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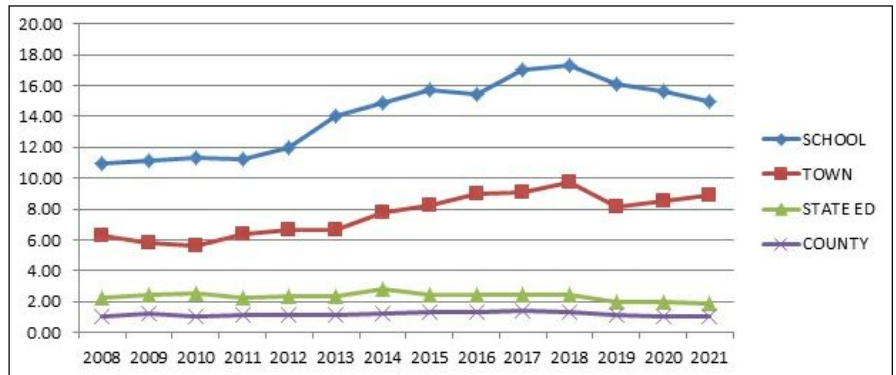
## TAX RATE LOWER AGAIN

For 2021, we have some good news. The ConVal School district received more aid and returned unspent funds greater than anticipated and the rate for the school is lower compared to last year. As a result our overall tax rate was set by the State at \$26.80. This is thirty five cents lower than last year, 2020, and forty seven cents lower than 2019.

In 2020, the Selectboard made a number of cuts to the budget, which had been carefully planned as investments in the community. The reduction in the budget was made possible by Executive Order from the Governor's office and was in response to unprecedented emergency within the community; the COVID-19 pandemic and the closure of Crotched Mountain Rehabilitation Center. The result of the budget cuts was a tax rate that was lower than the tax rate in 2019. Our tax rate in 2020, after a lot of difficult decision making came in at \$27.15, which compared to the previous year of \$27.27.

This year the town rate was up from 8.50 to 8.88 as a result of working with a regular budget (compared to the reduced budget in 2020). East Road was finally completed and the gravel road bond was expended. 2020 Capital Reserve funds were restored and our savings plan is back on track. We'll continue to be mindful of the continuing pandemic as we build our budget for 2022. We hope you and your family have a safe and healthy holiday season.

The Greenfield Selectboard



## PUBLIC NOTICE

### WINTER PARKING BAN

By order of the Board of Selectmen, 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, 2021 - April 1, 2022. This is to allow plowing of the streets during snowstorms.

Per order of the  
Greenfield Selectboard

## B.R.O.A.D.B.A.N.D



Check for status on the Broadband project with Consolidated Communications, and fill out the pre-registration page for Broadband services:

<https://www.consolidated.com/residential/internet/new-hampshire/greenfield-fiber>

# TOWN DIRECTORY

## TOWN OFFICES

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - WITH SOME EXCEPTIONS**

### **GREENFIELD SELECTBOARD**

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

Selectboard: Robert Marshall Chair, Michael Borden, and Mason Parker  
Town Administrator: Aaron Patt  
Email: greenfieldnhbos@myfairpoint.net  
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  
Email: greenfieldnhacct@myfairpoint.net

### **BUILDING/HEALTH INSPECTOR**

Inspections by Appt/as needed  
Inspector- Mike Borden  
Tel: 603-547-0437  
Email: mbordenbi@gmail.com

### **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Meetings on the 3rd Wed at 7pm at the Town Offices.  
Chair: Roger Lessard Tel: 603-933-3130  
Email: mtking@pobox.com

### **PLANNING BOARD**

Meetings: 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: Robert Walling  
Email: greenfieldnhpb@gmail.com

### **TOWN CLERK (Registrations)**

M, W, TH, 3 pm - 5:30 pm  
**By mail and by appointment**  
Office Tel: 603-547-2782 Leave message.  
Town Clerk: Dorene Adams  
Email: greenfielddeputyclerk@gmail.com  
Deputy Town Clerk: Ann Setaro  
Email: greenfieldtc2@gmail.com

### **TAX COLLECTOR**

Tax Collector - Wendy Drouin  
Mon 1:00 - 6:00pm, Thurs 10:00 - 3:00pm  
Tel: 603-547-2782 Fax: 603-547-2242  
Email: greenfieldnhtaxes@myfairpoint.net

### **WELFARE DEPARTMENT**

Welfare Director: Leah Fiasconaro-Conway  
Email: greenfieldnhwelfare@gmail.com  
Tuesday 5:00pm - 7:00pm  
Tel: 339-545-1209  
Emergency assist: Call 603-547-2525

## OTHER DEPARTMENTS

### **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

Jim Morris, DPW Director  
Tel: 603-547-3504  
Email: greenfield.nh.dpw@myfairpoint.net

