



## TOWN OF GREENBUSH NEWSLETTER

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### HELEN S. DUNN SCHOOL BACK TO SCHOOL

**The first student day is on Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup>.** Our day begins at 7:15 AM, and dismissal starts at 1:45 PM. For everyone's safety, we require a note from home if your child is going to be picked up at dismissal rather than taking the bus. As always, please drive extremely slow anytime you enter the school's driveway.

**Sneak Peek** will take place on **Wednesday, August 28, 2024, from 1:00-2:00 PM**, and our **Playground Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will begin at 2:00 PM.** This is a time for families to drop off school supplies and for students to greet their teachers and see their new classroom. If you have time, we invite you to stop in for a few minutes on the 28<sup>th</sup>. We still have many backpacks, so if you need one, they are located in the front foyer.

**\*\*TO READ THE PRINCIPALS LETTER IN ITS ENTIRETY INCLUDING: NEW TEACHERS, HOT LUNCH PROGRAM, ETC...**

**PLEASE VISIT OUR TOWN WEBSITE AT:**

**TOWNOFGREENBUSHMAINE.ORG**



#### 2025 DOG REGISTRATION

2025 Dog Tags will be available for purchase this October

Altered Dogs \$6.00/Unaltered Dogs \$11.00

All Dogs must be licensed by **January 31<sup>st</sup>** to avoid a \$25.00 (per dog) late fee.



#### 2024 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Tuesday, November 5, 2024

Greenbush Town Hall

Polls Open: 8am – 8pm



**\*\*\*Reminder – The Town Office is Closed on Election Day\*\*\***

**VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!**

#### TOWN LANDFILL NEWS

We are coming to the close of our landfill season with only 2 more landfill days left – September 14<sup>th</sup> & October 5<sup>th</sup>. If you need to do a final yard clean up for the year, be sure to purchase a \$5.00 landfill sticker either at the Town Office, or from a landfill attendant at the landfill. An **IMPORTANT REMINDER** – for your safety and the safety of the landfill attendants, Trailers will **NOT** be allowed to drive up on top of the landfill pile for the remainder of the season. This safety concern regarding Trailers will be **STRICTLY ENFORCED**. Please find alternative means of disposal...such as a pick-up truck or SUV. We appreciate your cooperation regarding this safety concern.



OLD HOME DAY WEEKEND  
 "Celebrate Your Red, White & Blue"  
 SEPTEMBER 14, 2024  
History of "Old Home Days"



Late Summer in New England is the best of both worlds. Warm days still allow for outdoor fun like swimming, but as the evening chill gradually creeps back in, cozy gatherings around a fire sound great, too. It's the perfect time for a community get-together. Newly elected New Hampshire Governor Frank Rollins certainly thought so back in 1899, when he debuted Old Home Day. At the time, rural New England was grappling with the loss of residents who were lured away either by the adventure of the West or by the steady paycheck of an industrial job in the city. Two years earlier, in New England Magazine, Rollins had written: "I wish that in the ear of every son and daughter of New Hampshire, in the summer days, might be heard whispered the persuasive words: Come back, come back! What has become of the old home where you were born? Do you not remember it - the old farm back among the hills, the row of the stiff poplar trees, the lilacs and the willows?" Rollins ultimately took it upon himself to issue that call, in the form of Old Home Day - a celebration designed to draw former residents back in hopes that New Hampshire's rural charms would convince them to stay. Today, communities throughout New England and beyond still have Old Home Day circled on their calendars each year. Barbecues, potluck dinners, pie eating contests, and parades are among the typical highlights of Old Home Day. Meals often feature crops, like corn and apples, that are freshly harvested at the time of celebration; there might be a road race to help burn off some of those calories, too. If the town has a bandstand, there will be live music - a performance that might just culminate in fireworks. No matter what form it takes, however, Old Home Day still works as an allure to draw wayward New Englanders home. It is indeed a reminder of who we were and how we lived, but it's more that just that: It is a celebration of the principles that we hope will guide us still, a light that helps show our best path forward.

