
Town of Enfield

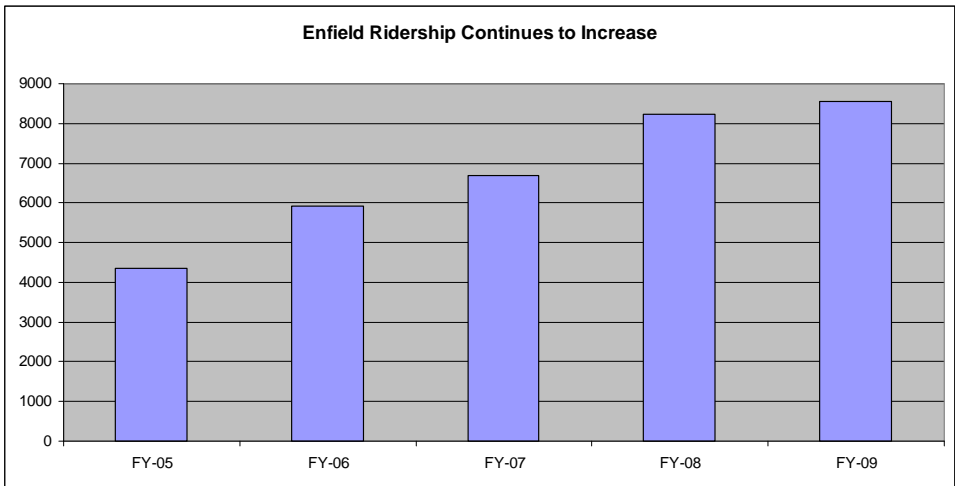


Regional Organizations

Advance Transit, Inc.

Advance Transit, Inc. is a New Hampshire nonprofit corporation that provides public transportation services to several Upper Valley communities including Enfield, Canaan, Hanover, and Lebanon, New Hampshire as well as, Hartford, and Norwich in Vermont. Our mission is to help assure the continued growth, livability, and accessibility of Upper Valley communities by offering safe, effective, and friendly public transportation and rideshare services to persons regardless of age, sex, race, or disability. Enfield Town Planner Jim Taylor is Enfield's appointed representative to the AT Board.

Ridership continues to increase. In FY 2009 8,566 passenger trips boarded in Enfield.



Advance Transit continues to replace much of its bus fleet with buses that meet new EPA emissions standards for diesel engines with reduced nitrous oxides (NOX) and particulate. In July schedule changes were made that add a much requested evening express run from DHMC and a better timed departure from Mascoma High School following after school release. Drivers report several additional student riders following this change.

Advance Transit continues to offer its carpool matching service known as Upper Valley Rideshare. If you are looking for carpool partners and would like to register for this FREE service, please call the phone number listed below. Route and schedule information is available at town offices and many other

locations around town, or on the internet at WWW.ADVANCETRANSIT.COM.
If you have questions or comments, please call us at 802-295-1824.
Thank you for your continuing support.

Sincerely,

Van Chesnut
Executive Director





Boy Scouts of America Troop 44



Enfield, New Hampshire
Sunapee District, Daniel Webster Council
Boy Scouts of America

Chartering Organization: Enfield-Mascoma Lions Club
Troop 44 website: <http://www.BSANHTroop44.org>
Scoutmaster: Chris Morrison 632-5038
Asst. Scoutmaster: Tate Picard 632-5011
Asst. Scoutmaster: Jeff Wilkinson 632-6595
Asst. Scoutmaster: Mike Mehegan 632-4216
Parent Committee Chairman: Michael McGonis



The Scouts continue to do service projects in the area: picking up trash along Route 4 and picking up leaves and debris at LaSalette. They also plan on some winter camping and participating in the Klondike Derby. The Klondike is where Scouts build a sled to haul their things and use their scout skills.

Last summer the Scouts returned to the Allagash River in Northern Maine. They saw moose, bald eagles and other wildlife. They again loved the rapids. This summer the Scouts are planning a trip to Acadia National Park; biking and hiking through the many trails.

Kevin Kosiorek earned his Eagle. For rank of Eagle a scout must organize, fundraise, and complete a service project. The kiosk is complete in downtown Enfield.

A new Scoutmaster has been appointed and the Troop also has a new Committee Chair. Welcome Chris and Michael. Thank you Tate and John for the great job you both did.

We continue to invite you and your son to see what we are all about. We also need adult volunteers and can promise you a fun job with tremendous rewards as we undertake another year of scouting.

<http://www.BSANHTroop44.org>

Crystal Lake Improvement Association

In 2009 the Crystal Lake Improvement Association was as active as always. The Association as usual took part in the Annual Enfield Village Association Clean up Day with numerous volunteers helping to clean area roadways.

We again took part in the NH Lakes Lake Host program receiving a reduced grant of \$2,000.00 but again providing over \$8,000.00 in matching funds and volunteer labor. With 2 paid, 2 special (part of the Summer Youth Employment Program sponsored by NH Lakes), and 6 volunteer Lake Hosts we were able to greatly expand the number of hours that someone was on the ramp to include at least part of every day for most of the summer. In total, the Crystal Lake Improvement Association provided 307.62 volunteer hours and cash in the amount of \$1738.55. During the 307.62 hours of volunteer and 325.5 hours of paid lake host time we were able to perform 1033 boat inspections. In addition our Lake Hosts also acted the part of community host by answering questions about Crystal Lake and Enfield in general and providing educational information.

For the 20th year we worked with the UNH Lakes Lay Monitoring Program to maintain the records of water quality in Crystal Lake. This is a weekly effort for which we have been providing volunteers every summer for each of those 20 years.

Our weed watcher program continues to be an active and valuable effort by volunteers on the lake with new volunteers joining each year.

