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### News You Can Use

We've packed some important information in this newsletter that sometimes is misunderstood by the public. We want you to be as informed as the Town Staff and our elected officials.

Read about minutes, agendas, Town Board meetings and the roles of board members and the Town Supervisor inside this issue.

See the insert for all of our upcoming TOG Recreation events

# Town of Greenfield News

## Updates from Town Hall, August 2025

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

## A Permanent Nod to TOG History Unveiled at Caboose Day



We believe the key to building a great community is understanding and respecting our past. Historian Duane Cornell continues to look for new ways to share the past with our residents.

We applied for a grant from the William G. Pomeroy Foundation and will unveil the new Kings Station historical marker at the

annual **Caboose Day** event, August 9, at noon. This event, coordinated by the TOG Historical Society, is the one day a year residents can climb aboard the TOG caboose and explore the Train Depot.

The event has many vendors, onsite historians, and great food. The event takes place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Cornell also recently launched "Historical Hindsight" videos on the town website and social media to explore local landmarks. Check them out!



## Local Accolades for Rec Director

We love to celebrate our incredible staff members at Town Hall and this past month gave us the opportunity to celebrate double, as our Recreation Director Jen Zeisler was recognized twice for her incredible role in the TOG. Saratoga TODAY Newspaper selected her to be named a "Women of Influence for 2025."

In addition, Assemblyman Matt Simpson named Zeisler



a "Women of Distinction" in late June. Congratulations to Jen Zeisler.



Left: Zeisler was featured in a special pullout section of Saratoga Today in May. Right: Zeisler shows off her award from Assemblyman Matt Simpson, which she received in June.

## Minutes

What should be in the minutes? Town Clerk Karen Downen is responsible for minutes and agendas, as the recording secretary of the board meetings (among other things). Minutes are not a word by word recount of the public meeting, nor are they required to be. They are required by state law to include a written record of all formally voted upon resolutions and ordinances along with each board members particular votes of yes or no. They must be posted on the town's website within two weeks. You may always call the clerk in advance of that date for info. Town Clerk is an elected position.

## Agendas

The Town Board is not required to share agendas with the public, per NYS law. The public is welcome to attend the agenda meeting, the first Thursday of each month, to listen to the agenda. Our Town Clerk does post our agendas on the website as soon as it is ready in advance of the meeting. Often, the agenda is being revised right up to the day of the meeting. You may always call the Town Clerk 518-893-7432, ext. 301 to ask for this information if it is not yet posted.

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# A Look at Roles in Town Hall: Board and Supervisor

**Town Board:** The board consists of four councilmembers and the supervisor. It serves as the town's executive branch. Together they manage the town's finances, oversee properties, adopt the budget, appoint staff members and set pay rates. They vote to pass resolutions for local law. They each vote and all votes are equal. The decision is made by simple majority. No one board member is more responsible than any other. The public can easily locate who voted YES or NO on anything at a Town Board meeting by reviewing the minutes of the meeting. They are expected to be active participants and frequently are at Town Hall. Our board



Senator Jim Tedisco recently joined us for the ribbon-cutting of our new pickleball courts at Middle Grove Park.

members are assigned by the supervisor to work with particular departments and help guide each department head.

**Town Supervisor:** The supervisor does not wield more power than the other board members, but handles the day to day operation of Town Hall and often is the person who determines the plans and strategies that the board will follow and vote

upon. He/she keeps all the projects moving forward. The Supervisor oversees the following departments at Town Hall: Accounting, Assessor, Brookhaven Golf Course, Building, Recreation, and Historian. He/she presides over the board meetings; and serves as the public face of local government with residents and with the media.

## Court Updates

Town Justices Ginley and Conway have been keeping things up-to-date downstairs at Town Hall in our Town Court.

The court recently applied for and received the **Justice Court Assistance Program** grant and are using the \$30,000 to update security and digitize records.



The court changed the Court Clerk position to become part-time, a cost savings.

With Town Board approval, the Judges hired Jennifer Miller, an experienced and respected clerk in the Town of Malta, to take on this role. Miller has updated many processes, including the ability to pay fines online. There are links on [greenfieldny.gov](http://greenfieldny.gov).

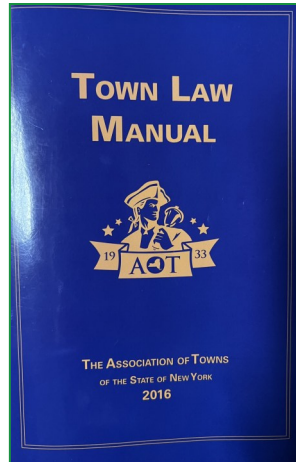
## Public Participation in Town Board Meetings: THE FACTS

The NYS Town Board law manual specifies “Although the Open Meetings Law gives the public the right to attend and listen to town board deliberations, the public does not have the right to speak at town board meetings.”

However, in the TOG, we do offer residents the opportunity to make comments on any item on the agenda during our official monthly Town Board meeting on the second Thursday of the month. Comments are usually restricted to three minutes each.

Do you have something you wish to discuss with the Town Board but it is not on the agenda?

We want to hear your input. You are always



Greenfield, like all towns in the state, follows this Town Law Manual, created by the Association of Towns.

welcome to meet with the supervisor to share your ideas and concerns. All board members have email addresses, which are available online.

You also may choose to put your words into a letter to the Town Board. This official correspondence can be shared with

any member of the board, the Town Clerk or the Supervisor.

You may send a letter to Town Hall or an email to any of these representatives, but do specify that you wish for your message to be shared as official correspondence to the Town Board, so it is shared with the entire board.

