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SPIRIT EMAIL ADDRESS

GreenfieldSpirit@gmail.com

Deadline:

July 1st to be in the Aug/Sep issue.

**PRIVATE WELL
WATER TESTING**

JUNE 16TH

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Tax Bills

Many of you have recently received your tax bills and may be wondering where the big increase that you have heard about is? The answer is pretty simple: The June tax bill is, by law, calculated as one half of the previous year's tax. The State requires this because the final numbers are not known yet and cannot be correctly calculated by DRA until the fall.

One of the biggest variables is the ConVal school budget. The school district budget is projected to be similar this year as last but, unfortunately, they do not have extra monies available to reduce the tax rate as they did last year. So even though the dollar amount is nearly the same, we are projecting that the tax impact will be greater. The full weight of this will not be seen until the December tax bills.

Here in town we approved a number of warrant articles for much needed investments. One of the more significant warrant articles was for a new loader for the highway department. That loader has been delivered and you should already be seeing it hard at work! Jim was able to negotiate a very good deal and get a number of upgrades that will reduce running and maintenance costs for the loader – a great example of prudent expense management.

For all of us, inflation is causing pain at the gas pumps, in the grocery aisles, and generally for everything we purchase. Just as Town Meeting was taking place fuel prices skyrocketed. Fortunately, the town was able to re-activate our account with the State DOT barn and, by acting quickly, our gas and diesel fuel costs have remained under three dollars per gallon since March and will stay low until the State renegotiates their contract in July.

In a similar vein the Town voted to “chip seal” several newly paved roads to extend the life of that paving work and reduce future costs. Just like with fuel, the cost of paving projects has soared. Luckily, we had firm fixed price bids so we have been able to complete those projects at much better prices than we would have paid had we waited.

Looking forward we have some big projects that are in the works such as the Meeting House Restoration and revitalization of Oak Park. Both of these initiatives have been chugging along in the background and picking up speed as the days go by. In the near future we hope to have a contract in place with the architect chosen for the Meeting House project, and we will be hosting a Farmer's Market on Sunday afternoons all summer long at the park. The Oak Park Committee is bringing a lot of energy to the park. Have you seen the improvements made on the baseball fields? A very big THANK YOU to our volunteers!

In the meantime, we will keep our eyes on the economy, and like you, we will work hard to meet our goals in a cost-effective manner.

Wishing you a wonderful summer,

The Greenfield Selectboard.

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: Mason Parker Chair, Michael Borden, and Tom Bascom
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

Email: officemanager@greenfield-nh.gov

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: 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

Email: greenfieldnhwelfare@gmail.com

Tuesday 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Tel: 603-547-3442 Ext. 3

Emergency assist: Call 603-547-2525

OTHER DEPARTMENTS

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Jim Morris, DPW Director

Tel: 603-547-3504

Email: publicworks@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
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: recyclingcenter@greenfield-nh.gov

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Meetings as needed- Gil Morris, Chair

Email: zba@greenfield-nh.gov

Tel: 603-547-3442

OTHER CONTACTS

CEMETERY TRUSTEES:

Meetings on the 2nd Thurs at 7pm at the Town Offices

Roger Lessard, Chair - 603-933-3130

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Katherine Heck - 603-547-3442 x 1

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TOWN FORESTER

NH Licensed Forester

Karla Allen Tel: 603-733-7922

Email: Karlaallen367@gmail.com

GREENFIELD U.S. POST OFFICE

Open Hrs: 8-11:30 am & 1-5 pm, Sat. 8-12 pm

Tel: 603-547-3310

EMERGENCIES

DIAL 911

POLICE/FIRE/AMBULANCE

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 Tues. at 6:30 pm

FIRE BURN PERMITS

To obtain a Fire Permit, please go to

<https://nhdfweb.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

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Sign up for alerts: ReadyNH.gov

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief: Brian Giammarino

Office: Tel: 603-547-2535

Dispatch: 603-547-2525

Email: police@greenfieldnhpd.com



The Greenfield Spirit

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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!

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WELL WATER TESTING PROGRAM



Officials from NH Dept. of Environmental Services (NHDES) will present a program on well water testing on

**THURSDAY, JUNE 16TH AT 7:00 PM
in the Wensberg Meeting Room at the
Stephenson Memorial Library, 761
Forest Rd, Greenfield.**

Registration is required in order to ensure that there is a sufficient number of sampling kits for all attendees.

