

TOWN OF ENFIELD E-NEWSLETTER **MARCH 2018**



TOWN MANAGER WELCOME MESSAGE

Greetings!

Municipal officials and staff in the Town of Enfield are dedicated to promoting a high-functioning and close-knit community that appeals to all our residents and visitors. To this end, we are committed to providing accurate information and quality services to members of our community at all times. In the interest of helping to keep residents informed of important “goings on” in town, we have begun producing a town-wide newsletter that is disseminated by email on a monthly basis to all individuals who subscribe to the mailing list. Our hope is that the number of recipients on this list will continue to grow over time to ensure that most households receive these important updates.

If you have friends or family that may be interested in receiving the electronic newsletter, please forward a copy of this newsletter to them.

Subscribing to the electronic newsletter is easy and straightforward. You simply have to:

- Go to the below page on the town’s website:
<http://enfieldnh.vt-s.net/Subscriber>
- Enter your email address in the “Your Email” field
- Check the box for “Town News” under the News & Announcements sub-section
- Click the “Send My Request” navigation button at the bottom of the page

Thank you for being a part of our community. We hope you find this and future newsletters both informative and enjoyable. Please don’t hesitate to contact Ryan Aylesworth, Town Manager, at 603-442-5405 or raylesworth@enfield.nh.us, if you have constructive feedback on how the depth and breadth of information provided in the newsletter can be optimized to meet the needs of our residents.

TOWN MEETING PREVIEW

Official Ballot Session (“Town Election Day”)

Where: Whitney Hall Auditorium, 23 Main Street, Enfield

When: Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Polls Open: 8:00 a.m. **Polls Close:** 7:00 p.m.

Town Officer Election 2018

For Three Years:

- One Selectman
- One Trustee of Trust Funds
- One Cemetery Trustee
- One Fire Ward
- One Library Trustee
- Two Zoning Board of Adjustment Members
- Three Budget Committee Members

For Six Years:

- One Supervisor of the Checklist

Deliberative Session (“Business Meeting”)

Where: Enfield Village School Gymnasium, 271 US Route 4, Enfield

When: Saturday, March 17, 2018 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

If you’re a registered voter, when you arrive for the Deliberative Session on March 17 you should first check in at the gym entrance to get your Registered Voter Card. Next, you can grab a beverage and a bite to eat from the refreshment table sponsored by the Enfield-Mascoma Lioness. Donations are gratefully accepted. This year’s refreshments will include sandwiches, chips, muffins, doughnuts, coffee, and tea. *Many thanks should be extended to the Enfield-Mascoma Lioness for their continued generosity and community spirit.*

We wish to alert residents that copies of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant have all been duly posted, and associated warrant article explanations, sample ballots for both the Town and Mascoma Valley Regional School District, the detailed annual budget (Form MS-737) submitted to the NH Department of

Revenue Administration, and other Town Meeting materials can be accessed on the Town's website:

http://www.enfield.nh.us/Pages/EnfieldNH_Manager/meeting/2018/

Please don't hesitate to contact the Town Clerk (603-442-5403 or ceisener@enfield.nh.us) if you have any questions about Town elections. Similarly, questions about the deliberative session of Town Meeting can be directed to the Town Manager (603-442-5405 or raylesworth@enfield.nh.us) or Assistant Town Manager (603-442-5401 or abonnette@enfield.nh.us).

JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tax Collector/Deputy Town Clerk

The Town of Enfield welcomes applications for the full-time position of Tax Collector/Deputy Town Clerk. A formal job announcement, detailed position description, and application instructions can be found on the Town website at the following link:

www.enfield.nh.us/Pages/EnfieldNH_Manager/EmployDocs/Employment

Applications are due by Wednesday, March 7 at 4:00 PM

Light Equipment Operator

The Town of Enfield welcomes applications for the full-time position of Light Equipment Operator with the Department of Public Works-Highway Division. A formal job announcement, detailed position description, and application instructions can be found on the Town website at the following link:

www.enfield.nh.us/Pages/EnfieldNH_Manager/EmployDocs/Employment

Please do not hesitate to contact the Assistant Town Manager at 603-632-5026 or abonnette@enfield.nh.us if you have any questions about the vacant positions or wish to submit an application.

