

Did You Know?

The GFD has two liaisons who work hand in hand with the Town of Greenfield and Town of Wilton planning boards. These appointed liaisons work along side the planning boards and give valuable feedback into proposed development from a fire protection standpoint. It's another example of how the GFD serves all of you

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 April) for each sister fire company of the GFD:

Greenfield Center	84
Porter Corners	37
Middle Grove	59
Maple Avenue	201

*That's a total of 381 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 2 – 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!

Since we launched the initiative last year, we received a lot of positive feedback. 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 2008 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>	Michael Chandler <i>Assistant Chief</i>	Jay Ellsworth <i>Assistant Chief</i>	John Lant <i>Assistant Chief</i>
Jason Gibbins <i>Captain</i>	Jon Davis <i>2nd Assistant Chief</i>	Tim Kemp <i>2nd Assistant Chief</i>	John King <i>2nd Assistant Chief</i>
Justin Burwell <i>Lieutenant</i>	William Lloyd 3rd <i>Captain</i>	Edward Petkus <i>Captain</i>	Duane Bogardus <i>Captain</i>
Keith Wood <i>2nd Lieutenant</i>	Dave Hurd <i>Lieutenant</i>	Brian Bunnell <i>2nd Captain</i>	Gary Bullard <i>2nd Captain</i>
	Shawn Willard <i>2nd Lieutenant</i>	Scott Older <i>Lieutenant</i>	Dean Deuel Jr. <i>Lieutenant</i>
		William Miller <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!



GFD Calendar

April	April 9th 7 pm April 24th 7 pm	Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting, Greenfield Center firehouse Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting, Greenfield Center firehouse
May	May 6th 7am – 11am May 14th 7 pm May 17th noon May 22nd 7 pm	All you can Eat Pancake Breakfast, Porter Corners firehouse Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting, Porter Corners firehouse Open House and Family Day, Porter Corners firehouse Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting, Greenfield Center firehouse
June	June 7th all day June 11th 7 pm June 26th 7 pm	Saratoga Youth Boxing Tournament, Maple Avenue firehouse Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting, Middle Grove firehouse Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting, Greenfield Center firehouse
July	July 9th 7 pm July 12th noon – 8pm	Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting, Maple Avenue firehouse Maple Avenue FD participating in Wilton Community Day, Gavin Park
August	August 3rd 7am – 11am August 13th 7 pm August 22nd 7am – 11am	All you can Eat Pancake Breakfast, Porter Corners firehouse Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting, Greenfield Center firehouse Comedy Night

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.

Middle Grove Easter Egg Hunt

The Middle Grove Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary sponsored an Easter Egg hunt open to the public. A total



of 27 families attended the event and were invited to search for easter eggs. Eggs were hidden throughout the firehouse. There were also games and prizes for those attending and all left with a bag of Easter “goodies.”

The Middle Grove Ladies Auxiliary and Fire Company would like to thank all who attended as they look forward to next year.

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.

Dave Kenyon	(Greenfield Center)
Justin Burwell	(Greenfield Center)
Luanne Brownell	(Greenfield Center)
Ed Petkus	(Middle Grove)
Nick Colluci	(Maple Avenue)
Bryan Chouinard	(Maple Avenue)
Matt Herbert	(Maple Avenue)

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

New members of the GFD!

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

Greenfield Center:

Jeffrey Brown - July 2007
Joseph Post - March 2008
Jason Tyler - March 2008

Porter Corners:

Jack Sadousky - February 2007
Katherine Natalie - March 2007
Brian Ray - May 2007
Christopher Waite - May 2007
Garrett Jenkins - November 2007
Jacob Haxstun - February 2008

Middle Grove:

Deanna Roberts - April 2007
Shawne Perkins - October 2007

Maple Avenue:

Thomas Murphy - December 2007

Maple Avenue Firefighters Renovate their Firehouse



The Maple Avenue Fire Company has begun an ambitious renovation plan which aims at renovating much of the firehouse located on Route 9.

The renovations are aimed at updating the facility and making it more resistant to wear and tear. The plan includes a new fitness room (all fitness equipment was paid for by generous donations raised by the Maple Avenue membership), a new lounge, a renovated radio room, renovated kitchen and meeting room.

Renovations are planned to be completed by the end of 2008.

Middle Grove Helps Map the Lake Desolation Area

On Tuesday, April 1st Assistant Chief Ellsworth, District Chief McConkey and Commissioner Bishop met with approximately thirty residents from the Lake Desolation area at the Middle Grove Firehouse. Several topics were discussed including the condition of roadways, house identification and creating an accurate map of the area. From that meeting a committee is being formed to look at possible ways to address those issues and look to further improve the ability of the Greenfield Fire District to provide the best possible fire and E.M.S. services to the residents. Questions about the meeting can be forwarded to Commissioner Brian Bishop via email: bbishop1@nycap.rr.com

Porters Corners Firefighters Finish their Garage Expansion



The Porter Corners Fire Company is putting the finishing touches on their new garage. They began building their garage expansion in the fall of 2007 and all work on the garage was done by the membership of the Porter Corners Fire Company.

