

Finishing Strong: 2022 Year-end Updates by Department

By Town Supervisor Kevin Veitch

2022 has been an incredibly busy year, as we moved through and beyond the pandemic and are starting to feel like we are back to normal. Like all towns, Greenfield learned a lot about operating during a pandemic and we are more flexible and prepared than ever.

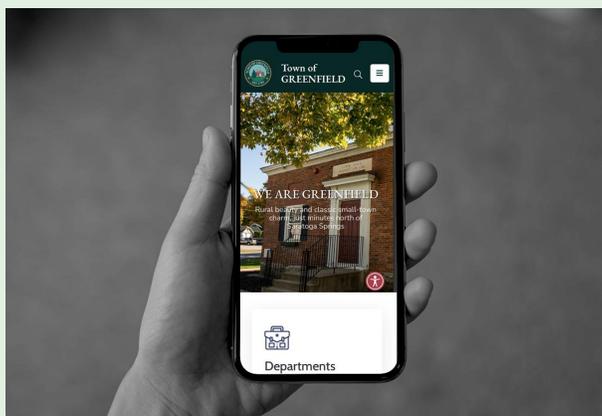
Every single department at Town Hall is in full swing, working hard and making loads of improvements to make our town a better place to live and do business. We thought you might find it helpful to hear some updates.

Accounting:

Behind the scenes Principal Account Clerk Cara Parks and her Clerk Sherry Kloss have worked tirelessly on our budget process. Major improvements have been taking place making all our departments more efficient than ever, even despite the rising costs of doing business.

Assessor's Department:

Assessor Lorraine Fiornio and Clerk Darlene Singer are seasoned veterans that continue to be busy processing all property transfers, new subdivisions, merges, exemptions, recording physical inventory, field work of new construction and of course valuation of properties within our town. I'd also like to thank our Board of Assessment Review, who is comprised of community members who assist with the process.



Greenfield residents should take a few minutes to explore our new town website at www.greenfieldny.org. We are working on perfecting it as we speak! We hope you will find it informative and help make your business with the town more efficient.

Brookhaven Park & Golf Course /Brookhaven Winter Park:

Offerings like Recreation's Learn to Golf, Nordic skiing and the PGA Junior program keep this spot bustling with activity year-round. Season passes sold at an all-time high this year! We have added an environmentally friendly playground and a new walking trail is in construction. A new updated septic system is coming soon. We are planning for pavilion renovations, the addition of bathroom facilities, and potentially adding pickle ball courts too. We are thankful to Anthony Therrien, and his entire team at Brookhaven, who have reached record growth at Brookhaven Golf Course. This park is thriving because of a true team effort involving all of our departments from Accounting to Recreation, Highway and more.



Greenfield held two cleanup dates for residents to drop off their unwanted household items and recycle electronics. Our first-ever May Cleanup Month was extremely successful.

Buildings and Grounds:

We are thankful to this team and its Supervisor Channon Emigh for their continued work keeping our public spaces clean, safe and beautiful. Channon also does a fantastic job as our Dog Control Officer.



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Building, Planning/Zoning and Code Enforcement:

This team (Michael Waldron, Mike Carlson, Lisa Gerardi and Kim McMahon) expanded this year and we are focusing on refining these crucial municipal roles and making improvements to our processes across the board. We've made some updates to our Town Code and are continually enhancing our applications, documents and databases to make these departments succeed. In 2022, we designated May as Building Safety & Cleanup Month, and really made a concerted effort to enforce property cleanup.

Community Boards:

We've added new members to our Planning, Zoning Board of Appeals and UDAG (new business loan). We could not function without the service of the community members who give us their time to help Greenfield grow.

Courts:

We welcomed new Justice Karla Conway this past year and Justice Michael Ginley has completed his 13th year on the bench. The justices and their veteran court clerk have made major security updates at Town Court this year.

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Emergency Services: Greenfield Ambulance

In January we opened our first full-time emergency services unit on South Greenfield Road. Our service, led by Matt Fogarty, has responded to nearly 500 calls through the end of July. Matt reported at a recent Town Board meeting that the service is well staffed and efficiently handling the call volume.



Community leaders gathered to celebrate the opening of Greenfield Ambulance this past January.



Rebecca Sewell and many Greenfield families attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony for our new playground at Brookhaven Park in June.

Highway:

Highway Superintendent Justin Burwell is another indispensable part of the team, along with his entire staff of 15. This crew keeps our roadways, signage and facilities all in top shape. In reality our Highway Team contributes to most projects across the board in our small government. This department has been one of our most affected by inflation this year with the rising costs of material and fuel and has had to really focus on prioritizing its yearly projects. By the end of 2023, all town roads that intersect with state and county roads will have updated street signs.

Historian:

Our dedicated Town Historian Ron Fuelner is in the office every Wednesday, responding to resident requests, researching and sharing our history.

Recreation:

There is never a quiet moment in our Recreation Department, with Rebecca Sewell continuing to bring new programs to our youth

like this year's introduction of basketball and lacrosse. Greenfield youth can stay active and try new sports throughout the year. Rebecca works nonstop to bring the new community events to keep our families entertained, like this year's Summerfest event in conjunction with the Historical Society. Our half-day summer camp was more successful than ever. She also has given major focus to enhancing Brookhaven Winter Park.

[This year residents will be able to sign up and pay for recreation programs on-line!](#) Our programs continually encourage residents to take full advantage of our beautiful Town Parks.

Town Clerk:

Karen Downen was appointed Town Clerk in June. Karen and our new Deputy Laura Ruane, come into contact with hundreds of residents as they visit our Town Hall for many everyday requests like dog licensing, marriage licenses,

disability permits, FOIL requests and of course, paying taxes. Our Town Clerk is the official record keeper at Town Board meetings and uploads minutes each month to our website. We are thankful for the efficacy they provide to our town.

Town Council:

It's been a privilege to work with the current town board –Rick, Maryann, Ty and Mike - all of us work as a team to monitor and respond to resident needs and requests, prioritize our planning, and contribute to the direction of each department in our town. I appreciate their support, enthusiasm and the ideas they bring.

Supervisor's Office:

In addition to working daily with all the department heads I have been spending a lot of time representing our town at the county level. I am currently serving on six committees through my

role on the Board of Supervisors including Cornell Cooperative Extension, County Water and Soil, Economic Development, Human Resources, Public Safety and Public Works.

We also have made an effort this year to improve resident communications across all our departments. We've added a quarterly newsletter, a new website and a new digital sign in front of Town Hall. We've also begun sending welcome packets to our new residents and we are working to find new ways to attract residents and people from around the area to visit our town amenities and support our local businesses.

Here's to a great 2023—We appreciate all of the people that make this town work. Thank you to everyone.