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**TUESDAY
OCTOBER 31st
HALLOWEEN**

**TOWN
TRICK OR TREATING
6 - 8 PM**



IMPORTANT NOTICE TO GREENFIELD RESIDENTS

2023

Supervisors of the Voter Checklist

will be holding a session to:

- **REGISTER NEW VOTERS**
- **MAKE CHANGES AND UPDATES** to the Voter Checklist

LOCATION: GREENFIELD TOWN OFFICE BUILDING
7 Sawmill Road, Greenfield, NH

• **FRIDAY, OCT. 6th, 7:00-7:30PM**

This is the LAST day to make PARTY CHANGES before the Presidential Primary.

WHAT TO BRING WHEN REGISTERING TO VOTE:

- **Proof of identity**: a photo ID such as a driver's license or passport etc.
- **Proof of age**: an ID with your birth date, as listed above, to prove you are 18 or older.
- **Proof of citizenship**: birth certificate or citizenship papers.
Marriage certificate if a name change.
- **Proof of domicile**: a copy of a utility bill showing your name and physical address or a letter from your landlord stating the address you reside at in Greenfield and that they rent to you.

**Questions? Call the Town Clerks office at: 603-547-2782
Or email Dorene Adams at: Townclerk@Greenfield-nh.gov**

PUBLIC NOTICE WINTER PARKING BAN

By order of the Selectboard, the Town of Greenfield in accordance with Town Ordinance Chapter 1, Section 4, as well as, RSA 105, Sections 6-7-8, no vehicle shall be left standing on any street in said Greenfield between the hours of 11:00 PM and 6:00 AM. Effective November 1, 2023 through April 1, 2024. This is to allow plowing of the streets during snowstorms.

Per order of the
Greenfield Selectboard

TOWN DIRECTORY

TOWN OFFICES

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

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

Regular Town Office Hours:

Mon - Thurs 9:00 - 5:00
Fri - closed to the public
Office Manager: Catherine Shaw
Tel: 603-547-3442 Fax: 603-547-3004
Email: officemanager@greenfield-nh.gov

BUILDING/HEALTH INSPECTOR

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

TOWN CLERK (Registrations)

M 2-5 pm, W & TH, 3 pm - 5:30 pm
By mail and by appointment
Office Tel: 603-547-2782 Leave message.
Town Clerk: Dorene Adams
Email: townclerk@greenfield-nh.gov
Deputy Town Clerk: Ann Setaro
Email: deputytownclerk@greenfield-nh.gov

TAX COLLECTOR

Tax Collector - Wendy Drouin
Mon 1:00 - 6:00pm, Wed 11:00 - 4:00pm
Tel: 603-547-2782 Fax: 603-547-2242
Email: taxcollector@greenfield-nh.gov

WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Welfare Director: Leah Fiasconaro-Conway
Email: greenfieldnhwelfare@gmail.com
Tuesday 5:30pm - 7:30pm
Tel: 603-547-3442 Ext. 3
Emergency assist: Call 603-547-2525

OTHER DEPARTMENTS

CEMETERY TRUSTEES:

Mtgs 2nd Wed at 7pm - Town Offices
Chair: Roger Lessard
Tel: 603-933-3130
Email: mtking@pobox.com

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Mtgs 4th Wed at 7pm - Town Offices
Chair: Karen Day Tel: 603-547-5606
Email: concom@greenfield-nh.gov

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Jim Morris, DPW Director
Tel: 603-547-3504
Email: publicworks@greenfield-nh.gov

PLANNING BOARD

Mtgs: 2nd & 4th Mon. at 6:30 pm
at the Town Offices. Normally the 2nd Mon. meeting is for hearings and the 4th Mon. meeting is for other business.
Chair: David Thimmel
Email: planningboard@greenfield-nh.gov

RECYCLING CENTER

Hours: Tuesday 8:00 am to 4 pm
Thursday 11:00 am to 6:00 pm
Saturday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Supervisor: Caleb Hall Tel: 603-547-8617
Email: recyclingcenter@greenfield-nh.gov

STEPHENSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Tel: 603-547-2790
Hours: Tues 2-6, Wed 10-8, Thurs 2-8, Fri 2-6, Sat 10-4
Director: David Bridgewater
Email: director@stephensonlibrary.org
youth@stephensonlibrary.org
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circulation@stephensonlibrary.org

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Mtgs - as needed
Chair: Gil Morris
Email: zba@greenfield-nh.gov
Tel: 603-547-3442

OTHER CONTACTS

OAK PARK COMMITTEE

Mtgs every Thurs at 5:30 pm - Oak Park
Chair: Dave Thimmel
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SCHOOL BOARD REP:

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TOWN FORESTER

NH Licensed Forester
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GREENFIELD U.S. POST OFFICE

