

Did You Know?

The GFD has created a Facebook page to help network with all of our community members. This page will be updated as often as our website and will include more photos of the GFD in action!

Visit the page online at
www.facebook.com/greenfieldfd and
“friend” us today!

Did You Know?

The GFD is the most active volunteer fire district in Saratoga County! Here are the calls as of August 1st, 2011 for each sister fire company of the district:

Greenfield Center	216
Porter Corners	124
Middle Grove	156
Maple Avenue	359

*That's a total of 855 calls as of
August 1st, 2011 for the GFD!*



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THE GREENFIELD FIRE DISTRICT

Volunteers Saving Lives for over 60 Years

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Introducing the Greenfield Fire District 2011 Newsletter

This newsletter is a year-end summary to remind our community about important fire district dates and news as we close out the year. This is by far not a complete list, so feel free to ask for more information!

The newsletter initiative is aimed at keeping the Greenfield Fire District (GFD) community better informed about GFD news and events. We continuously get positive feedback regarding our newsletters. We are constantly looking for ways to improve the newsletter - send your feedback to Chairman Spackmann via our website or by calling the district office at 893-0723.

Future Newsletters

In an effort to help curb spending, the GFD is planning to change the method in which our newsletter is distributed throughout our community. Rather than mailing the newsletters to individual residences, the GFD will be providing the newsletters at the following locations throughout our district: (1) at each of our four Stewarts stores, (2) the Town Hall of Greenfield, (3) the Town Hall of Wilton and (4) Prestwick Chase. Of course the newsletter will be available free for download on our website greenfieldfd.org. If you would like a newsletter mailed to you, simply contact the fire district online via our website.

Join the Greenfield Fire District

The GFD is always looking for new members to join our family - stop by any Tuesday night around 7 pm at any of our four firehouses and find out what we are about! You can find out more about volunteering with our department by visiting our website: greenfieldfd.org.



The Greenfield Fire District
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2011 GFD Firematic Officers

The Board of Fire Commissioners approved and welcomes this year's 2011 firematic officers

District Chief John Lant			
Company #1 Greenfield Center	Company #2 Porter Corners	Company #3 Middle Grove	Company #4 Maple Avenue
David Kenyon <i>Deputy Chief</i>	Jon Davis <i>Deputy Chief</i>	Jay Ellsworth <i>Deputy Chief</i>	John King <i>Deputy Chief</i>
Bill Coffey <i>Assistant Chief</i>	David Middlebrook <i>Assistant Chief</i>	Edward Petkus <i>Assistant Chief</i>	Duane Bogardus <i>Assistant Chief</i>
Matthew Reynolds <i>1st Lieutenant</i>	Derrick Barss <i>1st Captain</i>	Duane Hammond <i>1st Captain</i>	Gary Bullard <i>1st Captain</i>
Jason Abraham <i>2nd Lieutenant</i>	Justin Burwell <i>2nd Captain</i>	Scott Murray <i>2nd Captain</i>	Dean Deuel <i>2nd Captain</i>
	Shawn Willard <i>1st Lieutenant</i>	Jason Jennings <i>1st Lieutenant</i>	Bryan Chouinard <i>1st Lieutenant</i>
	Philip Richards <i>2nd Lieutenant</i>	Daniele Cumm <i>2nd Lieutenant</i>	Larry Ramsey <i>2nd Lieutenant</i>

2011 GFD Board of Fire Commissioners

Richard Spackmann	Chairman
Jackie Atwell	Commissioner
Michael Chandler	Commissioner
Darren Barss	Commissioner
Ken Waite	Commissioner

The next Fire Commissioner election will be held at each of the GFD firehouses
on Tuesday, December 13th from 6pm to 9 pm

You can find out more about the Board of Fire Commissioners and
much more on our new website, log on to www.greenfieldfd.org.
Also don't forget to register online for updates!

Website Updates

The GFD has added yet another tool to keep you informed about fire district business and events. The GFD has added a Facebook page which is also updated like the website, to help you keep in touch with the GFD. Click on the "facebook" link at the top of our webpage, or visit <http://www.facebook.com> and "friend" us!