Glyn Green
Vice President

Diana Love Center for Children and Families

The Diana Love Center for Children and Families is based in Claremont, NH and serves 30 communities in western New Hampshire including Sullivan County and lower Grafton County. The mission of the Diana Love Center is to promote the optimal health and development of New Hampshire children and families.

From July to December 2009 the Diana Love Center provided services to 3 pregnant women and 15 children in Enfield. During this six month period, Center nurses and parent educators made 61 home visits to Enfield families. Services provided include parent support and education, information about child development, nutrition, budgeting, and community resources. Diana Love Center staff provided case management services to enrolled families, assisting families to obtain health insurance, access medical care, obtain child care, and connect with other community resources such as WIC.

The Diana Love Center provides services on a voluntary basis to expectant women and families with young children. All families who are expecting children or who have young children are eligible to receive services from the Diana Love Center. For more information about the Diana Love Center call 1-877-287-7144.



Good Beginnings of Sullivan County

Serving Children and Families Since 1992

Enfield Historical Society

Knowledge of the Past Enlightens the Future

The Enfield Historical Society continues to provide an outlet for the preservation and dissemination of Enfield history. Its non-profit status allows the organization to discover, collect, and preserve the historic interests of Enfield.

Our two historic 1800's schoolhouses remain the focus of our exhibits. The Lockehaven Schoolhouse saw an encouraging number of visitors during its open hours each Sunday, 2-4 PM from mid-June through September. The Enfield Center Museum was open the second and fourth Saturdays, 2-4 PM from June through August. Archives may also be accessed through the Enfield Library, overseen by Marjorie Carr, Town and Society Historian. The two museums received repairs and restoration work to enhance their appearance and safety. Many members volunteer their time and knowledge to these endeavors. An interactive program for children is held each fall in conjunction with a visit by Enfield Village School students at the Lockehaven Schoolhouse. They gain first hand knowledge of attending school in the 1850's.

During the past year, several exciting and informative programs were presented, including the accumulation of information to place the village core into the National Historic Register, Shaker Christmas customs, Civil War activity and contributions by the people of Northern New England, a presentation and trip to the Canaan, NH, Meeting House, and a guided field trip to the American Precision Museum in Windsor, VT. Future trips are anticipated. Our meetings are held on the first Wednesday every other month, beginning in February at the Enfield Community Building.

We encourage those interested in Enfield and its history to join us in keeping our history and our future alive. It is an interactive organization. Requests for information may be made to PO Box 612, Enfield NH 03748.

Come see what we are about.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Goodwin

Enfield Outing Club

The Enfield Outing Club (EOC) was incorporated on November 26, 1934 for the purpose of promoting "community rowing, swimming, skiing, and ice boating on Mascoma Lake as a means of social and recreational betterment, physical improvement, and the general prosperity of the town of Enfield." During the 1940's, shooting sports were included to round out our focus.

"From its inception, the club has remained active in community projects and through its efforts done much to improve the town. Many Enfield and area residents were responsible for enlarging the baseball diamond at Huse Park, instrumental in the development of Shakoma Beach, erected the Christmas tree in the center of town and provided gifts for the children and in general fostered an interest in sports for the youth of the town.", so wrote Frederick (Ted) Sanders in 1960.

EOC has always been an integral part of Enfield whether meeting at the Dartmouth boathouse, Legion Hall, Whitney Hall or since moving to its current home on Shaker Hill Rd. in 1955. "Old Timers" no doubt remember boating, baseball teams, basketball, minstrel shows, beano, dances, game dinners, oyster stew, deer pools and chicken shoots. Today's adults may reminisce about the fun they had as youths at the Fishing Derby.

EOC is where many area youths earned their Hunter Safety Certification and we continue that tradition to this day. EOC hosts the training activities of our Police Department, hunter and civilian firearms instruction, and archery, as well as independent recreational shooting by our membership. In keeping with our mission of furthering and supporting recreational activities, we encourage our members to introduce others to the Enfield Outing Club and to expand our membership to "citizens of good repute of the United States of America."

David L. Stewart
President

Enfield Outing Club
378 Shaker Hill Rd.
P.O. Box 178
Enfield, NH 03748
www.enfieldnhoc.org



Enfield Shaker Museum

... preserving the Enfield Shaker legacy

The Museum's mission is to protect, enhance and utilize its structures, landscape and Shaker heritage. Each season we offer something new! We began the New Year with singing, storytelling, crafts, cooking and games during School Vacation Week. We held a six-week course on the Shakers as part of Dartmouth's ILIAD program. Family Fun Day offered wagon rides and a snow sculpture contest. Former principal Chuck Stone made s'mores by a campfire!

Spring featured our Shaker Forum, a full weekend of activities, including a hilarious presentation by Rebecca Rule. Afterwards, Elderhostel guests stayed five days, attending classes, making repairs and cleaning spaces. In April, we taught children Shaker crafts, games and music.



Children's "fairy houses" were displayed in Enfield's gardens as part of the Art & Garden Show, in collaboration with the Enfield Village Association.



The Enfield Shaker Museum was the new site of the Enfield Farmers Market in 2009

In the summer, the Enfield Farmers Market was moved here. The Market and the Country Life Festival showcased local products, crafts and animals. We partnered with EVA on the Shaker 7 Road Race and Art & Garden Tour. In partnership with Hancock Shaker Village, we hosted a nationally known Shaker Seminar, and our Dragonfly Ball celebrated Enfield's beautiful summer nights. Herbalist Happy Griffiths and 21 volunteers maintained the Herb Garden, Betsy Drinkwater oversaw our new production garden, and Hypertherm funded a new community garden to benefit local residents. We also published a Trail Guide to expand our outdoor services.



