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### Upcoming Events

- [See insert for business information & NEW info on summer camps.](#)
- **Townwide Cleanup Day, our FREE town dump your junk event, May 3- 5, details on website.**
- **Ladies Golf Lesson & Luncheon, 5/19 and 7/14. p. 3**
- **Cars & Coffee, Lion's Club, free car/truck show, prizes, breakfast available for purchase. Dates are 6/1, 7/6, 8/3 and 8/31. At Middle Grove Town Park.**
- **Historical Society Events p. 3**
- **Food Pantry, every Wed., 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Community Center.**

Greenfield:  
Better **TOG**ether.

# Town of Greenfield News

Updates from Town Hall, May 2024

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

## Socialize with the TOG: Don't Miss Our Community Gatherings!

Do you love our TOG community? We have truly been enjoying getting to know so many of you at our TOG social hours. If you have not ventured to one yet, there are plenty of chances coming up.

"Recreation isn't just for elementary-aged children," said Recreation Director Jennifer Zeisler. "My passion is to positively impact and grow community spirit for our residents by creating fun and different activities or experiences where we can all come together no matter our backgrounds or ages."

Zeisler has done just that, expanding Recreation events to include things like bingo and line dancing to draw in TOG seniors, adults and even "tweens."

"Many families have outgrown our sports programs and summer camps, and they welcome the opportunity to have reason to gather as a community," Zeisler said. "The new events bring together town officials, Town Hall staff, volunteers and many other residents."

Zeisler said she is always welcome to new ideas and meeting places. To date, we've gathered at The View at Brookhaven, Tinney's Tavern, the Greenfield



Hundreds attended our first community Hoedown in March. Another line-dancing event will take place May 10.

Community Center, Middle Grove Firehouse and took a scenic train ride with the Saratoga Corinth Railway. Most recently, hundreds gathered at the first-ever "hoedown" event to learn line dancing with the professional dance group The County Liners of Johnstown. The event was so successful we'll be holding another at **The View Restaurant on May 10**. This summer, we'll hold an outdoor "family" line dancing lesson at Middle Grove Park at our newly revamped Farmer's Market. This event will be for all ages, kids, families, and seniors.

"It was an amazing turnout," Town Supervisor Kevin Veitch said. "It's always nice to meet so many Greenfield residents."

### Upcoming Dates

**TOG Hoedown**  
5/10, 7:30-10 p.m.,  
The View Restaurant at  
Brookhaven, 333 Alpine  
Meadows Rd. Dining?  
Make a reservation!

**Family TOG Hoedown**  
7/25, 5-6:30 p.m. at the  
Greenfield Farmers  
Market, Middle Grove  
Park

**NEW THIS YEAR:**  
**Movement Classes**

**Sunset Yoga at Middle  
Grove Park**  
5/21, 6/6, 6/13, 6/20  
and 6/27, 7-8 p.m.

**TOG "Barre-Ty Party"**  
6/9, 4-5:30 p.m.  
(See p. 2.)



**Senior Club**  
MAY/JUNE  
EVENTS

CRAFT MTG, 11 A.M.	5/9
GENERAL MTG, 1 P.M.	5/9
LUNCH AT THE VIEW, 11:45 A.M.	5/14
CROCHET & KNITTING MTG, 11 A.M.	5/25
LUNCH AT THE VIEW, 11:45 A.M.	5/29
LUNCH AT APPLEBEE'S, 11:45 A.M.	6/4
CRAFT MTG, 11 A.M.	6/13
GENERAL MTG, 1 P.M.	6/13
<b>TRIPS</b> 	
MAGIC WINGS BUTTERFLIES AND YANKEE CANDLE TRIP, DEERFIELD	6/18
SISTER ACT AT MAC-HAYDEN, CHATHAM	7/10



## Seniors: We've Got You!

Are you a senior living in Greenfield? Do you know one? Please help us spread the word. We have many monthly activities that would appeal to our senior population. We make daily updates to our website, [greenfieldny.org](http://greenfieldny.org) and our social media accounts on Facebook and Instagram. We hope that our residents will take the time to show the seniors in your life how to access the information.