RSVP at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4FAEA722A1FDC61-well>

We must have at least 20 participants in order to have this program.

**Samples will be collected at the
Greenfield Meetinghouse, 776 Forest Rd.
on Sunday, June 26th between
2:00 and 4:00 PM.**

Payment must be made by check only, made out to Treasurer State of NH, and must accompany samples upon delivery.

This program is sponsored by the Greenfield Conservation Commission. If you cannot make the meeting, please call: Roger Lessard 603-933-3130 or mtking@pobox.com



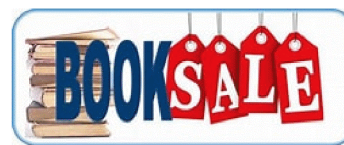
Friends of the Stephenson Memorial Library
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The Friends of the Library is a volunteer nonprofit group that supports our wonderful town library by sponsoring various events and programs. Please consider joining our group - we have lots of opportunities for you to be involved!

Ice Cream at Music on the Common this Summer!



The Friends will be selling Brownie Ice Cream Sundaes every Tuesday this summer at Music on the Common. All proceeds go towards the library. Come out, listen to some great music, eat a yummy sundae and support your local library!



Book Sales are held every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month, in the Wensberg Room at the Stephenson Memorial Library. A great selection of books at a great price! Buy a Friend's bag and fill it for free FOREVER

Welcome Baskets!

The Friends have been welcoming new residents to Greenfield with Welcome Baskets! Do you own a business in town? Would you like to include your business card or a small gift or coupon towards goods/services in future baskets? This is a great way to let new residents know about your business and to welcome newcomers to town!



President : Valli Hannings
Vice President : Ginni Plourde
Treasurer: Clare Delay
Secretary: Alyssum Proctor Russell

TOWN CLERKS OFFICE

OFFICE HOURS by appointment:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 3:00 – 5:30pm

APPOINTMENTS: Email or call us to let us know what day and time you want to come in. We will add you to our list!

Email Dorene at:

Townclerk@Greenfield-nh.gov

Phone: leave a message: 1-603-547-2782. When calling, please note that we only retrieve messages when we are in the office.

Making appointments cuts down on your wait time in the office. If you walk in without an appointment, we will wait on you in between scheduled appointments.

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.

Mail in Option:

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

Online Payments: NEW!

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

Moving to Greenfield from another state:

A) New residents to the State 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 drivers license and 2 checks or cash for payment. We will have to retitle your vehicle in the State of NH.

B) If you have a dog, you need to register your dog with the Town Clerk.

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

A) Residents who move to town 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.

B) You must also transfer your dog registration to Greenfield, from the previous town, which we can do for you.

Dog licenses: New dogs must be registered and all dogs must have renewal registrations 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.

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). If the forfeiture fee is not paid within that time, a summons to appear in court will be issued.

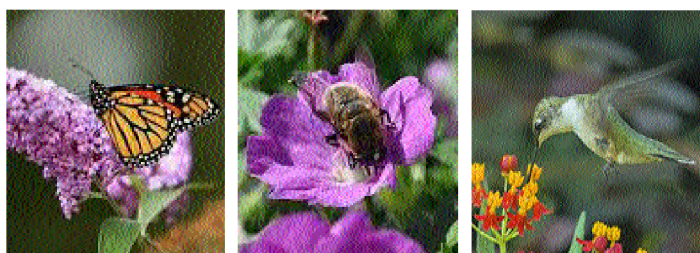
2022 Supervisor Session (Elections)

TUESDAY, MAY 31ST, Supervisor Session 7:00–7:30 pm at the Town Offices, 7 Sawmill Rd.

Register to Vote. Update name or address. Change party affiliation.

NOTE: This is the last day to change party affiliation before September 13, 2022, primary elections. Please note: You can always register to VOTE with the Town Clerk, during office hours, but you will not be officially added to the Voter Checklist until the Supervisors hold a session to do so.