Open Hrs: 8-11:30 am & 1-5 pm,
Sat. 8-12 pm
Tel: 603-547-3310

SPIRIT DEADLINES

January 1st for the Feb/Mar Issue
March 1st for the Apr/May Issue
May 1st for the Jun/Jul Issue
July 1st for the Aug/Sep Issue
September 1st for the Oct/Nov Issue
November 1st for the Dec/Jan Issue

EMERGENCIES

DIAL 911

POLICE/FIRE/AMBULANCE
DIAL 911 OR 352-1100

FIRE & POLICE

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief: Jeff LaCourse
Telephone: 603-582-3289
Emergency Dispatch:
Tel: 603-352-1100 or 911
Email: chiefjefflacourse@greenfieldfire.org

FIRE BURN PERMITS

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

FIRE WARDENS

Eugene Hennessey, F. Warden 603-718-3936
Jeff LaCourse, Deputy 603-582-3289
Michael Borden, Deputy 603-547-0437
Chaz Babb, Deputy 603-562-0545

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Dave Martin, Director
Email: emddavemartin@greenfieldfire.org
Sign up for alerts: ReadyNH.gov

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief: Brian Giammarino
Office: 603-547-2535
Dispatch: 603-547-2525
Email: police@greenfieldnhd.com



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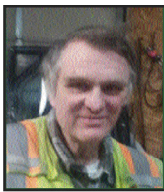
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or drop off typed articles to the Town Offices.
Also, please send in photos, articles, event announcements, news of the town, poems, drawings, historical info, etc., with the name of the writer and/or photographer. Thanks!

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RECYCLING CENTER

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

The recycling world continues to be a in a funk with over-supply of recyclables being the primary cause. One patron dropped off a lot of cardboard telling us that her daughter, who lives in Milford, was told that they were not taking any cardboard. We had just got done shipping out a full load of cardboard bound for Canada. I am sure the price the town will net will be significantly lower than last year. As markets tighten, the first vendors to be dropped are the ones with the poorest quality. Our recyclables have the lowest contamination possible so we should be able to keep product moving.

I am always on the lookout for information relating to the recycling industry. One article that got my attention talked about what happens to the goods that get returned to the seller. In the olden times (pre-online shopping), you brought the items back to the store where you bought them where the manager would, depending on the condition of the item, return it the shelf or put it in a discount bin. As a percentage of sales, the return rate varied between 2 and 8%. With the rise of online shopping, return rates of 20% are not uncommon.

So, what happens to all that stuff? Because of the high cost of handling, most of the returned merchandise is contracted to outside vendors where a significant portion of it is shredded and “recycled” by burning it at a “trash to energy” facility or it is simply sent to a landfill. You can bid on pallets of returns by going to the website of “Liquidity Services.” Frequently customers are told they can keep the item (especially if it is defective) and they will be sent a replacement.

This situation is aggravated by the fact that manufacturers have little incentive to make their products repairable. Glued together components or those with easily broken plastic tabs make disassembly impossible along with the fact that nearly every gadget nowadays “needs” to have a computer chip in it.

Even if you shop locally at a corporate “big box” store, returns are handled differently. A New Hampshire pine mill was selling their products to a large building supply chain. Bookkeeping noticed that there was always a small discrepancy between what they invoiced and what the purchaser paid for. When asked, they were told that it was “shrinkage,” meaning that if their fork-truck driver ran over a piece or a customer returned an 8-foot piece of lumber after cutting off 3 feet, then they were not paying for it. In effect, this large corporation was selling everything “on consignment.” The manufacturer, who usually works with the lowest margins, had to absorb this extra cost or lose market access.

These are some little-known facts that I hope will make your shopping more informed.

This year, the GRC entered the cardboard and duct tape boat regatta. The first photo shows the “SS Garbage Scow” in drydock at the GRC. The next photo shows the craft about to transported to Sunset Lake. The two young “Able Seaman” Matthew and Brandon who will be piloting the craft are in this photo along with their crusty, old-salty parents, Catrina and Brian. The next photo shows the two on the water. Their experience with paddling was limited and the phrase “going around in circles” best captured their efforts. A favorable wind pushed them out to the floating dock halfway point and “mermom” swam out to help co-ordinate their paddling efforts to get the craft back to shore. The final photo shows us celebrating our success.



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Afterwards, a young girl came up to me and looking very serious and self-assured, accused me of cheating; that I must have put Styrofoam in the boat. I encouraged her to peel back the cardboard deck and see for herself. As she did so, she exclaimed in amazement: "There is "NO STYROFOAM!"

Note to any future copycaters: I hold several design patents on the SS. Garbage Scow." My lawyers are at the ready.

As always,
"Keep the stuff coming!"