Applications are due by Thursday, March 8 at 4:00 PM

ANNUAL REPORT

The 2017 Annual Report will soon be mailed to all property owners. It should be in your mailbox by the end of the first full week of March. If you don't receive a copy we'll have copies available at the Town Offices, we'll bring a small supply to Town Meeting on March 17th and it's available **now** on-line as a PDF document – **in full color!** – on the Town website:

http://www.enfield.nh.us/Pages/EnfieldNH_Manager/AnnualDocs/annual

MASCOMA LAKESIDE PARK– NEW UPDATES

The Board of Selectmen and the Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee are actively pursuing acquisition of two lakefront parcels currently owned by NH DOT to further the objective of enhanced public access and enjoyment of the lake. These parcels are located adjacent to the underpass on Main Street with convenient access to the Rail Trail and the downtown area, and offer stunning views of Mascoma Lake.

A public informational meeting regarding the Town's planned purchase of the property was held on February 26 in the Community Building. The meeting was very well attended and the discussion touched on the full range of relevant topics, including the unique attributes of the property, potential future uses of the site, how the land acquisition and future improvements will be funded, and efforts the Town is making to offset anticipated



operations and maintenance expenses. Thank you very much to all of the residents who participated. Information that was presented and/or distributed at the February 26 meeting can be access here:

http://www.enfield.nh.us/Pages/EnfieldNH_Projects/MLP

It is the position of the Board of Selectmen and the Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee that Mascoma Lake is a treasured resource that should be available to all residents and visitors of the Enfield area, not just lake front property owners. The Board supports using donations, gifts, grants and other sources of private funding for land acquisition purposes so that there will not be any impact on the tax rate.

At this time we do not yet know what NH DOT is going to propose as a purchase price for the property. Although the Town of Enfield commissioned an independent appraisal of the parcels within the last two years, NH DOT is completing its own appraisal of the property. It is anticipated that the two appraisals will draw differing conclusions about the parcels' fair market value. Once the NH DOT has completed its appraisal, the matter will be referred to a legislative committee to determine what the appropriate purchase price will be. At this juncture, it is unclear when the matter will be referred to legislative committee for final action.

The Enfield Board of Selectmen, as the Town's governing body, has included an article (Article 9) on the annual Town Meeting warrant that provides the authority to purchase the property and maintain it as a park, but also specifies that the purchase price of the land and park improvements must be raised from private sources. The Board of Selectmen has formally established a trust fund where donations made in support of land acquisition and improvements for the Mascoma Lakeside Park property are now being deposited, and the Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee is administering a fundraising campaign with the goal of raising \$500,000 (at least half of which the Committee is striving to raise over the next few months) to facilitate the purchase of the parcels and begin building a reserve that can be used for future improvements to the property. All donations are tax deductible. The Committee is very happy to report that, as of this printing, over \$100,000 has been raised in the early stages of the campaign. Initial progress toward the \$500,000 goal was helped in large part from a substantial matching gift that has been pledged by the Byrne Foundation. In accordance with state law, all gifts and donations will be returned to donating parties in the event the land purchase does not take place.

Please don't hesitate to contact the Town Manager at 603-442-5405 or raylesworth@enfield.nh.us if you have related questions or interest in lending your support to this important community project.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Route 4A Sewer Extension Project Update

Kingsbury (contractor) completed connection of the remaining Lakeview sewer service lines on January 29th and flows are currently being directed to the new pump station and being discharged off-site. The pump station is functioning as intended with minor electrical work remaining. Additional work was completed in the Route 4A sewer manholes in February to reduce the incidence of surface water penetration. Now that the manhole work is completed, Kingsbury has requested to shut down for the remaining winter months. Decommissioning of the existing wastewater systems at Lakeview, final restoration of Lakeview and Shaker Landing roadways, final restoration of lawns and grasses, and installation of the remaining finishes around the pump station will be completed in May, 2018.

Conkey Enterprises (contractor) continues work on the Shaker Landing Pump Station replacement portion of this project under a separate contract. The force main line and gravity sewer mains have been installed and associate line

testing was recently completed. The pump station structures, including manholes, valve vault and wet well have been installed and mostly back-filled. Access hatches were installed this week. A winter shutdown will be in effect now that the new pump station is up and running. Cleaning up the access drive, restoration of lawns and grasses and decommissioning of the existing pump station is expected in May, 2018.

Road Postings

The Town of Enfield has posted all Town roads effective 2/26/18. The State of New Hampshire has posted Shaker Hill Road and Main Street. Limited permission for access is available on a case by case basis with factors such as weather, truck size, time of day, etc., being taken into consideration. Please contact the Highway Supervisor at (603) 632-7301 ext. 5418 or the DPW Director at 603-632-4605 or jtaylor@enfield.nh.us with any questions. Those wishing to access Main Street or Shaker Hill Road should call the NH DOT District 2 office at 448-2654

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The police department has seen an increase in scam calls and mailings. These people are professional scam artists and criminals. They can be very convincing and will often have specific information on their targets.

