

# Did You Know?

In order to be a "Class A" firefighter, members of the GFD take the NYS "Firefighter 1" course which spans nearly five months of classes. Firefighters are then expected to take additional courses and weekly drills to maintain their skills. In addition, GFD members who become NYS certified EMTs (Emergency Medical Technician) take a 100+ hour course, spanning four months of classes - all as volunteers!

# Did You Know?

The GFD is the most active volunteer fire agency in Saratoga County! Here are the calls to date (since January up to September) for each sister fire company of the GFD:

Greenfield Center .....	289
Porter Corners .....	124
Middle Grove .....	151
Maple Avenue .....	634

*That's a total of 1,198 calls 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 2008 Year-End Summary 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. This is the second and last newsletter of 2008.

We continuously get positive feedback regarding our newsletters. We are constantly looking for ways to improve the newsletter - send your feedback to Commissioner Spackmann via our website or by calling the district office at 893-0723.

## Visit us Online at [www.greenfieldfd.org](http://www.greenfieldfd.org)

You can view the website by pointing your browser to [www.greenfieldfd.org](http://www.greenfieldfd.org). The fire district developed the site to be a tool to disseminate information to our community, and the site is currently being revamped to make it easier to navigate and download information.

Here's a brief description of what you will find on the site:

- District news, meetings, events and other information posted with a calendar-like interface
- Pictures of GFD volunteers in action
- Minutes of the Board of Fire Commissioner meetings and other downloadable information
- History of the GFD
- Subscribe to receive email notifications about the GFD and [greenfieldfd.org](http://greenfieldfd.org)

Special thanks to Mike Hosier at MWH Design ([www.mwhdesign.com](http://www.mwhdesign.com)) in Greenfield Center, NY who helped make our website and newsletter a reality.

# October is Fire Prevention Month!

Look for the GFD firefighters at our local Greenfield Center Elementary and Dorothy Nolan Elementary schools. GFD firefighters visit our schools and invite students into our fire-houses to teach important safety and fire prevention lessons. We post details about our fire prevention program on our website along pictures each year! Questions about our fire prevention program can be forwarded to Commissioner Brian Bishop via our website.

# Lake Desolation Residents Continue to Make Improvements

The residents of the Happy Hill area of Lake Desolation have been busy making improvements to better the Fire District's ability to respond to their houses in the event of an emergency. At a recent meeting an association was formed to continue improving the condition of the roads and to improve the house numbering system. Company #3 Assistant Chief Jay Ellsworth and Commissioner Brian Bishop attended the last meeting and were very pleased with the turnout of 30 - 40 concerned residents and the excellent progress being made. Both look forward to continuing working with the residents to improve the district's ability to respond in an emergency.

# The Board of Fire Commissioners

Donald Kugler .....	Chairman
Brian Bishop .....	Commissioner
Tom Robarge .....	Commissioner
Richard "Spack" Spackmann .....	Commissioner
Ken Waite .....	Commissioner

*The next Fire Commissioner election will be held at each of the GFD firehouses on Tuesday, December 9th from 6 pm 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](http://www.greenfieldfd.org). Also don't forget to register online for updates!**

# GFD 2009 Budget

The GFD Board of Fire Commissioners is proud to announce a proposed 2009 overall budget increase of 3%. LOSAP investment growth was larger than anticipated and enrollment in the program was lower than projected. This created a surplus of monies which was used to cover other large increases in operating expenses, which minimized the overall budget increase to only 3%.

*A public informational meeting will be held Tuesday October 21st at 7 pm at the Greenfield Center firehouse.*

*All are welcome to attend! The proposed budget will be available on our website [www.greenfieldfd.org](http://www.greenfieldfd.org) prior to the meeting.*

# Middle Grove Emergency Generator Installed

The GFD completed the installation of an emergency generator at the Middle Grove firehouse in July. This generator will power the entire facility in the event of a power outage. Part of this generator was paid for from a generous grant from the Office of Senator Hugh Farley. The GFD is currently researching the feasibility of installing a generator at the Porter Corners firehouse this year rather than next year. Questions about the GFD generator initiative can be forwarded to Commissioner Robarge via our website.

# GFD Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sun, Oct 5th	7 am – 11 am	All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast	Porter Corners Firehouse
Wed, Oct 8th	7 pm	GFD Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting	Middle Grove firehouse
Tues, Oct 21st	7 pm	Public Budget Informational Meeting	Greenfield Center firehouse
Thurs, Oct 23rd	7 pm	GFD Board of Fire Commissioners Workshop	Greenfield Center firehouse
Sun, Nov 2nd	7 am – 11 am	All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast	Porter Corners Firehouse
Wed, Nov 12th	7 pm	GFD Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting	Maple Avenue firehouse
Thurs, Nov 20th	7 pm	GFD Board of Fire Commissioners Workshop	Greenfield Center firehouse
Tue, Dec 9th	6 pm – 9 pm	GFD Fire Commissioner Election	All GFD Firehouses
Wed, Dec 10th	7 pm	GFD Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting	Greenfield Center firehouse
Tues, Dec 30th	7 pm	GFD Annual "Close of the Books" Meeting	Greenfield Center firehouse

*It is not uncommon for meeting dates and locations to change. All Meeting dates and updates are posted on our website: [www.greenfieldfd.org](http://www.greenfieldfd.org)*

# Summer Picnic

The Greenfield Fire District would like to thank the following individuals and companies for their donations to the District's first annual Summer Picnic. Everyone present had a good time and there were lots of laughs shared during the day. Thank you to (in alphabetical order):

Allerdice – Saratoga Springs / Milton  
Chris Baker / Brookhaven Golf Club / O.B. Beyer Park – Porters Corners  
Jean Bishop  
Bradley Septic – Greenfield Center  
By –George Food Specialties – Ballston Spa  
Bryan Chouinard / State Farm Insurance – Malta  
Jill Chouinard  
Greenfield Fire District Co. #1  
Greenfield Fire District Co. #2  
Greenfield Fire District Co. #3  
Greenfield Fire District Co. #1 Ladies Auxiliary  
Greenfield Fire District Co. #2 Ladies Auxiliary  
Greenfield Fire District Co. #3 Ladies Auxiliary  
Greenfield Fire District Co. #4 Ladies Auxiliary  
Hannaford Supermarkets – Saratoga Springs  
Hill and Markes – Amsterdam

Humpty Dumpty Soft Ice Cream & Subs – Saratoga Springs  
Minogue's Beverage Center – Saratoga Springs / Wilton  
Mohawk Dairy – Amsterdam  
Parillo Sausage – Saratoga Springs  
Chef Ed Petkus  
Joyce Petkus  
Price Chopper Supermarkets – Saratoga Springs  
Chef Tom Robarge  
Saratoga National Bank – Saratoga Springs  
Stewart's – Greenfield Center  
Dan & Alicia Tuller  
Jean & Ron Bishop  
Chef Brian Bishop  
Taylor Robarge  
Jordyne Howe  
Sydney Eberle

*Without all of your help, and the help of many others, the picnic would not have been possible. Thanks again!*