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### **Charles B. Adams** **Town of Greenbush Selectman**



We begin our winter newsletter with a tribute to Charles B. Adams, aka "Charlie", Town of Greenbush Selectman. Charlie passed away peacefully, with family by his side, on December 02, 2025.

Charlie was a lifetime resident of Greenbush. He was born at home on Mill Pond Road in Olamon on July 19, 1948, and was the son of Howard & Grace (Murphy) Adams. Olaman is where he and his wife of 55 years, Ruth E. (Geil) Adams, raised their 2 sons, Kurt & Travis. They also have 3 grandchildren, Jakob Adams, Samara Adams & Gabby Rogers. Charlie was predeceased by his son, Kurt W. Adams.

I had the opportunity to chat with Ruth so she could share a few fond memories of Charlie. In his younger years Charlie served in the United States Army. He worked for the Sheriff's Department in the 70's, General Electric for 25 years, and drove a truck for Scott Madden for 10 years before retiring at the age of 66.

He loved to see kids have fun! When their boys were young, Charlie built a playground on their front lawn for the neighborhood kids to come play, and made hay tunnels for the kids to explore. He was also a local Cub Scout Master.

Charlie enjoyed the outdoors. I'm told he would organize 4-wheeler & snowmobile excursions for all to come and enjoy. It's said that you would see upwards of 10 or more wheelers or snowmobiles lined up in the yard, ready to hit the trails! Fishing was a favorite outdoor activity for Charlie. He loved to fish, and spend time on the water cruising in his pontoon boat with friends and family. Ruth recalls the many day trips they would take over the years. One trip that stood out was their boat ride on the Blue Nose to Nova Scotia for their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary!

To say that Charlie was an active member of the Greenbush Community would be an understatement! He LOVED his community! Over the years, Charlie was involved in the following: School Board Member, Historical Society, helped out during Old Home Day, assisted in building the towns "Snack Shack" for town events, Cemetery Sexton, Fire Department, and he was a Selectman at the time of his passing. Charlie donated his time and money to the Local Heroes Award. This award was created to honor those individuals who go above & beyond for their family, friends and community. Charlie was truly a Local Hero, and he will be missed by all!

Ruth, and her family, would like to thank all those who contributed their time, and food donations to Charlie's Celebration of Life that was held at the Helen S. Dunn School on December 20, 2025. Ruth is immensely grateful for the outpouring of kindness and support she has been given this past year.

# WINTER SAFETY TIPS

## GENERATOR SAFETY DURING POWER OUTAGES

- **Keep it Dry:** Operate on a dry surface, use a canopy or shelter to protect it from rain, and never touch it with wet hands.
- **Use Proper Cords:** Use heavy-duty, outdoor-rated extension cords, inspect them for damage, and keep them uncoiled.
- **No Backfeeding:** Do NOT plug the generator directly into your home's wiring; this requires a professionally installed transfer switch to prevent electrocution of utility workers.
- **Plug Appliances Directly:** Plug appliances directly into the generator or use appropriate extension cords.  
**Ground It:** Ensure your generator is properly grounded.

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## SAFETY TIPS

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### PORTABLE GENERATORS

1 NEVER USE INDOORS

Do not run a generator indoors or in a partially enclosed space like a garage.

2 DO NOT USE STANDARD OUTLET

The generator should not connect directly to your home's wiring without first installing a transfer switch.

3 USE OUTDOOR RATED CORDS

Never use a worn-out cord or one that does not have a three-pronged plug.

4 MAKE SURE IT IS GROUNDED

Use a Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) to help prevent shocks and electrocutions.

5 USE A CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM

Install a battery or smart carbon monoxide (CO) alarm device inside your home.

6 POSITION AWAY FROM WINDOWS

To prevent CO from entering your home, place your generator at least 20 feet from doors, windows and vents.

