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SPIRIT DEADLINE

SEPTEMBER 1ST FOR
THE OCT/NOV ISSUE

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Greenfield Community
Meetinghouse*

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Independence Day in Our Town

This year, the community of Greenfield came together to celebrate the Fourth of July with style, evoking fond memories of past "Wing Ding" celebrations which would last the whole week of the Fourth!

We kicked off the celebrations with a lively concert at Music on the Common, featuring the fabulous Pop Farmers Band. According to those in attendance, 300 - 400 people attended the event, all of whom enjoyed the energetic performance. Complementing the musical entertainment, the Greenfield Firefighter's Association grilled delicious burgers and hot dogs while the Friends of the Library served mouthwatering ice cream sundaes.

At 7:15 PM, the band took a brief hiatus, and a group of 20 Greenfield citizens, headed by Jesseca Timmons and Nanette Perrotte, performed a stirring recital of the Declaration of Independence. It was quite moving and well received by the captivated audience and is already sparking ideas for enhancing next year's celebration.

The band played on and delivered another great set of tunes. The Pop Farmers really knocked it out of the park! Meanwhile, across the street, the "Ungrateful Colonists" were busily preparing for an over-the-top spectacular fireworks display hosted by the Greenfield Inn and sponsored by many local businesses and private donations.

The "Colonists" had a great setup with safety zones, ample parking, and a large area in the field to stretch out on a blanket or set up chairs to watch the show. Some folks stayed right on the Town Common and simply turned their chairs around after watching the band and enjoyed the Fireworks from right where they were.

Our thanks also go out to Olivia Adams, who sang a beautiful rendition of the Star-Spangled Banner. Fittingly, as the last fireworks fizzled out, the rain returned, extinguishing any potential fire hazards and providing peace of mind for our diligent first responders.

In the aftermath of the festivities, there has been considerable talk about making next year's celebration even grander. Ideas for a parade and additional events throughout the day have been floated around. Given that the Fourth of July falls on a Thursday next year, we are considering holding a second concert to ensure the day is as unforgettable as this year.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who contributed to making this day so memorable. Such a feat could not have been achieved by one person; it was a true community effort. We are incredibly lucky to call Greenfield, NH, a place where community spirit thrives, our home.

Congratulations, Greenfield, on a successful 2023 Independence Day celebration. We look forward to what next year brings!

The Greenfield Selectboard

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TAX COLLECTOR

Tax Collector - Wendy Drouin
Mon 1:00 - 6:00pm, Wed 11:00 - 4:00pm
Some limited hours in Aug. - See pg 12
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Changes will be posted on the Town Website.

Office will be closed:
August 16, 17, & 21st for Vacation days.
Sept. 4, 2023 in observance of Labor Day

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 retitle your vehicle to NH and give you a NH registration.
If you have a dog, you need to register your dog with the Town Clerk as well.

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.

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
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Puppy (Under 7 mths)	\$6.50
1st Dog owned by a Senior (age 65)	\$2.00
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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, during office regular office hours, M 2-5, W & TH 3-5:30pm. You will be officially added to the Voter Checklist when the Supervisors of the Checklist hold a Session.

What to bring when registering to VOTE:

- **Proof of identity, age, domicile:** a photo ID such as a driver’s license or passport.
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With the cool/damp weather we have been receiving, it may be hard to believe that summer really is here. With the arrival of summer and higher temperatures, it is important to rinse out your containers-especially the ones containing milk and dairy products. If the containers are difficult to rinse, such as mayonnaise, salad dressing and peanut butter, then it is preferred that you put those with the trash.

Along with summer have come many wildflowers around the GRC. I have included a few of the showy ones: wild roses with lovely pinkish blooms, a cluster of wild carnations and wild crown vetch, a soil-enhancing plant.



People have asked what happens to our glass. Does it really get recycled? The answer is "Yes." Working with the DPW and a local private hauler, the bottles and jars are hauled to New London where it is first crushed to Dept. of Transportation specifications and then tumbled to remove the sharp edges.



When done, the processed glass aggregate (PGA) as it is known can be used in road fill and lining culverts. The other option is to take the glass to Keene where it is shipped to Montreal where it is processed into a raw material to be used in the manufacture of fiberglass insulation, new glass containers and even counter-tops. To retain these markets, it was important to keep the glass clean-free of dirt and rocks as well as ceramics and pyrex (which melts at a higher temperature) so we poured a concrete pad under the glass bin (see photo). The other photo shows the pile of PGA that was brought back from New London for use on our roads. As you leave the GRC, it is the sparkly pile just to the right of the main gate. It is of interest to note that PGA was the chosen material to make an emergency repair to the collapsed overpass on Interstate 95. The plan is to fill the area with PGA and pave over it until new steel bridges are built. PGA is clean and will not absorb water and create slippery mud run-off. If it is good enough for I-95, imagine what it will do for our roads here in Greenfield!