CJ Hall
Recycling Center Supervisor

GREENFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Thanks to a very generous donation from Mrs. George Carter of New Jersey, and the monies received through NH GIVES, new tires have been mounted on the 1928 fire truck! This will allow the truck to be driven on the road. Hopefully, its next outing will be the Fire and Ice Parade/event in December.

We are eagerly awaiting the publication and book launch of the first of a multi -volume reference to Greenfield this fall. Be looking for announcements about the launch and book signings this autumn, and add *In the Shadow of Crooked Mountain: Revealing Greenfield's Colorful Characters, Past and Present* to your holiday shopping list. It would make a great gift for family and for those who used to reside in town.



One Family's Journey

By Mary Crabtree with notes
by Lenny Cornwell

Jim and Mary Crabtree lived in Greenfield for about twenty years. Both Jim and Mary were very much involved in com-

munity activities. Jim was the Treasurer of the Historical Society for many years as well as a collector of information for the GHS programs and archives. His wife, Mary, wrote about her relatives from Scotland and their life in Canada and the United States. The narrative is quite a story!

Mary commences her account with the annual trip by automobile in the 1910s and 1920s from Lowell, Massachusetts, to Quebec, Canada by the MacIver, MacLennan, and Wheelock families. The old roads were dirt roads, dusty during dry spells, but their clay type composition turned into slippery mud when wet. Passengers all wore dusters - long overcoats as well as hats and goggles. Mary's Aunt Kate even had a set of goggles sized to fit her bulldog. En route, there were lots of flat tires and engine trouble.

These annual trips were made to visit the family who were from a clan on the Isle of Lewis in Scotland. But in the 1840s and 1850s, the family members were forcibly relocated in Canada. For generations before, they had lived on the Isle of Lewis, before being transported during the "Highland Clearance", a point at which landlords found sheep to be more profitable than tenants.

To the immigrants used to an island landscape with no or few trees, the maple forests they found in Quebec seemed a strange landscape. They had to learn how to fell trees and pull stumps in order to make field land. Needless to say, this effort was no easy task in the rock strewn land. They also learned how to get maple sugar and, in fall, to enjoy the spectacular foliage of their new environment. However, this was hardly the fruitful land promised by the landlords and other unscrupulous people.

While living in Scotland, some of the clan had been compelled to burn kelp on the beaches, turning it into potash, but also resulting in the acrid smoke which caused much sickness. The threat of being put in the British Navy kept them at this odious task. Otherwise, there would have been no income either.

The forcible move of the clan members to Canada denied them of the proximity of their beloved sea. They persevered, though, and eventually good farm land was opened up in western Canada and in some of the states south of the border. Also, the mills of New England offered a better life - or so it seemed.

Two of Mary Crabtree's great aunts moved to Lowell, Massachusetts, where Margaret became a domestic servant. But Mary most likely worked in the mills and died perhaps of consumption as so many of the workers did. The fine cotton lint filling their lungs often resulted in the illness. Margaret was more fortunate through marriage and was able to take in her orphaned nephew and nieces, creating her own family. These children were very fortunate to have a close relative like that!

Note: Mary Crabtree's account of some of her family was located while researching and filing at the Museum. It provided a well-rounded account of early automobile travel as well as the startling reality of life for early settlers in North America.



THE FIRE CHIEF'S CORNER

Our progress cutting and splitting campfire wood on Wednesday nights was interrupted in late July. We had a challenge from the Greenfield Police Department (PD) for a softball game.

Our bitter rivals in blue (only on the softball field) called us out for a mid-August game for the coveted "Guns and Hoses Softball Champions" award and bragging rights. The purpose of the game was to raise funds for a new scoreboard for the youth baseball team in town. We fully embraced the cause. The wood pile was replaced by the ball field as the Department pulled together to prepare for the big game. Over the course of the next three weeks, the team really came together on the ball field practicing. We were going to give the PD a run for the award and if not, hopefully not embarrass ourselves too badly.

Unfortunately, I had to work the day of the game and couldn't participate. Not that I would have been much of any help but I would have enjoyed being a part of it. My wife however, was on the side lines eagerly cheering on the team. After the first inning, I got a text. 0-2. We were behind. Okay, it's early. The next text showed we were ahead, 6-2. Yay, go team. Next 8-8, the PD had caught up. I thought, we still have a chance, go team. The final update was the Department was now behind. No score was provided. No further texts were received. I found out later that the PD had rallied and stomped us 8-14. There would be no joy in Mudville for our Department. Congratulations to the PD, well done! It was a great cause and everyone I talked to the next day seemed to have had fun. No, we won't be able to live it down until the rematch next year. The PD can and will enjoy the spoils of their victory.

