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Whether you stop by for fifteen minutes to enjoy the tree lighting or whether you make a night of it, you'll be glad you included this Town tradition in your season.

Wednesday,  
Dec. 6, 6:15-8:00 p.m.  
7 Wilton Rd.

**Santa's Mailbox**  
Your child may drop a letter to Santa at Town hall starting 11/24. Santa often writes back!

Find the latest news and a complete calendar of events at [greenfieldny.org](http://greenfieldny.org).

Community organizations are welcome to submit events for promotion on the homepage.

**Greenfield:**  
**Better TOgether.**

# Town of Greenfield News

Updates from Town Hall, November 2023

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

## Town Tree Lighting to Celebrate TOG Community

Our rural town has charm, which will be on full display at this special holiday event. All ages are welcome to join our Town officials for this lovely, old-fashioned taste of Christmas. We will gather at 6:15 p.m. on Dec. 6 for caroling and to light our tree at 6:30 p.m. Stick around for a hot chocolate (with the trimmings!) and to share good tidings with neighbors.

Stop in to see the winter wonderland inside our Community Center. Children may visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus, drop off a letter in our **Santa's Mailbox** and create a tree ornament. Loads of homemade cookies can be frosted, decorated and, of course, eaten (by all ages)!



This year, we'll have an outdoor projector airing a holiday classic movie outside of the Community Center.

### TOgether Greenfield Gift Drive

Please consider bringing an unwrapped gift on Dec. 6 or anytime to Town Hall. We will be providing local families with some holiday help. We will be working with the Food Pantry and Greenfield Elementary School to distribute. Contact us if you need help.

## Resident Input Needed for New Community Center

Residents can provide input by participating in our survey about a new Community Center. Scan the code or visit our website in the next two weeks to participate.

In 2024, work begins with Environmental Design Partnership of Clifton Park to examine the Town Hall property at 7 Wilton Rd. to assess the practicality and determine a course of action.

Our current Community Center is no longer sustainable and we are looking at options to build a new Community Center on our property to better meet our needs.

The survey is 12 quick questions and there is plenty of room for your thoughts. Paper copies may be filled out at Town Hall only.



Scan this QR code with your mobile phone's camera to fill out our survey. The survey is also available on [www.greenfieldny.org](http://www.greenfieldny.org).



**Attention Greenfield residents, Scout Troops, Clubs and Businesses:**

Are you looking for a meaningful way to help others this holiday season? Don't overlook all the nonprofits that are right here in Greenfield. All of them have ways for you to get involved. Consider the entire list of nonprofits on our town website, including area churches, many of whom collect for local families in need.

**Greenfield Food Pantry** (needs list on town website)

**Greenfield Elementary School** (always in need of snacks, winter clothing and undergarments)

**"TOgether Greenfield Gift Drive"** (front page story, bring an unwrapped gift to Town Hall)

**Franklin Community Center** has an "empty stocking" program and you can request to help a Greenfield family.

## Brookhaven Winter Park Updates

Brookhaven Winter Park will again be free to the public this year. Enjoy 20 kilometers of snowshoe and cross-country skiing trails. Trails are open dawn to dusk.

### Updates

- Trails are cleaned up, wider and include more signage.
- Please find our various donation boxes (including one in the restaurant). We appreciate your donations and they are used directly towards park improvements.
- New Brookhaven Winter Park webpage coming soon for updated conditions, events and news. Find it on the town website.
- We are thrilled to have purchased a new Ski-Doo Expedition SE to help with grooming (purchased with donations).



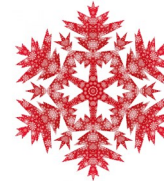
Our newest Ski-Doo sled (pictured at top) will join a number of other pieces of equipment our team uses to groom the trails at Brookhaven Winter Park.

Join our growing group of 15 volunteers we have helping us maintain the trails. Nine new resident volunteers have joined us this season! Call 518-893-7432, ext. 307 to volunteer. More events:

- Full Moon Party, Jan. 27, 6 p.m.

- Date TBD in Jan.: Women's Learn to Ski Clinic.
- Possible Winterfest Jan. 21.

Thank you to our amazing volunteers. We could not do it without you.



## Snowy Highway Dept. Reminders

So far in 2023, our Highway Crew responded to 35 snow events, making 67 rounds to scrape and salt the roads.

Per our Town Board order, please **do not park or leave unattended vehicles, trailers or equipment in the road or within four feet of the pavement** during the winter months.

Please **do not push snow into or across the street**, as it is against the law. (NYS Vehicle Traffic law Article 1219).

There are many other snow reminders on our website, but please remember to **keep at least 500 feet behind any snowplow**, as they back up often.

Any snow markers should be placed at least two

feet from the edge of the road. Basketball hoops or any other objects must be set back beyond 25 feet from the center of road as well. Garbage cans must be placed in your driveway, not in the road, especially in winter months.

If you have anything to report related to our Highways, we have a Contact Us link on our website or you may call us at 518-893-7604.