### **Buildings & Grounds Manager:**

Rick McQuade Tel: 603-325-7346  
Email: dpwbuildings@myfairpoint.net

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

### **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: greenfieldnhrecycling@myfairpoint.net

### **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

Meetings as needed- Gil Morris, Chair  
Please call the Town Office for information  
Tel: 603-547-3442

## OTHER CONTACTS

### **SCHOOL BOARD REP:**

Katherine Heck - 603-547-3442 x 1  
Email: kheck@conval.edu

### **TOWN FORESTER**

NH Licensed Forester  
Karla Allen Tel: 603-662-5646  
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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

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

**QUESTIONS Email:**  
**GreenfieldEMTeam@gmail.com**

**Sign up for alerts: ReadyNH.gov**

## **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: Rick McQuade  
Office Tel: 603-325-7346  
Emergency Dispatch:  
Tel: 603-352-1100 or 911  
Email: chiefrickmcquade@greenfieldfire.org  
Monthly meetings: 1st Mon. at 6:30 pm

### **FIRE BURN PERMITS**

To obtain a Fire Permit, please go to <https://nhdflweb.sovsportsnet.net/> or call one of the following:

### **FIRE WARDENS & TEL NUMBERS**

Eugene Hennessey, Fw1 603-718-3936  
David Hall, Deputy FW2 603-547-2222  
Jeff LaCourse, Deputy FW3 603-582-3289  
Michael Borden, Deputy FW4 603-547-0437  
Chaz Babb, Deputy FW5 603-562-0545

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief: Brian Giammarino  
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Dispatch: 603-547-2525



## **The Greenfield Spirit**

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### **To submit articles to the Spirit:**

E-mail 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!

*All opinions in this publication are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Selectboard and may not necessarily represent any town official or department.*

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### TOWN PARKS AND RECREATION

By Lenny Cornwell

There is interest in town of forming a new Recreation Committee. The town has not had a paid Recreation Director since 2008. Volunteers, along with the Select Board, have used small amounts of money along the way to support a few programs in town.

Going back to 1947, there were line items for Parks and Playgrounds in the budget. The 1947 Town Report lists the following under Recreation: \$125 for Parks and Playgrounds including band concerts. Only \$36.95 was spent on mowing and raking the Common, burning the Common - burning the old grass to promote growth and weed control, and mowing the triangle at the junction of Bennington and Forest Roads. Included was the amount of five dollars for a Christmas tree.

In 1954, approval was given for the Zephyr Lake funds to be given to Greenfield Recreation Committee and the War Memorial approved funds were also transferred to the Greenfield Recreation Committee. This seems to be a transition period; however, there was still not an actual Recreation Committee. Lights for the Christmas tree were an additional purchase.

Parks and Playground appropriations and expenses finally appeared under the Recreation Committee in 1955. The Whing Ding (There's no indication as to how that event name came to be - possibly from the expression of "a wing dinger of a time"?) of 1957 officially brought the Recreation Department to the forefront!

The year 1960 saw a set of by-laws drafted for the Recreation Committee. The main objective of the Recreation Committee (sometimes referred to as the Recreation Department) was to sponsor recreational activities in the town. That year, new equipment for the Little League, partial payment of the Girl Scout dues to the Swift Water Council of Girl Scouts, a Halloween party, a Whing Ding dance, and a Christmas party were all undertaken.

New chairs and tables for the Community Room (the basement floor of the Meeting House), work begun on a baseball diamond at the school (now the Town Office building), and monthly parties for the youth were some of the 1962 Recreation Committee activities.

Bowling trophies created much excitement for the school children in 1965 resulting in a larger turn-out for bowling that year. Sunset Beach attracted more people; additional sand for the beach and posts to keep the parked cars back from the lake's edge were added and enhanced the beach edge. That year, the Recreation Department also sponsored

a day trip for the GES students at the end of the school year to the Boston Museum of Science. Construction of a tennis/volleyball court was begun at the school for townspeople. Plans were to flood this area as an ice rink in the winter.

The March 1965 Town Meeting allotted \$275. for the Recreation Department; this was included as part of the general budget. There were no separate warrant articles for the Recreation Committee.

The summer of 1971 was highlighted by quite the celebration for the 15th Annual Whing Ding held on July 3rd. Pony pulls, a Little League game, a supper and a dance were all held. A large parade topped the day on July 4th with 28 units marching. A band concert, chicken barbeque, midway all preceded the fireworks. Attendance for the day's events was estimated to be 4,000 people, while approximately 5000 people viewed the fireworks along the shut-off portions of Slip Road. Volunteers carrying tin donation pails circulated through the crowd. Money profited from the Whing Ding supported a lot of the Recreation Department events.

