



2023 Year-End Updates from Town Hall

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Now that my first term has come to a close, I wanted to share a recap of progress.

We hope you are noticing an increase in communications. We felt it was important to make strides in keeping our residents more informed through things like emails, newsletters, social media and our website. We have launched some other community building tactics like our monthly TOG social hours and our new tagline “Greenfield: Better TOGETHER.” We are proud of our town and the spirit and commonality among residents of the TOG.

Here’s an update from each department:

Accounting/HR:

Principal Account Clerk Cara Parks and Clerk Sherry Kloss led a project to develop an updated Employee Handbook. It is important that our employees understand benefits, rights and procedures. I believe that we now operate with an equitable and organized benefits system. Also, the Town Board recently approved a 2024 budget that remained under the NYS Tax Cap, which takes a lot of careful



Follow our website and social media to read feature profiles on some of our local businesses. We want to promote buying local.

planning. We published our Town Budget on our website for the first time this year to make it easier for residents to access.

Assessor’s Department:

The Assessor Lorraine Fiorino and her assistant Darlene Singer both attended the New York State Assessor’s Association conference for continuing education this year. It included a NYS Legislative update to keep assessors informed of changes and updates to laws regarding property tax exemptions. The Town Board is pleased to announce we have adopted the volunteer firefighter/ambulance workers exemption and have increased the maximum income limits for the senior citizen



Town officials were joined by State leaders and the Saratoga Chamber of Commerce to celebrate the opening of the Fossil Stone Vineyard & Winery on Grange Road this September.

limited income exemption. Call or stop by the Assessor’s office if you have any questions.

Brookhaven Park & Golf Course:

The golf course had a successful year with more season pass holders, learn-to-golf students and PGA Junior participants than ever before. We added a large league of more than 60 golfers this year. We’ve replaced air conditioning, the flag pole, portions of the front porch, the septic system, as well as added parking, paved our entryway and made improvements to landscaping. The golf course was named the Saratoga region’s number one golf course by Saratoga Today and

number two by the Daily Gazette! This is beyond impressive when you consider how many golf courses are in the area. We also secured another three-year lease with The View Restaurant at Brookhaven. We love having this fantastic lessee onsite and they have made excellent partners for many of our Recreation events.

Brookhaven Winter Park:

Our 20 km of Nordic skiing and snowshoeing trails are ready for the season. Our group of volunteers is growing. The volunteers groom our trails every week and after storms. We have added signage this year, and a new snowmobile to help with the grooming. Donations are welcome when you are

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visiting this park. We use the donations directly for park improvements. Visit our new webpage and social media for daily condition updates.

Buildings and Grounds:

Channon Emigh, Bobby Madison and Bob Ferrari work under our Highway Superintendent Justin Burwell to keep all of our community parks and buildings in top shape. Our landscaping has never looked better and our holiday decorations are top-notch all year long. We purchased a parcel of land with an abandoned home on it, just outside our Middle Grove Park. Clean up has begun and this will allow us to add to our park's green space.

Building, Planning/ Zoning and Code Enforcement:

I am very proud we have assembled an excellent team to operate this important department. Zoning Administrator Justin Reckner and his Code Enforcement Officer Cory Burda are working superbly with veteran Clerk Kim McMahon and new Clerk Amber Lott. We are so impressed with the productivity all around. This group is working hard to be efficient and customer friendly, helping residents understand Town Codes.



Our Highway Department has filled this new salt shed with its winter salt supply.

Community Boards:

Our Planning, Zoning Board of Appeals and UDAG (new business loan) boards are as busy as ever and could not work without the dedication of many community members. I'd like to especially thank our chairs, Planning Board Chair Tonya Yasenchak, Zoning Board Chair Denise Eskoff and UDAG Administrator James Lee. These folks go above and beyond to work with our

residents and the community. Our application processes keep getting more efficient every year.

Courts:

Justices Michael Ginley and Karla Conway continue to serve Greenfield with weekly court and arraignments as needed around the clock. Our court clerk was recognized for 15 years of service this year. Thank you!

Dog Control:

Dog Control Officer Channon Emigh has added Melanie Bedford to our team, to help with calls and to keep things safe at our Town Dog Park. They do a great job.



The Halloween Bash was a smashing success this year. For the first time, we included a giant pumpkin growing contest.

Greenfield Ambulance:

The Town of Greenfield Ambulance, in its second year of a joint municipal agreement with the Town of Corinth, answered 662 calls in our town. The success of the combined municipal service (Greenfield, Corinth and Day) has allowed the appointment of 14 total full-time employees entering into 2024. We are so fortunate to have them here and really appreciate how involved they have become in our community.

Highway:

Highway Superintendent Justin Burwell and his staff are a vital component of our team. This crew finalized sign updates, repaired or reconstructed six roads, and plowed our 93 center lane miles of roadways about 70 times to keep them clear of snow and ice this year.

Our biannual Town Cleanup Days have been record-breaking in attendance, 6% higher than last year. We also added a satellite weather station to the Highway Garage and multiple street cameras to help us more closely monitor road conditions. We built a 7,200-square-foot salt shed this year so we could more efficiently maintain our supply of winter road salt.



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Historian:

We have been so lucky to have our Historian Ron Feulner since 2010. He is such an asset in sharing our region's history. Ron helped us identify and prepare a collection of historic photos in Town Hall this year.

Recreation:

Our Recreation Director Jen Zeisler (Jen Z!) has been referred to as the "ringleader of fun." Her positive energy can be felt daily at Town Hall.

We hope you've attended one of our TOG social hours, that we are holding monthly at various places around town. Jen also got involved with the Greenfield Farmer's Market and will be overseeing it next summer.

Our half-day summer camp was held at Maple Ave.



The Historical Society's Annual Caboose Day is a community favorite. This year we were joined by local, state and national leaders.

Middle School this year and hosted 120 students ages, 5-14.

We are extremely thankful for all the support from and partnership with the Greenfield Elementary staff.

Watch for new additions like a Winterfest, Spring Fling, new bus trips and some Country Hoedowns.

Town Clerk:

Town Clerk Karen Downen started a 4-year term in January. Deputy Clerk Shelly Emery joined the office in July as Deputy Town Clerk.

This duo handles most of the everyday resident requests like dog licenses, marriage licenses, Community Center and park pavilion rentals, FOIL requests, and more. They offer residents free notary services as well. Just this year, 805 new dogs were registered and more than 1,000 FOIL requests were handled. This team also added new Clerk software this year. They also prepare, send and collect your town taxes, which is an enormous job.

This department is very much the glue that holds our Town Hall together.

Town Council:

Our current board (Rick, Maryann, Ty and Mike) have been busy contributing to the many facets of operating this growing town. This year I'll be assigning council members to represent each of our Town Hall departments to focus our efforts and better support our department heads.

Supervisor's Office:

Aside from daily management of Town Hall, I am busy at the County level serving on 7 committees through my role on the Board of Supervisors.

You will be hearing a lot more about our projects updating Town Codes, planning for a new Community Center, and further developing some new community partnerships that will benefit our residents.

I'm honored to have been elected to another two-year term and am very thankful for all of the volunteers and employees of the Town of Greenfield.

Happy New Year!



For the first time, Greenfield participated in Operation Green Light to honor veterans during Veteran's week. We were so pleased how many residents participated. Thank you.



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