

Did You Know?

The GFD has an email list that you can subscribe to easily by going online to greenfieldfd.org. This list is used fairly often throughout the year as we notify all the registered members on the list when we post new approved meeting minutes, date changes to meetings and other important information.

Go to www.greenfieldfd.org and subscribe by clicking on the “Register” link on the top of the page.

Did You Know?

The GFD is the most active volunteer fire agency in Saratoga County! Here are the calls as of April 1st, 2009 for each sister fire company of the GFD:

Greenfield Center	72
Porter Corners	50
Middle Grove	54
Maple Avenue	249

*That's a total of 425 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 Volume 3 – Edition 1 of the Greenfield Fire District Newsletter

The newsletter initiative aimed at keeping the Greenfield Fire District (GFD) community better informed about GFD news and events. In this newsletter you will find some news tid-bits and activities that are going on in the GFD. This is by far not a complete list, so feel free to ask for more information!

We are constantly looking for ways to improve the newsletter - send us your feedback via our new website or by calling the district office at 893-0723.

Visit us Online at www.greenfieldfd.org

You can view the website by pointing your browser to 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

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



The GFD 2009 Officers

District Chief Dennis McConkey			
Company #1 Greenfield Center	Company #2 Porter Corners	Company #3 Middle Grove	Company #4 Maple Avenue
Gary Gibbins <i>Assistant Chief</i>	Jon Davis <i>Assistant Chief</i>	Jay Ellsworth <i>Assistant Chief</i>	John Lant <i>Assistant Chief</i>
Jason Gibbins <i>Captain</i>	David Middlebrook <i>2nd Assistant Chief</i>	Edward Petkus <i>2nd Assistant Chief</i>	John King <i>2nd Assistant Chief</i>
Justin Burwell <i>Lieutenant</i>	Dave Hurd <i>Captain</i>	Duane Hammond <i>Captain</i>	Duane Bogardus <i>Captain</i>
Keith Wood <i>2nd Lieutenant</i>	Derrick Barss <i>Lieutenant</i>	Scott Murray <i>2nd Captain</i>	Gary Bullard <i>2nd Captain</i>
	Stephanie Varley <i>2nd Lieutenant</i>	Tim Kemp <i>Lieutenant</i>	Dean Deuel Jr. <i>Lieutenant</i>
		Scott Older <i>2nd Lieutenant</i>	Scott Dussault <i>2nd Lieutenant</i>

The Board of Fire Commissioners

Donald Kugler	Chairman
Brian Bishop	Commissioner
Tom Robarge	Commissioner
Richard “Spack” Spackmann	Commissioner
Ken Waite	Commissioner

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!

New members of the GFD!

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

Greenfield Center

Edward P. Ackley
Angela J. Dumas
Alison Ernst
Tahlyn Fisher
Darrow Mansfield
Christopher W. Swinney

Porter Corners

Tom Chandler
Aaron Chandler
Toby Middlebrook

Middle Grove

Matthew Kohl
Joe Luse
Charle Fiorino
Christopher Zabel
Nick Chandler

Maple Avenue

Mark Allen
Jeff Doty
Christopher Franko
John McEachron Jr.

Firefighters taking the “Firefighter 1” Course

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. We wish all the firefighters the best of luck and congratulate them in advance for their successful graduation!

Firefighter Jeffrey Brown (Greenfield Center)
Firefighter Chris Franko (Maple Avenue)
Firefighter Mark Allen (Maple Avenue)

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.

Firefighter Jeffrey Brown (Greenfield Center)
Firefighter William Pratt (Greenfield Center)
Assistant Chief Jon Davis (Porter Corners)
Firefighter Paul Coneski (Maple Avenue)

The GFD congratulates all of our EMTs for successfully completing the EMT course.

Thank You's

The district would like to thank the following people and organizations who have helped out the GFD a lot over the past years – we are truly blessed for all of your gracious support.

Eastside Wine & Spirits
Applebee's
Lowe's
EBI Beverage Center
Jan's Florist
Jones and 50 Wine & Spirits
Pine Lake Stoves
Kelley's Deli
Staples
Christina's Pizza of Wilton
Subway
Saratoga Masonry
Denny's
Panera Bread
Truck and Auto Wares
Mr. William Gaba of Gaba Towing and Car Parts
Andrea Mann of Mann Communication

Gateway House of Peace (GHP) planning to locate in the Town of Greenfield

Gateway House of Peace (GHP) is a tax-exempt nonprofit organization planning to locate in the Town of Greenfield in Northern Saratoga County. GHP's mission is to serve the terminally ill, alone and suffering members of our community, at no cost to them, with compassionate, quality care in a peaceful, homelike environment. The community support home will also function as an educational center for students interested in end-of-life care from various schools, universities and community programs.