The nation's Bicentennial led to many events along the way to the July 4th "super" Whing Ding. A committee was formed in 1974 - the American Revolution Bicentennial Committee (ARBC) to plan for the celebration of our nation's founding 200 hundred years prior. The Recreation Committee as well as other groups in town all participated in many of these events. Fun at Camp Union, a chicken supper, a Maypole on the library lawn, a militia muster, an old-fashioned church service, all previewed the finale - the Whing Ding ! The church bell was rung 200 times to celebrate the 200 years of freedom. Monies from the ARBC were given to the Recreation Committee.

Sources for this article: past Town Reports and Town Journals

More about the Recreation Department in the next issue of The Spirit.

#### CONTACTING THE GHS

For membership queries: Call Bruce at 603-547-3451

To donate: Call Amy at 603-547-3403

To underwrite the monthly cost of the Internet: Speak with Dale at 603-547-3377

To prompt a donation from Amazon as you shop on-line: Click onto Amazon Smiles as you begin your on-line order.

To visit the Museum: The Museum is open on the last Saturday of each month, excepting December, from 10-12 noon. To arrange a visit at other times, call Lenny at 603-547-2198. Come and see how the Museum has been "updated"!

As always, your support means so much!



# FIRE & ICE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2021

Come and Enjoy  
a Fun Packed  
Celebration of  
the Holiday Season

Blacksmith Shop Open 10 - 2, Demo 12 - 1

Historical Society - Museum will be open .  
Times and activities TBA

2 - 4:00 pm Friends of the Meeting House  
Festival of Trees at the Meeting House

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

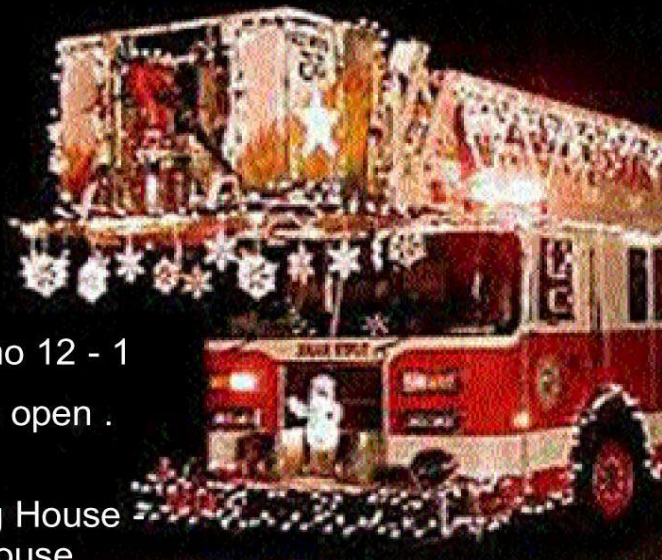
5:00 pm Fire & Ice Parade down Main Street to Oak Park

Oak Park: Food Trucks, Bonfires, Gas Heaters, Music,  
Hay Rides and more

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

8:00 pm Parade Winners Announcement

*A Community Celebration Organized by the Greenfield Fire  
Department and the Firefighters' Association. For more  
information or to sign up to be included in the parade -  
Call or text Chief Rick McQuade at 603-325-7346*







## THE PLANNING BOARD

At its core, the Planning Board is responsible for crafting the legislation of town wide ordinances. However, much of the day to day work involves processing various land use applications such as subdivisions, lot line adjustments and site plan reviews.

These provide a window into the greater dynamic of a changing, growing community which in turn help to craft the ever evolving Town Master Plan. In the slower moments, the Planning Board pursues land use educational opportunities and reviews outside design recommendations such as the Charrette plan. Additionally, there are opportunities for coordination with other boards and committees. All plans, ordinances and applications can be found on the Town's website. Currently, there are opportunities for full membership on the Board and alternates. You can sign up to be on the ballot by visiting the Town Clerk in January. For more information contact Chair Rob Walling: [planning-board@greenfieldnh.org](mailto:planning-board@greenfieldnh.org)



**RECYCLING CENTER**  
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603-547-8617

With wintry weather on its way, we got the refrigerators disassembled and into the light iron dumpster. Even though the DPW came up and crushed them, they still took up a lot of room and the dumpster filled up rather quickly. We have already scheduled a pick up. Next on the list are the ac units next to the Book Nook. Scrap values have gone up considerably since last year at this time as well as the markets for our recyclables.

I think we all heard about the shortage of jars for spaghetti sauce. Since the jars are made out of glass which is washable and reusable, why not put a temporary deposit on them and return them to service? The quick convenience of a spaghetti dinner should not be endangered by a container issue!