In our "Happy Endings" department, a patron asked whether we could get a turntable motor from one of the discarded microwaves that we disassemble. His microwave worked fine except for the turntable and he didn't want to scrap it. We try to fulfill these requests with the caveat that they have to come back and tell us whether the effort was successful. In the case of the microwave, we were. "Reuse" is the highest goal of recycling.

Speaking of reuse, the GRC has a perfectly functioning washer and dryer that were dropped off that our former patrons could not bring with them during their move. Any takers?

As always, "Keep the Stuff Coming!"

*CJ (Caleb) Hall
Recycling Center Supervisor*



THE FIRE CHIEF'S CORNER

During our February staff meeting, the question came up, what are we doing for Chief McQuade? He deserves to be honored for all he did for us. Ideas were proposed and a plan materialized. Rescue Lieutenant Melissa Ross stepped up to coordinate the details. I went off to secure funding from the Fire Fighter's Association and the plan was in motion.

Ricks wife, Brenda, was contacted and agreed to get him there.

Before we knew it the end of June was upon us and the scheduled date arrived, Sunday, the 25th. Captain Chaz Babb had updated the new electronic sign welcoming Chief McQuade. Around noon, department and association members started arriving with salads, side dishes and deserts. Fire Fighter Tom Cove manned the grill with EMD Dave Martin as his assistant.

Rick's sons arrived along with their wives and children. At about one O'clock, Rick arrived and was greeted with happy smiles and a standing ovation. He was speechless. His wife had told him they were going to his son's house for lunch. He came in, hugged his family, and greeted us all with hugs all around. With a smile, he told his wife he would get even. The recognition luncheon began.

After everyone had picked up a plate and filled it with food, I stepped up and thanked Chief McQuade for all he had done for us. He is missed and we appreciate all he has done. I presented him with an engraved ceremonial fire axe and a Greenfield Fire Department Fire Chief Retired license plate. Rick said he was not retiring from the Fire Service yet. I asked him to hang on to it for when he does.

After more mingling, Rick thanked everyone. He said that one of the most important things you need is a support mechanism



when you are on the fire department. He then pointed at his family and said this is my support and they do a great job. He noted how he was openly accepted when he joined the Greenfield Department which he didn't really expect. He said that we have something special here that doesn't often happen in other towns. I agree.

Chief McQuade was invited to join us at any of our staff meetings, or gatherings, and he said that he might just do that.

Sincerely,

Chief Jeff LaCourse

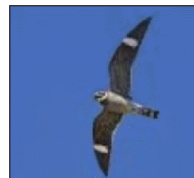
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DID YOU KNOW!?!?



Common Nighthawks are early fall migrants passing overhead on late August evenings on their journey to the Amazon. Search the internet to learn their calls and other amazing facts. Sign up for the Harris Center Birding event (harriscenter.org/events) in Peterborough on August 25th from 6:00 to 7:00PM. You may get to enjoy watching their looping and gliding flight patterns!

Brought to you by the Greenfield Conservation Commission



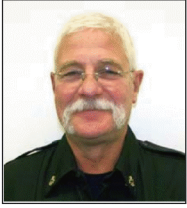
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GOING SOLAR

by
David Hall

Thinking about going solar? Now might be a good time to get in. Solar is not cheap to install, but there is a 30% federal tax credit available for the next couple of years; you can save almost a third of the cost. And, the challenge of climate change is a clear and present danger; the scientific community is very clear and unified as to the severity of this existential threat. I came of age in the generation that was famous for saying “if you’re not part of the solution, you are part of the problem”. Solar power is one of the solutions. I hope that this article will show you what is involved with a solar install and explain some of the nuances of solar technology. I’m no expert but have done a lot of research and learning over the last couple of years and have had solar power for over a year. My hope is that in sharing this experience with you it will help you make a more informed decision and save you some time and effort should you be interested in going solar.

In early May 2022 my wife and I finally got our solar array installed. This had been a long process that started with quotes from several NH solar companies in 2021. Nobody was ready to come back a week or two later, they all were booking six months or more, it is no different now. We ended up going with a local guy, South Pack Solar based in Peterborough. South Pack is a small company owned by a very knowledgeable and likeable guy named Greg Blake. Greg’s willingness to explain things and tailor the install to our specific needs and wants was a big selling point. It is important to point out that your roof needs to be fairly new... you don’t put an array over an old roof. This can add to the overall expense.



