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#### Upcoming Events

- **Townwide Cleanup**  
May 19-21
- **May 16 Historical Society mtg** aboard the SC&H Train in Corinth.
- **June 10 Daketown School Open House**, 10 a.m.- 2 p.m., 24 Old Daketown Rd.
- **July 22 Music in the Park** at Middle Grove Park from 3-7 p.m.
- **Food Pantry** Wednesdays, 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Community Center, All welcome.
- **Senior Club events and trips** all available on town website.
- **Annual Caboose Day and Car Show**, Aug. 12, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Kings Station Park.

# Town of Greenfield News

Updates from Town Hall, May 2023

Greenfield, N.Y. includes residents in Greenfield Center, Porter Corners, Middle Grove, Lake Desolation and Maple Ave.

## Spring Cleaning, Greenfield-Style

### Hire Local

Looking for help making home improvements and cleaning up your property?

Greenfield is home to many local businesses that can help you get the job done whether it's plumbing, excavating, lawn care, tree removal, painting or renovation projects. **Check out our Greenfield Business List at [greenfieldny.org](http://greenfieldny.org).**

### Get Permits

Code Enforcement would like to remind you to avoid costly fines by maintaining your property and being sure to apply for a building permit for any projects at home. Call 518-893-7432, ext. 306 with any questions.

### ***Drop Off Your Junk at the Free Townwide Spring Cleanup Event*** **May 19, 20 and 21st.**

#### Dump Your Junk

This is a free opportunity to get rid of your junk at our Highway Dept. garage, 409 Bockes Rd. Residents with a resident card can drop off items.

Residents can bring household items, light scrap metal and paint cans that are empty, clean and dry. Computers and electronics will be recycled. No household trash, tires, lawn



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debris or hazardous materials.

Town resident cards can be obtained at the Town Clerk's office with a valid driver's license and utility bill.

Hours of clean up:  
7 a.m.- 3 p.m. daily.

## Tour Our Historic Schoolhouse Saturday, June 10



Explore Greenfield's past by visiting the Open House at the Daketown School on June 10 from 10 a.m.—2 p.m. on Old Daketown Rd, off of 24 Old Daketown Rd in Middle Grove.

### Adopt a Roadside

Greenfield town roads can be “adopted” to keep them free of trash and protect Greenfield’s water resources.

The town provides program guidance, safety vests and trash bags to participating groups. In addition, designation signs are placed at each end of the adopted roads. If you are interested in adopting a road, donating to the program, or becoming more involved with this group, contact the Highway Department at 518-893-7604, ext. 103 for more information.

### Recreation Updates

Residents can sign up at any time for the programs below. Find more information on the town website under Recreation Program Sign up.

Soccer  
Youth Tennis  
Youth T-Ball  
Learn-to-Golf  
PGA Junior Program  
Basketball Camps

**FALL PROGRAM  
SIGN UP WILL  
BEGIN AUGUST 1  
in person or at  
greenfieldny.org**

## Highway Dept. Road Repair & Storm Water Maintenance

This month our Highway team will be out doing crack seal repairs to town roads.

In June, they will be cleaning catch basins as part of our storm water maintenance.

### How can I help?

Our Adopt a Roadside program is an excellent way to get involved with roadside spring cleanup. (See the story on the left.)

You can also help preserve the purity of Greenfield’s water aquifer.

You can prevent pollution in stormwater by:

- Conserving your water use.
- Choosing non-toxic alternatives for cleaning products.
- Reducing use of pesticides, fertilizer and irrigation in landscaping and gardening. (Excessive dirt and sand also cause pollution.)
- Properly disposing of plastics, pet waste, disinfectants, auto fluids.
- Routinely having your septic system maintained.

The first 2023 road resurfacing projects will include:

- **Kilmer Road** from Boyhaven Rd. to Barney Rd.
- **Daniels Road** from 9N to Locust Grove Rd.
- **Clinton St.** from City line to Daniels Rd.
- **Brandell Lane** from Stone Church Road to Kircher Rd.
- **Allen Rd.** from North Greenfield Rd. to Ballou Rd.
- **Braim Rd.** from Daniels Rd. to Copperfield Rd.

## Open House For One-Room Daketown Schoolhouse

The Greenfield Historical Society is holding an open house for the public to check out this piece of town history. This one-room schoolhouse was built in 1877, after the original one burnt to the ground. Children attended from 1st through 8th grade.

It closed in 1956 and later was purchased by Chairman of Stewart’s Shops, Bill Dake. Dake donated the schoolhouse to the Town of Greenfield Historical Society in 1991. It was restored to its original condition by Munter Enterprises in 2004.

