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#### Upcoming Events

- Greenfield Lion's Club Cars & Coffee event 9/2, 8 a.m.-11 a.m.
- Brookhaven Veteran's Golf Tournament 8/20. Register at [brookhaven-golfcourse.com](http://brookhaven-golfcourse.com).
- Townwide Garage Sale 9/9 and 9/10 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Register to be included on map (\$5) at Town Hall.
- Recreation sign up ongoing for August and Fall events.
- Pedal the Creek Bike Race & Event, Sept. 16 at Brookhaven Park.
- Historical Society's Covered Dish Dinner 9/9 at 7 p.m.
- Sept. 22 New Community Event: Train Ride Event to Support the Greenfield Caboose.

# Town of Greenfield News

Updates from Town Hall, August 2023

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

## Celebration of History & Trains Aug. 12



Stop by the **13th Annual Caboose Day & Car Show** event on **Aug. 12 from 10 a.m.—3 p.m.** It is a great opportunity to grab lunch and view two historic treasures: the caboose and Kings Station train depot. The free event will take place at Kings Station Park, 4000 Route 9N.

Participate or vote in the car show featuring all kinds of trucks, cars and motorcycles. There will be many vendors and a bake sale. Lunch is freshly grilled hot dogs, hamburgers and French fries. Historians will be on site, some dressed in classic train conductor attire.

#### Train Ride Options

One fun option is to arrive to the event via a scenic 7-mile, 2 1/2 hour ride aboard the Saratoga Corinth & Hudson Railway. The train departs Corinth at 9:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. and drops off at King's Station. A trolley is available to transport from the station to the event or it is a 5-minute walk. Book at [corinthtrain.com](http://corinthtrain.com).

Additional 45-minute train rides will be offered at the event from 11-2 p.m. on a real caboose or open air car. (The cost is \$5 kids/\$10 adults).

For more information on the event, contact Tom Clute at 518-580-0655.

## New Town Salt Shed

This new 7,200-square-foot salt shed will allow the Highway Dept. to store 3/4 of an entire year's supply of winter road salt, saving money by allowing us to buy bulk and in advance. Last year, we used 5,375 tons of salt. The project was built by Hybrid Building Solutions of Buffalo. This was a true team effort between our Highway Superintendent Justin Burwell and Principal Accountant Cara Parks, who worked hard to assure this project would not impact taxes. The \$460,000 project is being paid by investments and reserve funds.





### Little Libraries Popping up Around Town

New at 200 Hyspot Rd., this “Little Free Library” is part of the national nonprofit of book-exchange boxes sprouting up across the country. There are more than 150,000 nationwide and the goal is make books accessible to everyone.

Greenfield’s first little library is located across the street from Twin Leaf Farms and the custom-designed box will hold nearly 150 books. Books may be borrowed or shared any time.

Greenfield Girl Scout Troop 3613, a group of 6th and 7th graders, will begin building a little library this fall. The project was been approved to be placed at **Town Hall**.

All locations can be found at [littlefreelibrary.org](http://littlefreelibrary.org).

## Know the Code

Below, our new Building Inspector Justin Reckner shares **WHEN YOU DO NOT NEED A BUILDING PERMIT**:

- Painting the inside or outside of the house or detached structures.
- Repairing drywall, plaster or siding.
- Installing new floor coverings, like vinyl, carpet or hardwood.
- Installing or refurbishing cabinetry.
- Repairing or replacing porch flooring or deck flooring. Note: a permit is required to repair/replace the structural elements or to include posts and guard systems.
- Repairing or replacing handrails on a porch or deck.
- Installing or replacing gutters and downspouts.
- Constructing or installing a storage shed, playhouse, etc. (144 sq. feet or less in area.)
- Building recreational equipment, such as swings, skateboard ramps, jungle gyms, etc.
- Installing a security alarm system.
- Replacing electrical fixtures, such as switches and receptacles.
- Replacing a ceiling fan to a pre-wired switch, that has a ceiling fan rated and supported box.



**New Building Inspector Justin Reckner started in May.**

- Replacing plumbing fixtures, such as sinks, toilets, faucets, etc.
- Replacing electrical cook top stoves, ranges, and dryers.

### Otherwise? YOU NEED A BUILDING PERMIT.

Call or stop by for our advice on a case-by-case basis. Learn more on our website. **Please note that building permit applications are now available on-line.**

## Time for Change: Town Working to Update Town Codes

The Town Board has launched an initiative to analyze and update our local zoning laws. MJ Engineering of Clifton Park has been retained to perform a code review and diagnostic report.