Update on Ed Spoon, the fellow who transports our deposit bottles/cans to Vermont, who had a heart attack. Ed is now at home with a pacemaker and has been given the ok to resume hauling our deposit containers to Brattleboro. Ed was very touched by the get well card he received signed by

so many patrons of the GRC. Ed asked me to pass along his gratitude.

As I write this, we are having problems with the GRC's phone line. We hope to have this issue resolved soon.

Bill and I are sometimes surprised by some of the items that make it to the recycling center. Take, for example, the evolution of the beverage can.



On the right in the photo is the early steel beverage ("beer") can. Getting it open required the special tool pictured below the can. Making two punctures in the can allowed faster consumption since air could replace the outflowing fluid. For some inexplicable reason this special tool was sometimes referred to as a "church key." The middle can while still made of steel sported a "pop top". By pulling a ring you created the opening you see. No bottle opener necessary. It soon became apparent that these rings with their attached bit of sharp steel were becoming both a hazard and an eyesore-especially at the beach where people walked barefoot. By the way, this can of Coca-Cola was produced in Manchester NH. On the left is the modern can made from aluminum. As you can see the issue of errant "pop tops" has been solved. The aluminum beverage can is one of the most recycled products in the world with a recycling rate of over 80 %.

As always -"Keep the stuff coming!"

Caleb "CJ" Hall  
RC Supervisor



**Edward Bergeron**  
Master Electrician

Office # 1-603-547-2783  
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# STEPHENSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY NEWS

David Bridgewater, Director

Library Contact: 603-547-2790, [director@stephensonlibrary.org](mailto: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.

**GAME NIGHTS.** In 2022 the library would like to start some game sessions for adults, teens, and younger children in the Wensberg Room. Games like table tennis, Foosball, air hockey, chess, Chinese checkers, etc.

Adult sessions would work like any other library sponsored event: Book the time, collect a key, enjoy, tidy up, return key. The library doesn't have the staff to supervise the teens and children, so we would be looking for adult volunteers to organize and supervise them. Volunteers will need to have a background check.

Eventually we will be looking for game donations some of which we already have. They would need to be in good condition, and if table tennis or Foosball, etc. would need to be foldable and and/on wheels to make storage easier.

If you have any interest in this idea, volunteering or donating, or just letting us know that it is a worthwhile endeavor, please let us know by phone, email, or personal visit.

**CRIBBAGE.** Now takes place on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 1.30 in the Wensberg Room.

**Winter Reading Program.** Sign up for children and adults will start in December.

**LINE DANCING.** Dorene Adams will be leading a line dance class on Wednesdays at 7pm in the Wensberg Room. More information from [dorene77adams@gmail.com](mailto:dorene77adams@gmail.com)

The Wensberg Room is getting increasing use. Book early to avoid disappointment.

## FIRST LEGO League Explore



Our LEGO club for younger children has been meeting on Thursday afternoons this fall, participating in the CARGO CONNECT program for children ages six through nine. They have been creating a LEGO town, with many forms of transportation to move products throughout it and automating a simple cargo sorting center.

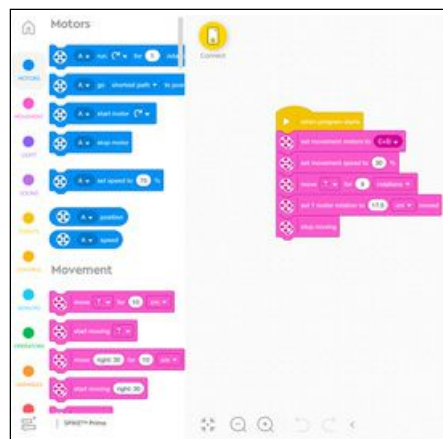
On December 4th from 2-4 pm, the children will be sharing their build, poster and excitement about this project at the library. Stop and see all the fun!

The library will continue this program with a new project, PLAYMAKERS, in the spring. There is limited space, so if you are interested in learning more, please contact the library.



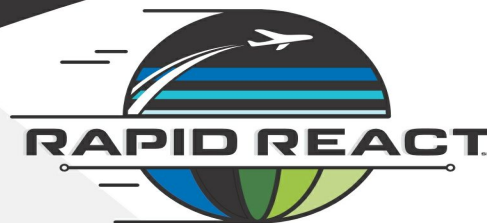
## FIRST LEGO League Challenge

The FLL Challenge club for ages 9 through 14 has also been meeting this fall and will continue through the school year with a diverse set of activities including programming, design, practicing public speaking, learning about transportation and it's future, and strategic analysis. This year's program is also called CARGO CONNECT and asks participants to envision a future with safe, sustainable, accessible transportation for all.