We opted to be grid tied meaning we could still pull power from the local utility as needed. It also means we sell unused power to the utility when we make more power than we can

use. This is what “net metering” means. We do not have storage capability, there are no batteries. Batteries are finicky, very expensive and have a finite lifespan. I’m not at all sure that the best possible battery for home energy storage has been developed yet.

So, the first question to be addressed with solar is where to put it and how big should it be. The where, for us was a no brainer. Our house has a big roof and we don’t have much land. Our south facing house sits on top of a hill with open space in front of it; so the roof was ideal. Physical space is part of the equation; the capacity to generate kilowatt-hours (kWh) is the other half. Your electric bill should show your last 12 months usage. Armed with that information, your solar installer can calculate what you need for solar panels. This decision is influenced by how much you are willing to spend. Do you want to completely eliminate your electric bill? Or, do you want to spend less and reduce your bill?

Let me explain this with easy to understand numbers. If your home uses 10K kWh per year (which is a plausible number, although we use less), you might want to set that as your solar system’s minimum annual production. Obviously you will make more electricity in the warmer months and less in the winter. When you “export” electricity (because you are making more electricity than you can use in a day) to your utility provider in the summer; you are building a credit to offset the cost of “importing” in the winter. Makes sense, right? Well... there is a bit of a conundrum. The electric rates, set by the legislature and the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) here in NH are different for imported and exported electricity. Guess who pays more? Yup, you got it... we do. The utilities argued that they should not have to pay individuals who are producing electricity at retail rates for exported electricity. They lobbied for a wholesale rate and got it. I’m not going to get into whether this is fair or not. What I do know is, this is the way it is. When you “net meter” you pay a higher price for imported electricity than you get paid for the electricity you sell back to the utility.

So... if you are trying to build a credit in the warm months to offset the less productive winter months... a one to one ratio might not work? Indeed it doesn’t. So, many systems are designed to produce say 120% of your expected annual usage. Working with my example of a house that uses 10K kWh per year, you probably should make around 12K a year. This means you can export enough electricity to the utility over the summer to offset the cost of the higher priced electricity that you will have to buy in the winter. What you are doing is building up a credit which you will use in the less sunny months. OK... that’s not so hard, seems pretty straight forward.

There are a bunch of other things that are confusing and muddy the water. Solar panels produce DC electricity and your house runs on AC. You need an inverter to convert DC to AC. Then you find out that there are single “string” inverters (big box in your basement) or “micro-inverters” (one

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behind every panel). If you are a DIY person you are going to have to figure out the best system for your array. I let Greg figure it out, he's the expert, designing the system is part of what solar companies do. There are many, many panels available that produce different wattages and look different. We wanted a system that blended into the roof and was designed and installed by experts. We put 12 panels on the original garage roof that followed the pitch of the house roof. Then we added 6 more panels on the third garage bay that has a very shallow pitch running in a different direction. These panels were rack mounted and tipped up to match the other 12. So, all the panels are tilted at 39° and face south. A couple of the quotes I received had the flat roof panels also mounted following the pitch of the roof. That meant that the panels were looking almost straight up and facing east. Yes, they will catch the morning sun; but they are going to go to bed early! This made no sense to me but the companies were unwilling to tip the panels up claiming windage concerns. I reminded them that the panels were on the leeward end of the house well protected from the prevailing westerly winds and I might add... if set flat, well protected from the afternoon sun as well! I didn't have to ask Greg to face them south; he designed the system that way. That was another factor in his favor. Please understand, this article is not intended to be an advertisement for South Pack Solar. We chose South Pack because Greg had the best answers and the lowest quote. And, I prefer to shop local and use the "little guy" whenever possible. They did an excellent job and we have had no problems with the system.

Our solar install was completed in a week in May of 2022. The panels are bolted to rectangular aluminum plates or flashings that slide up under the shingles and are bolted through the roof. I was assured that the new holes in my roof would not leak; the bolts have rubber gaskets and are siliconed. The plates have standoffs that raise the panels several inches off the roof. Every panel gets a micro-inverter installed on the back of it before it goes up on the roof.



In the photo above the crew is getting the first two panels on the roof of the original garage. You can see the aluminum plates with the standoffs mounted across the roof. The hori-

zontal bottom skirt has been installed as well.

The panels get wired together and then come into the house. There is an emergency shut on the front of the garage that kills the whole array. There is also an independent meter inside the garage that records lifetime kWh production. The tie in to my service panel was a little more complicated because we have a whole house generator. It may be a little bit more work, but street power, a whole house generator and solar can all be wired together safely.