Enfield resident and Board President Mardy High, and her husband Colin, prepared the community garden, which will open in 2010

Musical events in Mary Keane Chapel included demonstrations of the Casavant organ by George and Donna Butler and their Patriotic Sing-a-Long. Trustee Donna Butler gave an organ recital, presented by the American Guild of Organists VT Chapter, which named her *Artist of the Year, 2008-09*. The Chosen Vale International Trumpet Concert Series provided four free concerts. The Museum also hosted a folk concert and sing-a-longs with Mary Ann Haagen and the Griffiths Brothers.

Autumn featured our Harvest Festival, Culinary History Symposium and a NH Grower's Dinner. Barbara Brady gave a course on chair taping. The Lions' Club held their annual Halloween event here, and our Taste of the Upper Valley showcased area restaurants and caterers. Holiday programs were a Thanksgiving Dinner catered by Mickey's Roadside Café; Festival of Trees; Holiday Open House; Cookie Fair and Holiday Dinner catered by Betsy Oppenheer. As always, Enfield residents had free admission in December.

In 2009, we opened three exhibits: *The NH Ministry*, in the Ministry Building, *Cummings: A Family Transformed by Shakerism*, in the Great Stone Dwelling, and *From Cows to Butter and Cheese*, in the Dairy building.

Property manager Tom Boswell oversaw repairs in the Great Stone Dwelling, Stone Mill, East Brethren Shop, Laundry and Bethany House. We hired area companies to increase our efficiency and our services. The Capital Campaign for the Great Stone Dwelling closed on Nov. 1, but people may still "adopt" a window @ \$500, "purchase" a drawer @ \$250, or make other gifts.

New staff members are Office Manager Patricia Loven, Store Manager Richard Burley and Events Coordinator Sara Parris. We invite you to join the Museum and receive many discounts!

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Boswell
Executive Director



The staff of the Town of Enfield were among the decorators for the Festival of Trees. Shown here is Alisa Bonnette.

Safflowers of Enfield won a \$100 cash award for the most popular tree

Enfield Village Association



In 2010, EVA celebrates 10 years.
Thank you to the Town of Enfield for all your support.

The Enfield Village Association is located at 56 Main Street in the heart of the downtown area. From our second floor office in the Copeland Block we have our eyes and ears on our treasured landscape.

Board Members

Lee Carrier, President
Don Gamache, Vice President
Harry Trumbull, Treasurer
Lynne Martel, Secretary
Sharon Carr
Betsey Child
Babben Kulbacki
Kim Quirk
Debra Truman
Marty Wilson
Dolores Struckhoff, Executive Director

The Enfield Village Association was established in 2000 to promote and facilitate ideas and projects that would provide community pride in Enfield's

historical, cultural, commercial, recreational, and natural resources for residents and visitors to the Enfield Village.

In 2001, the Enfield Village Association joined forces with the Main Street Program when Enfield was selected to participate in the New Hampshire Village Main Street program. This alliance provided EVA with training, plus technical, state and nation-wide support in the areas of design, promotion, organization and economic restructuring of our downtown area. EVA's vision for Enfield is that the Main Street area will serve, as it once did, as the core of the community: a place where people come together to enjoy the convenience and friendliness of hometown businesses, local services and unique recreational activities. It is our hope that the variety of neighborhood homes and businesses will reflect residents' respect for historic preservation while addressing the practical needs of the present.

In 2010 Enfield Village Association will continue to rejuvenate Main Street through events, beautification projects including grants to property owners on Main Street, and economic development and business support. As we move further into economic development and business support, our hope is to collaborate and partner with the greater Enfield Business Community to help them grow and thrive in Enfield as well as work on bringing more businesses into town.

Enfield Village Association's activities are funded by contributions from individuals, businesses and the town, as well as community events and grants.

2010 Plans

Events – Shaker 7 Road Race (June), Art & Garden Tour (July), Hometown Holidays (December)

Enfield Village Association supported beautification projects including grants to Main Street property owners – currently ten (10) projects identified, town-wide green up days (May and October), seasonal plantings and holiday decorations

Business support – annual business directory, Enfield Village Association website redesign to include business and economic development information, business forums, marketing support

Economic development – new business marketing plan and implementation

Tourist support – information kiosk, information office

The beautification project support will be in conjunction with the 250th Anniversary of the Town of Enfield (July 4, 2011).

Partnership and Collaboration

We currently partner and collaborate with the Enfield Shaker Museum on two out of four events and we have worked closely with the Heritage Commission on the Village's Historic District designation. We are beginning to work with the town's Community Development Director in the area of Economic Development. Most recently we worked on a team to create the upcoming 2010 Business and Services Directory. We also hope to develop new partnerships with other town organizations, i.e. Recreation Committee, Lion/Lioness, etc. to provide other opportunities for our residents and their families.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dolores Struckhoff
Executive Director



Executive Councilor Raymond S. Burton

Report to the People of District One

As I start my 31st and 32nd years of service to this large Northern Council District, I am hopeful and excited for new opportunities for rural America. With a new administration in Washington new economic programs are in the future. Our role at the state, county and local levels is to have justified applications that will be used to stimulate job retention and creation. County and regional economic development councils coupled with community action agencies will be putting these new initiatives to work.

The NH Congressional Delegation – Senator Judd Gregg, Senator Jeanne Shaheen, Congressman Paul Hodes and Congresswoman Carol Shea Porter joining other Northeastern states of Maine, Vermont, New York and other New England Congressmen can cause new resources to become available. I urge that we, at the state, county and local levels of government, step up with our concerns and let them know our needs.

2009 will start another year of the 10-year NH Highway Transportation Planning process working through the Regional Planning Commissions. Transportation Enhancement and Congestion Mitigation Air Quality grants are back in play. Contact William Watson at NH DOT for details at 271-3344 or bwatson@dot.state.nh.us.