CARBON MONOXIDE CAN KILL IN AS LITTLE AS 5 MINUTES  
 KNOW THE WARNING SIGNS OF CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING

Headache

Fainting

Shortness of Breath

Nausea

Confusion

Dizziness

## SMOKE & CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS:

Home Safety Product Placement Guide

Smoke Alarm

Indoor Air Quality Monitor

Fire Extinguisher

Carbon Monoxide Alarm

Water Leak + Freeze Detector

Escape Ladder

**NOTE:** Do not place alarms within 1.83 m (6 ft) of appliances. These are general recommendations only, as every home is different. See specific User Guides (Smoke, CO, Ladder, etc) for more detailed location information.

## WINTER SAFETY TIPS (continued) -



### Preventative Measures to Protect Your Home from Chimney Fires

1. **Regular Chimney Cleaning and Inspection:** [Schedule an annual inspection](#) and cleaning by a qualified chimney sweep to remove creosote deposits and assess the overall condition of your chimney.
2. **Burn Dry, Seasoned Hardwoods:** [Seasoned hardwoods](#), such as oak, maple, and ash, burn hotter and produce less creosote than wet or softwoods.
3. **Maintain Proper Airflow:** Ensure adequate airflow by keeping the damper fully open during fireplace use.
4. **Avoid Burning Oversized Logs or Excessive Firewood:** Oversized logs and excessive firewood can lead to incomplete combustion and creosote buildup.
5. **Protect Your Chimney from Debris:** Install a chimney cap with a spark arrester to prevent debris, leaves, and animals from entering the chimney.
6. **Never Leave a Fire Unattended:** Always maintain supervision of a burning fire and extinguish it completely before leaving the house or going to sleep.
7. **Install Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors:** Equip your home with smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to provide early warning of potential hazards.
8. **Educate Family Members:** Ensure all family members understand the importance of fireplace safety and preventative measures.



### Prompt Action in Case of a Chimney Fire

If you suspect a chimney fire, act quickly and follow these steps:

1. **Evacuate the house immediately:** Notify all occupants to evacuate the house promptly and call the fire department.
2. **Do not attempt to extinguish the fire yourself:** Chimney fires can be intense and dangerous. Leave firefighting to trained professionals.
3. **Prevent further fuel supply:** If possible, close the fireplace damper to restrict airflow to the fire.
4. **Cooperate with firefighters:** Provide firefighters with information about the chimney and any potential hazards.

### Additional Safety Tips

- Use a fireplace screen to prevent embers from escaping into the room.
- Keep flammable materials, such as furniture, curtains, and rugs, at least three feet away from the fireplace.
- Dispose of ashes safely in a metal container with a tight-fitting lid.
- Never use gasoline, lighter fluid, or other flammable liquids to start or accelerate a fire.

By following these guidelines and taking proactive measures, you can significantly reduce the risk of chimney fires and protect your home and loved ones during the winter season.



## Snow Season Reminders

### WINTER PARKING

Reminder: Do not park along any roadway. The plow drivers need clear access to the roads for proper snow removal. **\*\*The town right-of-way is 33 ft from the center of the road. With winter upon us, please have ALL Vehicles and Personal Property pushed back and out of the Town right-of-way for plowing.\*\* Thank you**

### PLOWING OR BLOWING SNOW INTO THE ROADS

Please do not blow or plow snow into the roadway. First, it is against the law and secondly, you could cause someone to have an accident.



Forever grateful for Charlie Adams' contributions & support to the OLAMON FLAG FUND throughout the years.



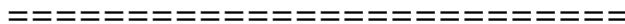
**2026 DOG LICENCE**

**Dog licenses** are available for the 2026-licensing year. Fees are **\$11** for unaltered dogs (male or female) and **\$6** for spayed or neutered dogs. You are required to license your dogs by **December 31<sup>st</sup> each year**. Don't be late; there is a \$25 late fee charged after January 31<sup>st</sup>. When licensing your dog, please bring your pets updated rabies certificate.