In early December, this LEGO club will present their robot design and solution, compete against the clock to complete robot missions and celebrate their progress at an official competition.

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- Compete at events: on the playing field and for awards.
- Apply for scholarships.

**Join our team and propel the future!**

Team Inconceivable!  
info@team1729.org  
603-371-9047 ext. 311



Ages 14-18

FIRSTINSPIRES.ORG/ROBOTICS/FRC





## SPIRIT EMAIL ADDRESS

**GreenfieldSpirit@gmail.com**

Please send your articles to this address by Jan 1st to be in the Feb/Mar issue.

## B•E S•A•F•E

Covid shots are available at CVS Pharmacies and Rite-Aid Pharmacies.

Rite-Aid in Peterborough  
603-924-3632  
or CVS in Peterborough  
603-924-6397

or look up your local store at [riteaid.com](http://riteaid.com) or [cvs.com](http://cvs.com) to make an appointment.



- Help neighbors with transportation
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# GIVE A RIDE

## COVID

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FOLLOW CDC GUIDELINES

Being Vaccinated, Wearing Masks, And Social Distancing Are The Most Important Tools You Have

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## OAK PARK COMMITTEE NEWS

The Oak Park Committee is dedicated to the revitalization and improvement of Oak Park. The Committee was reformed this past summer when a small group of Greenfield residents came together with a shared vision of improving Oak Park's existing facilities and bringing more community events to the Park! Our goals include revitalizing the playing fields, the playground, and the tennis court, and to promote Oak Park as a gathering place for our community.

Some of our ideas include a winter event, outdoor movie nights, a concert series, car shows, sports leagues, a skating rink, bingo nights, trivia nights, yoga in the park, and so much more!

Our first two community events were HUGE successes!

Over 50 people participated in our first annual Oak Park Clean Up Day on Saturday September 25th. We raked, painted, cleared brush and more and everyone enjoyed a BBQ lunch, lawn games and live music. Thank you to all who helped, including the Girl Scouts who re-painted all of the picnic tables!

The 1st Annual Oak Park Pumpkin Festival on Saturday October 23 was a wonderful time! The community came together and enjoyed trunk or treat, live music, games, crafts, food, hay rides and bonfires. A HUGE shout out to everyone who made this event possible by volunteering their time and talents - we could not have done it without you. And to everyone who came to the Pumpkin Festival THANK YOU! Plans for the 2nd Annual Oak Park Pumpkin Festival are already in the works.

Oak Park is one of Greenfield's treasures. Do you have suggestions as to what you would like to see in the Park? Do you have talents to share? Are you interested in fostering community spirit in Greenfield? Please consider joining the Oak Park Committee! Come to one of meetings to learn more!

Contact Dave Thimmel, Chair of the Oak Park Committee at [woodshopronin@gmail.com](mailto:woodshopronin@gmail.com)

**Please see pictures from our events on pages 10 and 11.**

And join the Greenfield's Oak Park and Community Happenings group on Facebook



### **What Do These 12 Towns Have In Common?**

Chesterfield, Franconstown, Gilsum, Greenville, Marlow, Nelson, Richmond, Roxbury, Sharon, Stoddard, Surry, and Troy are 12 of the 34 towns Community Volunteer Transportation Company

(CVTC) serves and each currently have zero residents volunteer driving with CVTC.

People become volunteer drivers for a variety of reasons. Some volunteer because they want something meaningful to do, want to give back, or feel satisfaction from helping others or feeling needed. Some volunteer to build relationships with others or because they prefer donating time instead of money. No matter the reason, volunteer drivers improve the health and wellness of the Monadnock Region one ride at a time.

CVTC needs 12 more volunteer drivers to achieve its goal of having 75 active drivers by the end of 2021. Can you help CVTC provide "no fee" transportation to non-emergency medical and social service appointments, grocery shopping, and other basic needs? Call 1-877-428-2882, ext. 5 for more information about becoming a volunteer driver or visit their website: [www.cvtc-nh.org](http://www.cvtc-nh.org).

Contact: Renee Sangermano  
Tel: 1-877-428-2882 x 4, 603-821-0285  
email: [renee@cvtc-nh.org](mailto:renee@cvtc-nh.org)



# OAK PARK COMMUNITY CLEAN UP DAY





# OAK PARK PUMPKIN FESTIVAL



## FRIENDS OF THE COMMUNITY MEETING HOUSE NEWS

Hello Friends!

**Oktoberfest Update** We are overjoyed to announce that the 2021 Oktoberfest profited over \$8000!!!! The Silent Auction alone raised \$2600 for the Meetinghouse! Many thanks to our Silent Auction Committee: Sharon Andrews, Adele Hale, Linda Dodge, Kathy Seigars, and Brenna Cove (Special congratulations to our newest FGCM member, Brenna's new baby, MJ, who was kind enough not to arrive in the world until AFTER Oktoberfest!! ) A huge thank you to the dozens of people and local businesses who donated over 75 items to the Auction!