The 2009 session of the NH House and Senate will be a trying time with proposed cutbacks and how to still provide and meet constitutional and statutory needs. Be watchful of proposed legislation passing costs to county and local levels of government. Stay close to your local state senator and house members.

The Governor and Council are always looking for volunteers to serve on the dozens of boards and commissions. If you are interested please send your resume to Governor John Lynch, State House, 107 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301 attention Jennifer Kuzma, Director of Appointments/Liaison or at (603) 271-2121. A complete list is available at the NH Secretary of State website at www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index.htm

My office has available informational items; NH Constitutions, tourist maps, consumer handbooks, etc. I send, via email, a Monday morning schedule. Send me your email address to be added to the list if you'd like rburton@nh.gov.

Sincerely,

Raymond S. Burton



Raymond S. Burton

Executive Councilor

District One

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Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. is a private nonprofit organization that provides programs and services to support the health and well being of our communities' older citizens. The Council's programs enable elderly individuals to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

The Council operates eight senior centers in Plymouth, Littleton, Canaan, Lebanon, Bristol, Orford, Haverhill and Lincoln; operates adult in-home care from offices in Lebanon and Haverhill; and sponsors the Grafton County ServiceLink Resource Center and RSVP and the Volunteer Center. Through the centers, ServiceLink and RSVP, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long-term services including home delivered meals, community dining programs, transportation, counseling, elder care, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

During 2009, 166 older residents of Enfield were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Upper Valley or Mascoma Senior Centers and 88 were assisted by ServiceLink:

- Older adults from Enfield enjoyed 2,027 balanced meals in the company of friends in the center's dining rooms.
- They received 5,819 hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers.
- Enfield residents were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 1,543 occasions by our lift-equipped buses.
- They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through 191 visits with a trained outreach worker and 326 contacts with ServiceLink.
- Some of Enfield's frailest residents benefited from GCSCC's Adult In-Home Care program, through which caregivers provided 1,173 hours of one-on-one companionship and assistance.
- Enfield's citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 3,971 hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide Council services for Enfield residents in 2009 was \$126,979.84.

Such services can be critical to elderly individuals who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty, saving tax dollars that would otherwise be expended for nursing home care. They also contribute to a higher quality of life for older friends and neighbors. As our population grows older, supportive services such as those offered by the Council become even more critical.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council very much appreciates Enfield's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older citizens and enable them to meet the challenges of aging in the security and comfort of their own communities and homes.

Roberta Berner
Executive Director



P.O. Box 433
Lebanon, NH
03766-0433

Phone: 603-448-4897
Fax: 603-448-3906

Web site: www.gcsc.org

A United Way Agency providing services to older adults in Grafton County

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc.

Statistics for the Town of Enfield October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009

During the fiscal year, GCSCC served 166 Enfield residents
(out of 704 residents over 60, 2000 Census).

Services	Type of Service	Units of Service	x	Unit Cost ⁽¹⁾	=	Total Cost of Service
Congregate/Home Delivered	Meals	7,846	x	\$8.00	=	\$62,768.00
Transportation	Trips	1,543	x	\$11.65	=	17,975.95
Adult Day Service	Hours	0	x	14.16	=	0.00
Adult In-Home Care	Hours	1,173	x	\$21.50	=	25,219.50
Social Services	½ hours	190.5	x	\$40.69	=	7,751.45
ServiceLink	Contacts	326	X	\$40.69	=	13,264.94
Activities		1,280		N/A		
Chore Assistance		22		N/A		
Telephone reassurance		242		N/A		
Money Management		43		N/A		

Number of Enfield volunteers: 39

Number of Volunteer Hours: 3,971

GCSCC cost to provide services for Enfield residents only 126,979.84

Request for Senior Services for 2009 6,650.00

Received from Town of Enfield for 2009 To be paid December 2009

Request for Senior Services for 2010 7,258.00

NOTE:

(1) Unit cost from GCSCC Statement of Revenue and Expenses for October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009.

(2) Services were funded by Federal and State programs 58%; municipalities, county and United Way 11%; Client donations for services 8%; Charitable contributions 21%; Other 2%.

Headrest

Headrest continues to run a 24-hour Hotline as it has done since our inception in 1971. The Hotline answers approximately 10,000 calls annually dealing with suicide, crisis, substance abuse as well as information on services related to food, shelter and assistance.

Headrest also answers a phone line for 10 Bricks during the winter months for its Homeless Outreach program. Headrest is also the main responder for New Hampshire and Vermont for two national suicide lines (1-800-273-8255) & (1-800-SUICIDE).

Headrest was honored in November to receive an award for the work it does on the hotline related to suicide calls at the 6th Annual New Hampshire Suicide Prevention Conference. In 2009 Headrest received 600 suicide related calls.

Headrest also supplies substance abuse counseling, Intensive Outpatient Counseling and Clinically Managed Residential Detox to residents of Enfield on a sliding scale basis but does not refuse services for an inability to pay. Only two percent of our revenue comes from our clients.

The Hotline is generously supported by municipalities in the Upper Valley and Upper Valley United Way as well as donors from these towns including many from Enfield.

Respectfully,

Michael Cryans
Executive Director



Serving Vermont and New Hampshire 24/7 for 38 Years

LISTEN Community Services

Listen Community Services is pleased to report the following services delivered to Enfield resident from July 1, 2008- June 30, 2009

Direct Benefit Programs supporting Enfield residents:

Food Pantry	149 household visits at a value of \$14,159
Heat Helpers	49 households received \$20,351 worth of fuel
Holiday Baskets	31 households served at a value of \$7,441
Housing Helpers	11 households received \$5,085 in rental assistance
Summer Camp	17 children sent to camp at a cost of \$5,104
Thrift Store Vouchers	46 households received \$1,058 worth of clothing & furniture
USDA Food	93 household visits for \$1,395 worth of surplus food
Misc. Client Need	50 households received \$2,943 in benefits (prescription medication, gasoline, bus tickets, etc.)