G & G TRAILBLAZERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB  
1678 GREENFIELD RD  
GREENFIELD TWP, ME 04418

- For information regarding G & G Trailblazers Snowmobile Club Membership please call (207) 852-8625, leave a message and a member will return your call as soon as possible
- Membership packets are also available for pick up at the Greenbush Town Office during normal business hours
- Meetings are the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month from October to April @ 6pm.
- For trail conditions and snowmobile club information – go to **G and G Trailblazers** on Facebook



**STATE OF MAINE**  
**BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES**  
**NEW PINE TREE PLATE ISSUE PROCESS**



On May 01, 2025 the Pine Tree License plate new issue began. These plates replace any Chickadee plates. There are 2 Pine Tree Plate options: The Pine Tree Plate, or The NO Tree plate. (see above examples of each plate option).

**WHEN:** Began May 01, 2025 (and will continue through 2026)

**WHY:** The BMV is replacing all Chickadee Plates (which they do every 25-30 years)

**WHEN WILL I GET MY NEW PINE TREE PLATES:** Plate issue is based upon your re-registration date

Example: If you re-registered (or did a new registration) between January 1, 2025 – April 30, 2025 you will keep your Chickadee plate until your next re-registration in 2026. If your re-registration date (or new registration) is May 01, 2025 or after, you will be issued a new Pine Tree Plate.

If for some reason you don't like either choice of Pine Tree Plates, you have the option to purchase a Specialty Plate (which is an additional cost each year to your registration fee).

If you like your current Chickadee Plate NUMBER or Chickadee Vanity Plate, you have the option to Reserve the plate number by filling out a form, and sending a check in the amount of \$25.00 to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. Forms are available at the Town office. For more options visit Maine.gov – Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

For those of you who have already reserved your plate by submitting the form and required fee, you should receive a BMV letter and your reserved plate in the mail about 2-4 weeks prior to your re-registration.

**IMPORTANT:** **You must bring the plate to the Town Office upon re-registration.**



# Code Enforcement

## 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 getting a dump permit when permits become available between May - October. 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 building code ordinance that 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 eighty days (180 days).

\*\*\*Contact the Code Enforcement Officer, and fill out the appropriate permits, **BEFORE** you do any building/renovations, electrical or plumbing, 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.



## CURBSIDE PICKUP

Curbside pickup is scheduled on Friday's. The rubbish service requests that you have your household trash put out by 7 AM to ensure pick up. If you need to put trash out Thursday evening, **PLEASE** make sure you have animal-proof containers to avoid having critters, whether wild or domestic, strewing trash around the neighborhood.

The rubbish service workers are not responsible for cleaning up any scattered trash.

**\*\*CURBSIDE SPECIAL REMINDER\*\*\***

**\*\*\*No Human Waste and is to be disposed of in your household trash! If found, the Rubbish Disposal Company has the right to refuse your trash pick-up due to it being a health hazard for their employees.**

## 2026 HOLIDAY & OFFICE CLOSURE SCHEDULE

- New Years Day, Thursday, January 1, 2026
- Martin Luther King, Jr Day, Monday, January 19, 2026
- President's Day, Monday, February 16, 2026
- Patriot's Day, Monday, April 20, 2026
- Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, 2026
- Labor Day, Monday, September 7, 2026
- Indigenous People's Day, Monday, October 12, 2026
- Veterans Day, Wednesday, November 11, 2026
- Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24, 2026





SAVE THE DATES



JUNE 2026.....ANNUAL TOWN MEETING (Date to be determined)

June 9, 2026.....STATE OF MAINE PRIMARY ELECTION & GREENBUSH TOWN ELECTIONS

NOVEMBER 3, 2026.....STATE OF MAINE GENERAL ELECTION



### Neighbors helping Neighbors

Let's support our community by checking in on our neighbors that may need a little extra help during the long winter months. We can all do our part....maybe offer to help someone shovel, drop off needed groceries to Grandma's house, a wellness check for someone that may be immobile and doesn't drive, or just a friendly conversation to ward off "Cabin Fever". A little act of kindness feeds the soul and grows a community.

I leave you with this quote by Jacques-Yves Cousteau...

*"It takes generosity to discover the whole through others. If you realize you are only a violin, you can open yourself up to the world by playing your role in the concert."*

THIS NEWSLETTER CAN ALSO BE FOUND ON OUR TOWN WEBSITE AT:

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

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



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\*\*A 2.5% charge will be added to all transactions with a minimum fee of \$1.00.\*\*



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