

Welcome to Grafton



The purpose of this directory is to inform new residents of the businesses, services and organizations in the Town of Grafton.

Contact information:

welcometografton@gmail.com

This list will be updated as we receive new information. You may print updates to this directory by going to:

www.graftonny.org/wordpress/historical/news

History of Grafton

The Town of Grafton was settled in the 1780's and 1790's by pioneers moving westward from New England and by Dutch settlers moving up the Hudson River. The land at this time was a part of the Northeast Manor of Rensselaerwyck owned by the VanRensselaer's. This area was known as Roxborough. Farmers whose lands were devastated by the Revolutionary War were attracted to the leases of large tracts of land offered by the Patroon. The boundaries of the town were set up and the town officials were chosen on March 20, 1807. In the record book containing the minutes of the first meeting, the election or appointment of officials such as Supervisor, Constable and Justice are listed. Other officials were Pound-keepers, Fence-viewers, and Overseers of the Poor.

- Pound-keepers were in charge of stray horses, cows, sheep and pigs. They kept these animals at a designated location until reclaimed by their owners.
- Fence-viewers settled all boundary line disputes and the
- Overseer of the Poor was in charge of seeing to the welfare of the elderly, orphans, or infirmed who had no families to care for them.

Most of the small towns in the area appointed these officials. The early settlers of the town devoted much of their time to clearing the land and planting such crops as were necessary to their survival. As the land clearing took place and housing materials were needed, sawmills became big business with as many as 50 mills over the years; the earliest being set up in 1800, before the town was officially erected. As by-products of the logging industry, charcoal and potash were manufactured in great quantity. By 1813, when the town was six years old, it had progressed enough to have 10 school districts set up. The districts numbered as high as 14 over the years, but possibly not all districts built schools. Also in 1813 the assessment rolls showed the following businesses in our town: Sawmills (6); Cider Mills (4); Lime House (1); Blacksmith Shop (1); Shoemaker-Tan Shop (1); Grist Mill (1). In 1814, a cheese house was added to the list, indicating an abundance of cows at that time.

The town reached a peak around 1840 and was a flourishing community with churches, stores, lovely homes and many businesses. By 1850, the population was 2033, more than the present day census. During this period of rapid growth, the people of the nearby mountains did not own their land outright and were under the control of the patroon system, even after 30 plus years of settlement. The old patroon had been very lenient with his tenants and had let the rents accumulate over a number of years. When he died in 1839, his son began exerting pressure on the farmers to pay the back rents. Since the rents were to be paid with a portion of the yearly crops, to pay up the accumulation at one time would have taken all the people had. The uprising of the farmers all across the Northeast Districts came to be known as the Anti-Rent Wars. Whenever the patroon sent rent collectors or the sheriff traveling through the hills to serve evictions or collect rents, sounds of tin horns blowing could be heard for miles around. This blowing of the tin horn sounded an alarm from farm to farm, and farmers disguised in long "dresses" and hoods would descend upon the unlucky individual and drive them back to Troy and Albany, often wearing tar and feathers. One of the killings that took place at this time was that of Elijah Smith, a Grafton man who was a sympathizer with the patroon. He was set upon and killed by a band of men and his tombstone reads "Killed by Anti-Renters dressed in disguise". The only know flag carried during the Anti-Rent War hangs in the Grafton Town Hall today. In 1850 the anti-rent problems were solved when a Supreme Court ruling removed the patroons from power.

During the boom of the 1850's, many new industries were set up. Among them were:

- Grafton Mineral Paint Company - Shipped to Boston, then to England, 600-700 tons per year.
- Blue Factory - established for the manufacture of blue dye. This was used over a wide local area and exported to Europe.
- Scriven's Shirt Shop - started as a home sewing business and eventually grew to a large well-known factory In Grafton.
- Tilley's Barrel Company - manufactured wooden barrels and later became Tilley Ladder Company.

The 1855 census lists these other businesses and occupations: blacksmiths, hotel keepers, mercantile, clerk, physician, teacher, shoemaker, artist, copper, miller, tinker, toll collector, teamsters, mechanics, sawyers, painters and servants. After this period of movement and progress for the town, came the Civil War. Nearly all eligible men from 14-40 went off to the war. The businesses and farms suffered badly during this period and never recovered to the level it had prior to the war. In the late 1800's and early 1900's, Grafton had another boom in the form of the tourist industry. Because of the abundance of the picturesque lakes in the town, it became a popular summer resort. Several large and luxurious hotels were built and the former Tilley farm became the Troy Times Fresh Air Home for children from the cities. Today, Grafton has regained some of its popularity as a summer area. Many tourists enjoy the Grafton Lakes State Park and the surrounding lakes. Summer homes are still popular and several day camps for children exist in the town. At this time, there is very little industry in Grafton. It is mainly residential and has maintained its small town image throughout its 192 years of growth and change.