Do not provide any credit card or banking information to them.

Do not send them any money.

Contact the police department.

While we will do everything we can to try and find out who these people are the callers are very difficult to track, often calling from outside the country.

If you have questions or concerns about matters related to public safety in our community, please don't hesitate to contact the Police Chief at 603-632-7501 or rcrate@enfield.nh.us.

OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK & TAX COLLECTOR

Town Meeting is upon us. The ballot voting for elected officials and zoning amendments will be held on Tuesday, March 13th from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Whitney Hall. Please remember that a photo ID will be requested. The rest of the warrant articles will be discussed and voted on at the Saturday, March 17th continuation of the meeting, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Enfield Village School gym.

The Tax Lien Procedure will be executed on May 16th. Any past due property tax, land use change tax, timber yield tax or excavation tax and past due water and sewer charges are subject to a lien. The lien is recorded at the Grafton County Registry of Deeds and the statutory interest increases from 12% to 18% APR. If a lien is not redeemed after two years the Town may acquire the property by Tax Deed, which divests the owner of any rights to the property.

We are now issuing 2018 dog licenses, due by April 30th. The fee is \$6.50 for a spayed or neutered dog, or a puppy up to 7 months old, \$9.00 for an intact dog, and \$2.00 (first dog only) for senior citizens 65 years or older. We need to see the current rabies vaccination certificate. This is governed by State law, and is a protection for both your dog and other dogs or people it may come in contact with. If a dog is picked up by someone we can look up the owner by the dog tag, or if you or your pet is bitten we can see that the rabies vaccination is up to date.

Many of you have received your boat renewal notice from the State and it's your preference whether to do it by mail or here in our office. We do charge a boat agent fee of \$5.00 per boat, set by the State. Boats are registered on a calendar year basis.

When you come in to register your motor vehicle we are required by law to see your driver's license. A friend or family member may renew the registration for you if you give them a copy of your registration or your mail-in notice; we then need to see their driver's license. This is an effort to curb fraud in Motor Vehicle transactions.

If you sell or trade-in your vehicle and wish to use the plates on a newly acquired vehicle we must, by law, have the original registration from your old vehicle. An auto dealer may keep a photocopy of it but you need the original. There is a \$15.00 fee charged by the State for us to do a certified copy of the old registration, to then be used for the transfer of plates from one vehicle to another.

When you do transfer plates the new registration will only be for as long as the old registration was good for, usually through your next birthday month. If it is within 4 months we can renew the registration after the transfer is completed.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

If you have not already created an account with us, please check out our new site and make an account for you and your family!

Recreation Website: <https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Home>

Enfield Recreation continues to offer Chair Yoga on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30am-10:30am at the Enfield Community Building for the low price of \$3/class.

The *NEW* Enfield Market will be held again on Saturday, March 10 at the Enfield Community Building from 10am-1pm. It continues on the second Saturday of each month and vendors will vary so each shopping experience could be different. Stop by to shop for items and services for your home, family and lifestyle or just grab some lunch from our prepared food vendor, "Taco's Tacos". So far, vendors include Scentsy, Pefectly Posh, The Stewart Farm, baked goods by Kaylee Felix, homemade jewelry vendors and more! This event is sponsored by the Enfield Recreation Commission.

The first annual "Father Daughter Dance" was held at the Enfield Community Building on February 10, 2018 and we had over 70 people attend! There were tasty treats, lots of dancing, handmade paper flower corsages, memorable photographs and plenty of smiles and fun. The Recreation Commission would like to thank all the volunteers who donated baked goods and decorations, photography skills and their time to help make the event a huge success. If you are interested in looking at pictures from the event, please look at our Facebook album:

https://www.facebook.com/pg/mvalleyrec/photos/?tab=album&album_id=1889749761049123

Save the date for March 31, 2018 when the Recreation Commission hosts their annual Egg Hunt at Huse Park. Registration begins at 10am after the Enfield Lioness "Breakfast with the Easter Bunny". Our Egg Hunt will begin promptly at 10:30am. This event is open to children 4th grade and younger.

Below is a short list of our current and upcoming programs. For more details and online registration for some of our programs, please go to our site:

<https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Home>

You can also found out more about upcoming activities and community events in the Fall/Winter edition of *Play Mascoma Valley! Active Living, Recreation and Community Resource Guide*. Hard copies are still available at the Enfield Town Office. Get your copy today and watch for the Spring/Summer edition in mid-March!