The GFD website (www.greenfieldfd.org) has been updated to include a link on the main page to bring taxpayers and residents directly to the FOIL documents page. We listened to feedback from residents and made this information easier to find - keep bringing us your thoughts and comments! Questions regarding the website can be directed to Chairman Richard Spackmann.

Porter Corners (Company #2) Renovation Project Finished!



The GFD is putting the finishing touches on a nearly 2 year remodel construction project at the Porter Corners firehouse. The firehouse had some structural issues and water foundation issues that were corrected as part of this remodel. In addition, the firehouse got new windows, new insulation, and a new more maintenance friendly exterior.

Over the rest of the summer, the members of the Porter Corners firehouse will be completing some finishing touches including planting seed, flowers and landscaping.

GFD New Office Building Design

The GFD is currently designing a new office building to meet the storage and office requirements of our ever changing fire district. The hope is to start construction late summer or in the fall and the project will be publicly bid as per district practice. The new facility will be located on current district property – adjacent to the Greenfield Center firehouse. The design committee gives a report monthly at each GFD workshop.

Shout Outs!

- King Enterprises for their generous donation of lawn services at the Maple Avenue firehouse.
- Thanks to Time Warner cable for their generous donation of a Dodge Van (the future district Fire Police vehicle).
- Special thanks to Bradley Septic for their support.
- Thanks to Middlebrook Plumbing and Heating and their generous donation for the installation of the central air compressor at the Greenfield Center firehouse
- Thanks to Highway Superintendent Barss and the Greenfield Town Highway department for their support of the dry hydrant initiative.

Rehab Bus and Fire Police Van

The GFD members have completed two key initiatives that add strategic capabilities to the fire district. Last year, Time Warner Cable graciously donated a van to the fire district and ARC (Saratoga Bridges) graciously donated a bus.

The van was turned into a district fire police vehicle which is dispatched to any major incident or motor vehicle accident which requires traffic control. Nearly all of the labor was provided by GFD fire police personnel, who did body work, paint preparation, light and radio installation, and equipment installation to get the vehicle into active service.

Starting in January, there were new NFPA requirements established for firefighter rehabilitation during fires, and there is a Saratoga county-wide rehab protocol. With these new standards, members of the Maple Avenue fire company solicited a bus from Saratoga Bridges with the goal of creating a rehabilitation unit. Saratoga Bridges graciously agreed, and firefighters spent nearly 6 months designing and building the rehabilitation unit. Nearly all the labor to complete this project was done by firefighters including: custom welding, body work, paint preparation and painting, installation of lighting and reflective striping, and a kitchenette.



Middle Grove Firehouse Roof Replacement

The GFD is actively researching the replacement of the Middle Grove firehouse roof. The old original roof had been fixed and patched numerous times over its lifetime, more often in recent years - and has since reached the end of its life. As part of an effort to improve upon the original firehouse roof design, all of the service penetrations previously run through the roof will be relocated to the eastern (rear) gable end. This should improve roof performance and ultimately extend roof life expectancy and maintenance.

Saratoga and North Creek Railway Now Operational

The Saratoga and North Creek Railway is now operational, beginning Saturday, July 23, 2011. Please be cautious and careful when approaching railroad crossings, especially when the crossing arms are down, as the rail tracks throughout the Town are now back in service after years of inactivity.

For more information regarding this new rail service please go online to www.sncrr.com



GFD Events

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sept 14th	7pm	Monthly Board of Fire Commissioner Meeting	Greenfield Center Firehouse
Sept 28th	7 pm	Monthly Board of Fire Commissioner Workshop	Greenfield Center Firehouse
Oct 12th	7 pm	Monthly Board of Fire Commissioner Meeting	Porter Corners Firehouse
Oct 18th	7 pm	Public 2012 Budget Hearing	Middle Grove firehouse
Oct 26th	7 pm	Monthly Board of Fire Commissioner Workshop	Porter Corners Firehouse
Nov 9th	7 pm	Monthly Board of Fire Commissioner Meeting	Middle Grove Firehouse
Nov 23rd	7 pm	Monthly Board of Fire Commissioner Workshop	Middle Grove Firehouse
Dec 13th	6pm-9pm	Annual Fire Commissioner Election	All Greenfield Firehouses
Dec 14th	7 pm	Monthly Board of Fire Commissioner Meeting	Greenfield Center Firehouse
Dec 28th	7 pm	Year end Close of the Books Meeting	Greenfield Center Firehouse