Basic Geographical Information:

Grafton is located on the Rensselaer Plateau in the Taconic Mountain range. There are more than 26 lakes in Grafton. Public beaches are located at the Grafton Lakes State park.

The main thoroughfare through town is NY Route 2 which runs west to east from Troy to Williamstown and ends in Boston, Massachusetts.

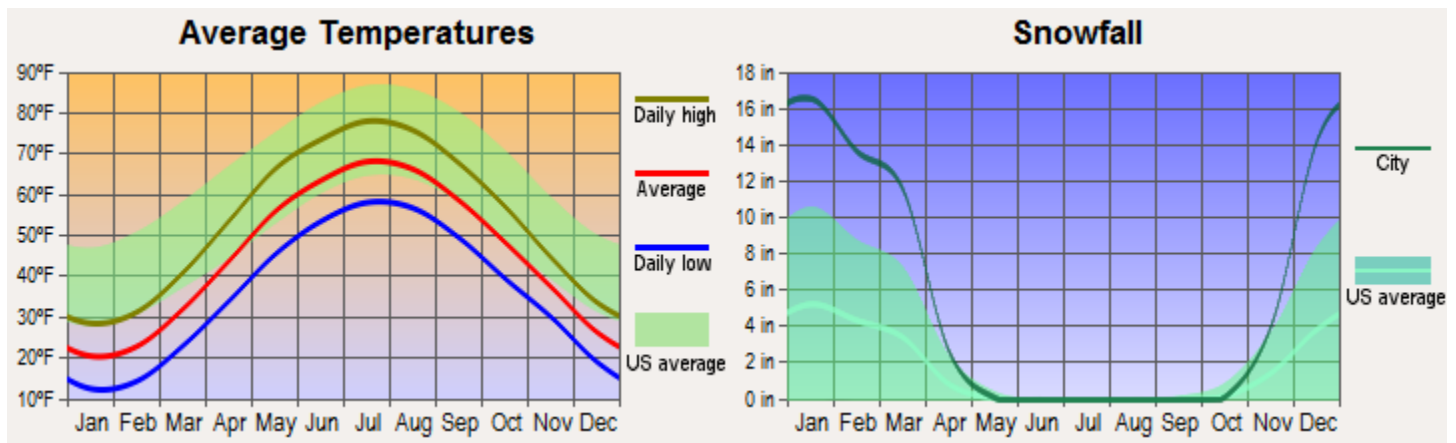
Grafton is 15 miles east of Troy, 16 miles from Bennington Vermont, and 14 miles west of Williamstown, Massachusetts.

It is in the Eastern Standard time zone. The latitude of Grafton is 42.768N. The longitude is -73.451W.; Elevation: 1472 feet at the town hall. Land area: 44.9 square miles.

Population in July 2009: 2,177.

Population change since 2000: +9.6%

Population density: 48 people per square mile



Town of Grafton:

PO Box G, Grafton, New York 12082

Phone: **279-3565**

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| Supervisor | Ray Darling |
| Town Clerk | Suzanne Putnam |
| Town Justices | Rebecca Snyder; Frank Higgins |
| Assessor | Craig Surprise |
| Building Inspector | Thomas Withcusky |
| Highway Superintendent - 279-1737 | Herbert Hasbrouck III |
| Tax Collector - 279-1273 | Mary Gentner |
| Council Members | Marie Claus; Barbara Messenger, Rick Ungaro, Mike Crandall |
| Town Historian | Patricia Niebuhr |
| Youth Commission - 269-8988 web page: www.graftonny.org/wordpress/youth email: graftonyouthcommission@gmail.com | Noelle Goyer |
| Dog Control Officer | Rick Bly |

Town Hall hours: Monday - Friday; 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM;
Wednesday 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM; Saturday 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Recycling hours: Wednesday & Friday; 12:00 - 6:00 PM; Saturday 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Town Board Meetings: 7:00 PM, Second Monday each month at the Town Hall