Upcoming & Ongoing Recreation Events, Programs and Activities:

- Chair Yoga, Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays from 9:30-10:30am at the Enfield Community Building
- Mascoma Valley Guitar Orchestra, weekly rehearsals on Sundays at the

Department of Public Works starting at 6:00pm

- Adult Volleyball, on Sundays at Mascoma High School from 5-8pm
- Adult Basketball, on Sundays at Mascoma High School from 10am-12:00pm
- Line Dancing, on Mondays at Mascoma High School from 4:30-5:30pm and on Thursdays at the Enfield Community Building from 5:10-6:10pm
- Zumba, on Thursdays at Mascoma High School from 4:30-5:30pm
- Elementary Cross Country Skiing (January – March 14, 2018)
 - For children in 1st – 4th grade

Recently Ended Programs – save the date for 2019:

- MVPR Ski & Ride Program (January – February 26th, 2018)
 - 55 participants (grades K – 8); 6-weeks of skiing and riding at Whaleback Mountain

Please do not hesitate to contact the Recreation Director at 603-632-5026 Ext. 5408 or mvalleyrec@gmail.com if you have any questions about ongoing or upcoming recreation programs.

ENFIELD TOWN LIBRARY

Is it too early to think Spring? Either way, it will be nice to have more light in the evening when Daylight Saving Time starts on March 11th. Our new copier is here! It is quieter, faster, and clearer and we are excited to offer the following services: Printing/copying: \$0.20/page for black & white; \$0.50 for color. Faxing: \$1.00/page. Scanning is free.

Happening in March:

- *Make It Take It Monday:* March 5th. We will be doing a weaving project so drop in any time between 3:30 and 5:00pm. All ages welcome!
- *Patron Appreciation Day:* Tuesday March 13th. After you vote, come downstairs and have a cookie, get a library card, or just see what is new. Once again we'll stay open until voting closes at 7:00pm.
- *Saturday My First Story Time:* March 17th at 9:30am. Babies to age 2½ on a caregiver's lap will enjoy books, songs, and rhymes supporting early literacy, lots of movement, and socializing.
- Our book group is reading *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court* by Mark Twain. The discussion will be held Thursday March 29th at 6:30pm.

Save the Date:

On **Wednesday April 4th** the Library will be co-hosting a New Hampshire Humanities program with the Enfield Historical Society.

- When & Where: 7:00pm at the Community Building
- Cost: FREE

- What: Abolitionists of Noyes Academy presented by Dan Billin
- Summary: In 1835, abolitionists opened one of the nation's first integrated schools in Canaan, NH, attracting eager African-American students from as far away as Boston, Providence, and New York City. Outraged community leaders responded by raising a mob that dragged the academy building off its foundation and ran the African-American students out of town. New Hampshire's first experiment in educational equality was brief, but it helped launch the public careers of a trio of extraordinary African-American leaders: Henry Highland Garnet, Alexander Crummell, and Thomas Sipkins Sidney. Dan Billin plumbs the depths of anti-abolitionist sentiment in early nineteenth-century New England, and the courage of three young friends destined for greatness.

What Happened in February:

- We circulated 2,136 items and had 22 programs with 315 participants.

Have questions about the public library? If so, please visit the library's website (<http://www.enfieldtownlibrary.org/>) or contact the Library Director at 603-632-7145 or mhutson@enfield.nh.us for assistance.

PLANNING & ZONING OFFICES

Planning Board Activity

- The Planning Board had one meeting scheduled for February, on the 28th. Topics were a re-application to allow residential units at 60 Main Street, and review and recommendations for adjusting the Fee schedule for the Planning Board.
- The Board is waiting for the resolution of the Traffic Plan for Jakes Market. The NH DOT has asked for site changes and these are under review with the Project Engineer retained by Jakes.
- There was progress on the planned Evenchance subdivision. A meeting was held with the owner/developer of the Evenchance Subdivision to discuss planned next steps. With the tough winter weather they have decided to not start full scale work at his time. They hope for a start at the beginning of next winter.

Zoning Board Activity

- The Zoning Board had a hearing on February 13 regarding moving two cottages within the setbacks that have been found to be over the property lines. The Board voted 5-0 to deny the request, thereby demonstrating a desire to adopt a strict interpretation of the Town's Zoning Ordinance. The Board decided that any deviation from the existing footprint would

extinguish the grandfathered right.