Residents are always welcome and encouraged to stop by Town Hall. Our Town Clerk's office has a bulletin board and many handouts. We love visitors!!!

If you scroll our home page, you'll see both news items and an events calendar showing all upcoming public meetings, and events. Under Community at the top of our home page you'll see a "Senior" link that focuses on our seniors group,



Our seniors group holds monthly meetings with crafts and speakers, lunch outings and bus trips.

upcoming events, newsletters and other information that seniors may benefit from. There is a link to county senior events too.

Our Greenfield seniors group meets at our Community Center at 25 Wilton Rd. twice a month. There are informational meetings, craft meetings and monthly luncheons at area restaurants. There are fun senior bus trips so you can affordably take field trips to see shows, cities and museums with your peers.

**Call Phil Steves, the group's organizer, at 518-793-2919 for more info.**

Our new Rec Director has been busy planning many community events each month and we LOVE senior participation. We hold things like a Winterfest Celebration, a Full Moon community bonfire, a BINGO night and a tree-lighting ceremony, just to name a few. Thursday evening Farmer's Markets will take place this summer too. **Check out the upcoming May/June activities (left).**



## Highway Summer Road Improvement Plans

The following roads will be improved this year. Watch for closures on social media.

Country Squire Ct. from Daniels to dead end.

Maddy Groves Rd., from Locust Grove to dead end.

Angel Rd., from Spier Falls to Corinth town line.

Greene Rd., partial from Locust Grove.

Daketown Rd., partial from Lake Desolation.

Russell Rd., from Goose Hollow to Squashville.

Ballou Rd., from Miner to Allen.

## Movement Classes: Yoga & Barre from TOG Rec



Jilly Sansone is a certified Yoga & Mindfulness Meditation teacher.

### Sunset Yoga at Middle Grove Park 7-8 p.m.

5/21, 6/6, 6/13, 6/20, 6/27

\$10/pp

Dress warm. Bring mat and warm blanket. A separate children's program is coming soon.

### TOG "Barre-Ty Party"

6/9 at 4-5:30 p.m.

\$25/pp

50 minutes of barre class at Pure Barre, 56 Marion Ave., Saratoga, just for the TOG. No experience necessary.

After enjoy champagne and light bites, a discount at the boutique and membership sales.

# Summer Camps in Greenfield

We know that Saratoga Springs isn't lacking with things to do throughout the summer, but we know YOU LOVE THE TOG. Greenfield residents love to support our Greenfield businesses. We found a few fun summer opportunities right here in the TOG. If we missed any, please share them with us at [info@greenfieldny.org](mailto:info@greenfieldny.org) so we can add your business or event to our website.

## TOG Rec



Of course we have to mention this fave, held at Maple Ave. Middle School for kids ages 5 (must have finished K) to 14. Signup was in March, so visit our website for registration to see if any availability is left. We have multiple other rec sports programs throughout the summer and signup is live and ongoing. [www.greenfieldny.org](http://www.greenfieldny.org)

## BETA Craft & Science

These new weekly camps at our Community Center focus on a different STEM or art topic each week. Sign up now [greenfieldny.org](http://greenfieldny.org). The camp costs \$110 plus supply fees.

Recycled Art Treasures, 7/9-8/2, 1:30-4 p.m.

Beta STEM Sampler, 8/5-8/8, 9-11:30 a.m.

Snack Attack: Snacks Around the World, 8/12-8/16, 9-11:30 a.m.

Science Scavenger Hunt, 8/19-8/23, 9-11:30 a.m.



## Adventure & Wilderness

Ndakinna, 23 Middle Grove Rd., has long been a hotspot for camp. There are multiple options for day camps including Tracking & Adventure, Wilderness Adventure & Storytelling, and Martial Arts. There is even an overnight expedition for older children. You'll find something for all ages and the programs range in cost from approx. \$250-\$375 for weekly camps. Sign up at [ndakinna-center.org](http://ndakinna-center.org).



## Polo Lessons

Bloomfield Farm at 20 Bloomfield Rd. offers weekly polo lessons to children. Riders must be comfortable at walk and trot to participate. Costs \$60 if using a school horse. More information at [epicpolo.org](http://epicpolo.org).

