPEN**

If you are a registered voter and are interested in running for office, please file a Declaration of Candidacy form with the Town Clerk, at 7 Sawmill Road, Greenfield, between Jan. 24, 2024 – Feb. 2, 2024

Wed. Jan. 24th 3-6pm
Thurs. Jan. 25th 3-6pm
Mon. Jan. 29th 2-5pm
Wed. Jan. 31st 3-6pm
Thurs. Feb. 1st 3-6pm
Fri. Feb. 2nd 3-5pm

The following positions will be up for election.

Select Board	1 position	3 yr. Term
Moderator	1 position	2 yr. Term
Town Clerk	1 position	3 yr. Term
Budget Advisory Com.	1 position	1 yr. Term
Budget Advisory Com.	1 position	2 yr. Term
Budget Advisory Com.	2 positions	3 yr. Term
Cemetery Trustee	1 position	3 yr. Term
Library Trustee	1 position	3 yr. Term
Planning Board	2 positions	3 yr. Term
School Board	1 position	3 yr. Term
Supervisor of Checklist	1 position	6 yr. Term
Trustee of Trust Funds	1 position	3 yr. Term

TOWN ELECTIONS

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Location: The Meeting House,
at 776 Forest Road

Time: 10:00 am to 7:00 pm

Want to help count ballots after voting?

Please email or call the Town Clerk.

TOWN MEETING

Saturday, March 16, 2024, 9AM

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Feb-Mar issue deadline: January 1, 2024



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