



## 2024 Year-End Updates from Town Hall

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### Greenfield: Better TOGETHER

#### By Town Supervisor Kevin Veitch

It has been a great year. Our Town Hall staff has worked hard and is continually making improvements.

We hope you enjoy this year-end update by department with a quick recap of the major projects and accomplishments of 2024 and what we are looking forward to in 2025.

#### Accounting/HR:

We have a new Principal Account Clerk, Tori Zerrenner, who joined us from Saratoga County Department of Public Works. She is busy getting acquainted with our town and finances. The Town Board recently approved a 2025 budget that remained under the NYS Tax Cap, which takes a lot of careful planning.

#### Assessor's Department:

Assessor Lorraine Fiorino and her assistant Darlene Singer continue to be busy with valuation of the Town's real property and exemptions. Some of these exemptions include: Senior Limited Income, Disabled Limited Income & Veteran. Our Assessor celebrated her 25<sup>th</sup> year with the Town in 2024. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out and these experienced staff members will assist you.



We continue to profile TOG businesses on our website and socials. Above is Max Poritsky, from Foothills Farm. Our Facebook reach has doubled this year and our website views and user numbers have grown by 60-70X what they were with our old website!



Our Farmers Market was a hit this summer, as are our new TOG social hours. We combined the two and held a TOG Hoe-down at the market. The next social hour is the Full Moon Party Jan. 11.

#### Brookhaven Park & Golf Course:

The golf course was as busy as ever this year with leagues, tournaments, PGA Juniors and the successful learn-to-golf program. We made some IT infrastructure upgrades this year and added landscaping. Look for some enhancements to the Brookhaven Golf Course clubhouse entrance this year. We are also working on plans to install a bathroom at the park across the street.

#### Brookhaven Winter Park:

We are proud to begin renting Nordic skis and snowshoes at our winter park for the first time. Our new ski shop will be run out of the Golf Pro shop from Thursday to Sundays all winter. Follow the park on social media and its page on the town website for updates.

We are offering rentals at low cost. Please keep in mind that there are multiple donation boxes on the park property and every donation helps keep our park admission free. We use donations and rental proceeds to make park

improvements. In addition, the winter shop will sell many gift items, so please stop by to check it out. Recreation has a number of fun events planned at the park this winter.

#### Buildings and Grounds:

Channon Emigh, Bob Madison, Bob Ferrari, Stephanie Fannelli and Jared Jennings continue to keep our parks and facilities clean, safe and beautiful. They help us with all the town property, both inside and outside, and are always available at a moment's notice to lend a helping hand.

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### Building & Code Enforcement:

This hard-working crew issued more than 200 building permits this year, which is a new record for the department, and has closed out 230+ building permits. Our team of four full-time employees have collected more than \$130,000 in fees this year.

We have worked to improve our policies to increase efficiency for both residents and contractors. We are taking steps to begin accepting digital submissions with the purchase of new technology including a new touch screen computer which will allow us to more easily review electronic plans and create a digital records management system.

### Community Boards:

Our Planning, Zoning Board of Appeals and UDAG (business loan) boards are as busy as ever and could not work without the dedication of many community members. We are thankful to each and every one.

In addition, our Planning Board Chair Tonya Yasenchak and Zoning Board Chair Denise Eskoff are heading a new Zoning and Code Advisory Committee to oversee work to update a few of our local codes. The new committee of seven was appointed by the Town Board and



**Town officials joined the new owners of Tinney's Restaurant at Lake Desolation for a ribbon-cutting ceremony in May.**

includes several residents and Councilman Mike Gyarmathy. Public meetings will be announced on the town's website.

### Courts:

Town Justices Michael Ginley and Karla Conway have continually found ways to save the town money with operations upgrades.



**Anyone can learn to snowshoe or Nordic ski with our new rental program at Brookhaven Winter Park. There will be a community Winterfest Celebration with horse-drawn sleigh rides, a snowshoe race and more on Jan. 25.**

In addition, the court made technology upgrades and customers can now pay court fines online.