You should know however, that when there is a power outage, many grid tied systems shut down. Although unfortunate, it is necessary to protect utility workers from voltage feeding out to the street during an outage. This comes as a disappointment to those thinking solar will help them during outages. The exception to this is a grid tied system with battery backup. If you have batteries, the technology is such that you will be able to run your panels during an outage.



As I said before, the panels on the nearly flat roof are tilted up. This installation requires a rack mount; there are raised rails that the panels are then bolted to. Due to the footprint of the roof there are two rows of three panels each set as far apart from each other as the roof would permit. This prevents the more southern row from shading the panels behind, particularly in the winter with low sun angle.

So, after about a week of installation, the whole system was done. The local building inspector came by and inspected the system and pronounced it good to go. Another benefit of using a solar company is they typically take care of all the permits. There is also a permit and agreement with your power utility for the net metering. They actually come in at the end of the process, after they see the building inspector's sign off and replace your existing meter. You get a two-way meter that records both imported and exported electricity.

Another possible concern is how your tax assessment will be affected by adding a solar array. Here in NH it actually goes town by town; it is a "local option". Fortunately for us, Greenfield is solar friendly and offers a 100% Renewable

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Prayer Hike – A Nature Walk with God

Take a break. Look at the clouds.

Admire the mountain vistas. Listen to the wind.

A "Prayer Hike" is a lovely reminder of how God wants to meet us in and through his creation. When we feel tired and heavy-hearted by the complexities of our lives and this broken world, the birds of the air remind us of Jesus' words, "Are you not of more value than they?" (Matthew 6:26). And perhaps we come to release our tight fists a little and breathe a little more deeply and slowly.

Lift your life to the next level by join us on our "Prayer Hike". Our next "Prayer Hike" is scheduled for 3:00 PM, Sunday, August 13. We will be hiking and praying on the Dutton Brook Crotched Mountain Accessible Trail.

Please contact Reverend Dan if you have any questions or need more information.

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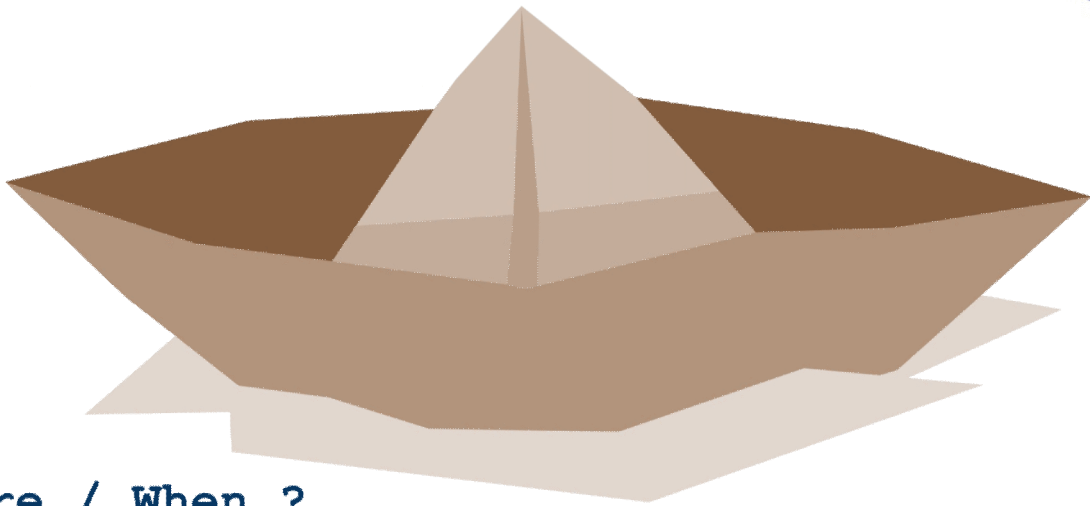
**Come on Down, Bring the Kids,
Have a Bite to Eat, and Enjoy**

Music on the Common!

**The Fire Fighters Association will have
Food and Drinks For Sale**
Adult Meal: \$8.00
Kids Meal: \$5.00
*The proceeds support the
Fire Department*

**The Friends of the Library will have
Ice Cream Sundaes
For Sale**
*The proceeds support the
Stephenson Memorial Library*

2nd Annual Cardboard Boat Regatta!!



Where / When ?

- Sunset Lake Greenfield NH
- August 12th (Saturday) 10am - 3pm

Who is Welcome?

Everyone! Family Teams are encouraged!