**Next Events:** We are very excited to be taking part in the Greenfield Fire Department's first annual Fire and Ice event! We hope you will all stop by and check out the FGCM Festival of Trees in the Meetinghouse, from 2-4 on December 4! Greenfielders have been hard at work creating themed trees for this first ever in Greenfield. We are also planning a Community Supper at the Meetinghouse in January or February, in the tradition of the Greenfield Giver's wonderful Chili Cook offs of years past...stay tuned for more details!!

**Moose Plate Grant.** The Friends are very excited to have received a Moose Plate Grant from the State of New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Program in the amount of \$8300, which will fund much-needed repairs to the Meetinghouse belfry and clock tower. As per the recommendations of the LCHIP Assessment of the Meetinghouse, these funds that will ensure the belfry and clocktower are safe for volunteers and first responders to access, and that the space meets modern safety codes. The Moose Plate grant funds will serve as a "practice run" for the partnership between the FGCM and the Town of Greenfield. The FGCM exists solely to raise funds to repair and maintain the Meetinghouse, but since the Meetinghouse itself is owned by the town, the FGCM will transfer the grant funds to the town specifically to complete the belfry repairs, and the town will take responsibility for completion of the repair project. Thanks to Town Treasurer Katherine Heck and Town Administrator Aaron Patt for their help in figuring out this process.

**Project Update.** The FGCM Architecture Committee and the Selectboard have been hard at work interviewing architect candidates to complete an Architecture and Engineering Study of the Meetinghouse. This study is the actual design plan for the project and is a "biddable document." To clarify, the Assessment of the Meetinghouse, which was funded by an LCHIP grant in 2017, is a comprehensive estimate of the repairs and renovations that are needed, but is not an actual design plan. Once the Architecture and Engineering study is complete, the town can begin to seek construction bids. With construction bids in hand, the town can then apply for stage two of the LCHIP grant that will help fund the project. These grant funds will be matched by the town.

**New Signage.** Many of you have probably noticed our beautiful new "thermometer" sign on the town common! This sign was donated by Erik Wensberg of AMI Graphics and erected by Tim Schloemer, who built the frame and supports. Erik, who grew up spending summers in Greenfield with his family, also donated the lovely Oktoberfest banners, designed by Jim Fletcher, on the downtown light posts. As you can all see on the "thermometer," the FGCM's fundraising and grants combined with the capital reserve set aside by the town have brought us a solid start to raising the total amount needed to repair the Meetinghouse...but we still have a long way to go! We're always looking for any volunteers with professional experience in grant writing or nonprofit development to join our Board.

Please email [greenfieldmeetinghouse@gmail.com](mailto:greenfieldmeetinghouse@gmail.com), check our website [greenfieldmeetinghouse.org](http://greenfieldmeetinghouse.org), find us on Facebook at Friends of the Greenfield Community Meetinghouse, or follow us on Instagram at [@fgcm2020](https://www.instagram.com/fgcm2020) for more information!



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## GREENFIELD TRAILS ASSOCIATION NEWS

When you grow up hiking, biking, and exploring the beautiful woods of Greenfield and you are looking for a fitting way to earn your Eagle Scout project, what possible idea pops into your mind? You've got it: You do an outdoor trail project!



Greenfield resident Orion Gray, 18, recently completed his Eagle Scout project by organizing and rebuilding a dangerously decaying 110 foot trail bridge. This spring, Orion contacted the Greenfield Trails Association seeking ideas about what trails needed the kind of help that could be a candidate for his Eagle Scout project. Throughout the summer, Orion worked with the GTA and other Greenfield locals to plan and organize the demolition and rebuilding of a key bridge in the Greenfield trail system. In late August, Orion and a crew of volunteers spent many hours hauling, sawing, hammering, and bolting all the wood that went into constructing a 110 foot bridge. We are all very proud of Orion for his considerable effort to help his hometown Greenfield community and also for earning his Eagle Scout honors.

The Greenfield Trails Association is a non profit organization dedicated to maintaining and promoting the use of local trails used for activities such as hiking, biking, horseback riding, snowshoers, etc. If you would like to make a donation, or purchase a membership, please visit us on Facebook under Greenfield Trails Association.

**WINTER  
CARNIVAL**

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*Front row: Catherine (Paro) Shaw, Dale Sanford,  
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## THE FIRE CHIEF'S CORNER

### WINTER SEASON FIRE SAFETY

With cold temperatures settling in, November and December ushers in not only the colder weather, but also the Christmas season, and one of the most dangerous times of the year when talking about fire safety in your home. Between 2014-2018, U.S. fire departments responded to an average of 160 home fires per year that started with Christmas trees and an average of 770 home structure fires per year that began with decorations, such as Christmas lights and candles.