Please be aware that there is no opportunity for public comment at an agenda meeting, which is held the first Thursday of the month. The public is welcome to attend and listen to the agenda per New York State law.

We love involved residents and hope this information helps clear up any misinformation.

### What's on the Agenda?

The board determines what is on the agenda each month. The Supervisor sets a preliminary agenda with assistance from the Town Clerk. The agenda typically includes new business, old business, correspondence and committee reports.

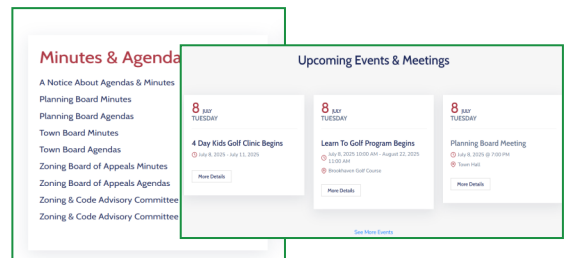
If a member of the public is seeking to having something added to the agenda, the Town Clerk would share this request to the supervisor and board. The board evaluates each request and carefully determines the best course of action to resolve the resident's concern. Oftentimes a meeting with the supervisor or a department head may lead to a quicker solution to the issue.

Please note that public comments at Town Board meetings is limited to items that are on the agenda.

## Finding Meeting Info Online

There are links to our calendar at the top of the home page [www.greenfieldny.gov](http://www.greenfieldny.gov). At the bottom of the homepage you will find “Upcoming Events and Meetings.”

Links to agendas and minutes can be found at the bottom of the homepage. There are also links from the Town Clerk's page, the Town Board page, and the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals pages. Our website search bar also is very easy to use.





# TOG GOES PINK

OUR FIRST MAJOR COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER  
FOR BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

OCTOBER 4, 2025

Brookhaven Golf Course

A DAY FULL OF FUN, COMMUNITY AND PURPOSE.  
IT WILL BE A DAY YOU WON'T FORGET WITH LEARNING,  
LAUGHTER, MUSIC AND GIVING BACK!

*Your choice:*

Golf tourney, ladies golf lesson/lunch & a fancy **PINK PARTY** with live music,  
dancing & more (5-9 p.m.)

SPONSORSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE  
TOG Businesses: Please get involved!

Reserve today. Details and ticket purchase will be on town website.



## Fall Festival

5K Run to benefit Brookhaven Winter Park  
Afternoon Trick or Treating on the Golf Course

SATURDAY 25 OCTOBER  
2025

Wear Costumes-Trick or Treat- Inflatable Obstacle Course-Pick  
Six Vodka Tasting- Live Music-Wild Animal Show - Donut Eating  
& Giant Pumpkin Contest

Reserve your golf cart today by calling Jen Zeisler,  
518-893-7432, ext. 307.





## Rec Events

### *Train Happy Hour*



### *Youth Soccer*

At Middle Grove Park. Soccer is Mon/Wed 5:30-6:30 p.m. Ages 3-15, grouped by age. Games and skills. Coaches needed. Signup link online.

### *Pickleball Lessons, Events and Tournaments*

Coming soon. We are so excited to have found two incredible instructors. Watch on website and social media for more info.

### *8/10 Social Hour: Hoedown Sunday Funday*

Line dancing instruction (no experience necessary) at The View from 5-8 p.m. Make a reservation to dine.

### *9/12 Social Hour: Train Happy Hour*

Climb aboard the Saratoga & Corinth Railway for a scenic train ride through rural Greenfield. Live music and beverages onboard. Bring your friends and join us for this community event. Tickets links will be found on town website.

### *9/13 Teen Movie Under the Stars*

Get off those phones. For High and Middle Schoolers. Arrive at 7 p.m. to make a cozy set up on the driving range at Brookhaven Golf Course.

### *10/4 TOG Goes Pink Fundraiser (on front)*

### *10/25 Fall Festival /Octoberfest 5K (on front)*

### *11/22 Small Business Saturday Sip n' Shop*

It's a holiday bazaar of all your favorite local businesses. To become a vendor contact the Rec Department. Only 18 spots available.

We are wild about our new *summer camp logo* and the kiddos are proudly wearing the new camp swag. Stop by the Rec. Department for a *free* camp sticker.



### *Fall Festival*



### *Sip N Shop*



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#### Upcoming Market Info

- Big N Cheesy (gourmet grilled cheese) is coming 8/7, 8/28, 9/4, 9/18.
- On 9/18 we'll be holding an end-of-year party. KIDS: We'll have another inflatable!
- There is a new schedule for food and music on town website under community/farmersmarket.



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### Spend Thursday Evenings at the TOG Summer Market



Left: The Schmidt family is a new vendor this year selling handcrafted art and jewelry.

Right: Greenfield's own Pick Six Vodka is also a vendor at the market. Pictured here are Deputy Supervisor Rick Capasso and Supervisor Kevin Veitch along with residents and business owners Holly and Serge Shishik.

The TOG summer market is back, offering us a lovely way to spend Thursday evening with our community supporting our local businesses.

There are more than a dozen new vendors this year including: Mrs. Claus' Kitchen, Linnie's Sweet Treats, Nolet's

Way Nature Inspired Photography, TenAcre Homestead, Bull and Bee Meadery, Reef Cannabis, A Crow's Gift, Pick Six Vodka, Lightning Struck Gardens, Biss-cuits Home Baked Goods, Lion Farm Cookies, Wing Road Farm and more.

Many residents and neighbors like to stick around and enjoy the evening eating, shopping and playing at beautiful Middle Grove Park. Join us every Thursday 4-7 p.m. through 9/18. Get off the technology TOG, and spend some outdoor time with neighbors