Planning Board Meetings: 7:00 PM, Third Monday each month at the Town Hall

Court: 7:00 PM Tuesdays at the Town Hall

Assessor: Monday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM; Wednesday 2:00 - 6:00 PM

Building Inspector: No set hours. Call the Town Hall for an appointment

Rensselaer County Officialswww.rensco.com

Legislators

Lester Goodermote
1600 Seventh Avenue
Troy, New York 12180
Phone - (518) 270-2880
Fax - (518) 270-2983
E-mail - lgoodermote@rensco.com

Stan Brownell, Vice Chairman
1600 Seventh Avenue
Troy, New York 12180
Phone - (518) 270-2880
Fax - (518) 270-2983
E-mail - sbrownell@rensco.com

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Post Offices:

website: www.usps.com

Grafton (518) 279-9627

6 Roxborough Rd
Grafton

Lobby open: Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM;

Window hours: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM; 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM (Lunch 12:00 - 1:00 PM);
Saturday 9:00 - 12:00

Window and Box service only. Home delivery of mail is either through Cropseyville or the Petersburg Post Office

Cropseyville (518) 279-1220
3991 State Rte 2
Cropseyville

Lobby open: Monday - Friday 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM;
Saturday 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Window hours: Monday - Friday; 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM; 2:00 - 4:30 PM
Saturday 9:00 - 11:30 AM

Petersburgh (518) 658-3649
90 Main St
Petersburgh

Lobby open: Monday - Friday 7:45 AM - 5:00 PM;
Saturday 7:45 - 11:45 AM

Window hours: Monday - Friday; 9:00 - 11:30 AM; 1:00 - 4:45 PM
Saturday 9:00 - 11:30 AM

Schools:

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| Berlin Central | www.berlincentral.org 518-658-2690 PO Box 259 52 School Street Berlin, NY 12022 |
| Brunswick Central | www.brittonkill.k12.ny.us 518-279-4600 3992 NY 2 Troy, NY 12180 |
| Hoosick Falls | www.hfcshome.org Jr/Sr High School: (518) 686-7321 Elementary School: (518) 686-9492 PO Box 192 - 21187 NY 22 Hoosick Falls, NY 12090 |
| St. Mary's Academy of Hoosick Falls | www.stmaryshf.com (518) 686-4314 4 Parsons Avenue Hoosick Falls, NY 12090 |

Newspapers:

timesunion.com

Times Union 454-5694
Box 15000
News Plaza
Albany, NY 12212

For home Delivery call: 454-5454 or timesunion.com
or via automated system. go the http://timesunion.com
and click on the "Customer Care" link. Live reps
available: 6 AM - 2 PM Mon - Fri; 8AM - 10 AM
weekends. Most major holidays 6 AM - 10 AM



Troy Record 270-1200
501 Broadway
Troy, NY 12180

Circulation department hours 6:30 AM - 4 PM
Mon - Fri; 7 - 10 AM Saturday & holidays.



Eastwick Press 658-9177
PO Box 61
Petersburgh, NY 12138
Alex Brooks – Publisher
Kieron Kramer – Editor

www.eastwickpress.com

The Advertiser www.crwnewspapers.net/16.html

Free... delivered in the mail as a flyer... no subscription necessary



Businesses:

Architects

m.besse
Mark Besse 279-4203 mbesse.com
1205 Blue Factory Road
Cropseyville, NY 12052

Backhoe Services

Jay Goyer 817-3941 Please call for a free quote
PO Box 363
Grafton, NY 12082 references available

Bed & Breakfast

Elsie Risedorf, Inn Keeper 279-9489
Grafton Inn Bed & Breakfast
Route 2
Grafton, NY

Business Consultant

Angela M. Jiménez, Business Administrator 279-1621 (home) 491-2985 (cell)
Masters, Public Administration
131 Shaver Pond Road email: ajime2000@hotmail.com
Cropseyville, NY 12052
Business Consultant. Project/Grant writing

Communication Wiring (telephones, computers, intercoms, etc)

Eric Buckley 279-4570
E.C.B. Communications email: ecbbusiness@aol.com
40 Jay Hakes Road
Cropseyville, NY 12052

Contractors (electrical, plumbing, excavation, surveyor, septic, general contractors/builders)

Builders

Farrell Homes Inc. 279-3222 www.farrellmodularhomes.com
Route. 2, P.O. Box 21
Grafton, N.Y. 12082