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), half of the home decorating fires are caused by candles. Lit candles should be kept more than 18" from flammable or combustible products. Candles should never be left unattended, and always extinguished before going to bed or leaving your house. It's ok to enjoy the scent and soft glow of candles, as long as they are respected. Around the Christmas season, I have a personal favorite Yankee Candle called "Christmas cookies," and it smells so good.

Christmas trees are another huge fire safety hazard and if you have a real tree, you should take these next few tips seriously.

- Never pick/purchase a Christmas tree that sheds a lot of the needles when touched.
- When you bring your Christmas tree home, whether fresh cut or off a lot, always cut at least 2" off the bottom.
- Make sure your tree is at least 3 feet away from heat sources like wood stoves, fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, candles or heat vents. Also, make sure your tree does not block exits.
- Christmas Lights: Read the manufacturer's instructions for the number of light strands you can safely connect together. Any lights, new or old, should always be inspected for wire frays or missing bulbs before decorating your tree or house. Before taking old Christmas lights to the Recycling Center, always destroy the string of lights so they can't be used by others.
- The NFPA, through countless studies, has proven that a Christmas tree that is watered daily burns considerably slower than a dry tree. An artificial tree, or a tree that is properly watered, can increase your chances of survival in a fire by increasing the time you have to escape. I strongly suggest that everyone goes to YouTube and watches the NFPA video "Christmas Tree Fire Turns Devastating and Deadly Within Seconds."

Wood stoves have been used to heat our houses as far back as the 1600's. With all of the modernizing that has come with wood stove designs, they don't make a self-cleaning wood stove. Before the beginning of every heating season, you should have your wood stove and chimney cleaned and inspected by a professional. You should always burn seasoned fire wood, have a working fire extinguisher in close proximity to the stove, and install smoke alarms inside each bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement. Smoke detectors may not only save your home, but more importantly, your family. In the event space heaters need to be used as emergency heating, ensure that you use heaters with tip-over protections. Do not plug these into surge protector strips. Plug them directly into a wall outlet. This will prevent the power strip from overheating and causing a fire.

As the winter season takes hold of us and the snow starts to pile up, please take the time to clear the snow from your dryer vents and any other direct vent appliance. This is also a good time to remind everyone to have a working Carbon Monoxide detector on every level of your home. Carbon Monoxide is deadly odorless gas that can build up in your home from improperly vented or operating appliances like your furnace, water heaters, and even in some cases, your wood stove.

Last but not least, is fire safety in your barns or outbuildings. Many of you may have pets like chickens, rabbits or even ducks, and in the coldest of January and February days probably use heating lamps to keep your little friends warm, or heaters to keep their water buckets from freezing. If you use heating lamps, always make sure you secure the lamp with some type of fastener like screws and brackets, to keep it from being knocked off its mount or knocked over. Technology has come a long way and ceramic heaters, which are much safer, can now be used in these types of applications. Always take the time to inspect the power cords and extension cords and ensure that they are plugged into a GFI outlet.

I know I crammed a lot into this article, but I hope everyone takes the time to read it. Many of these steps I have outlined take little to no time to complete. Roughly 15 years ago, when I was Chief in Lyndeborough, we went to a building fire. After the fire was out, we heard a chirping from the second floor. We found a smoke detector that had melted down over itself due to the heat of the fire. As hot as that fire was, that smoke detector was still working and did its job. Please, take these tips seriously, this is the one time we don't want to see your tax dollars hard at work.

From all of us at Greenfield Fire, we want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and hope you have a very safe and Happy New Year.

Rick McQuade  
Fire Chief



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We know how many of you love the walking track at Oak Park, that's why it's so good to be able to announce that after three years of trying, the track has finally been resurfaced. Roughly 400 yards of hardpack material was brought in to improve the conditions. If you have used the track in the past, you will remember that every time it rained, on either of the corners or back straight away, large puddles would form and take several days to slowly absorb into the ground. In the winter months, these puddles would freeze making it almost impossible to plow and sand the track. These types of hazards made the track that much harder to not only enjoy, but also maintain.

In Mid-October, we started spreading the new hardpack. Because the track is narrower than a road, we used the smaller F-550 to tailgate spread the material and then used the backhoe or loader to smooth things out. If you have visited the park lately and used the track, you will notice the track received over 2 inches of new material on the front and back stretches. On the corners, some areas were raised well over 12". We hope that all the new material will improve the drainage and allow for a safer walking surface, especially in the winter months. As the project wrapped up, Mike Rector from Greenfield Landscaping donated his time and equipment to do the final finish grade and smoothing of the new walking surface. We want to thank him for his help with this project.

