



## GREENFIELD GETS THE GREENLIGHT !

June 24th was a big day for the Town's plan to bring *HYPER*-Speed broadband to the Town, its residents and businesses. On that day the Town Council approved the budget for fiscal year 2016 which allows the Town to commence with a pilot project for our municipal broadband plans – project **GreenLight!**

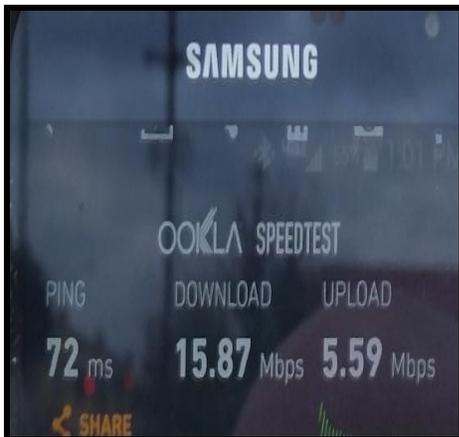
The Town will now begin building a hybrid fiber-wireless broadband network running from the intersection of Main Street and Solon Street all the way down to High Street, and from the intersection of Main Street and High Street extending to the Police Station. An RFP has been posted with vendor selection expected at the end of July. The Main Street and High Street routes were chosen in order to serve a diverse blend of the town's residential, commercial and municipal requirements.

Along this route, 25mpbs of FREE synchronous (25mpbs upload and 25Mbps download) mobile and fixed broadband Internet will be available to all residents, businesses and visitors over the Town's new 1Gbps fiber network. The combination of fiber and wireless flexibility will allow connectivity while at home and away. All Wi-Fi enabled devices – computers, phones, tablets, gaming systems, etc. – are supported.

Mayor Martin has worked for over three years to bring broadband to Greenfield and this pilot project is a prelude to his broader plan to bring true broadband to every resident and business in Greenfield in Fiscal Year 2016. Voters will be asked to approve the Town's broadband expansion plans in the November 3<sup>rd</sup> elections.

With voter approval, Internet access speeds will grow to up to 10Gbps per user via fiber connections, 400Mbps to smartphones and 600Mbps to home computers when the full network is built in calendar year 2016. That is *HYPER*-Speed.

Check out these amazing comparisons:



### Verizon Network

72 ms/15.87 Mbps/5.59 Mbps

VS.



### GreenLight Network

16 ms/386.75 Mbps/312.06 Mbps

Spread the word! All of us employed by the Town of Greenfield are working hard to bring value to our citizens and businesses -- and now, Greenfield is pioneering new ground in the field of technology! Stay tuned . . . .

Dan Kelley  
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Kelley Management Group, Inc.

### *From the desk of LANE KELLY . . . .*

On June 24<sup>th</sup>, the Town Council passed both the FY16 Operating Budget and Capital Budgets. The \$46,520,880 operating budget represents a 3.18% increase over last year with some of the operational support departments registering the larger increases as we convert to MUNIS and update our technology. The Capital Budget for FY16 is \$7,486,000 which is nearly three times the usual one-year plan. Major projects include the start of a Senior Center replacement project for FY16 with a targeted completion for spring 2017, the Parking Garage with an eye to having that completed in 2017 in time for the Courthouse, and the completion of the Leyden Road water main.



The Greenfield Public Schools requested \$18 million, with Mayor Martin originally agreeing to fund \$17 million; in the final figure, the difference was split and the schools received \$17.5 million. The budget, which begins on July 1, also includes \$2 million to the Greenfield Fire Department, \$2.6 million to the DPW and \$3.1 million to the Greenfield Police Department.

**Your FEEDBACK**  
is welcome!

*Please send your comments/suggestions to:*  
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## ***MUNIS GOES LIVE!***

July 1<sup>st</sup> is the go-live date for the Accounts Payable Module for MUNIS. This will be a busy time for Accounting because they will be running two systems concurrently for some time. The first check run under MUNIS will be July 10<sup>th</sup> for FY16 bills. The last check run for FY15 will be July 17<sup>th</sup>. Any FY15 bill received in Accounting after July 15<sup>th</sup> will be processed under the new system. MUNIS budget reports will be available in early August with training on those reports starting in September. The next modules to roll out are Financials, Tax Collections, Utility Billing and Treasurer. Payroll will follow towards the end of 2015.