### Dog Control:

Dog Control Officer Channon Emigh and teammate Melanie Bedford fielded more than 570 calls this year. These two do a fantastic job using a combination of skill and compassion for the dogs, their owners and their neighbors.

### Greenfield Ambulance:

The Town of Greenfield Ambulance answered 710 calls in our town in 2024. This combined municipal service (Greenfield, Corinth and Day) employs 14 total full-time employees. This year, they will

purchase a new ambulance. There are four ambulances and one fly car at the facility.

### Highway:

Highway Superintendent Justin Burwell and his team of 14 repaired or reconstructed 4.4 miles of roads this year. They plowed our 94 center lane miles of roadways about 56 times to keep them clear of snow and ice. The department added a new Gradall to help with ditch maintenance and road repairs.

Our biannual Town Cleanup Days continue to break records in attendance, with a combined 1,825 vehicles unloading 283 tons of unwanted property trash at both events this year.

Highway Superintendent Justin Burwell serves on the executive committee of the NYS Highway Superintendents Association and as vice president of the Saratoga County Highway Superintendents Association, advocating for Saratoga, Warren, Washington and Rensselaer counties. He has been working hard on industry issues such as electric vehicle requirements for municipalities and CHIP funding advocacy.

We are very lucky to have such a great Highway team.



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### Historian:

Duane Cornell, a fifth generation resident of Greenfield, joined us this year as our historian. Duane is already making his mark as an advocate for the historic preservation of Greenfield. He has appointed Joan Rowland to deputy historian.

### Recreation:

The energy of Jen Zeisler remains inspirational with the many improvements and additions she has made to the Rec Department. The TOG social hours and hoedowns have been an enormous hit. Our summer, Thursday-night Farmers Market provides residents with a wonderful, old-fashioned community market with its mom and pop vendors, big-draw food vendors and live entertainment. New offerings like food trucks at youth sports programs, yoga, barre class, bingo,



Recreation had great success with a series of “Ladies Lesson & Lunch” events teaching women to play golf. Look for a “Nordic Ski Ladies Lesson & Lunch” Feb. 1.

Spring Fling, Winterfest and “Ladies Golf Lessons & Lunch” have broadened what we offer all ages. Look for new events like a “Ladies Nordic Ski Lesson & Lunch” and teen social events soon. In January, our annual Full Moon Party and Winterfest will be held at Brookhaven Winter Park.

Summer camp at Maple Middle School this year hosted a record 200 campers and many new

events and programs. Look for more improvements, like an extended day on Thursdays next summer. Sign-up begins March 3.

### Town Clerk:

Town Clerk Karen Downen is a valuable asset to the management team welcoming most of the resident requests and helping me keep track of the daily operation of Town Hall.

Along with Deputy Clerk Shelly Emery, this office handles dog licenses, marriage licenses, Community Center and park pavilion rentals, FOIL requests, notary service requests and more. They also prepare, send and collect your town taxes, which is an enormous job. If you haven't received your bill by Jan. 13, please give them a call!

### 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 board members were assigned to serve as liaison for different areas of business and departments here at Town Hall. Board members are asked to keep us updated and work as an advocate for the departments or service areas they represent.

### Supervisor's Office:

Aside from daily work at Town Hall, I am busy at the County level serving on seven committees, including Law and Finance and the Airport committee, where we are working on the planning for a new facility. While my position is part time, I spend a majority of my week either at Town Hall or tending to town and county matters. I have appreciated the opportunity to give back to this community and look forward to all that we can accomplish TOgether in the upcoming year.

Thank you to all our residents, who are caring, concerned citizens; and also our staff, whom I am happy to call my friends.

**Happy New Year!**

**-Kevin**



TOG Summer Camp registration will be open to residents on March 3. This half-day, five-week camp includes daily themes, organized stations, regular visiting entertainment and exciting fieldtrips, every Tuesday and Thursday. We are excited that our Thursdays will be extended to 2:30 p.m.



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