Service Programs supporting Enfield residents:

Budget Counseling	64 households visits
Utilities Advocacy	36 households served
Benefits Assistance	19 household visits

The total cost of service and direct benefits delivered to Enfield residents for FY 2009 is \$59,447 which is a 41% increase over FY 2008 (\$42,096). While there is no longer a Listen sponsored Community Dinner in Enfield, Enfield residents do benefit from our Community Dinners in surrounding towns. Last fiscal year, Listen served 19,712 meals valued at \$177,408. Listen's services to Enfield increased by Listen does not charge for its services nor does it receive state or federal funds.

Listen Community Services is most grateful to Enfield residents for their support and goodwill. The Upper Valley is a special place to live because of your generosity. We are all blessed to have neighbors who recognize the need and then do something about it. Thank you for your thoughtful and kind response to those Enfield residents who are challenged by these hard times.



Sincerely,
Merilynn B. Bourne, Executive
Director
Listen Community Services
603-448-4553 or www.listen.org



Mascoma Lake Association

The Mascoma Lake Association currently has nearly 200 members and a very active group of volunteers. Volunteers monitor water quality, remove invasive plants and monitor the status of protected species. The MLA participates in the Volunteer Lake Assessment Program (VLAP). Water samples from the lake and tributaries are collected and sent to the state lab where they are tested and recorded. These results can be viewed on our website. A decrease in water clarity over the last few years is attributed to increased sediment from storm water runoff.

Cyanobacteria are another major concern of the MLA and the state. This bacteria is found in nearly every body of water throughout time but can be hazardous to people and animals who ingest it when it is in bloom. Provoking news reports this year regarding a possible link between cyanobacteria and ALS, along with a discussion regarding mooring regulation, led to a well attended annual meeting. The connection between ALS and cyanobacteria is only a hypothesis at this point but what was clear is that very little is known about this bacteria.

Our volunteer divers were overworked this summer and harvested over 1600 Eurasian Milfoil plants. In September they gave up their Labor Day week to participate in a course offered by the state, which involved classroom and in the water sessions. Our divers are now NH Certified Weed Divers.

The MLA took part in the NH Lakes Host Program which provides funding for a program that helps support boat inspection and invasive weeds identification and boater education; 1,252 boats were inspected by our lake hosts. Summary can be viewed on our web site www.mascomalakeassociation.org

Members also participated in the 2009 annual Loon Census, which is sponsored statewide by the Loon Preservation Committee. Thirty-one volunteers spent an hour on the lake. Seven adults and one loon chick were seen.

We are an active group, overwhelmed by environmental concerns, but hopeful that more people will join in the effort to preserve our beautiful Lake Mascoma.

Terri Lynch, President
Liz Bucklin, Vice President
Gary Gaudette, Treasurer
Ellen Lewis, Secretary

Town Forest Fire Warden & State Forest Ranger

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdfi.org.

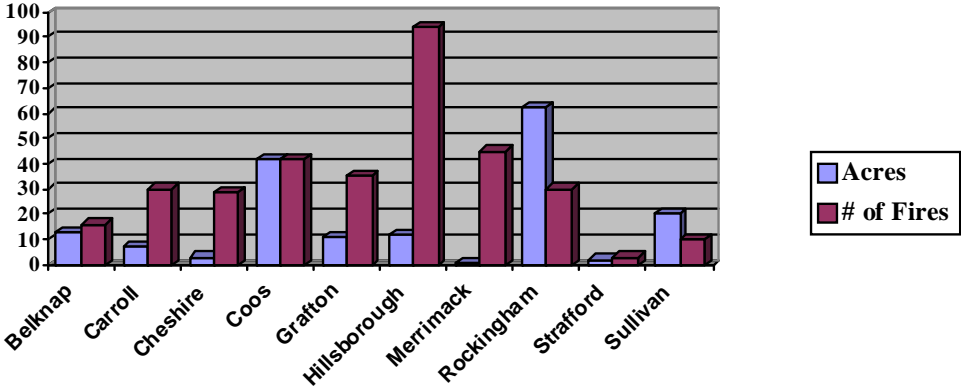
Spring fire season was unusually short this past year, with wet weather beginning the third week in April and lasting virtually all summer long. Consequently both the number of fires and the number of acres burned were below the last five year average. Due to state budget constraints, the staffing of our statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers was limited to class III or higher fire danger days. Despite the reduction in the number of days staffed, our fire lookout towers are credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire spotting capability was supplemented this year by contracted aircraft and the Civil Air Patrol when fire danger was especially high. Surprisingly the largest single fire this year occurred in late November during an unusual dry spell, in the northern Coos County town of Clarksville. This fire burned 17.1 acres and is presumed to have been caused by a careless hunter. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2009 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

2009 Fire Statistics

(All fires reported as of December 3, 2009)

(Figures do not include fires on the jurisdiction of the White Mountain National Forest)

Fire Activity by County



COUNTY STATISTICS

County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	13	16
Carroll	7	30
Cheshire	3	29
Coos	42	42
Grafton	11	35
Hillsborough	12	94
Merrimack	1	45
Rockingham	62	30
Strafford	2	3
Sullivan	20	10

<u>Causes Of Fires Reported</u>			<u>Total Fires</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
Arson	4	2009	334	173
Debris	184	2008	455	175
Campfire	18	2007	437	212
Children	12	2006	500	473
Smoking	15	2005	546	174
Railroad	5	2004	482	147
Equipment	5	2003	374	100
Lightning	0			
Miscellaneous*	91			

* Miscellaneous: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRES

Tri-Country Community Action Programs

Tri-Country Community Action Programs, Inc. (TCCAP) is proud to deliver services to Coos, Carroll and Grafton Counties. The town of Enfield is served by the local Community Contact Office in Lebanon. From this office we provided