If you missed this year's game, come on out next August to cheer on your favorite Fire Department and support a good cause. Back to the wood pile...

Take care and be safe,
Chief Jeff LaCourse
Greenfield Fire Department



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OF GREENFIELD

Dave Martin, Director

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Downtown Peterborough - 1938 Hurricane

Once again, our area has dodged the hurricane bullet. Our coast might have experienced some high winds, rip currents, and probably some flooding but we escaped the full force of a major hurricane that so many other places have had to deal with. That said, it is inevitable that we will experience a hurricane in the next few years. Climate change is getting worse. The number and size of the hurricanes that traverse the Atlantic Ocean is increasing and it is entirely possible that one could land here at any time.

Our Emergency Management Team thinks about these things all the time. We are a small town with a limited capability to take care of our residents. The Fire Department and the Emergency Management Team are all volunteers. We will do our very best to make sure that there is a safe place for warmth or cooling, fresh water, and even a bed to sleep in if needed but making sure that everyone is prepared for a natural disaster is uppermost in our minds.

We are sure that you've probably seen all kinds of warnings and lists of things to do on the internet but the question is, do you take them seriously and do you prepare to keep your families safe? For instance, when it looked like Hurricane Lee might make landfall in New England, did you prepare for it? Here are some things to consider:

1. Did you make a family emergency plan?
2. Did you prepare an emergency kit?
3. Do you have a portable radio so that you can receive information in case the internet goes down?
4. Did you store fresh water?
5. Did you make sure you have enough food in your home to feed your family for a few days or even a week?

6. Did you pick up your yard so that the wind wouldn't make projectiles out of your lawn furniture or any other item in your yard?
7. Did you consider an evacuation plan for your family?
8. Did you store your important documents on the cloud so that they can be retrieved later?
9. If you have large animals, do you have a plan to care for them in a storm?
10. Do you have a phone tree with friends, neighbors, & family so that they won't be placing themselves in jeopardy looking for you?
11. Do you know where to find the Fire Department or how to contact Emergency Management?
12. If there is anyone in your home that is in a wheelchair or on oxygen, do you know how to take care of them in case of a power outage?
13. If you have a portable generator, did you get gas?
14. Did you sign up for ReadyNH.gov so that when there is a serious storm, you will be notified even if you aren't home?

There is more information on ReadyNH.gov about how to prepare for a disaster including hurricanes. Be informed so you can be prepared.

Greenfield is a beautiful place and one of the reasons it is, is because we have several large lakes and ponds, and the Contoocook River with its wide Powermill Pond. In the event of a hurricane with its heavy winds and rain, the town would be at risk of serious flooding in many areas. Even with our wonderful wetlands to soak up a lot of that water, our lakes and streams would overflow, our roads would wash out, some homes would flood, and some people might even be stranded in high water areas.

These scenarios are scary but we can prepare while we have the time before the eventual disaster strikes. Keeping the above list in mind when you see reports of large storms is important. There are many things you can do to care for yourselves and your families. All you have to do is take it seriously and be prepared.

Your Emergency Management Team
Dave Martin
Diane Boilard
Karen Day

The Greenfield Conservation
Commission presents:

Bobcats in NH

FREE AND OPEN TO ALL!



Rich Masters, an environmental educator with New Hampshire Fish and Game, and Nashua Community College, is giving a fun and educational presentation on bobcats on **October 19th** at **7pm**.

Come to the Wensberg Room at **Stephenson Memorial Library, Greenfield, NH**, to hear about the history of this beautiful animal. He'll also share some current research and conservation efforts in New Hampshire, and share stories of personal bobcat encounters!

RSVP NOW

**Appreciated but not
required*

Register at this link:

<http://tinyurl.com/NHBobcat>

**You may also call DAVID HALL to register, or
if you have any questions: 603-547-9600**



Greenfield's 3rd Annual Oak Park Pumpkin Fest



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

RAIN DATE OCTOBER 29

4 - 8 pm



**TRUNK OR TREAT | FOOD | HAY RIDES
COSTUME PRIZES | TRUNK DECORATION PRIZES
PUMPKIN CARVING**

Join us for this fall festival organized by the
Oak Park Committee

- Food, snacks, and beverages will be served from 5 PM on from the kitchen.
- There will be three prizes awarded for each category; costumes and trunk decorations.
- The hay wagon rides will be available from dusk until about 7:30.
- Anyone who would like to volunteer to help make the event a success if even only for an hour please call Dave at 603-268-1044.

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Both the Food Pantry and the Clothes Closet are ministries of the Greenfield Covenant Church. Food items are available to all who need assistance and there is always an abundance of good, clean clothing at reasonable prices.