POLLINATOR PATHWAY

**Want to help pollinators ~
here's how you can!**

by Candice Fowler

Do you love flowers? Get excited when thinking about digging in the dirt? I bet you've read a few articles on plants and even perused through those catalogs that arrive in your mailbox...searching for some fun new plants for your gardens. Something that you might not know is that there are some GREAT plants for pollinators and some plants that look great but don't produce pollen or nectar which make them not so good in helping our 2600+ different kinds of pollinators in NH.

Helping our pollinators is important and each one of us can do something – even if you only have a tiny space to plant some flowers. According to UNH Extension “Even a small patch of the right flowers can help, as it adds to the larger landscape mosaic in which the pollinators live and search for food.” SO what are the RIGHT flowers?

That depends on what you are trying to attract. Bees like white, blue, purple and yellow flowers while hummingbirds love red tubular flowers. The shape and size as well as the length of the bloom time all impact what type of insect pollinators you'll attract. It's best to plant flowers in groups of 3-5 (some sites say up to 8) and to plan for having blooms from spring to fall. Starting off small is fine as we know every bloom helps! Maybe you'll want to plant just one type of spring, summer, and fall flower. Once you've established that...the next year – add another flower to each of your seasons. Soon you'll have many plants growing and blooming in all seasons.

If you don't like digging and planting all the time – consider planting perennials as they come back each year. I have found that perennials are my go-to plants. I love to stick them in the ground and then not think about them too much. Over the years, I've started adding some annuals in between the perennials.

Did you know that some plants have been bred so much for

specific characteristics (like size, double blooms, or fancy new colors) that they have lost their ability to produce pollen? Don't be tempted to purchase these kinds of flowers – they won't help any pollinators.

UNH Extension has many resources for helping gardeners determine which are the best plants for our area. If you're looking for wildflowers that will grow well in NH – check out this resource:

https://extension.unh.edu/sites/default/files/migrated_unmanaged_files/Resource005973_Rep8387.pdf

In it you will find a bloom time calendar by color and time of year to help you pick which wildflowers to plant. Here's a few:

SPRING	SUMMER	FALL
Wild Columbine	Black Eyed Susan	Brown Eyed Susan
Wild Lupine	Purple Coneflower	NE Aster
Foxglove	Butterfly Milkweed	Showy Goldenrod
Golden Alexanders	Lanceleaf Coreopsis	Closed Gentian

Avoid using pesticides in your garden...these can get rid of the good pollinators along with the pests you are trying to kill. There are many ways to keep pesky bugs from your flowers....but that's a whole new article! Remember – even if you start small – know that you are already part of the solution by planting some flowers. Go get your hands dirty! Have fun and make some pollinators happy this year!

If you are planning a home pollinator garden, please contact our Home Garden Coordinator, Sheila Nichols at 603-852-1202 or sheesh55@gmail.com.



*Brought to you by the
Greenfield Conservation Commission.*





Do You Have Time Now and Then to Give Someone A Ride?

The Community Volunteer Transportation Company, or CVTC, is looking for more people to become part of our volunteer driver team. Do you have time on your hands? Our drivers are all volunteers and use their own vehicles. They receive an optional reimbursement of \$.585 per mile on the trips they provide. CVTC provides transportation for non-emergency medical appointments, social services, grocery shopping, banking, and/or visits to the pharmacy. Trips needing a driver are listed on our website and each driver can use his/her computer to determine which trips would fit in with their plans. For those drivers who do not use a computer, our staff will help select trips that match time availability and complete a monthly mileage log.

Our volunteers contribute to the health, wellness, dignity and independence for all we serve. Please join us. It's easy and most rewarding.

Give CVTC a call today at 1-877-428-2882, ext. 5. for more information.

CVTC provides no-fee transportation for individuals without access to transportation because of age, ability, income, and/or life circumstance.

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THE TOWN WEBSITE

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

www.greenfield-nh.gov/

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

Music on the Common

This Summer On
Greenfield's Beautiful Common

June 21st
Pop Farmers
Classic Rock



June 28th
Eyes of Age
Mixed

July 5th
Gutzy Right
Oldies



July 12th
The Boogey Men
Oldies

July 19th
Granite Peach
Easy Listening



July 26th
Amherst Town Band
Patriotic



August 2nd
Dragon Fly
Mixed

August 9th
Joel Cage
Acoustic Rock

Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm.