***Not A Conval Event**

Voting Categories:

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Ernie and Jason Couch in Concert 6:30 PM at Oak Park

Gospel and Christian music fans need to circle Friday, August 18 on their calendars. On that date, Nashville, TN gospel act Ernie Couch & Revival, will be in concert at 6:30 PM in the Oak Park Pavilion.

Ernie & Jason Couch will be bringing an exciting mixture of 20th Century gospel classics and originals to town. These guys are known across the United States and Canada for their live music, good humor, and genuine spirit. Many describe the group as refreshingly different, and a lot of fun. Jason Couch stated, "We want to reach everyone from all age groups and backgrounds, with the message of the music. We enjoy what we do and want the people to enjoy it just as much. We certainly will give it all we got in the time we have."

Please contact Reverend Dan if you have any questions or need more information.

The Reverend Doctor F. Daniel Osgood
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12 Depot Drive
Greenfield, NH 03047
603-547-3626
www.greenfieldchurch.org
pastor@greenfieldchurch.org

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Energy Tax Exemption. The value of a home is clearly increased by adding solar, but your tax assessment will not reflect the change. This was another key incentive for us.

I imagine that some of you are wondering about the cost and return on investment. I crunched a lot of numbers going into this and this is what I can tell you. Based on what we spend on electricity a year it should take about nine years to amortize the cost of the system.

Like any sizable investment, it is prudent to get multiple quotes and references. We did and Greg provided us with many local references. We checked around, got good reports and now we are another good reference. I bring this up because while preparing this article I talked to several folks in the area about their recent installs. Not everybody had a good experience with their solar provider.

In conclusion, for us going solar has been a very gratifying experience. We feel good about the reduction in our carbon footprint. Given the recent volatility of electric rates, our decision looks even better! I hope this has been helpful and you can use this information in your decision about solar.

David is a Greenfield resident and a new Conservation Commission member. He can be reached at david@dustandroots.farm.

Note: After hearing about the Hall's positive experience, the ConCom felt that others might like to see a presentation by Greg Blake of South Pack Solar. Please see page 16.



The Greenfield Conservation Commission is charged with the protection of natural resources and playing a critical role in evaluating and commenting on conservation plans and wetland permit applications; educating and informing town boards and the public. We work hard to ensure that Greenfield remains a healthy place to live, work, and enjoy all the beautiful natural areas our town has to offer.



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Friends of the Greenfield Community Meetinghouse News

by *Jessica Timmons, Secretary*

Oktoberfest 2023. The Friends of the Meetinghouse are hard at work planning our fourth annual Oktoberfest, which is Saturday, Sept. 30, 4-8 pm at the Meetinghouse. Tickets will go on sale at Greenfieldmeetinghouse.org in August, and can also be purchased at the Greenfield Farmer's and Crafter's Market on Sundays in September. Please email us at greenfieldmeetinghouse@gmail.com if you would like to pay by cash or check and we will be happy to make arrangements. We are also looking for business sponsors for Oktoberfest. Please call Jess at 603-562-8340 if you would like to be a sponsor this year!

Please note, we are not holding the Silent Auction during Oktoberfest this year. We will have the Auction at a separate community dinner event sometime in the winter. This will free the Meetinghouse up for seating during Oktoberfest and make the logistics of the auction MUCH easier for our small and very hard-working group of volunteers! We will give more details about the Silent Auction in fall and winter issues of the Spirit.

NH Gives. Many, many thanks to everyone who donated during NH Gives back in June! We raised \$5,255 in 24 hours. This is a vital fundraiser for the FGCM, as the cost of participation is only \$75, and the labor involved is minimal. We know that as NH Gives grows every year, more and more nonprofits are vying for everyone's dollars—and there are hundreds of worthy causes in our state. We are so grateful to everyone who gave their hard-earned money to help restore the Meetinghouse and invest in our community and the future of our town.

CDFA Grant Update. In April, the FGCM applied for a grant through the Council of Development Finance Agencies

(CDFA), a federal agency which awarded the State of New Hampshire CDFA \$20 million specifically to renovate community centers. We did not receive funding in the first round, but we were invited to apply again in the October, so we are hopeful we will receive some funds from this program. Applying for the CDFA grant was an intense learning experience for our group! It was a massive team effort: our entire FGCM Board, the town Selectboard, the whole town office staff, and leaders and volunteers from just about every group in town supplied information and letters of support to help our grant writer, Todd Horner from the Southwestern Regional Planning Committee, complete the CDFA grant application.