- The Board is looking for new members. At the present time there are no alternates on the Board. Anyone interested in joining this fascinating, very dynamic committee is welcome to apply.

If you have questions regarding the activities of the Planning Board or Zoning Board of Adjustment, or economic development in the Town of Enfield, please don't hesitate to contact the Town's Planning & Zoning Administrator at 603-632-5427 or sosgood@enfield.nh.us.

=====RECENT NEWS FROM PAST ISSUES=====

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Notice of Water and Sewer Rate Changes

On December 18, 2017, the Enfield Water & Sewer Commissioners (Board of Selectmen) voted to adjust water and sewer rates in accordance with the formal recommendations offered by the Town Manager and Public Works Director. The new rates are effective January 1, 2018 and will appear in the 2018 first quarter bills arriving in your mailbox the first week in April 2018.

The updated rate charge chart is included on the reverse side of this letter. Water consumption rates have been split into two separate rate classifications. The first category is customers consuming up to 9,999 gallons per quarter. Users in this classification will be charged \$2.00/1000 gallons. The second category is customers consuming 10,000 gallons or more per quarter. Users that fall within this classification will be charged \$2.50/1000 gallons (although it should be noted that the higher consumption charge will only apply to those gallons consumed over and above the 9,999 gallons/quarter billed at the \$2.00 rate). There is no change to the fixed rates with respect to water. The sewer consumption rate has been increased 10% on both classifications of consumption (the first class being up to 23,999 gallons/quarter and the second class being 24,000/quarter or greater). In addition, the fixed rates have been increased for the first time since 2007. Please consult the detailed rate charge chart being mailed to your home for a breakdown of these changes.

You will notice a column on the rate chart labeled "deficit reduction charge." This is a **temporary** 40% charge based on consumption that is designed to eliminate the existing operating deficit in the Sewer Fund (this is presently estimated to be approximately \$700,000) within a period of five years. Once the deficit is eliminated, the corresponding deficit reduction charge will be

removed from sewer bills. The deficit has been growing steadily for nearly a decade due to revenues not keeping pace with expenses. The primary growth of expense is wastewater treatment at the Lebanon wastewater treatment plant which accounts for nearly 70% of the total Sewer Department's yearly expenses.

The Water & Sewer Commissioners, Town Manager, and Department of Public Works are committed to keeping the Water and Sewer Departments financially sustainable while delivering quality water and sewer services for the future. Several new projects are underway that will help to control future costs, and this includes a thorough evaluation of alternative methods of treating Enfield's wastewater.

We thank you for your understanding, and please do not hesitate to contact the Town Manager's Office (603-632-5026 | raylesworth@enfield.nh.us) or Department of Public Works (603-632-4605 | jtaylor@enfield.nh.us) with any questions.

Changes to the Transfer Station Hours of Operation – Effective Jan. 1

The Board of Selectmen, Town Manager, department heads and other local officials are committed to identifying ways to minimize or reduce Town spending while at the same time sustaining the quality of municipal services offered to our residents and visitors.

As was reported in more detail in the December issue of the town newsletter, the Board of Selectmen recently voted to adjust the Transfer Station hours of operation. More specifically, the new hours will be as follows beginning January 1, 2018:

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: Closed
- Wednesday: 11:00AM-6:00PM
- Thursday: Closed
- Friday: Closed
- Saturday: 8:00AM-4:00PM
- Sunday: 8:00AM-4:00PM

Please do not hesitate to contact the Town Manager (603-632-5026 or raylesworth@enfield.nh.us) with any questions.

Please Use Curbside Trash and Recycling Services

Trash and Zero Sort recycling collected at the Transfer Station cost the Town of Enfield significantly more per ton than trash and recycling collected curbside due to extra hauling charges. Trash collected at the Transfer Station costs

approximately \$30 per ton more than material collected curbside (when Transfer Station transportation fees are included). Zero-Sort recycling collected at the Transfer Station costs the Town over \$80 per ton more than recycling collected at curbside due to the extra hauling fees (when Transfer Station transportation fees are included).

Please Recycle to the Fullest Extent Possible

The Town's current contracted solid waste hauler, Casella, has produced a brochure that outlines the materials that can be recycled via the Zero-Sort program. This brochure can be accessed here:

<https://www.casella.com/sites/default/files/2017-02/BROCHURE-TriFold-ZeroSort-2017.pdf>

Remember, recycling is not only socially and environmentally responsible, but it dramatically reduces the hauling fees incurred by the Town. At present, the Town pays Casella \$68.68 per ton for trash disposal and \$35 per ton for recyclables collected at the curb. That's a significant cost difference. Please do your part to help keep our solid waste expenses down (and keep property tax rates as low as possible in the process)!