## Golf

Brookhaven Golf Course is a true gem in this town. Don't forget to sign up for week-long Learn to Golf camp or a Junior PGA league with practices and tournaments. Sign up online on town website. Private lessons can be arranged by calling the Pro Shop at 518-893-7458.



*Sign up online to hold an event at one of our parks. We have pavilions at Middle Grove Park and Brookhaven Park.*



## Home Business? What You Need to Know

It certainly is a homeowner's right to work from home and look for creative ways to support your family. But many don't realize that our town has local codes in place to be sure our residents are doing so in a safe way that takes into consideration our neighbors and overall community. If you are planning to operate a business from home, please do contact our Building Department. We are here to help and can be available for a **free consultation** to help you make decisions that are most efficient for you.

Consider this from chapter 105-128 of our code. (Review its entirety on our website). **If you are a Type 1 home occupation, you do not need any type of permit to open your business.**

A type 1 home occupation meets the following criteria:

- ⇒ No more than one full-time employee on the premise who does not reside in the home.
- ⇒ No customer traffic. You may deliver or hold meetings off site.
- ⇒ There are no deliveries to or from the home occupation other than routine mail and incidental package delivery.
- ⇒ No equipment is used other than normally used in a household or general office use.
- ⇒ There is no visible exterior evidence of the occupation. (ie.no signs).

**All other types of home occupation businesses need to obtain a permit.** Our building department can tell you what is needed. This typically means you would need to bring your permit application in front of the Planning Board for their review and input. Do not be intimidated, this is very routine and assures your business and its parking and signage, is safe and legal.

**OOPS? If you realize now that you have not obtained your permit,** please give us a call. We'll work with you to get you through the couple month process to receive the proper permit.

Following local and state laws when opening a business, protects you from insurance liabilities, violations and annoyed neighbors. Going through the process allows you to join our growing online business directory and gives you the opportunity to proudly market yourself in our town.

Call the TOG Building Department at 518-893-7432, ext. 314.



## Golf Course Open



Visit Brookhaven Golf Course. Consider a season pass! Bring your friends.

### TOG Biz Marketing Opp

Please sponsor our  
**Veterans Tournament, August 18, 2024**  
Support our veterans

**SPONSOR A HOLE**  
**DONATE ITEMS FOR RAFFLE**



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## TOG FARMERS MARKET



Fresh Veggies, Produce & Baked Goods  
Local Vendors  
Food Trucks With Dinner  
Live Music & Entertainment  
Mobile Library Truck



Looking for new vendors! Apply today!

**June 20-  
Sept. 19**

Middle Grove Town Park  
428 Middle Grove Rd.  
(518) 893-7432, ext. 307  
Follow us on Facebook & Insta

**Thursdays 4-7 p.m.**

Greenfield: We belong TOgether.

## Service Has Long Paved the Way for our Highway Super

Highway Superintendent Justin Burwell couldn't have imagined that his 8<sup>th</sup> grade bicycle accident would have inadvertently steered his life path. Being touched by those first responders stuck with him, causing him to notice and admire first-responders. At just 16 years of age, he committed to volunteer at the Greenfield Fire District and he has been an active member ever since. In his 24 years of involvement, he has served two local companies and was elected District Chief for two years. Today Burwell serves as the unmanned aerial vehicle pilot for our district, which means he operates drones as necessary in an emergency situation.

Burwell stated, "As a kid it became clear to me that helping people in your community is important and rewarding work." He said he always held with him the significance those first-responders played in saving his life.

Burwell's career choice builds off this mantra, as he currently is completing his first 4-year term. He began working with the Highway Department in 2010 as a motor equipment operator and mechanic. He oversees road repairs, improvements, safety, snow and ice removal for our town's 94 miles of roadway along with the upkeep of our town properties and parks.

"Justin is indispensable to our Greenfield management team," said Town Supervisor Kevin Veitch. "He is a trusted team member who goes far above and beyond in everything that he does. He is incredibly smart and hardworking. We're lucky to have him."



**Contact Highway Superintendent Justin Burwell at 518-893-7604 or contact him through the town website.**

Burwell recently completed the building of a new salt shed so that the town could manage the snow independently. He also has worked to modernize his operation with winter weather stations and other equipment updates.