The schoolhouse was regularly visited by Greenfield Elementary students until the pandemic. We urge families to stop by June 10 to get a look at this beautiful piece of history.

Many original relics are inside including:

- Blackboards
- Student and teacher’s desks
- The original teacher’s bell, used for calling children in from recess
- A wood stove
- A water jug

- Samples of cursive writing from that time period
- A classroom map showing the country before it was settled past the Mississippi River.
- An original “4-holer” outhouse.

The Daketown Schoolhouse was the last one-room schoolhouse to close when the schools all consolidated in 1956.

Come visit on June 10 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Historians will be onsite. The event will be held on 24 Old Daketown Rd.

## Brookhaven: A Town Gem



Head Golf Professional Anthony Therrien is pictured here on the green of the 13th hole.

Sitting on the edge of the southern Adirondacks, Brookhaven Golf Course is a beautiful place to be and is off the beaten path from busy Saratoga.

Join us for a round of golf, a scenic dinner out or a visit to our Brookhaven Park this spring.

## Greenfield's First Pumpkin Growing Contest

Pick up your free seed packet at Town Hall in May and grow your own GIANT heirloom pumpkin. We'll be holding a pumpkin weighing contest (with prizes!) at our annual Halloween event at Brookhaven this fall. Fun for the whole family.



## Fishing Pole Loaner Program for Residents



Go fishing this spring. You may borrow poles and equipment from Town Hall. Greenfield is part of the DEC's I FISH NY program.

Fishing licenses are available at the Town Clerk's office. They are good for 365 days from the date of purchase.

Our town participates in the DEC's I FISH NY program, which offers fishing equipment for free. If you'd like to get started fishing, you can borrow spin cast rods, bobbers and hooks. You must supply the bait and **individuals 16 and older must have a valid NYS fishing license**, available at the Town Clerk's office.

Each recipient also receives a guide book of freshwater fishing regulations.

Contact our Recreation Department to sign up at 518-893-7432, ext. 307.

## Cars & Coffee: What is it?

On the first Saturday of each month from June 3–Sept. 2, the Greenfield Lions holds this unique event at Middle Grove Park from 8–11 a.m. View the cars and trucks, buy delicious food truck breakfast and enter the 50/50. For more information or to enter your vehicle in this free event, call 518-885-0349.

## DEC Reminds Us to "Give Turtles a Break."

The DEC reminds us that turtles are nesting in May and June in our region and thousands are killed each year by unsuspecting drivers. They ask us to watch for turtles, slow down and even consider moving the turtle to the side of the road when you can. Never pick up a turtle by its tail, but by the sides of its shell.

## Earth Day Recycling Project

Greenfield Lions Club has set up recycling collection bins to collect plastic bags at the Town Community Center, Highway Garage and Mulholland Enterprises. More info is on our website.



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**MaryAnn Johnson is a life-long Greenfield resident and has been actively involved with our Town Hall for 38 years and counting.**

**She has run for office six times in Greenfield and will be on the ballot again this fall for her third term on the Town Board.**

**Board Member Johnson, A 38-year Town Hall Veteran**

We are very lucky to have MaryAnn Johnson representing our town as a councilperson for the past 8 years, but her history with us goes much deeper.

You might say she grew up at Town Hall, because her mom, Pauline Levo, became Town Clerk when MaryAnn was just 10 years old.

MaryAnn remembers that her mom “did a good amount of her clerk work” out of her home and was the first Town Clerk to have an office in Town Hall. The clerk was on call 24/7 to provide residents with things like hunting, fishing and marriage licenses.

MaryAnn started as Deputy Clerk under her mother in 1985 and simultaneously was the Planning Board clerk and a helper in the Assessor’s Office. When her mom retired in 1999 she ran for Town Clerk & Tax Collector the following year. She was the first to combine those two roles.

She truly enjoyed working the Clerk’s window at Town Hall. “I’ve always enjoyed helping people and getting to know all of our residents,” she said.

Notable advances she has been involved with include the introduction of computers in 1990, construction of the Town Hall addition and obtaining the Brookhaven Park & Golf

Course in 2011.

MaryAnn would love to help complete the development of Brookhaven Park with renovated pavilions and bathrooms, and build a new Community Center to benefit all Town residents.

She currently works alongside her husband, Van, operating **Adirondack Wood Products**, their family business. They specialize in making wooden bowls, cutting boards, charcuterie boards, portable beverage tables and more. Check them out at [adirondackwoodproducts.net](http://adirondackwoodproducts.net). Her daughter and her husband are residents of Gansevoort. Mom still lives in Greenfield.