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

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and beyond since 1791*

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Worship 10:00 AM on Sundays



OCTOBER 31ST

Trick or Treating At The Fire Station

Stop in to the Fire Station
There will be lots of goodies

for all our

Little Trick or Treaters.

Time: 6 - 8 pm

Sponsored by the Firefighters' Association

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GIVE A RIDE



THE GREENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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.

HEY, TAKE A HIKE!

by The Greenfield Conservation Commission

No, really... take a hike! With summer ending, it's a great time to venture out onto some nice trails - and with cooler temperatures coming, it's a perfect time to hike. Nothing is better than breathing fresh air, smelling the earth, listening to birdsong, and just enjoying the outdoors. The GCC has put together a list of hike-worthy trails. We hope you can enjoy a couple, if not all of them. Remember to dress in layers, wear good shoes, and sunblock. Plus bring snacks and plenty of water. Happy Hiking!

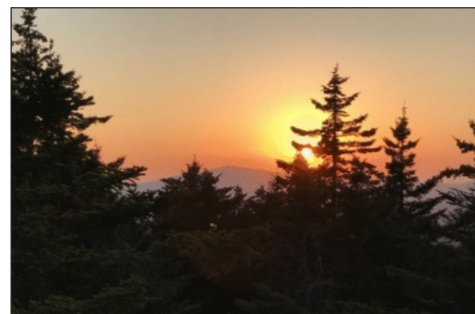
First up, welcome to Ted's Trail, a scenic hiking route that begins on Mountain Road in Greenfield. Spanning 5.4 miles round trip, this trail offers an enjoyable trek that can typically be completed in about 3 hours. Ted Bonner, the trail's creator, was renowned for his ability to craft paths that guide hikers through brooks, narrow gaps, and breathtaking views, ensuring a memorable experience for all. As you start on Ted's Trail, prepare to be captivated by the natural wonders it presents. Approximately 1 mile into the hike, you'll come across Bonner's Falls, a truly stunning sight, particularly after spring rains. Many hikers choose to make the waterfall their turnaround point, creating a short hike that has minimal elevation changes. It's an excellent option if you're seeking a rewarding experience without too much physical exertion.



For additional details about Ted's Trail, you can visit this link: <https://tinyurl.com/mry2rw3s> or refer to alltrails.com, where you'll find information and comments about this trail and others.

Next is North Pack Monadnock. The trailhead is found on Mountain Road in Greenfield, giving easy access to this scenic hiking route. The trail spans approximately 3.1 miles round trip, leading you to the summit of North Pack and back. As you ascend, the trail treats you to breathtaking views and, on clear days, even offers a splendid view of Mt. Monadnock across the valley. While hiking, you'll do some rock scrambles (hiking in rough and rocky terrain that involves using your hands and feet to safely navigate) and encounter some rock slabs, which add an exciting element to the trail. However, it's important to note that during snowy or icy conditions, the trail can become challenging. Make sure to wear proper footwear, such as sturdy boots and crampons, to navigate these sections safely.

Upon reaching the summit, you'll discover a striking rock cairn. It not only serves as a marker but also supplies a refuge from the wind if needed. If you opt for an evening hike, you'll be rewarded with stunning sunsets. Remember to bring a headlamp for safety on the way back down. Overall, the North Pack Monadnock trail offers a spectacular hiking experience, with its picturesque views, engaging terrain, and opportunities to appreciate the natural beauty of the area.



More resources:

<https://tinyurl.com/5n78uu49>

<https://tinyurl.com/4c8ny5f7>

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Greenfield State Park has several nice trails for hiking, biking, and cross-country skiing. The paved campground roads can be good for young bikers and those with mobility issues, though there are areas of the pavement which are broken and rough. Walking paths lead to 4 ponds, starting from the campsites to the beach, the store, as well as to a black spruce swamp. The trails are open year-round, though gates may be closed in the off-season. Hogback Pond Trail is a 1.2-mile loop trail, mostly level, providing views of many natural elements. It can be accessed from the main entrance by staying straight where the road curves to the left at the campground office. It's an interpretive trail, marked with numbers, which points out natural features. Here's a self-guided flyer for the trail: <https://tinyurl.com/2tr9db85>

Bring binoculars as you may catch sight of a Great Blue Heron, a Broadwing Hawk, songbirds, beavers, deer, and other residents of the woods. Benches have been set along the trail to help you slow down and see, and the trail is open year-round. The North Loop, a 1.1-mile mountain bike trail, comes off the Hogback Trail and loops back around to rejoin it. Other trails lead off Hogback Pond Trail and connect with other trails, including one that leads in from Sawmill Rd. which is a popular fishing access. The park offers many trails and places to explore! Learn more here: <https://tinyurl.com/4c8ny5f7>. Also, there is a fun little video about the park on YouTube: <https://tinyurl.com/mspf5nsf>



The Cilley Family Forest is a peaceful, 59-acre preserve offering a variety of natural areas, all accessible by an easily walkable trail. Entrance can be found at 563 Old Bennington Road. Round trip is 1 mile. Visit during any season, just be sure to dress appropriately and have good footwear. Along the route, sturdy bridges carry you over three streams as you pass through forests and fields on your way to the shore of Powder Mill Pond. Stop at the observation platform and enjoy a view of Mount Monadnock, and the nearby railroad bridge. There are also picnic areas available.