Contractors

Joshua Ferguson Contracting 279-1058 cell: 491-3997
PO Box 214
Grafton, NY 12082

B About IT Contracting
Ryan Bedford 925-9048
Steve O'Dell Road
Grafton, NY

Lee's Contracting and Home Improvement 528-1545
Lee Hess
Cranberry Pond Road
Grafton

Electrical

E. I. B
947 Blue Factory Hill Road http://www.eibelectric.com
Cropseyville, NY12052
Office (518) 279-9422
Office (518) 279-3853

Excavation

Danbury Excavating 279-1278
49 Martin Road
Grafton, NY 12082

Ray Darling 279-4010
2978 NY 2
Cropseyville, NY 12052

D & L Excavation 686-7855
Dan Sherman
Babcock Lake Road
Grafton, NY 12082

Project Management

Shows Leary Project Management 482-3222 www.showsleary.com
Shows Leary, Owner
299 Babcock Lake Road
Grafton NY

Decorative Artist

Paul Bouchey 279-1660
PO Box 72
Grafton, NY 12082
faux painter and designer, muralist, portrait artist. Paul has over 22
years experience creating commissions in private homes, restaurants and
other businesses.

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Energy Suppliers

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| Main Care P.O. Box 11029 Albany, NY 12211 | 1-800-542-5552 | www.maincareenergy.com |
| Eagle Energy Cheryl Gilbert PO Box 404 Berlin, NY 12022 | 686-9661 | |
| Legenbauer Gas and Oil Jim Legenbauer PO Box 66 Averill Park, NY 12018 | 283-6666 | |
| John Ray & Sons 2900 6 th Avenue Troy, NY 12180 | 272-4432 | www.johnray.com |
| Fowler Fuels 870 Hoosick Road Troy, NY 12180 | 279-9400 | |
| HL Fuel Company | 794-9066 | www.hlfuel.com |

Firewood / Logging Businesses

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| Lenny Deschaine 100 Foster Road Cropseyville, NY 12052 | 470-7399 cell |
| Peter Gundrum 183 Cranberry Pond Road Cropseyville, NY 12052 | 279-9468 |

Garbage Disposal

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| The Rubbish Man Madonna Lake Road Cropseyville, NY | 800-738-0087 or 279-3306 | www.rubbishman.com |
| County Waste 1927 Route 9 PO Box 431 Clifton Park, NY 12065 | 877-7007 | www.county-waste.com |

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Hardesty 686-7171
125 Spicer Road
Hoosick Falls, NY 12090

General Store

Grafton's Town Store 279-4307
2436 NY 2, Grafton
Cropseyville, NY 12052-2328

Hair Dressers

Hair or There 279-0565
Amy Reger
431 County Route 85
Cropseyville, NY 12052

Scissors, ETC. 279-1714
Yvonne Messemer
228 Old Road
Cropseyville, NY 12052

Home Based Businesses

Avon Kathy Sheffer 279-3692

MaryKay Sheri Miter 279-0959 Cell: 669-1764
58 Foster Road
Cropseyville, NY 12052
www.marykay.com/smiter

Dale Goyer 279-3670
504 County Route 85
Cropseyville, NY 12052

Yvonne Messemer 279-1714
228 Old Road
Cropseyville, NY 12052 ymessemer@marykay.com
www.marykay.com/messemer

Tastefully Simple Christine Roe 279-0665
Roxborough Road
Grafton, NY 12082 teddybearclubdaycare@yahoo.com

Young Living Yvonne Messemer 279-1714
228 Old Road
Cropseyville, NY 12052
garnvon@aol.com
www.youngliving.org/yvonnemessemer, member # 143676

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Internet services

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| Verizon | www.verizon.com |
| Fairpoint | www.fairpoint.com |

Language Translation

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| Angela M. Jiménez, Business Administrator Masters, Public Administration 131 Shaver Pond Road Cropseyville, NY 12052 Translation English to Spanish; Spanish to English; Native Spanish Speaker | 279-1621 (home) 491-2985 (cell) email: ajime2000@hotmail.com |
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Lawn Care

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| Jay Goyer PO Box 363 Grafton, NY 12082 Please call for a free quote references available | 817-3941 |
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Massage Therapist

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| Yvonne Messemer, LMT 288 Old Road Cropseyville, NY 12052 | 279-1714 |
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Moving Companies