Last fall, one of our own members, Diane Czechowicz, from the Middle Grove Fire Company joined the organization and became the Campaign Coordinator with the task of raising \$500,000 to build the facility and operate it for the first two years. Diane states, "Community leaders and residents are very interested and know the importance and need for this type of facility". The campaign is presently seeking a parcel of land in the Town of Greenfield. According to Diane, once we have the land, it will be

much easier to obtain grants and funds for the house. At the present time campaign members are networking and looking for donors to help with this worthwhile, much needed endeavor. If you are interested in helping or know someone who would like to memorialize a loved one with a donation of land or would like more information, please call Diane at 587-2410 or visit the website at www.gatewayhouseofpeace.org and help them make this community support home a reality.

Porter Corners Fire Company Co-sponsors American Diabetes Association Fundraiser



"The Saratoga Tour de Cure is the Capital Region's Premiere Bicycling Event, and is the largest fund-raising event of the American Diabetes Association in upstate NY. The Tour is a ride, not a race, with 10, 25, 50, 63 and 100-mile routes designed for everyone from the occasional rider to the experienced bicyclist. More than 1,200 bicyclists are expected to participate in the event on Sunday June 7th.



The Porter Corners Firehouse will host a cyclist rest stop that day from 9am to 3pm. Tour volunteers will provide healthy snacks and water to the bicyclists, who are riding with a fund-raising goal of \$700,000. All proceeds of the event support the Capital Region American Diabetes Association, whose mission is to prevent and cure diabetes, and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes.

If you would would like find out out more about the Tour de Cure, or to register to ride and fundraise, please go to: www.diabetes.org/saratogaspringstourdecure/default.jsp or call Amy Young, Area Director of the ADA, at (518) 218-1755 x3631.

If you would like to serve as a volunteer on the day of the event, please call Chuck Dollard, Saratoga Tour de Cure Rest Stop Chair, at (518) 378-5771.

The Porter Corners Fire Company is proud to help sponsor this event, and asks everyone to help us keep the Tour de Cure bicyclists safe as they ride throughout Saratoga County on June 7th."



District Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Location
April, 5th	7 am – 11 am	All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast	Porter Corners Firehouse
April, 8th	7 pm	Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting	Greenfield Center Firehouse
April, 28th	7 pm	Board of Fire Commissioners Workshop	Greenfield Center Firehouse
May 3rd	7 am – 11 am	All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast	Porter Corners Firehouse
May 13th	7 pm	Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting	Porter Corners Firehouse
May 26th	7 pm	Board of Fire Commissioners Workshop	Greenfield Center Firehouse
June 10th	7 pm	Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting	Middle Grove Firehouse
June 23rd	7 pm	Board of Fire Commissioners Workshop	Greenfield Center Firehouse
July 9th	7 pm	Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting	Maple Avenue Firehouse
July 28th	7 pm	Board of Fire Commissioners Workshop	Greenfield Center Firehouse
Aug 12th	7 pm	Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting	Greenfield Center Firehouse
Aug 25th	7 pm	Board of Fire Commissioners Workshop	Greenfield Center Firehouse

The GFD Board of Fire Commissioners generally has two meetings a month – the second Wednesday of each month and another the fourth Thursday of the month. It's not unusual for meetings to change times and locations - all meetings and event updates are posted on greenfieldfd.org.

John J. Lant Jr. Memorial Blood Drive

The Maple Avenue Fire Company sponsored its 13th annual John Lant Jr. memorial blood drive on February 7th at the Maple Avenue firehouse. The blood drive is a collaborative effort with the American Red Cross and sponsored by the Maple Avenue Fire Company in Firefighter John Lant Jr.'s memory. The Maple Avenue membership would like to thank all those who donated – a total of 48 pints were collected.

Middle Grove Fire Company Blood Drive

The Middle Grove Fire Company sponsored a blood drive with the American Red Cross on January 10th at the Middle Grove firehouse. The Middle Grove membership would like to thank all who donated, a total of 46 pints were collected.



Porter Corners Emergency Generator

The GFD has received and accepted bids to install an emergency backup generator at the Porter Corners firehouse. Last year, the district completed the installation of an emergency generator at the Middle Grove firehouse. These generators provide power for the firehouses – and this area is no stranger to periods of power outages. The GFD expects to complete the installation of the generator at the Maple Avenue firehouse this summer.