For the past 7 years, the trails of the Cilley Family Forest have been enjoyed by walkers, mountain bikers, horseback riders and canoers/kayakers. Bring your binoculars and camera - look for birds, dragonflies, mammals, and pond life. Here is a link to photographer Frank Gorga's forest finds, many of his photos are taken at Cilley Family Forest: www.frg-photo.com/blog.



Dragonfly photo taken on the Cilley Family Forest property.



Researched and written by Conservation Commission members.

Enjoy!

Thanksgiving Safety

The kitchen is the heart of the home, especially at Thanksgiving. Kids love to be involved in holiday preparations. Safety in the kitchen is important, especially on Thanksgiving Day when there is a lot of activity and people at home.



- » Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food.
- » Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently.
- » Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay 3 feet away.
- » Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.
- » Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.
- » Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- » Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- » Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children — up high in a locked cabinet.
- » Never leave children alone in room with a lit candle.
- » Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.

Did you know?



Thanksgiving is the leading day of the year for home fires involving cooking equipment.

Have activities that keep **kids out of the kitchen** during this busy time. Games, puzzles or books can keep them busy. Kids can get involved in Thanksgiving preparations with recipes that can be done **outside** the kitchen.



Your Source for SAFETY Information

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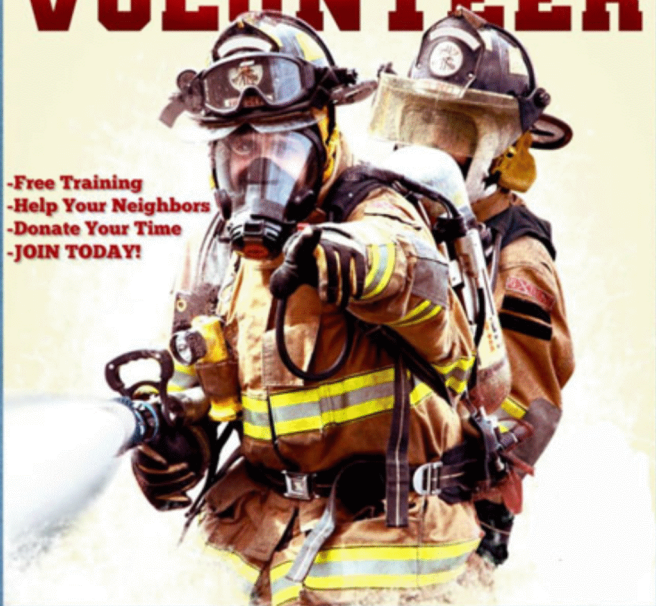
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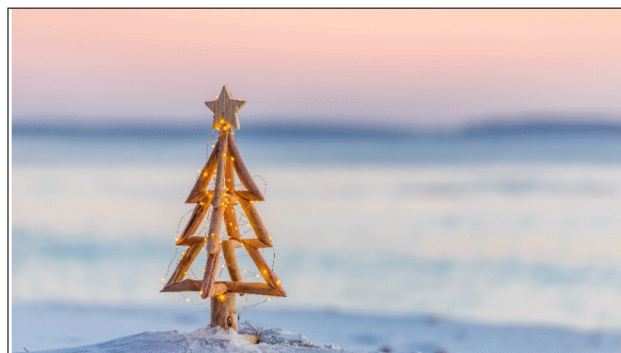
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Greenfield NH Friends of the Library



CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING AND CAROL SING

Please join us for the Annual Town Tree Lighting and Carol Sing 4:30 PM on Saturday December 2nd on the Library Lawn. The Friends will have hot drinks available and holiday gifts for all! The library is a great spot to watch the Fire & Ice parade at 5 pm!

NEW LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES IN TOWN!

Keep an eye out for the new green Little Free Library book exchange boxes in town! The Friends have installed Little Free Libraries at Oak Park and at Sunset Lake Beach. These libraries offer free books for adults and children. We hope you will take advantage of these lending libraries. Please spread the love of reading - take a book and pass it on!



Book Sales are held every 2nd and 4th 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.

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THIRD ANNUAL GREENFIELD FESTIVAL OF TREES!!