“It is important for us to update our zoning codes to better align with current issues,” said Town Supervisor Kevin Veitch. “We are focusing on direct input from our Planning and Zoning Boards as well as resident input.”

The Town is looking to update the zoning codes in many areas including solar, Airbnb, noise and more. Planning Board

Chair Tonya Yasenach recently addressed the Town Board about the zoning laws in need of review. She noted that current code language makes it difficult for the land use boards to properly review projects. Working with Zoning Board Chair Denise Eskoff, Planning Board Vice Chair Robert Roeckle, and ZBA Vice Chair Andrew Wine, she cited codes including signage, garage apartments, accessory structures, project expiration dates, subdivision regulations and more.

The initial diagnostic report is expected by early fall. Next, the Town will review costs to update each piece and determine our priorities. Public hearings will be held later in the process, Veitch said.

MJ Engineering’s Director of Planning Jaclyn Hakes said they will provide the Town with a list of proposed changes that comes from a combination of listening to the town’s challenges and the firm’s professional expertise. MJ Engineering has years of experience working with municipalities, recently working with East Greenbush and Ballston on similar projects.





*Check it out!*

# Greenfield's Brookhaven Park & Golf Course

We're off the beaten path in Porter Corners, *less than 10 minutes from West Ave.* Take a break from crowds and parking issues.

- **Explore our 365-acre park and golf course.** Green space that is gorgeous from end to end. Even if you are not a golfer, just across the street you'll find walking trails, a fabulous new environmentally-friendly playground and a pavilion for party rental.
- **Nearby golf in an Adirondack setting.** Soak up the lush landscapes of this 18-hole municipal course. It's one of the best kept secrets with its affordable fees, youth equipment and specials, and vistas of the Southern Adirondacks. It's a perfect venue for a party or tournament.

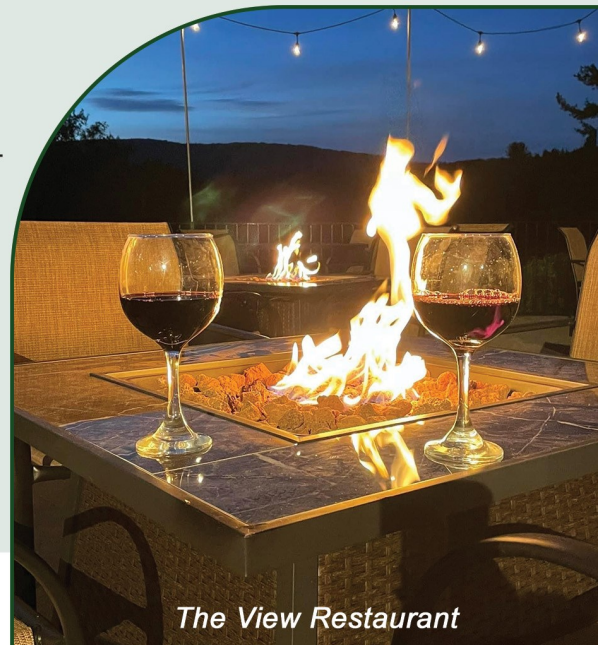
**Book tee times: 518-893-7458**  
or online at [www.brookhavengolfcourse.com](http://www.brookhavengolfcourse.com)



**BROOKHAVEN**  
GOLF COURSE

**333 Alpine Meadows Rd.**  
**Porter Corners, NY**

*Brookhaven Golf Course is a municipal golf course owned and operated by The Town of Greenfield.*



*The View Restaurant*

Enjoy a relaxed atmosphere and from-scratch menu items. Call for lunch or dinner reservations.