Bring a blanket or a chair to sit on.

Free and Open to the Public
Come on Down, Bring the Kids,
Have a Bite to Eat, and Enjoy

Music on the Common!

The Fire Department Auxiliary will have
food and drinks for sale.

Adult Meal: \$8.00

Kids Meal: \$5.00

The Friends of the Library will have
ice cream sundaes for sale as well.



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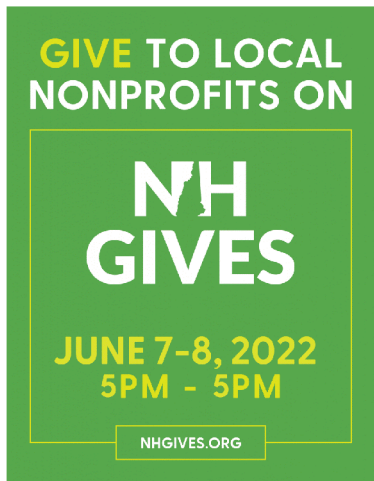


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GREENFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Once again this year, the Greenfield Historical Society is proud to participate in NH Gives, the statewide twenty-four hour fundraising initiative designed to build community, connect donors to local nonprofits and generate excitement about the nonprofit sector. and its projects.

Last year, our participation netted nearly \$1,000 ! The money was targeted to update our town history, an effort that is a current work in progress.



This year, GHS is seeking funds toward the replacement of the 1928 Chevrolet fire truck's tires, a considerable expense. Because of the frail condition of the existing, **splitting** sidewalls, it is unsafe to drive the truck on the road. To showcase the firetruck at any event, we currently have to put the truck onto a flatbed trailer to take it anywhere - which is no easy task ! Being towed behind a pickup - how degrading; The truck deserves better.

With sturdier, more practical metal wheels instead of the existing wooden spoke wheels as well as replacement tires, the firetruck could once again be driven on the road, proudly rep-

resenting Greenfield and the Historical Society in local parades and events.

We urge you to give during this year's NH Gives campaign over June 7th and 8th.



Remember to watch online throughout the day, since often opportunities for donations to be matched occur. It would be wonderful to top last year's donations received, showing how much this treasured relic means to the town. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT !

THE ORIGIN OF CAMP UNION

By Lenny Cornwell

In early 2019, two articles appeared in The Spirit about Otter Lake Park. In the late 1920s (The years vary in different accounts.), the Peavey property of over 600 acres was sold to the Boston Young Men's Christian Union. The BYMCU was established in the mid-1800s by a group of Harvard students who organized a Christian discussion group. Eventually, a building was built on Boylston Street in Boston. This building was placed on the National Historic Register in 1980. Plans in 2016 called for the redevelopment of the structure into affordable housing units.

A lot of the camps around Otter Lake Park were used to house members of the group year round. The Hurricane of 1938 put an end to this program as it destroyed not only the forest, but the buildings and roadway as well. Clean up of the area was performed by groups from the Boston Juvenile Court. Using the teens for labor allowed for a modern summer camp for boys from the Boston area. New cabins were constructed in 1941. WWII caused a moratorium of anyone coming here until 1946.

At that time, "Wally" (Waldo) Stone assumed the position of Director of Camping. The goal was to provide the best experience for these children. College students were hired as camp counselors. The program was based on the Country Week model from Denmark. There was also a similar Fresh Air program in New York.

In 1959, the BYMCU Trustees utilized \$60,000 to winterize the camp, thus allowing 5th and 6th graders to spend a week at Camp Union. Greenfield's 5th and 6th graders participated, free of charge. The other Greenfield students, 1st through 4th graders spent a day, for free, of visiting at the Camp. This included lunch ! The week-long campers had to help in the kitchen at mealtimes - lunch and supper, waiting on tables.

Greenfield students usually anticipated their week at Camp Union during January.


Cold weather and snow did not deter the activities. Animal tracking, star gazing, examining snowflakes were just some of the activities. Observing beaver lodges and muskrat shelters as well as food sources for these animals, pursuing stream life and flow of the water were intermingled with sledding and maybe even a snowball fight ! At the end of the week, campers were eager for another week there. On the last night, a little ceremony was held in the dining hall by the fireplace, and concluded with the singing of "Kumbaya". The next day, campers headed back home with lots of memories to share with their families.