Do you love holiday decorating? Do you have great idea for a tree?
Show your holiday spirit at the
GREENFIELD FESTIVAL OF TREES!!
December 2, 2-5 pm during the
GFD Fire & Ice Event

WHO: Calling all Greenfield residents, families, groups, clubs, nonprofits and businesses...pick a theme and let your decorating skills shine!

WHAT: A display of themed holiday trees to benefit Friends of the Greenfield Meetinghouse! *Trees must be artificial per fire codes.* Depending on the weather, real trees may be displayed outside! Participation is free; donations accepted.

WHEN: Bring your tree and ornaments to the Meetinghouse for set-up on Friday, December 1 from 3-6 pm, or Saturday from 8 am -noon. Trees will be displayed 2-5 PM on Saturday, December 2nd during *Fire and Ice*.



WHERE: Greenfield Meetinghouse Meeting Room and front lawn. Cider & cookies will be served (hot chocolate uses too much electricity and we need the power for the lights!).

HOW: Please email the FGCM at greenfieldmeetinghouse@gmail.com if you would like to bring a tree and with any questions!



FIRE & ICE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023

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Fire Department's 3rd Annual
Fire & Ice Celebration

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8:00 pm Parade Winners
Announcement

We hope to see you there!

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





Photo by Becky Washburn.

As soon as the snow arrives, it will be time to start feeding the birds but there is a critter that often drives us crazy stealing the bird seed. Squirrels!

Here's a few ideas on how to protect the seed and feeders from All About Birds.

Top 9 Squirrel Intervention Suggestions

When we put the question of squirrel deterrence to our Facebook fans, your ideas ran the gamut:

1. Obstruction

The most common tactic we heard was to put up some kind of baffle along the squirrel's access route. Paint can lids, plastic funnels, stovepipe sections, and old LPs and CDs are hard to navigate around. But alas, not impossible.

2. Elevation

Feeders installed up high are harder to get to—and there's always a chance your squirrels are afraid of heights. Unfortunately, stratospheric feeders can be hard to fill. One commenter ingeniously puts her feeder on a retractable clothesline.

3. Isolation

If you have the right yard layout, hanging your feeder well away from trees and other high points may keep away squirrel paratroop squads.

4. Lubrication

A once-popular method to thwart squirrels is to grease your feeder poles. Though effective in the short term, this is one solution we recommend against. If birds get into the grease, it can seriously impair their feathers' waterproofing and insulation.

5. Combination

Perhaps the most telling sign of the resourcefulness of squirrels is the number of commenters who resort to a

combination of tactics, realizing that there is no single method of squirrelproofing.

6. Altercation

Some of the most satisfied responses came from people with large dogs or neighborhood predators such as coyotes or hawks. (Though cats may also scare away squirrels, it's a better idea to keep them inside, since cats are also a major threat to birds.)

7. Innovation

Feeders with built-in baffles; wire squirrel guards; counterweighted tray doors that slam shut under a squirrel's weight; battery-operated feeders intended to fling mammalian invaders aside—anti-squirrel feeders are testament to the human imagination. Unfortunately, shortly after they go up, they're often testament to squirrelish imagination as well.

8. Separation

Some frustrated bird watchers accept détente, setting aside an entire, easy-access feeder for squirrels, and another set of feeders for their birds.

9. Capitulation

"Squirrels are birds, too." "Feed them both." "If you can't beat 'em, join 'em." These were some of the happiest responses we heard. Perhaps the surest route to peace of mind lies in making peace. Just don't call it surrender.

Originally published in the Winter 2011 issue of BirdScope and found on All About Birds: <https://www.allaboutbirds.org> from Cornell University

THE TOWN WEBSITE

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

www.greenfield-nh.gov/

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WEEKLY EVENTS:

Tuesdays, 3:30 - 5:00 pm LEGO FLL Challenge

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

Thursdays, 3:30 - 5:00 pm FLL Explore

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

MONTHLY EVENTS:

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

October 12th: *Hardly Haunted* by Jessie Sima

November 9th: *Cat Problems* by Jory John

Teen Pizza and Book Club, Last Thursday of the Month, 6:00pm-7:00 pm. Students grades 9-12 are invited to come talk about new books they've read, what's next on their reading list, and what releases they're looking forward to. Sign up in advance so pizza can be ordered. This program will start October 26th.

Family Chapter Book Club, Third Saturday of the Month, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm. Students ages 6 and up and their parents are invited to join Ella for a chapter book read aloud and discussion of each month's book. We will start November 18th with Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard and Florence Atwater.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Pajama Story Time and Stuffed Animal Sleepover! November 16th-17th. Come for an early pajama story time from 6:30-7:30 pm with Ella and leave your stuffed animal friend overnight in the library! Pick them up during open hours on Friday, November 17th and you'll get to see pictures of what they got up to while the library was closed.