It was fascinating to learn how every single thing the FGCM has done in the last 4 years—from creating Oktoberfest to getting an official government ID number, and from taking part in NH Gives to receiving a Moose Plate grant—played a role in making the FGCM eligible for this very competitive federal grant. The FGCM is truly a grassroots effort: we have no development or fundraising professionals on our board, and we have learned everything as we have gone along, with the help and support of many people in our community. THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the application.....please cross your fingers for the next round!!

Reading of the Declaration. Finally, many thanks to the twenty or so town residents who participated in the Reading of the Declaration of Independence on July 4th during the Tuesday night concert! This event was a great success, and we are planning on doing it again in 2024!

Please go to greenfieldmeetinghouse.org to learn more about the Meetinghouse repair and renovation project. We are always looking for volunteers to help at events or serve on our Board!

Please contact us at greenfieldmeetinghouse@gmail.com or go to our website Greenfieldmeetinghouse.org.



TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE
Limited Hours in August
Due to training and vacations,
the office will only be open from
5:30 pm to 7:00 pm on
Monday, August 7th
&
Wednesday, August 9th

SPIRIT DEADLINES
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
July 1st for the Aug/Sep Issue



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- Antique & Classic Cars & Trucks
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State of New Hampshire Road Aid to Towns

By Lenny Cornwell

“Beginning at a Beech stub on the south side of the road in Lyndeboro, thence south easterly by some marked trees...”

So begins the second paragraph of a November 4th, 1791, entry for the laying out of a road to Greenfield.

The road was to be two rods wide (There is an equivalency of 16 1/2 feet to a rod). This notice was from the **NH Secretary of State: Highway Layout for Greenfield, 1791-1840**. Another entry refers *“to a stake in the road near the Town on the road by James Burnam’s to the Francestown Meetinghouse.”*

Roads were continuously being built in this “new” area. Blazed marked trees indicated trails and bridle paths from house to house and village to village. The stagecoach brought about the bigger incentive to build roads. No good road...no stage coach, resulting in less revenue from people eating or staying over in a town.

The next big push for highways was in the late 1890s. The promotion for better roads by then was a national effort to not only facilitate the moving of goods within a state, but also to improve accessibility to all states. Trains were still the primary mode of transporting goods, but getting the goods to the railroad, was not always possible for rural people. During that period, about half of the population was farmers. Bicycles that became the rage in the late 1800s were a big “driver” for better, smoother roadways. Eventually, the automobile sealed the deal for better and safer travel.

The State of New Hampshire seems to have started State Aid to Greenfield around 1915. Two sets of monies were provided. One targeted the maintenance of State/Town roads. (those State roads running through a town, but maintained by the Town). The other source was earmarked for the construction/ improvement of State and Town roads. The state may have been providing assistance to towns and cities even before this.

Around 1950, Duncan Money, aid from the state, appears in the town reports. This was the time that the State DPW+H assumed taking over the larger roads connecting towns. The Crotched Mountain Road was one of those roads that the state and town shared. The state worked on the road in the summer while the town was responsible for plowing and sanding it in the winter. In the mid-1950s, however, the state totally assumed this road, straightening and rerouting it some on the hill. Another roadway that is still shared is the South Bennington Road in Bennington which, although plowed by the town of Bennington during the winter, is maintained (for example,, filling of pot holes or the removal of trees) by NHDOT - Greenfield Section 409 year round.

Around 1955, T.R.A. (Town Road Aid or Assistance) was listed in the Town Report for State Aid, This money could be used for improvements on town roads such as widening, taking out curves, and drainage . Each State of NHDPW + H District had a T.R.A. Supervisor who went to all of the towns engaged on T.R.A. projects. District 7 covered towns from several counties, so there were a lot of towns under that assignment. Elwin Bailey, Jr. who grew up in Greenfield was the last T.R.A. Supervisor at the time the program and the Duncan Monies were dropped and the State of NH instead turned to utilizing Block Grants.

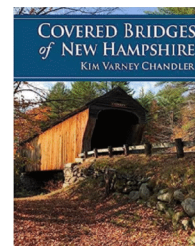
SOURCES: NH Secretary of State: Highway History for Greenfield, 1791-1840.

Greenfield Town Reports
Earl Swift. Big Roads
Lenny Cornwell, Adele Hale, Dale Russell

Noteworthy



We are most appreciative of the members of the GHS and community who supported the Historical Society during the NH GIVES campaign. Thanks to you, we exceeded our goal. Look for the mounting of the weather-vane during our 50th Anniversary Year!



We were delighted to host Kim Varney Chandler speaking about the covered bridges in the state (including county bridge # 8) in late June just after the announcement of Ms. Chandler’s winning of a New Hampshire Preservation Alliance Award for documentation, education, and advocacy with her book.