This year's Old Home Day "Red, White & Blue" events include:



- PANCAKE BREAKFAST - 7:30AM to 9:30AM at the Town Hall
- PARADE - 10:00AM (Line up for the parade is 9:00AM at the south end of Military Rd).
- TOWN PICNIC @ SCOTT SMART FARM - 12:00 NOON- grill will be available to cook your hamburgers, hot dogs, etc. The Town will furnish the Bean Hole Beans. Yummy!!!!
- PICNIC EVENTS may include:
  - o 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Concessions, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Brown Bag Auction - Proceeds from Concessions and Auction go to the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class of 2025.
  - o Kid's Bounce House, Kids Games
  - o Horseshoe Tournament (time to be determined)
- SPECIAL EVENT - We would like to re-create the town's 1924 Greenbush Old Home Day Photo in commemoration of celebrating 100+ years of Old Home Days. Come join the community with your family, friends, and smiles for this momentous photo. Years from now you can come to the Town office, see the photo and reminisce.



If you are interested in Volunteering your time for any of these events, the next Old Home Day meeting is August 21, 2024 at the Town Hall. The Final Old Home Day meeting will be September 11, 2024. Call the Town Office for specific meeting times @ 1-207-826-2050.

\*\*\*\*People that may be heading to the Landfill on Old Home Day, Please plan your route accordingly as the south end of Military Road will be closed for the Parade line up at 9:00am. At 10:00am ALL of Military Road will be closed for the duration of the Parade.

**TOWN OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE FOLLOWING HOLIDAYS/ELECTION:**

- MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2024 – LABOR DAY
- WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2024 – STAFF TRAINING
- MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023 – INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY
- TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024 – PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS
- MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2024 – VETERANS DAY
- THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2024 – THANKSGIVING
- TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2025 – CHRISTMAS EVE
- WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2024 – CHRISTMAS DAY





## NEWS FROM GREENBUSH FIRE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF JAMES MCRUM

### Dangers of Carbon Monoxide:

It may seem early to be talking about home heating equipment but Fall is not far away and the summer months are a great time to have your heating appliances serviced. However, with generators and gas appliances, carbon monoxide is a concern year-round.

Carbon monoxide (CO), often called “the silent killer,” is a gas you cannot see, taste, or smell. It can be created when fossil fuels, such as kerosene, gasoline, coal, natural gas, propane, methane, or wood do not burn properly. CO gas can be deadly. Carbon monoxide poisoning can result from faulty furnaces or other heating appliances, portable generators, water heaters, clothes dryers, or cars left running in garages.

Test CO alarms at least once a month and replace them if they fail to respond correctly. The sensors in CO alarms have a limited life. Replace the CO alarm according to manufacturer’s instructions or when the end-of-life signal sounds. The date of manufacture and signals are usually listed on the back of the detectors.

### School is almost back in session:

School will be starting the 29<sup>th</sup> of August. School buses will be running again and little ones waiting on the side of the road. Slow down and please pay extra attention as we drive through town. Please remember....it is ILLEGAL to pass a bus with its red lights on.



## NEWS FROM THE CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT

The Code Enforcement Officer has been very busy this year with issuing building/electrical/septic permits, and addressing code enforcement violations throughout the town. There have been several ongoing code violation cases that have made their way to court for resolution. Many more code violation cases are being reviewed at the time of this mailing. If you know your yard needs to be cleaned up, be proactive in going to the Town Office and purchasing a landfill permit. This is an inexpensive cost and contributes in showing others that you care about your property and the community you live in. We all take pride in the Town of Greenbush and Thank You for your efforts.

There have also been multiple code violations regarding campers. The town has a Camper Policy which states: A “camper trailer” means a conversion bus, trailer, semi-trailer, manufactured or homemade tent trailer, which consists of a platform shell or box, with means of permanently or temporarily attaching a tent, and primarily designed and constructed to provide temporary living quarters for recreational camping and travel. A camper or travel trailer shall in NO CASE be used as a mobile home or as a permanent dwelling. Temporary use means no more than one hundred and eight days (180 days).