Make and Take: Each month there will be Make and Take craft bags in the front lobby. Topic and grade levels will be posted on the Kids and Teens email newsletter. Sign up for newsletter at the front desk.

SHOWCASE

October in the Showcase will be Baseball Memorabilia from Rob Hanning's collection, followed in November by Mid Century Art Glass from Warren Aldrich's collection.

Makers Club. This fall/winter we would like to start a Makers Club to make items like periscopes, kaleidoscopes, stamp rocket launchers, engage in gumdrop engineering and cardboard construction. We will advertise upcoming events at the library, on Facebook and in our newsletters. There will be a sign-up sheet at the front desk.

Possible Future Programs: Would classes on re-rushing or re-caning chair seats be of interest to anyone? If you are interested, please call, text, or visit the library and talk to David at 603 547 7556.



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THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING OKTOBERFEST VOLUNTEERS!!!

Many, many, many thanks to everyone who helped with the Friends of the Meetinghouse' Fourth Annual Oktoberfest! I apologize for any names I have missed, as I had to write this article long before the event yesterday! We are especially grateful to our sponsors: White Star Software, Consultingwerk, ProTop, Monadnock Tent and Event, Sheldon Pennoyer Architects, Delay's Harvester Market, Seven Hills New Hampshire, Spring Pond Farm, Patriot Medical, Fidium, the Seigars family, and Post and Beam Brewery. Without their generosity, Oktoberfest would not turn a profit, and we could not keep tickets affordable or put on this event for Greenfield.

Many, many thanks to our incredibly hardworking cooks: Tyler "Keg" Baldwin, Sharon Andrews, and Warren Aldrich. Warren, Sharon, and Keg cooked for three days to prepare for Oktoberfest, and it showed in our fabulous buffet! The wonderful Jessica Weeks assisted with the ordering and donated meat as always. Our tireless serving crew included Adele Hale, Maureen Caron, Winnie Russell, Nancy Crockett, Cathy Basset, Brenna Cove, Erika Alusic-Bingham, and Sylvia Shea. These ladies are on the run for all of Oktoberfest, jumping in to take care of anything that needs to be done!

Sheila Nichols, Kathy Seigars, Susan K., Linda Dodge, Warren Aldrich, Diane LaCourse and Carele Mayer were our ace check-in crew. Every year, we try to make this go a little more smoothly!

Our fearless leader, Sheldon Pennoyer, worked with Mike Borden and John Hopkins to create our site plan and lent his generator to Oktoberfest, while simultaneously completing reams of paperwork for our grant application. Tim Schloemer organized our grill and our grill crew, including Bruce Dodge and Mike Bingham. Tim also takes care of all the banners and yard signs, and maintains the "big thermometer." (Yes, the red will be moving up after another successful Oktoberfest!)

The amazing Kathy Seigars did all the paperwork for our one-day NH liquor license. She also took care of the glass-

ware orders, organized dessert and worked check-in. Greg Austin runs our website, manages the online ticket sales, calculates the keg orders, and keeps an eye on our social media. Our Greenfield based musical acts, Larry Gilbert and Suzanne McGettigan and Kathryn Sabol and Breathe14 got Greenfield rocking!

John Hopkins donates and sets up the tents and chairs for Oktoberfest every year. Without John, we would not have an Oktoberfest. Ray Cilley and Lenny Cornwell donated and organized our Firewood Raffle, and Lenny, as always, works our donation and sales table. Brigid and Andres Wood provided the Robotics demonstration with the help of their awesome 4-H Robotics teams! Steve Seigars is our secret weapon at clean-up time. Every year, late at night, he drives his truck up the Meetinghouse and removes all the trash and even some dirty dishes. This help is much appreciated right when we're all ready to go home and collapse!

Many thanks to Catherine Shaw and Aaron Patt for their help with Oak Park and Meetinghouse rentals. Jim Fletcher created our beautiful banners, postal cards, flyers, and t-shirts. Karen Russell is our chief decorator, assisted by the very creative Adele Hale and Warren Aldrich.

Rich Stadnick donated his delicious Pup's Cider again, and Lisa from Beepa and Lulu's donated the paper sleeves for our cutlery. Thanks to our vendors, Chaz Babb and Shannon Bilodeau for bringing the kettlecorn and cotton candy, and many thanks to our four breweries, Henniker, Post and Beam, Frogg, and Mountain Base, as well as to Summit Winery for all their help!

Special thanks to our Selectboard liaison, Tom Bascom. We are grateful to our whole Selectboard for their support of Oktoberfest. Finally, we can't thank our Police and Fire departments enough for donating their time to keep Oktoberfest safe. It truly takes a village to make Oktoberfest happen... if our dear old Meetinghouse could speak, she would say... thank you, Greenfield!



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