Driveway Sand

Driveway sand is available at the DPW during their business hours (Monday-Friday from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM) and is located at the top of the driveway in the bin on the right. It is open to Enfield residents with a current Transfer Station Stickers. It is not intended for commercial applicators or to be taken in commercial volumes. Salt and ledge sand is NOT available.

Winter Parking Ban

The Enfield Board of Selectmen wishes to remind citizens of Enfield that the Winter Parking Ban is in effect from November 1 through April 1. No vehicle shall at any time be parked on any public or publicly maintained street, alley, roadway or way open to the public, in a manner that hinders the maintenance of the way. We thank you for your help and cooperation in keeping our roads and parking areas safe for passage! If you have any questions about this policy, please contact the Department of Public Works at 603-632-7301.

The "Don't" of Recycling



KEEP THESE ITEMS OUT OF ZERO-SORT® RECYCLING



NO Plastic Bags or Bagged Recycling

(Take clean plastic bags to your local retailer for recycling)



NO Coated Paper Items

(Items with a plastic lining such as waxed coffee or soda cups & waxed paper plates)



NO Disposable Items

(Styrofoam™, napkins, paper towels, tissues, plastic utensils, dirty recycling, register tape, condiment packets, straws, stirrers & coffee pods)



NO Toys, Hangers, Clothes or Shoes

(Gently used items can be donated)



NO Waste or Wood

(Rope, twine, diapers, food, pet & yard waste)



NO Plastic Wrap, Films or Tarps

(Food bags or wrappers, plastic or shrink wrap & tarps)



NO Hazardous Materials

(Check for alternative recycling)



NO Rubber or Scrap Metal

(Check for alternative recycling)



NO Medical Waste

(Find safe and secure disposal near you)



NO Ceramics, Pots, Pans or Baking Glass

(Gently used items can be donated)



NO Electronics, Lithium Batteries or Bulbs

(Check for alternative recycling)

WHEN IN DOUBT, KEEP IT OUT! • For more information visit casella.com or call 800-CASELLA

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Dates – 2018

Household Hazardous Waste 2018 COLLECTION DAYS

NEW Lebanon
Location

WHEN

All collections are Saturday, 9:00 am—Noon

May 12—Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street (off Route 120)

June 16—Claremont Highway Garage, 8 Grandview St (off North St)

August 18—Sunapee Highway Garage, 621 Route 11

October 13—Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street (off Route 120)

FREE to residents from Claremont, Cornish, Enfield, Goshen, Hanover, Lebanon, Lempster, Lyme, New London, Newbury, Newport, Orford, Piermont, Plainfield, Springfield, Sunapee, Unity, Washington, and Wilmot. Others residents and businesses welcome for a fee. Businesses and ANYONE with 25 gallons or more must pre-register 3 WEEKS IN ADVANCE.

WHAT TO BRING:

Pesticides, Herbicides, Flea Powder
Antifreeze, Dirty Gas & Kerosene
Adhesives & Driveway Sealer
Mercury Thermostats & Thermometers
Household Cleaners & Polishes
Hobby & Pool Chemicals
Oil-Based Paint (not Latex!)
Solvents, Varnishes, Stains
Button, Ni-Cad, Lithium, and
Rechargeable Batteries
Smoke Detectors
...And much more...give a call or
visit <http://hww.uvlsrc.org>



For
information
contact the
Upper Valley Lake Sunapee
Regional Planning Commission
at (603) 448-1680 or
vdavis@uvlsrc.org



Alkaline batteries: Most non-rechargeable batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, and 9-volt) are trash in NH. If in doubt, just bring to collection. Tape 9-volt terminals before disposal.

Ammunition and explosives: State Police at 271-3636.

Asbestos: Get a licensed asbestos specialist. Asbestos is hazardous to your health—don't even think about removing it yourself!

Automotive batteries: Take to parts store for cash back or your transfer station

Empty aerosol cans: Can be recycled with scrap metal. Talk to your town.

Fluorescent lights: May be taken at your town facility. Check with your town. Food Co-ops and Home Depot take may take CFLs (spiral bulbs), not tubes.

Latex paint: Use kitty litter, sawdust, or shredded paper to dry out latex paint, then throw in your trash. Empty, dry metal cans may be recycled as scrap metal at your recycling facility. If it says "clean up with soap and water," it's latex.