Sources: Wikipedia
Greenfield, New Hampshire: The Story of a Town
Lenny Cornwell, a former GES "happy camper"

Next month: More on the BYMCU and Camp Union


IN A NUTSHELL...

Visiting the Museum: If it's been awhile since you've been in the Museum, surprises await you there and in the barn. The Museum is open the last Saturday of each month, with the exception of December, from 10 o'clock until noon. Or, to arrange to visit at another time, simply call Lenny at 547-2198.



Sundays at the Meeting House

Worship Service
10:00AM
Potluck Fellowship After Service



GREENFIELD BIBLE CHURCH

www.greenfieldbiblechurch.org

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CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION

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.



We currently have an exhibition of 22 watercolor paintings. These are by the group that meets at the library Wednesday evenings 6.00 – 8.00 during the cooler months. Come take a look.



The Summer Reading Program will start on July 1st with sign up beginning when school closes on June 17th.



The Girl Scouts installed a Story Walk on the field behind the library. It consists of twenty stations each of which has a double page spread from: Around the Pond: Who's been here? by Lindsay Barrett George. So next time you are at the library, go for a reading walk. Stretch the minds and legs of your children.

Feel free to call the library at 547-2790 or email David Bridgewater, Director at director@stephensonlibrary.org with any questions about services or upcoming programs.



Free play Lego for children, K-3, during the summer is on Thursdays 3.30 – 5.00.

The Challenge Lego Team will continue to meet on Tuesdays 3.30 – 5.00

SPIRIT DEADLINE

**JULY 1ST FOR
THE AUG/SEP ISSUE**

SATURDAY AFTERNOON ADULT BOOK GROUP

We welcome new members to join us to add to our discussions.

- Our Book Group year runs from January - October
- We read a mix of fiction, non-fiction, and most genres.
- Book discussions take place on the last Saturday of the month at 2 PM. ~ Next:

June 25th discussing *Some Luck* by Jane Smiley

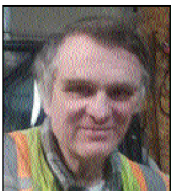
July 30th discussing *The Marriage of Opposites* by Alice Hoffman

- We meet outside, behind the library when the weather is nice, other times we gather in the Wensberg Room.
- Books, including large print and audio, if available, are at the front desk.

Please be in touch with Jean if you would like more information about our group.
jrube.rainier@gmail.com 547-2108

- We welcome you for the whole year or feel free to join us for the months that interest you.

We look forward to having you join us!



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603-547-8617

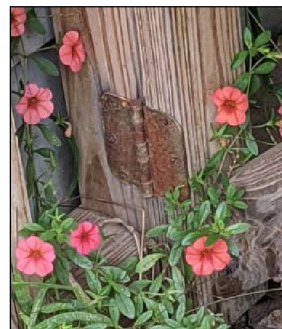
One of the projects that was postponed due to Covid was filing with the state a registration for "Landfills Closed Before 1981". The decision by the Greenfield residents, after MUCH discussion, to close the dump and start recycling in 1977 proved to be a wise one. Town dumps kept in operation after 1981 came under much greater regulatory scrutiny. When they were eventually closed, the former dumps had to install impermeable covers with maintained grassy covers. In addition, monitoring wells had to be drilled and tested monthly. One town spends \$12,000 per year just on well testing. These former dumps are subject to frequent inspections and reports have to be filed yearly.

For Greenfield, we are required to file a closure report only once-provided it is deemed acceptable by the DES. That is why I asked at town meeting for anyone who had memories of the old dump to contact me. It is important that the opening of the dump is determined and documented as well as

its' closure. This entailed going through numerous town reports dating back into the 1960's. Along the way there were some interesting tidbits of news. In the early 60's there was mention of a June snowstorm that destroyed gardeners' early crops. The head of the DPW addressed the public at town meeting telling them that although he and his helper were on call 24 hours a day, he was only making \$1.70 per hour and his helper \$1.50 (neither position had benefits). 5 acres of land was purchased by the town for the sum of \$900.00. In the early 1970's, the public approved at town meeting an oil refinery for Greenfield. This rather ill-fitting enterprise was explained when, a couple years later, Tenneco proposed putting an oil pipeline through the town. The pipeline, unlike the oil refinery, did not meet with town approval. So much for Greenfield becoming the Houston of the Northeast. Perhaps if they had adopted the slogan: "Benzene and Lower Taxes!" the pipeline/oil refinery might have gotten more support.