Please note that all agendas for meetings will be posted on our website the Friday before the given meeting for download. Also note that these meeting times and locations are subject to change. All changes will be posted on our website: www.greenfieldfd.org

New Dry Hydrant Installation

“Thank you” to the Greenfield Town Highway department and Superintendent Barss for their continued support and help in installing 5 new dry hydrants this year – that brings the total dry hydrants installed to 10. These installations greatly improve the GFD’s ability to acquire water during an emergency, and that allows us to keep the community safer! The GFD has already used one during a fire last year!



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October is Fire Prevention Month!

Look for GFD firefighters at our local Greenfield Center Elementary and Dorothy Nolan Elementary Schools. The GFD invites students into our firehouses and visits our schools to teach important safety and fire prevention lessons. Questions about our fire prevention program can be forwarded to the Board of Fire Commissioners via our website.



Firefighters who participated in Last Year's Fire Prevention

Lieutenant Jason Abraham
FF LuAnn Brownell
FF Brian Gibbins
FF Gary Gibbins
FF Karen Gibbins
FF Steven Harder
Deputy Chief David Kenyon
FF Terry McGonigal
FF Joseph Post
Captain Derrick Barss
Captain Justin Burwell
FF Stephanie Burwell
FF Thomas Chandler
FF Jeffrey Hickam

FF Garret Jenkins
FF William Lloyd III
FF William Lloyd Jr.
Assistant Chief David Middlebrook
FF Brian Bishop
FF Jean Bishop
FF Ron Bishop
FF Crissy Brooks
FF Timothy Kemp
Captain Dean Deuel Jr.
FF Christopher Stanton
Commissioner Ken Waite
FF Nancy Waite
Lieutenant Shawn Willard

FF Kessiah McConchie
Captain Scott Murray
Assistant Chief Edward Petkus
FF Michael Potter
FF Bill Petel
Lieutenant Larry Ramsey
FF Logan Frederick
FF Aaron Deuel
FF Jeff Lawton
Commissioner Richard Spackmann
Deputy Chief Duane Bogardus
FF Edward Jewel
FF Edward Fink

New members of the GFD!

We would like to welcome the following firefighters into our brotherhood:

Greenfield Center

FF Kristin Hinkle
FF William Pratt
FF Michael Richards

Porter Corners

FF Robert Brooks
FF Dan Hughes
FF Timothy McFarlane
FF Robert Philyaw
FF Brandon Ray

Middle Grove

FF Gavin Alger
FF Ronald Alger
FF Heather Lantz
FF Andrew Lloyd

Maple Avenue

FF Michael Bogardus
FF Jacob Hepner
FF William Traver
FF David Longe

New Firefighter 1 Graduates

In order to be certified as a "Class A" firefighter, members of the GFD have to take the NYS "Firefighter 1" course – which is designed to be the bare-minimum training for a firefighter. "Class A" firefighters are permitted to wear a SCBA and go inside a burning building. This course is nearly 90 hours and spans nearly five months of classes. In addition, the GFD mandates that firefighters take additional courses and training to maintain their skills. Here we salute the recent members who graduated from Firefighter 1:

Middle Grove

FF Chris Thurman
FF Nicole Thurman

Maple Avenue

FF David Longe
FF Jacob Hepner
FF Michael Bogardus
FF Deric Boccuto

New Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs)

In order to become a NYS certified EMT (Emergency Medical Technician), members have to take a course which totals more than 100 hours, spanning four months of classes. Members then have to take a hands-on test, which proves the firefighters ability to provide emergency care and then a 110 question written examination. We salute the following members for their completion of the course and their dedication to our community:

Middle Grove: FF Crissy Brooks, FF Nicole Thurman, FF Michael Potter