Medicine: See www.twinstatesafemeds.com for police stations taking meds.

Medical sharps: Place in a rigid container (e.g. detergent bottle), seal cap with duct tape, and label container with marker, "Sharps, not for recycling." Dispose of with regular trash by handing to a waste collector. See www.nh.gov/medsafety. Can drop off at Lebanon Police Station.

Propane or helium tanks and fire extinguishers: Propane/helium tanks can be exchanged/refilled at a distributor; or contact town transfer station about empty tanks. Empty fire extinguishers can be recycled (NRRRA takes from towns).

Used motor oil: Take to town transfer station or a service station for recycling.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO: <http://hww.uvlsrc.org>

Freezing and Bursting Pipes

If you are interesting in learning more about how pipes freeze and burst, and what to do to prevent this sort of damage in your own home or business, please visit the below resource published by the Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety:

https://disastersafety.org/wp-content/uploads/Freezing-Bursting-Pipes_IBHS-White.pdf

BUILDING & FIRE INSPECTOR

New Policies & Fees, General Reminders

With the start of a new year a few updates from the office of the Building and Fire Inspector.

- Building Permit fees were increased effective September 2017, be sure your calculating from this schedule prior to submitting.
- Permit copy to post is **green** this year, check last year's **red** copy as it may need to be renewed if the project is not completed.
- Most projects undertaken in the Town of Enfield will require a permit, a couple of exceptions are roofing and siding as long as structural features are not being changed or upgraded.
- All single and multi-family housing units are required to have smoke detectors, and in most cases C/O (carbon monoxide) detectors are required as well. We have seen many units without these. Most detectors have a 10 year life span, after that time they need to be replaced. If you need help to determine if units are required or should be replaced, please contact this office.
- Work on an escape plan and meeting place with your family in the event of a fire or emergency. The Fire Department continues to visit local schools, preschools and daycares bringing fire prevention information to this audience.

As always this office is available to answer questions, do not hesitate to contact the Building & Fire Inspector at pneily@enfield.nh.us or 603-632-4343

Private Septic System Maintenance

One of the more frequently asked questions of the Building Inspector is “how do we maintain our private septic system?” and “how often do we do it?” The NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) has compiled a useful fact

sheet which is available at:

<https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pip/factsheets/ssb/documents/ssb-13.pdf>

This helpful resource provides details on the workings and maintenance needs of your system. Included is a sheet to record the maintenance that has been performed. As always, if you have further questions do not hesitate to contact the Building Inspector at 603-632-4343 or pneily@enfield.nh.us for assistance.

The National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) "Heating Safety" fact sheet explains what is necessary to help prevent fires and safely operate our heating equipment. This is accessible at:

<http://www.nfpa.org/public-education/by-topic/top-causes-of-fire/heating/heating-safety-tips>

Please don't hesitate to contact the Fire Inspector at 603-632-4343 or pneily@enfield.nh.us with any questions.

GENERAL INTEREST

Did you know?

Property assessment records and GIS maps with various layers, including wetlands, topography, etc., are available on our website? Simply go the Assessing Department page at http://www.enfield.nh.us/Pages/EnfieldNH_Assessing/index and click on GIS Maps & Property Record Cards link.

ENFIELD LAUNCHES OFFICIAL FACEBOOK PAGE!

The Town of Enfield has launched an official Facebook page ("Town of Enfield, New Hampshire") that can be accessed at the following web link:

www.facebook.com/EnfieldNH

This page will be maintained by town officials and be used to help disseminate important updates about community affairs and alert residents when new/detailed information is available on the Town's website

(www.enfield.nh.us). We hope you will "Like" this page and start receiving regular updates on your Facebook news feed!

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Narcotics Investigations

The Enfield Police Department conducted several narcotics investigations in recent months. The cases focused on individuals selling heroin. These investigations are very complex and require a coordinated and regional response; we applied for a state grant to work with the Lebanon and Canaan Police Departments over the next year in an effort to reduce the flow of these deadly drugs into our communities. We continue to maintain a visible presence on the streets to prevent thefts. Most addicts spend anywhere from \$500-\$1000 per week on their drugs. Thefts are one of multiple ways they are able to support their habit. We also need your help. If you see someone or something suspicious please call us immediately.

Speeding

Complaints of speeding vehicles continue to be an issue. We have deployed our radar trailer as well as patrols to help bring attention to motorists speed. Most of the complaints take place on our neighborhood streets. Please be mindful of your speed and respect your neighbors concerns.