We have made a good faith effort to provide the DES with as much information as possible, given the number of years that have passed since the dump was closed. At this time the report is being reviewed by town officials. By the next publication of the Greenfield Spirit, I hope to be able to write that this matter has been successfully completed.

On the legislative front, there is House Bill 1652 that proposes instituting a 10-cent deposit on beverage containers. The bill's sponsors come primarily from the North Country where much of New Hampshire's waste is sent and is the portion of the state which is most heavily dependent on tourism. There are only two states in New England without bottle/can deposits: New Hampshire and Rhode Island. I suspect that deposit bottles are less of a concern to the small state of Rhode Island since, if you throw something out the car window there, it has a pretty good chance landing either in the Atlantic, Connecticut or Massachusetts. Here in our town, I can say that the bulk of the material collected during the blue bag roadside cleanup are beverage cans. This issue deserves careful debate before any legislative action is taken. I am also sure that our state representatives would appreciate constituent input on this bill.



This is a picture of a plant that reseeded itself from one of Carol's plants.

As always, "keep the stuff coming!"

*CJ Hall
Recycling Center Supervisor*

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



Construction of the broadband project has been completed and Fidium is now scheduling installs! ("Fidium" is the new name for Consolidated's fiber optic internet service.)

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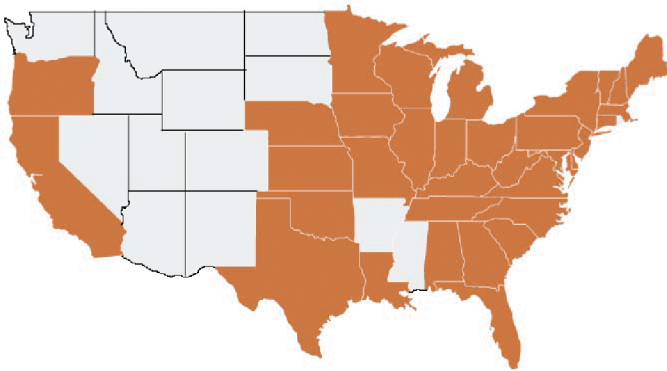
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Some WORMS are NOT good for your Soil!

Have you heard about “jumping”, “snake” or “crazy” worms? Officially these worms are called amynthas but most people refer to them as snake worms since they wiggle and slither around like fast moving little snakes to avoid predators.

Scientists surmise that these worms have been in the US since the late 1800’s arriving as stow-a-ways on ships from Asia. They have been found in at least 34 states since the writing of this article. This graphic (copied from Science News for Students) shows states known to have at least one type of jumping worm documented.



These snake worms are hearty eaters...devouring the top leaf litter in forested areas. Once that layer is gone, it is difficult for plants to remain in the soil and the ground is susceptible to increased erosion. They can invade the size of 10 football fields in a single year. They are displacing earth worms, centipedes, salamanders and nesting ground birds. Snake worms are changing the quality of the soil making it hard for native plants to thrive and some gardeners will find it hard to grow new plants.

Scientists don’t know why they are spreading so fast lately. Could it be milder winters here in the NE? They do know that the worms like it warm and warmer weather helps them spread to new areas. Eggs from these worms are little cocoons and can hitch a ride on your shoe treads. Just one egg can jump start an entire invasion since they do not need mates to reproduce, and they reproduce much faster than beneficial worms.

WHAT TO DO?

The best bet is to not bring these into your area. Here are some tips for you to follow:

- Be careful when hiking – remove your shoes and clean them after hiking. People are most likely the ones spreading these worms from place to place as the cocoons can get wedged in shoe treads. Cocoons are laid in the late summer and early fall and can over winter and survive cold temperatures.