As warm as October and November have been, we have started to prepare for winter maintenance, by placing grade stakes around most of the parking lots, the track and sidewalks. In the next few weeks the snowblower and MT Trackless sidewalk machine will be given a good servicing in hopes that mother nature goes easy on us this winter. We have also completed making our winter sand from the town sandpit, we made approximately 2500 yards of screened sand. About 1/2 has been trucked to the DPW so far with the help of Kurt Atherton (KMA Trucking). Trucks have been gone through for preparation of the winter months, steam cleaned and fluid filmed and the 2018 Ford F-550 will receive a new sander this year to replace the very old sander that has been passed down over the years.

We have started our final phase of Cavender Rd which is cutting the brush on the roadside, this is a lengthy process of cutting and chipping as the road is 8000 feet long, if you would like any of the wood chips please call or email the DPW or reach out to us over our Facebook page.

By the time this article comes out, all of the building's furnaces, boilers, and emergency generators will have been inspected and serviced. This year we are taking a hard look at the costs for oil, propane, and service work on all the



town's heating systems. Our hopes are to put together a comprehensive bid package to help us save money, while getting the best possible service.

Last, but not least, we heard your voices and have changed the bright white LED Christmas lights that go up on the light poles in the downtown, to the softer traditional incandescent white lights. We hope the new decorations downtown make your holiday season just a bit more enjoyable.

Jim Morris  
Greenfield Department of Public Works

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**EXPLORERS**  
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## VETERANS DAY IN GREENFIELD



*Veterans Day Observance on the Town Common  
l-r Chief Brian Giamarrino, Captain Michael Borden, and  
Reverend Dan Osgood*

## LIGHT IN THE NIGHT: Lantern Festival Returns to Peterborough's Putnam Park

Children and the Arts Festival organizers have announced that its annual Lantern Festival will take place as a multi-lantern installation Friday, December 3, through Sunday, December 5, in Putnam Park in downtown Peterborough.

Hundreds of glowing lanterns, handcrafted into numerous shapes, including houses, churches, stars, and more will be arranged on the grounds and in the trees throughout the park, creating an enchanted, luminous setting. Children, families, and people of all ages are invited to see the park mystically transformed on these three nights in the early days of winter.



*Rows of lantern houses create a glowing village in the snow at Putnam Park at last year's Lantern Festival.*



*Diminutive hand-made lanterns light up a bare tree in Putnam Park as part of the December 2020 Lantern Festival in Peterborough.*

*Courtesy photos, December 2020 Lantern Festival,  
Children and the Arts*

“We’re excited to host another lantern event in downtown Peterborough,” says Jeannie Connolly. “It will be a magical family-friendly event and we hope you will join us for a stroll through the park on one of those evenings.”

There is no charge to visit the installation, which is best enjoyed after the sun sets.

Web site: [childrenandthearts.org](http://childrenandthearts.org)

About Children and the Arts: The Children and the Arts Committee is composed of committed citizen volunteers. Its spring festival attracts an estimated 5000 people from the Monadnock region and beyond. Its mission to offer a FREE arts festival to celebrate art for, by, and with the children of our community. The Children and the Arts Lantern Festival is a free night-time event held each December.

Contact:

Jenny Donelan

Children and the Arts Lantern Festival Committee

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**Declaration of Candidacy  
2022 Openings for Town Officials**

Any person desiring to file as a candidate for one of the following offices to be voted on at the 2022 Annual Meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 8th, 2022, **MUST FILE** at the office of the Town Clerk **between Wed. January 19, 2022 to Friday, January 28, 2022**, dates and times the Town Clerks office is open are listed below.

Selectboard	3 Year Term	
Moderator	2 Year Term	
Budget Adv. Committee	1 Year term	
Budget Adv. Committee	2 Year Term	
Budget Adv. Committee	3 Year Term	(2 positions Open)
Cemetery Trustee	3 Year Term	
Library Trustee	3 Year Term	
Planning Board	3 Year Term	(2 positions Open)
Planning Board	1 Year Term	
Supervisor of Checklist	6 Year Term	
Trustee of Trust Funds	3 Year Term	

**The Town Clerks office is open for Candidate filing period, 3:00 - 5:30 pm on:  
Wed. Jan. 19th, Thurs. Jan 20th,  
Mon. Jan. 24th, Wed. Jan. 26th, Thurs. Jan. 27,  
Fri. Jan. 28th 3:00-5:00pm**

Please email: [Greenfielddeputyclerk@gmail.com](mailto:Greenfielddeputyclerk@gmail.com) with any questions.

**Dorene E. Adams  
Town Clerk**

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