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| Moving On 75 Shaver Pond Road Cropseyville, NY | 279-1945 |
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Nursery Schools / Day Care

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| Teddy Bear Club Day Care Christine Roe Roxborough Road Grafton School schedule plus summer | 279-0665 teddybearclubdaycare@yahoo.com |
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| Giggles Daycare Kendra Muckle | 279-3375 |
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272 Stuffle Street
Cropseyville, NY 12052

Quarries

Callanan Industries 279-3401 website: www.callanan.com/
99 Palitsch Road
Cropseyville, NY 12052
Sales: Sales: Joe DeCelle
Plant Manager: Charlie Machell

RJ Valente Gravel 279-1001 website: www.rjvalente.com/
3349 NY 2
Cropseyville, NY 12052

Realtors

Prudential Manor Homes 279-9706
Catherine Bruns

Compass Realty, Inc 279-3300 www.thecompassrealty.com
312 Pond View Road
Petersburgh, NY 12138
Scott Newell snewell@thecomapsrealty.com
Tom Kiely tbkiely@thecompassrealty.com

Restaurants (pizza, subs, sandwiches)

Grafton's Town Store 279-4307
2436 NY 2, Grafton
Cropseyville, NY 12052-2328

J & J's 279-9100 www.jjcafegrafton.com
2719 NY 2
Cropseyville, NY 12052

Saw Mills

Gundrum's Saw Mill 279-3454
Physical Address
2059 NY 2
Grafton, NY 12082

Self Storage

Ray Darling 279-4010
2978 NY 2
Cropseyville, NY 12052

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Sports Shops

Edelmann Sales, Inc. 663-5573
172 Edelmann Lane
Troy, NY 12180
specializing in Polaris, KTM, atv's, snowmobile, road and dirt bikes

Graftonondack Outfitters & Boat Livery 279-1008
2978 NY 2
Cropseyville, NY 12052

Trucking

Eileen Boomhower Trucking 279-1494
114 Old Road
Cropseyville, NY 12052

Peter Gundrum 279-9468
183 Cranberry Pond Road
Cropseyville, NY 12052

Tutoring

Angela M. Jiménez, Business Administrator 279-1621 (home) 491-2985 (cell)
Masters, Public Administration
131 Shaver Pond Road email: ajime2000@hotmail.com
Cropseyville, NY 12052
Homework help, tutoring, Spanish classes
Children and adults

Water

Bottled Water

Grafton Hills Bottled Water 800-836-1595 or 658-3960
PO Box 85
Grafton, NY

Organizations:

- **Fire Department: In an emergency, please dial 911**

- Fire Department: Chief Jim Goyer 812-3220
Fire Department Hall Rental
- Auxiliary: Noelle Goyer 269-8988
All you can eat breakfast, last Saturday of the month September - June; Fire Hall, South Road
webpage: www.graftonny.org/wordpress/auxiliary
email: graftonladiesauxiliary@gmail.com

- **Rescue Squad: In an emergency, please dial 911**

- President: Jon Hasbrouck Phone # 279-4923

- **Police Agencies: In an emergency, please dial 911**

- Brunswick State Police
Brick Church Road
Troy, NY 12180
non-emergency phone #: 279-3403
- Rensselaer County Sheriff's Department
4000 Main Street
Troy, NY 12180
non-emergency phone #: 270-5448

- **Grafton Community Library** website: www.graftoncommunitylibrary.org
279-0580

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM,
Wednesday & Saturday 10:00 AM- 1:00 PM

Book discussion group - last Wednesday of month 12:30 PM

- **Grafton Historical Society** website: www.graftonny.org/wordpress/historical
Phone: 641-9660 Facebook: Search for Grafton New York Historical Society
PO Box 244 Grafton, NY 12082 email: historicgrafton@aol.com

Meets the third Wednesday of each month March - December 7:00 PM at the Grafton Town Hall.

- **Everett Wagar Senior Center**

For information call: 279-3413
Kitchen: 279-3485
Fax: 279-3493

Director: Penny Jones
President: Elaine Snyder

Hours: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Services: congregate dining daily. Wii bowling, blood pressure clinic, nutrition classes.
Senior Center also has a small food pantry for seniors and others in need. Daily hot home delivered meals 5 days a week for those who are home bound (age 60 and over) and send frozen dinners for the week end (eligibility has nothing to do with income).