- Use only materials that are assured to be free of worm eggs – typically this will be because it’s been heat treated
- If you trade plants – trade them as bare rooted plants not potted plants. Or make sure you wash all the soil off to get down to the roots before taking plants home.
- Don’t buy Asian worms as bait and don’t dump them into a water or on the ground when done fishing.

It is unfortunate that if you do have these worms already – there is no known quick way to get rid of them. Scientists are trying to develop ways to eradicate snake worms but right now here are a few things you can try:

- Make sure you are killing the snake worms and not your helping worms. You can identify snake worms by the way they move (thrashing around) and by the whitish ring that goes ALL the way around the worm. Check out this page for more details: <https://jwp.cfans.umn.edu/meet-jumping-worm>
- You can try dry mustard mixed with water to bring worms to the surface. This annoys all worms – not just jumping worms. If you find some thrashing around – you’ll be able to catch them and kill them by drowning them in soapy water or putting them in plastic bags and leaving those in the sun as the worms cannot withstand temps above 100°F.

Be on the lookout for jumping worms in June as they hatch and become adults by mid-summer. If you find these - please report them here: <https://www.nhbugs.org/reporting-form> (You can report other not so nice bugs on this site as well...like the Ash Borer and Asian Long-horned Beetle). This site also allows you to upload pictures. Here’s to keeping these worms out of our gardens and landscapes and wooded areas! Good Luck!

Information compiled by Candice Fowler from a variety of online sources such as NECN, The Invasive Species Centre, UNH, and Science News for Students.

Brought to you by the Greenfield Conservation Commission. For more information on invasive species, the Pollinator Pathway, Water Testing, conserving land, or wetland issues, you may call Roger Lessard at 603-933-3130.

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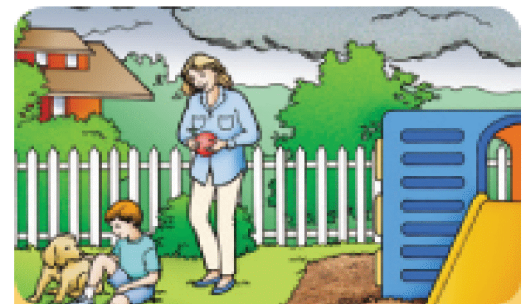
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- » If you can hear thunder, you are within striking distance of lightning. Look for shelter inside a home, large building, or a hard-topped vehicle right away.
- » Do not go under trees for shelter. There is no place outside that is safe during a thunderstorm.
- » Wait at least 30 minutes after hearing the last clap of thunder before leaving your shelter.
- » Stay away from windows and doors. Stay off porches.
- » There is no safe place outside. Places with only a roof on sports fields, golf courses, and picnic areas are not safe during a lightning storm. Small sheds should not be used.
- » If a person is struck by lightning, call 9-1-1. Get medical help right away.

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FGCM News

NH GIVES 2022. The Friends of the Greenfield Community Meetinghouse is taking part in **New Hampshire Gives** again this year! After our success last year, our goal this year is to raise \$15,000 during the 24 hours of NH Gives! Please check Greenfieldmeetinghouse.org, our Facebook page, or our Instagram account for the link to NH Gives on June 7 & 8.

Last year was our first time taking part in NH Gives, and we learned a few important things:

- **If you donate during Matching Minutes, your gift to the Meetinghouse can be doubled or sometimes tripled!** It actually takes several minutes to get through the gifting portal, but you only have ONE MINUTE to make the transaction for the match to count. So....
- **To be sure your gift goes through during the Matching Minute, start the process of making your donation about 5 minutes before the Matching Minute...then when the clock turns to that minute, hit GIVE!!** Then you can be sure your gift is doubled...or tripled, depending on the Match!!
- **Keep an eye out for Matching Minutes during the 24 hours of NH Gives!! We will post these minutes on the day of the event or as soon as they are announced.**

FUNDRAISING UPDATE! Everyone has probably noticed the big thermometer in the center of town tracking the donations to the Meetinghouse project. This thermometer was a generous gift from Erik Wensberg of AMI Graphics, who grew up spending summers in Greenfield and has fond memories of the Meetinghouse. We were recently able to add a few red bars to the thermometer, thanks to everyone who has donated and/or voted to set aside \$50,000 more in Capital Reserve Funds for the Meetinghouse at 2022 Town Meeting. The Friends now has over \$50,000 in our Building Fund, which we will soon be transferring to the Town of Greenfield to pay for the Architectural & Design Plan being created by Misiaszek Turpin Architects (see below!). All these funds will help match the large LCHP grant the Town will be applying for in April 2023.