## Give the *Gift* of Greenfield

If you share our passion for the TOG, you'll consider supporting our local businesses (and nonprofits) this holiday season. When you are doing your holiday shopping, don't overlook our wonderful community. Most all of our local restaurants and even service-based businesses would sell gift certificates. Look for some gifts at the retailers below and all the businesses we feature online. We have auto-related services, construction and home services, equine businesses, farms and homemade goods, hair salons, tattoo parlors, physicians and veterinarians, lodging and campsites, museums, professional services and the retailers and restaurants listed below.



*Know and support  
our neighbors in  
the **TOG**.*

## *TOG* Retailers & Restaurants

Web and street addresses are located on the Town website in our business and nonprofit list.

- \* Adina (skin care products)
- \* Adirondack Wood Products (home decor)
- \* Alpine Sport Shop
- \* Battleground Fitness (memberships)
- \* Brookhaven Golf Course (gifts/season passes)
- \* Ex-Hale (tobacco gifts)
- \* Everwood Flowers
- \* The Flower Paddock at White Thistle Farm
- \* Fossil Stone Farms Vineyard & Winery
- \* Grandma Apple's Cheesecakes
- \* Greenfield Animal Hospital (treats/pet gifts)
- \* Greenfield Forever (pickled vegetables)
- \* Greenfield Lions Club Tree and Wreaths (across from Town Hall)
- \* Greenfield Wine and Liquor
- \* Mossy Hill Creations (custom wreaths)
- \* Native Farm Flowers
- \* Simply Inspired (gifts)
- \* Saratoga Courage (vodka and spirits)
- \* Stewart's Shops (don't forget the merch)
- \* Twin Leaf Farms (maple syrup)
- \* **Order catering and gift cards** from: Fierro's Pizza, Tinney's Tavern, Triangle Diner and The View Restaurant at Brookhaven .



**Save yourself the aggravation and shop without even leaving the TOG.**

We support all local business. If you are a legitimate business or nonprofit organization that is based in our Town, are you listed in our online community directories? Please email information to [info@greenfieldny.org](mailto:info@greenfieldny.org). We also feature local businesses in feature stories on our website and on social media.

### **Greenfield Lions Club Christmas Pop-Up Shop**

**Dec. 9, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.** at the Community Center. Local vendors and crafters. Bake sale, cookbook sale, food drive for Food Pantry.



## Thinking about opening a Greenfield business? *Get Legit!*

Don't be intimidated to work within the local and state business laws when opening a home-based business of any kind. There laws are there to help you and our community. Get legit!

Our Building Dept. is here to make the process easier. Our staff is available to discuss your business idea before you start any work, providing direction to facilitate the process. We will confirm the zoning district your property is in and verify that your business is an allowable use.



**Kylee's Kuts, a hair salon on at 196 Bockes Rd. was formed in 2019 on the property of her residence with Planning Board approval.**

Most small home businesses require a "Special Use Permit" from the Planning Board (PB). Even if your property previously housed a business, you are required to revise the permit, even if no construction work is being proposed. If construction or renovation is required, stamped blueprints may need to be submitted with the permit application.

The first step is to fill out a PB Application (at Town Hall ) and prepare the necessary plans and materials. Depending on your project, you may need to retain the services of a surveyor or engineer to develop a site plan. Once you've assembled the materials, you may submit the application with the \$100 application fee. If the

application is submitted at least 10 days prior to the next PB meeting, you are likely to be placed on the next meeting's agenda. The PB meets the second and last Tues. of each month. You or a representative are required to attend. The PB will review your application, discuss the project and ask questions about your plans. Discussion items may include such things as:

- *Does the business occur within the house or a separate on-site building?*
- *Do customers or employees come to the house? How often and where do they park?*
- *Are you using an existing driveway, and if so, is there adequate sight distance to safely exit to the road?*
- *Are there any large machines, trucks or cars associated with the business?*
- *Business hours*
- *Site drainage, well, septic and trash*
- *Any noise related to the business*

An applicant does return to the next meeting to follow up with additional information, as requested. The PB also will schedule a required Public Hearing. Notices will be sent out to neighbors and they have an opportunity to come to the meeting to support you or ask questions. It typically takes a couple of months to get approved. This is not uncommon in any city or town. The TOG prides ourselves on being community friendly and making the process smooth and quick. If you are reading this and realize you did not set up your small business legitimately, please contact the Building Dept. We are here to help your business set up properly so you can grow and be successful.

It's not about more government oversight, it's about being a good neighbor and protecting the community at large. Following local and state laws when opening your business also protects you from insurance liabilities, violations, and annoyed neighbors. "Legit" businesses join our growing list of those who can proudly promote and market themselves.

### *Business Resources*

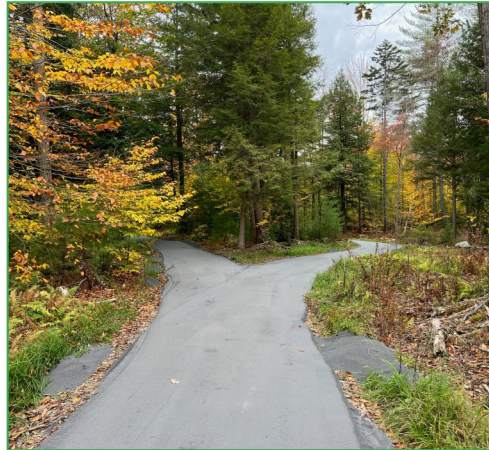
**Greenfield's UDAG Business Loan:** (see Town website)

**NYS Small Business Development Corp.:** Receive free quality, confidential business counseling, training and research. Loans are also available. Make an appointment online or call the Albany office at 518-442-7232.

**Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce:** This membership-based organization provides support with counseling, networking, outreach and marketing help and advocacy.

## Brookhaven Park Trails Open This Fall

Thanks to the Saratoga County Trails Grant, our Highway Crew added to our trail system through the woods at Brookhaven Park, 333 Alpine Meadows Rd. So far the trail is just under a half mile, featuring three short loops of wide clearing and stone dust surface. Our winter trails are now cleared, so there are many open trails for hiking and walking this late fall and early winter, even before the snow flies.



## Get to Know Supervisor Veitch

Kevin Veitch was re-elected for another two-year term earlier this month. Born and raised in Saratoga Springs, his childhood home was the now Olde Bryan Inn on Maple Ave. He's held many varied occupations since his start as a young boy separating coat hangers at a Broadway boutique. He worked 11 years at the Saratoga Springs Housing Authority but spent the majority of his career at Saratoga Springs City Hall, where he served as code administrator for 22 years.

He served as a board member and then Executive Director of the Saratoga County Fair, the Gateway House of Peace and Caff  Lena. He currently serves on the First NY Federal Credit Union board. He worked with his two sons, Ryan and Jacob, to create Twin Leaf Farms, a 400-acre maple syrup business in Greenfield.

Veitch moved to Greenfield

25 years ago and spent 16 years on the ZBA Board and 4 years on the Town Board before being elected to Town Supervisor in 2021. When asked how long he has been married to Patti Wilsey Veitch, he quickly quipped "Not long enough." The two have been married for 36 years, own a pug named Jackson and enjoy doting on their two grandkids. He also has been a bass player for 50 years.

Veitch is proud of the Town Board's many accomplishments during his first term, including: expanding emergency services; updating technology and efficiency at Town Hall; restructuring the Building Department; building relationships with state and local leaders; improving Town facilities; and



Town Supervisor Kevin Veitch was elected in 2022.

enhancing communications. Next, he will focus on updating Town codes and hopes to move forward on the planning and building of a new Community Center. Veitch also spends about 10 hours a week on the seven Saratoga County committees of which he is a member.

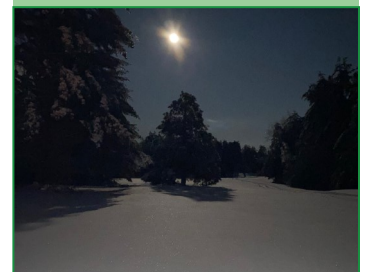
Our Supervisor attends many of our Town events, including our TOG Social Hours and would love to meet you. He is also available to meet by appointment.

## Do You Have Unclaimed Funds?

In Saratoga County, there are 79,923 unclaimed funds currently being held by New York State. These funds amount to more than \$31 million dollars. Every day, New York State returns tax money to residents who file claims. If you haven't checked to see if you are owed money, please visit: [www.osc.state.ny.us/unclaimed-funds](http://www.osc.state.ny.us/unclaimed-funds).

## More Recreation Updates

**GORE MOUNTAIN SKI PROGRAM**  
6-week Sunday ski and snowboard program for Greenfield. Jan. 7-Feb. 25. Discounted rates, register by Dec. 1.



**FULLMOON PARTY AT BROOKHAVEN**  
Sat., Jan. 27 at 6 p.m.  
Walk, ski or snowshoe along lighted path to bonfire. Warm spirits provided by The View.

**5K SNOWSHOE RACES**  
Jan. 21 and March 2. Signup links are online.



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#### Town Government Public Meetings

- Town Board Agenda Setting Mtg, 1st Thursday of month
- Town Board Mtg, 2nd Thursday of month.
- ZBA mtg, 1st Tuesday of month.
- Planning Board mtg, 2nd and last Tuesday of month.

All meetings are held at 7 p.m. at Town Hall. Look for minutes and agendas online. Public Hearings are announced on town website.

Want to Join our Town Hall Team?

Keep an eye on our website for additional job postings.

#### TOWN BOARD MEMBERS

##### Town Supervisor:

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### Who is Who at Town Hall: New Faces, Growing Team



**Code Enforcement Officer  
Cory Burda**

Cory is working with Dept. Head and Building Inspector Justin Reckner. He resides in Mohawk, with his wife, a new baby girl and six-year-old son. He has more than ten years of construction experience.



**Recreation Director Jennifer  
Zeisler**

Jennifer is a resident, a mother of two young daughters, and wife of a Greenfield business owner. She founded Jennifer Haley Inc., an exclusive leather handbag and jacket business.



**Deputy Town Clerk  
Shelly Emery**

Shelly will be working with Town Clerk Karen DOWEN in the front office at Town Hall. She grew up here and recently relocated back. She has two college-aged daughters and recently served as relationship manager at Bank of America.