- Intake for the Federal LIHEAP program (known as Fuel Assistance). In FY 2008-2009, **112 Enfield households received a total of \$116,815.00** in DIRECT grants toward deliverable fuels, electric heat bills and rent if the heat was included.
- Intake for the Electric Discount Program **saving 65 Enfield Households OVER \$29,752.00** on their electric bills in FY 2008-2009.
- Assistance to 6 Enfield Households with large Weatherization jobs totaling **\$12, 098.00**
- Outreach to **34 families facing homelessness** through eviction or foreclosure and provided **\$12,098** in rental assistance – double the assistance from the year before.
- We also provide assistance through our program 10 Bricks Cold Weather Program – With this program we offer 24-hour a day homeless outreach assistance throughout the Upper Valley with the assistance of Headrest’s Hotline. Also, in the event of sudden heat loss or frozen pipes, or fire, a family can access this program.

So far this fiscal year we have assisted **116** Enfield households with Fuel Assistance and **67** with Electric Discount Assistance - **ALREADY SURPASSING LAST YEARS NUMBERS with 3 more months to go!** We have a long road ahead as we are seeing more evictions and layoffs - people unable to save their housing to make ends meet.

Our request is for 2010 is \$3,472. This represents an even \$16 per household we assisted in your town during the last fiscal year. We rely on municipal support to help us keep our doors open so we can in turn keep town costs down to a minimum. This is a symbiotic relationship that works for everyone.

Thank you for your consideration.

Joie Finley Morris
Angelica Jackson

UNH Cooperative Extension - Grafton County

University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension has been grateful for the support of Grafton County citizens, communities, County Commissioners and the County Delegation in continuing our mission to provide New Hampshire citizens with research-based education and information, to enhance their ability to make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families and communities, sustain natural resources, and improve the economy.

Staff members Deborah Maes, Family and Consumer Resources, Arienne Fosdick, Volunteer Management Program Assistant, Robin Peters, Nutrition Connections, Kathleen Jablonski, 4-H Youth Development, Donna Lee, Teresa Locke, and Kristina Vaughan, Administrative Assistants, were joined in November, 2008 by new staff member David Falkenham, Forestry Resources Educator, and in March 2009 by Heather Bryant, Agricultural Resources Educator. The new Educators have actively stepped into their roles to provide educational programming for the citizens of Grafton County and New Hampshire.

Over the past year, the Agricultural Resources program focused on commercial growers and outreach to the growing number of home gardeners in the County, including a large quantity of site visits in response to the outbreak of Late Blight. Meetings were held on organic vegetable production and tree fruit integrated pest management. The office was a host site for growers to participate in a series of webinars on strawberry production. A six part gardening workshop series was hosted at the County Complex and a local greenhouse. Upon the request of a Haverhill Cooperative Middle School teacher, the Volunteer Management Program Assistant, the County Forester and the Agricultural Resources Educator collaborated on a “Wild Edibles” program which they presented to four different classes.

The Family and Consumer Resources program certified thirty-nine food service workers (90%) who attended SERVSAFE classes and passed the national certification program. Other food service workers around the County attended a two-hour food safety program held in a number of locations.

A two hour session entitled *Managing Money in Tough Times* was offered in four locations around the County, reaching over sixty residents. In addition, financial education information was shared with local libraries, County employees, local media outlets, and was incorporated into educational displays.

The City of Lebanon, working with UNHCE staff, held two city-wide informational meetings to provide public input as they worked on updating their Master Plan.

Highlights of the work done in the Forestry Resources program included: conducting thirty-five site visits with private landowners discussing the health and wise stewardship of over eight thousand acres of private land. These visits simultaneously support New Hampshire's private landowner base, the forest products industry, and NH licensed consulting foresters.

Six natural resource education programs were organized in collaboration with other agencies attracting over two hundred attendees. Topics ranged from selling timber and wildlife management to Current Use education.

The Extension Forestry program has continued to provide educational programs and woodlot management advice to private landowners, forestry professionals, municipal officials and the County Farm Advisory Committee.

4-H Youth Development programs continue to support the ninety-six volunteer leaders and over two hundred fifty youth in Grafton County. Eighteen county-wide 4-H events were held with support from volunteer committees and judges. Grafton County was fortunate to have two National 4-H award winners: Alexandra Patch, of Lebanon, represented New Hampshire at the National Dairy Conference and Hannah Walker, of North Haverhill, represented our state at National 4-H Congress.

A \$30,000 JC Penney Afterschool grant enhanced the UNHCE and A+ program collaboration and increased programming and volunteer recruitment activities. Because of this grant, one hundred twenty additional youth in Campton, Rumney and Plymouth were able to receive afterschool programming. Outreach to this and two other county-based after school programs helped to reach over three hundred fifty additional youth with 4-H curricula.

An on-line orientation system for newly screened 4-H volunteers was implemented, extending the ability of the 4-H staff to reach more volunteers. Statewide work in 4-H Afterschool curriculum development, 4-H volunteer training, and updating materials for the traditional 4-H Club program continues based on current research.

The Volunteer Management Program Assistant (VMPA) conducted several 4-H afterschool programs around the county including at the Plymouth, Campton, and Rumney Elementary Schools and at the Haverhill Cooperative Middle School. In addition, the VMPA worked with the Agricultural Educator and the summer intern on the Display Vegetable Garden and a series of workshops and open-house sessions, and worked with several Master Gardeners to facilitate their projects. All of these programs combined to extend 4-H and Agricultural Resources programming to an additional 157 people.

The State UNHCE Dairy Specialist, Michal Lunak, is housed in Grafton County. His work this year included coordinating a farm business QuickBooks course in Concord for ten participants and conducting site visits as part of an ongoing cooperation with an agricultural engineer from New York to assess building challenges on dairy farms throughout the state.