His least favorite part of his job is snow removal, but Burwell said that is only because it typically is unplanned, although he has become a bit of meteorologist to us at Town Hall. If he could prioritize another item on his wish list, it would be that we would all work

together to keep our roadsides cleaner. He urges residents to get involved with the "Adopt a Roadside" program and to routinely clean up their property and take advantage of our biannual "Cleanup Days," which his team manages. More info can be found on the department webpage.

Burwell has resided in our town since he was two-years-old. He has owned his current home in Porter Corners for 14 years and has been married to wife Stephanie for 15 years.

We love Greenfield because it is a rural community where people still enjoy privacy in their daily lives," Burwell said.

Burwell and his wife enjoy motorcycling, competitive shooting and camping with their three rescue dogs, Bella, Remi and Shadow.

Stephanie is a life member firefighter, an 8-year veteran of the N.Y. National Guard where she was commissioned as an officer upon receiving her nursing degree and today is a full-time nurse practitioner. It would seem that service runs in the family.

[Read the complete feature piece on Justin Burwell at greenfieldny.org.](#)

**Ladies Luncheon & Lesson at Brookhaven Golf Course**

**NEW**



5/19, 12-3 p.m.  
7/14, 12-3 p.m.

Register on Rec Department Program Signup links on town website. \$55

Join together for a lesson (grouped by skill), followed by lunch and an opportunity to try a few holes. Free clubs are available. Participants can also opt in to an email group to help ladies find other ladies to golf with throughout the rest of the summer.

### Historical Society Events

[Daketown School #8 Open House](#), 6/8, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., off of 24 Old Daketown Rd.

[Car Show and Live Music in the Park](#), 7/13, 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. Middle Grove Town Park. Local performers, vendors onsite. To sign up for car show, contact 518-580-0655.

[Chatfield Museum Open Houses](#), Fridays 4-6 p.m., 440 Middle Grove Rd., 7/12-8/30.



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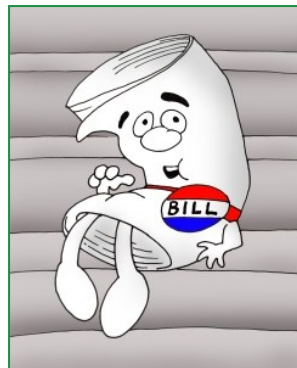
**How Laws Are Made in Greenfield**

As town residents, we must abide our nation’s federal laws, New York State laws and also any local laws, referred to as “codes” or “ordinances.” Our local codes are available on our website. We are currently working with MJ Engineering of Clifton Park to handle some much-needed updates to our local codes. The firm has worked with officials to develop an initial diagnostic report identifying areas of focus.

Town officials have begun reviewing Chapter 105-Zoning and Chapter 51-Farming of the Town Code. A committee of board members, town department heads, as well as the chairpersons of our Zoning Board of Appeals and Plan-

ning Board have been fine tuning revisions to make our local codes simpler to understand and enforce. As experts in the industry, MJ brings their knowledge of “best practices” being used in other New York State communities. Upon the completion of these new drafts, MJ plans to share them with our legal counsel for feedback. When we have a final “draft,” we will advertise a public hearing inviting any local community members to provide input on the new code.

Watch for this on our website and electronic sign. Also, our paper of record is the Daily Gazette, where we will advertise public hearing notices. If the Town Board feels it is needed, the draft will again be amended.



Did you ever wonder how local codes are developed?

Adoption of zoning amendments and local laws would require referral to Saratoga County Planning Board, referral to the Town Planning Board for an advisory report and compliance with the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR). These

approvals can take a couple of months. Lastly, our Town Board will vote to adopt the new codes.

Town Supervisor Kevin Veitch shared that as a “farm-friendly” rural town, Greenfield looks to make these laws easy to understand, supportive of those who wish to have self-sustaining lifestyles, while also being careful to assure residents that there is a means in place to protect them when a resident is not being a considerate neighbor.

**Next on the committee’s agenda is to update our solar laws, on which the board placed a moratorium last year.**