The following are open to all ages:

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| Yoga | Monday & Wednesday 9:00 AM |
| Line Dancing | Tuesday & Friday 7:00 PM |
| Quilt Group | Second Thursday of Month 9:00 AM |
| Sit and Knit | First and third Saturday morning Sept- June |

- **Grafton Merry Makers**

Is a senior club. Meets once a month on the second Wednesday, March through November with a covered dish dinner at 6:00 PM and business meeting at 7:00 PM which plan trips (such as: Proctors Theater with dinner; wine tasting tour; casinos) and other activities. If interested in becoming a member drop in at any meeting.

President: Connie Alderman

- **Food Co-op**

Meets monthly at Grafton Community Library. Bulk purchases of natural and organic food. For more information or to join contact:

Maureen Gallagher
279-1498

- **Girl Scouts**

Web Site: www.gsnyeny.org

Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York, Inc.
Albany, NY 12205-2804
(518) 489-8110

- **Boy Scouts** web site: www.scouting.org or <http://www.twinriverscouncilbsa.org>
to find local troops: <https://beascout.scouting.org/BeAScoutMap.aspx>

Twin Rivers Council
253 Washington Avenue Ext
Albany, NY, 12205
518-869-6436

- **4-H** Website: <http://www.ccerensselaer.org/4H-Youth-Development.aspx>

Cornell Cooperative Extension
61 State Street
Troy, NY 12180
(518) 272-4210

Local Leader
Lisa Hoyt
475 Dyken Pond Road
Cropseyville, NY 12052
658-2055

- **VFW**

VFW Carner Etman Smith Post #6340 279-3746
Richard Terpening, Commander

Meets first Thursday of month. 7:00 PM at Fireman's Hall, South Road.

- **Rensselaer Land Trust** website: www.renstrust.org

415 River Street, Suite 1
Troy, NY 12180

- **Rensselaer Plateau Alliance** website: www.renssealerplateau.org

1463 Plank Road
Petersburgh, NY 12138
President: Jim Bonesteel 518-794-9160
By e-mail: info@rensselaerplateau.org

- **Trout Unlimited, Chapter 586**

Frank Cuttone - President 518-279-1521
244 Old Road
Cropseyville, NY 12052
Chapter E-mail: fcuttone@gmail.com

Places of Worship:

Grafton Baptist Worship 11:00 AM Sunday
Owen Road
Grafton
Pastor: Jason White

Grafton/Berlin Methodist Worship: at Berlin Methodist call for time 658-2942
Pastor: Joy Lowenthal

Catholic Church:

St. John Francis Regis Church,
Our Lady of the Snows Parish Worship: Saturday 5:30 PM
Owen Road Sunday 10:00 AM
Grafton
Priest: Fr. Ken Gregory
Food Pantry:

Mountain Chapel Worship: Sunday 11:00 AM
Josh Hall Pond Road
Pastor: Walt Knights

Community Church of Grafton Worship: Sunday 11:00 AM
995 Blue Factory Road
Cropseyville, NY 12052 279-3871

Pastor: Rev. Allen Dustin

Peace Pagoda www.markrondeau.com/pagodaone.html
(this is not the official web page but has a lot of information)

658-9301
87 Crandall Road
Petersburgh, NY 12138

Recreation:

Dyken Pond Environmental Center website: <http://dykenpond.org/>
Friends of Dyken Pond

(518) 658-2055
475 Dyken Pond Road
Cropseyville, New York 12052

Grafton Lakes State Park website: <http://nysparks.state.ny.us/parks/53/details.aspx>

Phone: (518) 279-1155
61 North Long Pond Road, Box 163
Grafton, NY 12082

Friends of Grafton Lakes State Park website: www.graftonny.org/wordpress/friendsofgraftonstatepark

PO Box 163
Grafton, New York 12082-0163
email address: friendsofgraftonlakesstatepark@gmail.com

Grafton Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club website: <http://www.graftontrailblazers.com/>

Raymond Buchholz, President
518-674-1559
518-858-0788
The Clubhouse
341 North Long Pond Road
Grafton, NY 12082

Grafton Trail Riders website: www.graftontrailriders.com
Meets second Monday, April - November at club grounds at 7:30 PM. For other dates and times please
call: Mark Whenau – (518) 674-4063

Places of Interest:

Berkshire Bird Paradise website: www.birdparadise.org

43 Red Pond Road
Petersburgh, New York 12138
(518) 279-3801
Peter Dubacher, Director