Additional funding from United States Department of Agriculture's Risk Management Agency for risk management programs was obtained for 2008-2009. Speakers from the NH Alternative Energy Association and NH Electric Cooperative addressed photovoltaic, wind and geo energy production, tips for saving energy on farms, as well as grants available for producers to develop alternative energy production on farms.

Applications of genomics in dairy cattle breeding and sexed semen were discussed at the NH Dairy Management Conference held in West Lebanon and Groveton, by this year's featured speaker from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

As a collaborative effort with other agencies serving Grafton County, the staff staged the Conservation Field Day at the North Haverhill Fairgrounds in May, reaching 262 fifth grade youth from all over the County. Working with youth and their teachers increases the public's understanding of agriculture and local food production.

Amanda Nadeau, a UNH student and Piermont native, served as Summer Assistant this year. She completed work for both the 4-H Youth Development and Agricultural Resources programs, including assisting with the demonstration garden and gardening workshop series, and the 4-H portions of the North Haverhill Fair.

Nutrition Connections programming continues to serve the population receiving food stamps and those meeting low income guidelines. Nutrition education programs have been held in conjunction with the Grafton County Academy program, Friendship House, and many agencies throughout the County. Robin Peters has been instrumental in bringing NH Food Bank programs into Grafton County.

The Extension staff are advised and guided by the members of the Grafton County UNHCE Advisory Council. This group is comprised of the following members: Mary Ames (Bath), Commissioner Raymond Burton (Bath), Pauline Corzilius (Pike), Commissioner Michael Cryans (Hanover), Annemarie Godston (North Haverhill), Frank Hagan (Bethlehem), David Keith (North Haverhill), Luther Kinney (Sugar Hill), Martha McLeod (Franconia), Joan Osgood (Piermont), Rebecca Page (Haverhill), Commissioner Martha Richards (Holderness), Emilie Shipman (Enfield), Cheryl Taber (Littleton), and Representative Kathleen Taylor (Franconia).

Our office is open to the public and located at the Grafton County Administration Building, 3855 Dartmouth College Hwy, Box 5, N. Haverhill, NH 03774. Telephone: 603-787-6944. NH residents may call the UNHCE Education Center at 1-877-398-4769 for information on energy conservation and home and garden questions. Visit our website: <http://extension.unh.edu> for up-to-date information.

Upper Valley Household Hazardous Waste Committee

During 2009 the Committee continued to maintain a regional website (www.uvhhw.org), hosted booths at the Upper Valley Home Life Exhibition and the Hanover Food Co-op, and provided volunteers for the household hazardous waste collections at the Lebanon Landfill.

Home & Life Show Event Booth: The Household Hazardous Waste Committee's booth in March featured information on collections in the area including dates and what materials are and are not accepted. "Universal Waste" examples and management options were provided. These materials include rechargeable batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, auto batteries, antifreeze, and mercury-containing devices such as button batteries, thermostats, and thermometers. Pesticide free lawn and garden care continued to be a focus. Alternative cleaning recipes were distributed. A large map displayed the household hazardous waste collections in the area with their dates, times, and contacts for further information.

Co-op Community Partner in March: The Committee displayed a tri-fold on HHW collections, what to bring, what is not acceptable, collection statistics, etc. Handouts were provided for non-toxic household cleaner recipes, informational sheets on batteries drop-off sites, dates and location of 2009 HHW collections, and information on universal waste.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Support: The committee provided volunteer support at the collections held at the Lebanon Landfill, keeping waiting times short and residents informed. A total of 450 households from Cornish, Enfield, Hanover, Lebanon, Lempster, Lyme, Piermont, Plainfield, and Springfield brought waste to two collections at the Lebanon Landfill in July and October.

Unwanted Medicine Collection Research: The Committee is working with Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center to provide Unwanted Medicine collections combined with the 2010 HHW collections. Training will be obtained from Sarah Silk at the Wolfeboro, NH facility to insure successful implementation of a complex service.

The Upper Valley Household Hazardous Waste Committee is made up of volunteers from Upper Valley towns. We invite anyone interested to attend our meetings and become involved.

Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission

The Commission is one of nine regional planning commission in New Hampshire created to coordinate all aspects of planning, act as a liaison between local and state/federal agencies and provide advisory technical assistance on land use issues. We serve 27 communities from Piermont to Charleston along the Connecticut River and from Wilmot to Washington to the east.

Over the past year the Commission has expended a significant amount of energy increasing visibility, public relations and identifying the needs of the communities, ultimately aimed at building stability and capacity in order to better address land use issues that are important to the long-term sustainability of the communities within the region.

Revenue for the Commission was \$721,630.58 for FY09. A large percentage of this funding comes from the Unified Planning Work Program utilizing Federal Highway Administration funding through the NH Department of Transportation. Other state and federal funding sources include the NH Department of Environmental Services, the NH Department of Safety - Homeland Security and Emergency Management, and the Office of Energy and Planning. Member communities and counties provide membership dues. In FY2009 this allowed the Commission to leverage approximately \$350,000 in state and federal funds, and provided with the Commission with just over 15% of its revenue.

The Commission consists of representatives appointed by the leadership of each member municipality or county. These Commissioners represent your community's interests in the work the Commission does. The Commission had ten new Commissioners appointed by various municipalities and counties expanding resources and expertise within its leadership and demonstrating considerable renewed interest in regional collaboration. Additionally, Grafton County became a member of the Commission this year.

Some of this year's highlights include initiating Grafton County Coordination Summit which led to Regional Coordinating Councils for transit in Grafton modeled after the Sullivan County RCC which the Commission has shepherded for 3 years. We also developed a program for solid waste transportation management planning assistance for Sullivan County through USDA Solid Waste funding. In addition we secured funding and have begun work on developing a site for an Intermodal facility within the Upper Valley and completed four Natural Resource Inventories, three Master Plan sections and numerous reviews of zoning ordinances and local land use policies.