Contact the Code Enforcement Officer, and fill out the appropriate permits, BEFORE you intend to do any building/renovations, electrical or plumbing, add a shed, ect on your property. By having these conversations with the Code Enforcement Officer, this will give you a clear direction for your projects, and potentially avoid costly fines & court fees. The Code Enforcement Officer is in on Mondays 8:00am – 4:00pm.

**You can find more in-depth Code Enforcement information on our website:  
[townofgreenbushmaine.org](http://townofgreenbushmaine.org)**

## BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES

### **VEHICLE REGISTRATION UPDATES:**

If you are registering a new vehicle or a complicated registration, please come in **ONE HOUR PRIOR TO CLOSING**. Any new residents must bring their prior registration upon renewal.

#### **Tips to registering and re-registering smoothly:**

- 1. New registrations:** Bring white (previously blue) title application, bill of sale with proof that sales tax was paid, mileage, and insurance card with effective date of the day you are registering or before.
- 2. Bill of sale needs to include the following:** Date of transaction, VIN number, year, make, model, mileage, seller information, with seller address, printed name legible, signature, buyer’s name, signature, the amount that you are paying.
- 3. Transferring a registration:** Bring prior registration you are transferring, white (formerly blue) title application, bill of sale, mileage, and proof of insurance.
- 4. Re-registration:** Mileage, insurance card with effective date of the day you are registering or prior day.



UPCOMING EVENTS TO WATCH FOR ON OUR TOWN WEBSITE



- JUNIOR HUNTERS BREAKFAST
- RECREATION BOARD CRAFT FAIR
- ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY
- MOVIE NIGHT AT THE TOWN HALL



IF YOU ARE INTERESTED AND WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND THESE EVENTS

PLEASE GO TO OUR TOWN WEBSITE:



[TOWNOFGREENBUSHMAINE.ORG](http://TOWNOFGREENBUSHMAINE.ORG)



**NEWS FROM THE TAX ASSESSOR**

Maine’s constitution requires assessors to value property according to just value (the most probable price you would receive if you sold your home on the open market). In general, assessments should fall within the range of sales that have occurred involving similar properties.

Although interest rates are higher, sales prices also continue to climb. For example, a ranch home on Cardville Road sold for \$255,000 in January of 2022 and sold again in September of 2023 for \$294,000. Another home on Spring Bridge Road recently sold for almost twice what it did in 2022.

Therefore, it will be necessary to adjust assessed valuations this year given that the sales continue to exceed the town’s assessed valuations.

Effective for the tax bill that will be mailed in the fall of 2024, a 15% increase will be applied to all building values town-wide.

**TOWN OF GREENBUSH WEBSITE – [townofgreenbushmaine.org](http://townofgreenbushmaine.org)**

Our town website holds a wealth of information for you to access 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The website includes, but not limited to;

Board of Selectmen	Code Enforcement	Landfill	Upcoming Town Events
School System	Animal Control	General Assistance	
Recreation Board	Fire Department	Cemetery	
Planning Board	Cemeteries	Dog Licensing	
Board of Appeals	Trash/Recycling	Town History	
Tax Assessing	Fees/Licensing	Town Photos	
Tax maps	Vehicle Registration	Town Calendar	
Tax Commitment	IF&WL –Permits/Fees: ATV/Boat/Hunt/Fish	Fax & Photo Copy Services	Birth/Marriage/Death Certificates

With the rising cost of postage, we may transition to offering the newsletter online only. For those who do not have access to online services, we will still offer a “paper copy” of the newsletter at the town office. If you are unable to travel to the town office to pick up a newsletter, please call 1-207-826-2050 to have a copy mailed to you.



**The Town Office accepts MasterCard, Visa, American Express, and Discover Cards  
\*\*A 2.5% charge will be added to all transactions with a minimum fee of \$1.00.\*\***