The Porter Corners firehouse has been cramped for about 4 years after the purchase of an off road ATV, snowmobile, rescue sled and trailer. At 25 foot wide by 40 foot deep, the garage brought needed space to store fire equipment

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 Liz Jones	(Greenfield Center)
Firefighter Bill Pratt	(Greenfield Center)
Firefighter Scott Brown	(Greenfield Center)
Firefighter Brian Ray	(Porter Corners)
Firefighter Brandon Ray	(Porter Corners)
Firefighter Garrett Jenkins	(Porter Corners)
Firefighter Dan Tuller	(Porter Corners)
Firefighter Shaun Perkins	(Middle Grove)
Firefighter Brian Bunnell	(Middle Grove),
Firefighter Deanna Roberts	(Middle Grove)
Firefighter Skyler Brown	(Middle Grove)
Firefighter Jacob Haxstun	(Porter Corners)

Maple Avenue Fire Company to Sponsor Saratoga Youth Boxing Tournament

The Maple Avenue Fire Company will be co-sponsoring a Saratoga Youth Boxing tournament on Saturday, June 7th. The tournament will be held at the Maple Avenue firehouse on Route 9 in Wilton. The Maple Avenue Fire Company and Auxiliary will be providing all the food and refreshments for the event – served from the fire company pavilion.

The boxing ring will be setup to the rear of the firehouse beneath a tent – so the event will occur rain or shine. Parking will also be available. In addition to the tournament, there will be fire prevention and safety materials available free of charge.

Middle Grove Emergency Generator

The GFD has received and accepted bids to install an emergency backup generator at the Middle Grove firehouse. Last year, the district completed the installation of an emergency generator at the Greenfield Center firehouse. These generators provide power for the firehouses – and there have been many periods of power outages over the past three winters. Part of the installation was paid for with a generous grant from Senator Hugh Farley. Aside from the emergency generators which power the firehouses, the grant also allowed the district to purchase smaller portable generators which are designed to power home medical devices during extended periods of power loss. The GFD expects to complete the installation of the generator at the Middle Grove firehouse this spring and there are plans to install a generator at the Porter Corners firehouse in 2009.

Thank You's

We wanted 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.

- Norm, Rob, Bob and Joe from the Verizon Corporation for going “above and beyond” in fixing the Maple Avenue Fire Company's fax line
- Granite and Marble Works of Wilton who graciously donated and installed granite countertops at the Maple Avenue firehouse
- Bill Gaba and Gaba Brothers Towing for helping with Jaws of Life cars at the Middle Grove Fire Company
- The Saratoga Springs Boces Graphic Art students and Cindy McAvoy, who are painting a fantastic mural at the Maple Avenue firehouse
- Wayne from Albany Communications for his help in reprogramming pagers
- Eastside Wine and Spirits, EBI Beverage Center, Jan's Florist, Subway, Pine Lake Stoves, Staples, Claire Embroidery, Route 50 and Jones Road Wine and Liquor, Truck and Auto Wares who donated to the Maple Avenue annual banquet



The GFD Fights High Level of Fires during Winter Season

The GFD has responded to a high level of large fires this winter season throughout the Greenfield and surrounding communities



See more pictures of GFD in action on our website GreenfieldFD.org

Photo courtesy of Roger Steele



Maple Avenue dispatched to massive fire at Fiber Conversion Inc.

The Maple Avenue Fire Company and Middle Grove Fire Company were dispatched to an inter-county mutual aid request to the Village of Broadalbin on January 31st.

The massive fire was at the Fiber Conversion Inc. company – which reprocesses textile wastes for use in new products.

Both GFD companies brought a 3000 gallon tanker to the fire to supply water to fight the large fire.



Crews from the GFD are working to extinguish the large mobile home fire in Alpine Meadows trailer park

On the evening of Thursday, January 10th, the GFD companies were dispatched to a fully engulfed trailer fire in the Alpine Meadows trailer park.

Unfortunately, the fire claimed the life of one of the home's residents. The GFD's prayers and thoughts are with the family of this tragedy.

In addition to the GFD, the Corinth Fire Company was called for mutual aid – and we would like to thank them for their assistance

The GFD companies were dispatched to a working structure fire on Thursday January 10th at about 11:00 am. The fire was on Lester Lane in the hamlet of Middle Grove and the house was reported to be a total loss.

The GFD wishes the best to homeowners and wish them the very best as they recover from this loss.

Firefighters from Corinth, Wilton and Rock City Falls were called in for mutual aid to supply water and additional manpower. The GFD would like to thank them for all their help.



Lieutenant Keith Wood directs his crew into the house during the Lester Lane fire

The GFD was called for mutual aid assistance to the large downtown fire in the Village of Corinth on Monday, February 11th. The Greenfield Center, Porter Corners and Middle Grove fire companies responded crews to assist the Corinth Fire Company. The Maple Avenue Fire Company was put on standby to answer any other emergencies which may have occurred during the Corinth fire.

The GFD's thoughts and prayers are with the Village of Corinth as they look to rebuild after this tragedy.



Greenfield Center and Porter Corners crew flow water during the Corinth Fire

GFD Appoints District Photographer

The GFD appointed a district photographer in 2008 to document the variety of ways our volunteers serve our community. Alicia Tuller is a 2-year veteran of the Porter Corners Fire Company who owns a private family-run photography business. Alicia has been involved in the fire department since a child – her parents, Robert and Peggy Roxbury have been in the fire department for nearly 25 years. She hopes to bring her photography skills to serve the GFD and our community. Alicia has already documented many of the major fires this year including the Lester Lane fire, Alpine Meadows trailer park, and the Corinth downtown tragedy. In addition to fires, Alicia also documents the many social events that are hosted throughout the year throughout the district such as pancake breakfasts, open houses, etc.

2007 District Call Volumes

The GFD ran answered another high total of emergencies in the 2007 calendar year. Here are the 2007 total calls that the GFD answered:

Greenfield Center: 320

Porter Corners: 170

Middle Grove: 204

Maple Avenue: 816

That's a total of 1510 emergencies that the GFD volunteers have answered. All combined, the total time spent answering these calls 8508 hours – which is more than 160 hours per week that GFD volunteers take out of their busy schedules to serve the GFD community, and this does not include weekly drills, monthly meetings and the various miscellaneous tasks and time the GFD firefighters have to put in to run the fire companies.