The Commission provides a significant amount of hours of technical assistance to communities that inquire about specific local issues, data requests or needed resources. The communities of Claremont, Charlestown, Dorchester, Enfield, Goshen, Hanover, Lempster, Lyme, Orford, Plainfield, New London, Springfield, Sunapee, Washington and Wilmot all took advantage of these services this past year.

The Commission was engaged in over 45 projects within the region this year and has increased its capacity to serve the communities of the region.

We have already begun work on many new initiatives in the region and thank you for your continued support.



President, Peter Stanley (New London) looks on as incoming President Shawn Donovan (Lebanon) gives closing remarks at the Commission's Annual Meeting held at the Mount Sunapee Resort in June 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Walker
Executive Director

Commissioners serving your community during July 2008 – June 2009

Steven Schneider * Ken Daniels



Upper Valley Lake Sunapee
Regional Planning Commission

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Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of Vermont and New Hampshire

Home Healthcare, Hospice and Maternal Child Health Services in Enfield NH

The VNA & Hospice is a compassionate, non-profit healthcare organization committed to providing the highest quality home healthcare and hospice support services to individuals and their families. By keeping Enfield residents out of emergency rooms and hospitals, and reducing the need for relocation to nursing homes, our care offers significant savings in the town's emergency services and other medical expenses.

VNA & Hospice clients are of all ages and at all stages in life. Services are provided to all in need regardless of ability to pay. Between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009, the VNA & Hospice made 2,256 homecare visits to 220 Enfield residents and provided approximately \$141,561 in uncompensated care.

Home HealthCare: 1,653 home visits to 101 residents with short-term medical or physical needs

Long-term Care: 95 home visits to 4 residents with chronic medical problems who needed extended care in their home to avoid admission to a nursing home.

Hospice Services: 139 home visits to 6 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.

Maternal and Child Health Services: 240 home visits to 27 residents for well baby, preventative and high-tech medical care.

Family Support Services: 129 home visits to 19 families (82 individuals) for parenting and child development support.

Additionally, residents made visits to VNA & Hospice community clinics for foot care, blood pressure screenings, cholesterol testing and flu shots.

Enfield's annual appropriation helps the VNA & Hospice meet the demand for quality home healthcare, and to ensure that all who qualify for services will always be able to receive them. On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



Jeanne McLaughlin
President (1-888-300-8853)

West Central Behavioral Health

In FY 2009, West Central Behavioral Health received an appropriation of \$3,500 from the Town of Enfield. We are grateful for this appropriation that enabled us to provide \$40,488 free or reduced cost mental health and substance abuse services to residents of Enfield who are uninsured or underinsured. We are committed to making quality mental health services available regardless of ability to pay to all communities in our service areas and are asking the cities and towns we serve to help us sustain that commitment to many of our most vulnerable neighbors. In order to achieve this goal we are requesting a FY 2010 appropriation of \$5,491.

West Central Behavioral Health is the NH designated Community Mental Health Center for Grantham, as well as Sullivan and Southern Grafton Counties. Our mission is “to promote, preserve, and strengthen the mental health and quality of life for individuals and their communities through the delivery of integrated, comprehensive services”. Our consumers suffer from a range of disorders and illnesses: life threatening severe, chronic mental illness such as psychosis, schizophrenia, and bipolar disorder; all forms of addiction, as well as anxiety, depression, divorce or relationship related stress, and other impairing but highly treatable conditions. We work with all ages in outpatient clinics, homes, nursing homes, schools, and residential supported living programs, offering a broad variety of counseling, psychiatric services, case management and emergency consultations.

Some of the services provided to residents of Enfield last year include:

- 69 Enfield children and their families received 2014 hours of therapy from our Counseling Center in Lebanon.
- 70 Enfield adults received 1861 hours of therapy from our center in Lebanon.
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These 139 Enfield residents received \$40,488 in discounts. This is why we have traditionally asked Enfield to pick up a portion of these discounts.

Our request of \$5,491 helps us to continue to serve all Enfield residents who request our services whether or not they can pay our full costs. Last fiscal year we requested an appropriation of \$5,491, but the Enfield Budget Committee recommended an appropriation of \$3,500 which was approved at Town Meeting. Prior to last year Enfield appropriated \$5,491.

Sincerely,

Ron Michaud
Community Relations Officer

WISE

For 39 years, WISE has been committed to the mission of empowering victims of domestic and sexual violence to become safe and self-reliant through crisis intervention and support services. WISE also advances social justice through community education, training and public policy. Through our Domestic and Sexual Violence Programs, WISE provides 24-hour crisis intervention, advocacy and support services to victim-survivors of domestic and sexual violence and their loved ones. The WISE Community Outreach and Youth Violence Prevention Program seek to raise community understanding of domestic and sexual violence by working with local services providers and educating middle and high-school aged youth about healthy relationships.

WISE provides a full range of services to Enfield residents through including access to our 24-hour crisis line, medical, legal and social services advocacy, emergency shelter, information and referral and facilitated support groups. Our Youth and Community Education program also provides educational violence prevention programming to students and staff in six local school districts.

In the last fiscal year WISE provided services to 1,013 new clients. 78 of these clients are known to be Enfield residents, many of whom continued to work with WISE throughout the year. All of these Enfield residents accessed WISE through our twenty-four hour crisis line, receiving services such as crisis counseling and support, assistance in filing for a restraining order, and referrals and advocacy in connecting with other community services.

The WISE Board of Directors, staff and volunteers would like to thank the residents of Enfield, on behalf of many victim-survivors of domestic and sexual violence, for your on-going support of our programs and services.