*Visitors coming this summer? Local lodging and campsite options:*

**Iron Horse Inn**  
241 South Greenfield Rd.  
Greenfield Center  
FB:[@ziehnertskating](#)

**Loon Meadow Farm LLC** (carriage rides, horse boarding)  
695 Locust Grove Rd.  
[loonmeadowfarm.com](#)

**Saratoga Escape Lodges & RV Resort**  
265 Brigham Rd.  
FB:[@Saratogaescape](#)

**Saratoga Farmstead Bed and Breakfast & North Eastern Massage**  
41 Locust Grove Rd.  
[saratogafarmstead.com](#)

**Whispering Pines Campsites & RV Resort**  
550 Sand Hill Rd.  
[saratogacamping.com](#)

*Equine businesses (a nod to Saratoga's summer traditions):*

**Bloomfield Farm** (polo/boarding/lessons)  
18 Bloomfield Farm Rd.  
[bloomfieldfarmpolo.com](#)

**Cross Timbers Ranch** (Horse boarding/training/lessons)  
122 Barney Rd. [crosstimbersranchllc.com](#)

**Equine Clinic of Saratoga** (Equine hospital)  
163 Daniels Rd.  
[equineclinicofsaratoga.com](#)

**Equine Site Solutions** (Horse arena construction)  
660 Coy Rd.  
[equinesitesolutions.com](#)

**Graphite Hill Farm** (horse care/boarding)  
660 Coy Rd.  
[graphitehillfarm.com](#)

**Loon Meadow Farm LLC** (carriage rides/horse boarding)  
695 Locust Grove Rd.  
[loonmeadowfarm.com](#)

**Old Friends at Cabin Creek** (nonprofit thoroughbred retirement sanctuary)  
483 Sandhill Rd.  
[oldfriends@cabin creek.com](#)

**Quiet Run Farm** (hunter and jumper stable, lessons)  
379 Middle Grove Rd.  
FB:[@QuietRunLimited](#)



*Know and support  
our neighbors!*



Resident Kristin Grosso is pictured here with her horse, Bunny. The Grossos' family farm is home to nine horses and an indoor riding arena. Kristin and her daughter, Caroline, are competitive in dressage.

## Friday Farmer's Market Though Sept.8: New Location at Middle Grove Town Park



Shop for local produce, and much, much more each Friday at the Greenfield Farmer's Market. Shop for local goods including such things as pickles, jellies, baked items, produce and gifts. It's a fun way to support our community.

Every Friday until 9/8, 4-7 p.m. Now held at Middle Grove Rd. Town Park, 428 Middle Grove Rd. More info is on town website.

## Celebrating a Resident's Milestone Birthday



Russell Ormsbee, pictured above, turned 100 on July 22, 2023. He received a proclamation of achievement from our Town Board. He is pictured above with his wife Dorothy, Town Supervisor Kevin Veitch and Town Clerk Karen Downen. Russell served in the U.S. AirCore from 1942-46, as an flight engineer on a C54 Cargo plane responsible for evacuating injured soldiers from Hawaii in World War II. He was employed by the International Paper Co. for more than 39 years, has been an avid musician and an involved community member.

The Ormsbee family has deep roots in our Town's history.

New August 23  
Crafty Camps

7/31-8/4: Yarntastic

8/7-11: Art of Disney

8/14-28: STEM Sampler

8/21-25: Art What You Eat

8/28-9/1 STEM Sampler  
12:30-3:30 p.m. Mon-Fri.,  
Community Center

Classes cost \$100  
Scholarships are available. More  
info & registration on-line.

### Fall Sign Up Online

- Fall tennis (ages 7-13)
- Youth soccer (ages 3-14)

### Oct. 28 (2 Events!)

Octoberfest 5K Run  
at Brookhaven, 10  
a.m.

### Halloween Bash at Brookhaven Golf Course

- Trick or Treating
- Giant pumpkin contest
- Dine & mingle at The View restaurant
- Sponsor a themed-golf cart to give out candy.





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**Highway Superintendent:**  
Justin Burwell  
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**Government Mtgs**

- **Zoning Board mtg, 1st Tuesday of month.**
- **Town Board mtg, 2nd Thursday of month.**
- **Planning Board mtg, 2nd and last Tuesday of month.**
- **All at 7 p.m. at Town Hall.**
- **Look for minutes and agendas on-line.**

**TOWN BOARD MEMBERS**

**Town Supervisor:**  
Kevin Veitch  
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**Board Member Michael Gyarmathy**



**Mike Gyarmathy is a resident of Porter Corners and the newest member of the Town Board. His 4-year term began in 2022.**

**How long you've lived in Greenfield:** 46 years

**How long you served on Town Board:** 1 1/2 years

**Other town involvements:**  
Planning Board for 12 years. I also volunteer with the Greenfield Historical Society and the Giving Circle Inc.

**Why you ran for this position:**  
I love the way our town is. It is a very diverse community. I love its rural nature and I would like it to stay like it is.

**What you'd like to accomplish:**  
I look forward to updating our zoning codes to meet the changing times, while protecting the rural nature of our community.

**Employment background:**  
Local remodeling contractor for 33 years.

**Anything personal you'd like to share:**  
I have been married 30 years to my wife Marion. We have raised three boys and have a dog named Maisy.