PROJECT UPDATE. Misiaszek Turpin Architects, who completed the Assessment of the Meetinghouse (funded by an LCHIP grant) for the town in 2019, are currently creating the **Architecture and Design** plan for the Meetinghouse renovation/repair project. This is very exciting, as it is the first step to actually starting construction and getting our Meetinghouse

back to the way it used to be: the beautiful heart and soul of our community! Misiaszek Turpin's **Assessment of the Meetinghouse** is always available on the town website under *Departments: Meetinghouse: Assessment Documents*. **We encourage everyone in town to take a look at the Assessment to get an idea of how much work Meetinghouse actually needs!** This 217-page document has three sections: *History and Development of the Property; Architectural Description with Character Defining-Features;* and *Assessment of Condition, included Recommended Rehabilitation Plans.* (These initial estimated costs and recommended plans will be supplanted by the completed Architecture and Design Plan).

The goals of the Meetinghouse Project include:

- Incorporating community feedback at every stage of the process;
- Improving energy efficiency and lowering costs for the town;
- Bringing the building fully up to code;
- Making both the basement and the Sanctuary on the second floor fully accessible;
- Creating a fully functional, competitive event space for weddings and other functions; generating revenue for the Town and contributing to the financial sustainability of the building;
- Renovating the lower level and other spaces, allowing for community programming and meeting space for children, seniors, and town organizations;
- Preserving the historic facade and traditional layout of the building;
- Minimizing change to the building; and
- Keeping costs as low as possible!

CHILI COOK OFF. Thanks to all who took part in the Chili Cook off back in April! **Special thanks** to our chili cooks: Adele Hale, Beau Reynolds, Bruce Dodge, Carele Mayer, Dave Thimmel, Greg Austin, Sylvia Shea, Greg Aiken, Jesseca Timmons, Kathy Bassett, Michelle Klint, Mike Gasper, Tim Schloemer, Tom Cove, and Warren Aldrich. In a stunning coup, Mr. Aldrich took home BOTH first place prizes, for his meat AND veggie chilis! Tom Cove and Tim Schloemer were the runners up for meat and veggie, respectively. Thanks also to our Chili Cook Off Committee and volunteers: Adele Hale, Bruce & Linda Dodge, Greg Austin, Tim Schloemer, Sharon Andrews, Kathy Bassett, Sheila & Jim Nichols, Jesseca Timmons, Carele Mayer, Sylvia Shea, Brenna Cove, Dave Thimmel, and Kathy Seigars.

SAVE THE DATE: Our third annual **Oktoberfest is SEPTEMBER 24, 2022!** We are excited to announce that this year, we'll be partnering with Henniker Brewing Company, White Birch Brewing, Frogg Brewing, and Summit Winery! We'll also have food vendors including Blackfire Farm Pizza, Taste of Thai, and Little Charlotte's Kettle Corn. Stay tuned for more Oktoberfest news and check our website for updates: Greenfieldmeetinghouse.org

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- Bladder cancer
- Other cancers like lung cancer, prostate cancer, and liver cancer
- Heart disease and diabetes
- Brain and nerve diseases
- Effects on brain development and decrease IQ in children

HOW DO I KNOW IF MY WELL WATER HAS ARSENIC?

Bottom line: You won't know it's there unless you test for it. Arsenic has no smell, no taste, and no color. You can take a water sample from your tap and send it to a lab for testing. Most well water testing will look for arsenic and other dangerous contaminants. You should test your private well every 3 years.

The NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) provides a list of companies that offer water testing:

<https://www.des.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt341/file/documents/labs-private-wells.pdf>

WHAT CAN I DO IF MY WATER CONTAINS ARSENIC?

You can treat the water in your home to remove the arsenic. You can use simple filters on your kitchen tap or more complicated systems to treat all the water in your home. The NH DES provides information on treating private well water for arsenic and other chemicals.

<https://www.des.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt341/file/documents/2020-01/dwgb-3-2.pdf>

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