Annual Fire Prevention Activities

The Greenfield Center, Porter Corners, and Middle Grove Fire Companies sponsored the annual fire prevention day with the Greenfield Elementary School. Each year students are brought to the Greenfield Center firehouse via school buses where they participate in a wide range of activities.

One of the highlights of the fire prevention day at Greenfield is the "smoke room", where children and teachers get to practice crawling low in the event of an unfortunate fire at home. The smoke is safe and nontoxic and we have firefighters in the room helping direct children in the right direction. Some of the other activities include "stop, drop and roll drills", fire truck tours and Smokey the Bear!

We would like to thank all the school bus drivers who volunteered to drive during their off hours to make the fire prevention day possible!

The Maple Avenue Fire Company attended the annual fire prevention day at the Dorothy Nolan Elementary School. The firefighters hand out fire prevention materials (coloring books, stickers, pencils, rulers and informational pamphlets). Students are brought into the gymnasium for fire prevention videos and safety lectures. The highlight of this is when the firefighters crawl through the students in full equipment – sometimes even the teachers get dressed up. The point of this exercise is to try and take away the fear that some children have of firefighters. After all the classroom talks and videos, students came outside to get a tour of the firetrucks.

Firefighters who participated

Firefighter Jason Abraham
Firefighter Jackie Atwell
Commissioner Brian Bishop
Firefighter Jean Bishop
Firefighter Ron Bishop
Firefighter Cody Brooks
Firefighter LuAnn Brownell
Firefighter Harold C. Hall Sr.
Firefighter Ken Cleveland
Lieutenant Dean Deuel Jr.
Firefighter Jeff Doty

Firefighter John Duffney
Firefighter Liz Duffney
Firefighter Alison Ernst
Assistant Chief Gary Gibbins
Firefighter Joshua Gibbins
Firefighter Karen Gibbins
Firefighter Richard Huestis
Firefighter Ed Jewell
Lieutenant Tim Kemp
Commissioner Donald Kugler
Firefighter Jeff Lawton

Firefighter William Lloyd Jr.
Firefighter John McEachron Jr.
Captain Scott Murray
Assistant Chief Ed Petkus
Firefighter Billy Pratt
Firefighter Larry Ramsey
Commissioner Richard Spackmann
Firefighter Ed Waite
Firefighter Nancy Waite
Special thanks to Forest Ranger
Suzanne Heare



Lieutenant Tim Kemp shows the kids the rescue truck



Firefighters demonstrate how they search for people trapped in a house



Kids practice Stop! Drop! And Roll!



Firefighter John McEachron Jr. crawls through the children



Firefighter Jewel, Ramsey, Deuel and Lawton instruct the children on fire safety



Firefighter John McEachron Jr. crawls through the children

The Greenfield Fire District Gets into the Holiday Season!



The Maple Avenue and Greenfield Center membership collected Christmas gifts for children of less fortunate families. The Maple Avenue Fire Company brought Santa in the firetruck to deliver Christmas gifts to all the children. The Greenfield Center Fire Company sponsored a "Come and Greet Santa" party with donated toys. The Greenfield Grange, Stewarts, Humpty Dumpty's and Hannaford donated refreshments for the party.

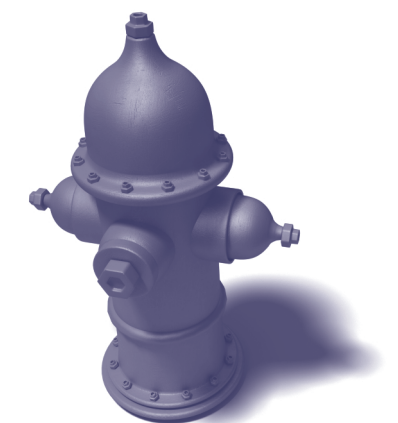
Save Money on Home Owners Insurance!

Did you know that insurance companies will give you discounts on your home owners insurance depending on how close you live to a fire hydrant? Well its true, and we have spent a considerable amount of time mapping out the various hydrants in our fire district – you may have one near you!

You can view the map of our hydrants by going to our website online via the link: <http://www.greenfieldfd.org/map/hydrants.html>

By clicking on a given hydrant, you can enter your house address, and the application will calculate how far away you are from the hydrant – this information will be required by your insurance carrier. There are also directions available on the page to show you how use the application.

Questions about this can be forwarded to Commissioner Spackmann via email: RichardSpackmann@greenfieldfd.org.



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!