Soon To Be History



PLAYBALL! Sunday, September 17th, 2023, right here at Oak Park from 11 AM.

The Diriago (Maine) Vintage Baseball Club looks forward to challenging Greenfield’s finest, coached by Rob Hannings and Mike Marchok.

Come, witness baseball the way the game used to be played. Bring a chair or blanket, or sunscreen for the bleacher seating, settle in, and enjoy watching America’s pastime. Another GHS 50th Anniversary event-

50th Anniversary GHS Tee Shirts now on sale ~ \$20 adult sizes. Logo design by Board of Directors member, Bruce Dodge.

Also, our thanks to Fletcher Media owned by Jim Fletcher, descendant of one of Greenfield’s oldest families, for having the 50th Anniversary banners made.



Sundays at the Meeting House

Worship Service

10:00AM

Potluck Fellowship After Service



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Join us for an exclusive program on solar energy hosted by the Greenfield Conservation Commission. Our guest speaker, Greg Blake, is a Solar Energy International Solar Professional with extensive experience in hundreds of installs throughout the Monadnock region. Get ready to learn from the expert!

Note: We need to have at least 10 attendees in order to hold this program. We hope you'll join us!



Where: Stephenson Memorial Library - Wensberg Room

When: August 17th, 7:00pm - 8:30pm

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Any questions, please reach out to GCC Member David Hall at (603) 547-9600



NEW ENGLAND FAIRS

There are lots of fairs around at this time of year. Take a look.
Each one has a website for you to see what they offer.
Here's a small sample. There are others online.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Cheshire Fair

247 Monadnock Highway
Swansey, New Hampshire 03446
August 3-6, 2023
<http://www.cheshirefair.org/>

Lancaster Fair

516 Main Street
Lancaster, New Hampshire 03584
August 31-September 4, 2023
<https://lancasterfair.com/>

Hopkinton State Fair

392 Kearsarge Avenue
Contoocook, New Hampshire 03229
August 31-September 4, 2023
<https://www.hsfair.org/>

Hillsborough County Agricultural Fair

17 Hilldale Ln
New Boston, New Hampshire
September 8-10, 2023
<https://www.hcafair.org/>

Deerfield Fair

34 Stage Rd
Deerfield, New Hampshire 03037
September 28-October 1, 2023
<https://deerfieldfair.com/>

MAINE

Topsham Fair

32 Community Way
Topsham, Maine 04086
August 9-13, 2023
<https://www.topshamfair.net/>

Skowhegan State Fair

33 Constitution Avenue
Skowhegan, Maine
August 10-19, 2023
<https://skowheganstatefair.com/>

Litchfield Fair

44 Plains Rd
Litchfield Fairgrounds
Litchfield, Maine 04350
September 8-10, 2023
<https://www.litchfieldfair.com/>

Common Ground Country Fair

294 Crosby Brook Road
Unity, Maine 04988
September 21-24, 2023
<https://www.mofga.org/the-fair/>

Fryeburg Fair

1154 Main St.
Fryeburg, Maine 04037
October 1-8, 2023
<https://www.fryeburgfair.org/>

VERMONT

Vermont State Fair

175 South Main St.
Rutland, Vermont 05701
August 15-19, 2023
<https://www.vermontstatefair.org/>

Caledonia County Fair

Mountain View Park
1 Fairground Road
Lyndonville, Vermont 05851
August 23-27, 2023
<https://caledoniacountyfair.com/>

Champlain Valley Fair

105 Pearl Street
Essex Junction, Vermont 05452
August 25 - September 3, 2023
<https://champlainvalleyfair.org/>

Orleans County Fair

278 Roaring Brook Road
Barton Vermont 05822
September 6-10, 2023
<http://www.orleanscountyfair.net/>

The Tunbridge Fair

1 Fairground Rd.
Tunbridge, Vermont 05077
September 14-17, 2023
<https://www.tunbridgeworldsfair.com/>



~ GUNS & HOSES SOFTBALL GAME ~

SATURDAY ~ AUGUST 19th AT OAK PARK ~ 12 NOON

We are excited to announce the first annual GUNS & HOSES Softball Game fund raiser.
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This year we are raising funds for a new Little League score board. Please donate by buying an FD or PD shirt at the event. We will have 30-50 shirts available for sale on game day for \$30 each. They will be first come, first serve.

If you would like to donate but aren't interested in a shirt, please send your donation to GFA, PO Box 146 Greenfield, NH 03047

Greenfield's Oak Park Committee will be selling hamburgers, hotdogs, drinks and ice cream.

STEPHENSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY NEWS

David Bridgewater, Director

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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.

It's hard to believe how fast the Summer went by! We hope all the kids have a great start back to school!

WEEKLY events:

NO LEGO FREE PLAY IN AUGUST!

Mondays, 1:00 to 4:00 **Mah-jongg** is in the Reading Room.

Tuesdays, 3:30 - 5:00pm **FIRST LEGO LEAGUE (FLL) Challenge starts in September (10 Child Limit)**

Wednesdays, 10:00am -11:00 **Story Time (NO Story Time 8/16 - 8/30)**

Wednesday & Saturday, The **Monadnock Quilters Guild** meets on Saturdays, 9:00 to 3:00, for personal projects and on Wednesdays, 9:00 to noon, to make quilts for charity. For actual dates please check the Activity Calendar on the Home Page of the newly updated library website.

Wednesday, 7:00 pm, **Line Dancing** in the Wensberg Room.

Thursdays, 3:30 - 5:00pm **FLL Explore starts in September (6 Child Limit)**

Thursdays, 3:30, The **Click-Clack Knitters** have become the **Happy Crafters** because more than knitters are welcome. They meet in the Reading Room.

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

MONTHLY events:

Cribbage is on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 1:30 in the Wensberg Room.

Lady Bug Book Club, Second Thursday of the Month, 3:45pm - 4:45pm. K-3 students with parents welcome. Starts September 14th with *If You Find a Leaf* by Aimee Sicuro.

The **Book Group** will meet on Thursday August 17th at 6:00 to discuss *The Pull of the Stars*, an historical novel by Emma Donoghue, and on Saturday September 16th at 3:00 to discuss *When All Is Said and Done*, a novel by Anne Griffen. Copies of the books will be available at the library. The meeting will take place outside in the new gazebo if the weather is good.

The **Meals on Wheels Luncheon** is on the 4th Thursday of the month at noon. Come join us for a restaurant prepared meal, have a chance to win the free raffle, and meet some new friends. RSVP 7 days in advance 603 424 9967 ex 404. Suggested donation \$3.

The **Book Sale**, run by the Friends of the Library, is on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month, 10:00 to noon.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Saturday, August 5th, 1:00 -1:45 - **FLYING HIGH DOGS!** Rescheduled from June 25th event date, Mike Piazza and his Flying High Dogs will be performing at Oak Park's soccer field!

Friday, August 11th, 5:00 - 6:00pm- **Silver Circus at Oak Park!** Join us as one-man circus Andrew Silver will perform magic tricks, physical comedy, juggling, and much more in this hour long performance!

*Ella is planning to start a chapter book read aloud group in November or December. If interested, please email her with days/times that work best for your family.

More information about both FLL programs:

Grades K-3

FIRST LEGO League Explore is a program that has children from grades K-3 explore building, teamwork and basic programming through independent and guided LEGO construction, simple programming for their LEGO and participation in an end of season festival. This is a very popular team and so we will expect that both team members and parents will make every effort to have children participate as fully as possible.

This program will run beginning in September through at least November, possibly into January. We are limited to six children so please let us know if your child is interested as soon as possible. Please note: children will need to have a responsible adult with them during each meeting.

This year, the library will buy the LEGO kit and we will be asking the parents to lead the program. Staff will be available for support and will manage the end of season Festival.

Grades 4-8

The **FIRST LEGO League Challenge** program has children from grades 4-8 build several LEGO models, construct and program a LEGO robot and complete a research project. This is a competitive team and so we will expect that both team members and parents will make every effort to have children participate as fully as possible.

We are also exploring running the program across the school year, meeting less frequently each month, eliminating the research project portion and not competing at an official event. This program will run beginning in September and running at

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least through early December, possibly later depending on the format which we choose. We are limited to 10 children so please let us know if your child is interested and which format appeals as soon as possible. Please note: fourth graders will need to have a responsible adult with them.

OTHER news:

The **Gazebo** is finally up and ready to be used.

The **Art on the Wall** are 22 watercolor paintings by the Greenfield Watercolor Collaborative who meet and paint here in the library October through May.

The **Art of the Comics**, a display of original comic book and comic strip art, is from the private collection of Bruce Dodge.

The **Showcase** display is of wood and slate carvings by Hans Kaufhold, Valli Hanning's father.



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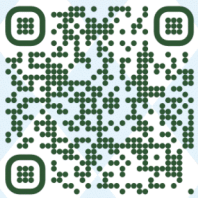
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- Frogg Brewing
- Mountain Base Brewing
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