## **TEAM GREENFIELD** Gears Up to Defend Mayor's Cup!



**Mayor Ed Sullivan of West Springfield presents Mayor Martin with the 2014 Mayor's Cup Trophy**

On July 24 the Greenfield Country Club will be the site of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mayor's Cup Golf Tournament, hosting 11 mayors and/or their teams from municipalities in Western Massachusetts. As the mayoral representative of the winning team in last year's inaugural event, Mayor William Martin is responsible for coordinating this summer's friendly competition, with all proceeds benefitting two very worthwhile organizations, The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts and the Children's Advocacy Center here in Greenfield. Last year Team Greenfield proudly brought home the gold trophy by besting the other teams in combined overall scoring. Greenfield's four teams consisted of a combination of town officials, board/commission members and local residents.

Said Mayor Martin, "It's a fun day for all that heightens awareness of both food scarcity and child security, everyday issues in all of our communities in Western Massachusetts. By working together, we can provide the greatest impact to combat these problems."

The trophy currently resides in the Office of the Mayor. If you haven't already, come up and see it – or just wait a few weeks until Team Greenfield brings home the second one!

# GREENFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

## THEY DO SUMMER RIGHT!

Not sure what to do on a lazy, hazy summer weekend? You must not live in Greenfield – because the Recreation Department calendar is jammed with enough fun events to keep anyone from just sitting numbly in front of an air conditioner.

For instance, get over to the new splash pad at Hillside Park – a literally *cool* place. (You may have to elbow a few kids aside, but hey, it's a public park...) On a picture-perfect June 11 with a joyous capacity crowd of kids and adults in attendance, Rec Dept. Director Christy Moore and Mayor William Martin pushed the button to activate the many water jets, sprays, buckets and funnels! The Town provided a matching grant of \$50,000 to the state's Our Common Backyard Grant program, which gave \$200,000 towards the popular project. The splash park features are, of course, run on timers with push-button activation in order to conserve water.

See you at the Lady Bug and Bumble Bee sprays! The water park will be open from 10:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m. every day through Labor Day.



And while you're strolling around town sipping on your iced coffee, look up! New banners with drawings by seven local kids are displayed on light poles throughout downtown on Main, Federal, Bank Row and Miles Streets. These were the brainchild of the Greenfield Rejuvenators who held a contest for all Greenfield kids in kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade called "What I Love About Greenfield." Caitlin von Schmidt, Greenfield Business Association Coordinator, and Christy, both members of the Rejuvenators, designed the banners and worked with GVH Studio, Inc. in Bennington, VT, to have them installed. There are 60 banners with repeating designs by kids from the Discover School at Four Corners, Newton School, and Federal Street School. Take a tour – and see if you can find all 7 designs! Here's your first hint:



Not into splash pads and banners? Then check out all the free music, movies, and mayhem (of the pyrotechnic kind) throughout the summer in Greenfield at these links:

<http://www.greenfieldrecreation.com/concertseries.html>

<http://www.greenfieldrecreation.com/movies.html>

<http://www.greenfieldrecreation.com/fireworks.html>

Given all the opportunities for summer fun in Greenfield, is it any wonder the Town was recognized in mid June as a *2015 Playful City* for the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row? This national designation allows the Town to more successfully apply for competitive grants, bringing yet more recreational benefits to Greenfield. It also celebrates Greenfield's "commitment to play," as well as the dedication and hard work of the entire Recreation Department. Says Christy Moore, "I am grateful to be part of a community that values the importance of play, and I look forward to continuing to create play opportunities for people of all ages." **YAY!**



## ***UPDATE from the GREENFIELD TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT***

Since January, IT has been very busy assessing servers, network equipment, and software. We've been working on stabilizing our network and adding firewalls and intruder detection. We've had to rebuild the network's backbone to improve connectivity and software issues. At times, it seemed like everything we touched was a problem. We have to upgrade the anti-virus, rebuild the e-mail system, and replace more firewalls.

In the meantime, I know most of you are wondering when and how you will get your new desktops and/or laptops and tablets. Any plan we might have had to deploy desktops in an orderly fashion has unfortunately turned into putting out fires by replacing failed machines, so our priorities have been changing almost daily. We are hoping now to have all new workstations deployed and working by mid to late August, with the majority of desktops and tablets in place during July. Then we will work on migrating to Office 365, replacing old legacy software programs like Access databases, and moving our datacenter to a hybrid cloud/private cloud network.

Bill and I thank you for your patience during the last few months. We appreciate how quickly you started using the helpdesk ticketing system. Since we put it in, we have closed 612 of 656 tickets. As we add our third staff person in July, we hope to be able to address your issues even faster. I will be meeting with all departments in order to determine what kind of challenges or ideas you might be having, not just with technology but also processes. From there we can determine technology priorities that will help improve your department's resources and services.

Fernando Fleury, IT Manager