If you have questions or concerns about matters related to public safety in our community, please don't hesitate to contact the Police Chief at 603-632-7501 or rcrate@enfield.nh.us.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

Do you want to become more involved in your community? Then you're in luck! Several volunteer positions are still open. You can access our Application for Committee Membership here:

http://enfieldnh.vt-s.net/Pages/EnfieldNH_Manager/MiscDocs/MembershipApp.pdf

Do you love our wide selection of recreation programs for children and adults alike? Then join our **Recreation Commission!** We currently have one opening. This group works with the Enfield Recreation Director, Katherine Lary Jopek, to develop a wide variety of recreation programs for residents of all ages. The Recreation Commission meets the third Tuesday of each month in the Whitney Hall conference room in the Enfield Town Offices. Check our Town Calendar for meeting times as they are trying out a new earlier time – 6 PM! You can see what the committee has been up to on their webpage here:

http://www.enfield.nh.us/Pages/EnfieldNH_Bcomm/RecCom/index

Kati Jopek also serves as the Mascoma Valley Regional Recreation Coordinator. You can check out the publication of regional events in the 2017-2018 Fall/Winter issue of *Play Mascoma Valley!* Here: http://www.enfield.nh.us/Pages/EnfieldNH_Bcomm/RecCom/mvalleyrec/Fall%20Winter%202017-2018%20for%20web.pdf. Printed copies are available. Also, be sure to check out the following web page for the recreation programs we now have with ONLINE REGISTRATION: <https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Program>

Do your interests lie in economic development? Then the **Tax Increment Finance District Advisory Committee** may be for you. This committee currently has two openings for a five member committee. Applicants for this committee must live within the Enfield TIF District or immediately adjacent to it or own a business in the TIF District. This committee, advisory to the Board of Selectmen, is charged with maintenance and implementation of the District Plan. The TIF Committee meets on an as needed basis, generally less than once a month, at the convenience of its members.

Or perhaps your interests lean toward Planning and Zoning. They are both judicial bodies that have the responsibility to judge if new Subdivisions and business Site Plans meet the Town Zoning Ordinance. We have one opening for a **Planning Board alternate** and two openings for **Zoning Board of Adjustment alternates**. The Planning Board's regular meeting schedule is the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, however they'll meet just once a month if there is not enough business to warrant two meetings. Meetings of the Zoning Board of Adjustment are the second Tuesday of each month if there is business.

Release your inner party planner! Join our **Old Home Days Committee!** Many hands make light work! This group organizes our annual Old Home Days Celebration which takes place the last full weekend of July. The Old Home Days Committee meets the first Wednesday of each month from January – July at 5:30 PM, with a couple of additional meetings in June and July as needed to prepare for the festivities. Check out the wide array of entertaining events held in 2017: http://enfieldnh.vt-s.net/Pages/EnfieldNH_Bcomm/Oldhomedays/OHDFlyer2017.pdf

Is the preservation of our natural resources a cause that is near and dear to your heart? Then perhaps you'd like to join the **Conservation Commission!** The Commission has one opening. They meet the first Thursday of each month at 7 PM. Help make plans to preserve open space for wildlife, protect our watersheds, or provide education to others. A recent project of this commission was the development of the Harris Brook Scenic Area. Check it out! http://enfieldnh.vt-s.net/Pages/EnfieldNH_Bcomm/ConCom/HarrisBrook

===== **MEETINGS & EVENTS** =====

UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS (SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

- March 1 @ 7:00 PM (Town Hall) – Conservation Commission
- March 5 @ 6:00 PM (DPW Building) – Board of Selectmen
- March 6 @ 3:30 PM (DPW Building) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee
- March 7 @ 5:30 PM (Town Hall) – Old Home Days Committee
- March 12 @ 6 PM (Town Hall) – Library Trustees
- March 13 from 8:00 AM-7:00 PM (Town Hall) – Town Meeting/Elections
- March 13 @ 7 PM (DPW Building) – Zoning Board of Adjustment
- March 14 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) – Planning Board (if needed)
- March 17 beginning at 9:00 AM (Enfield Village School Gymnasium) – Town Meeting Deliberative Session
- March 19 @ 6:00 PM (DPW Building) – Board of Selectmen
- March 20 @ 6:00 PM (Town Hall) – Recreation Commission
- March 28 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) – Planning Board
- April 2 @ 6:00 PM (DPW Building) – Board of Selectmen
- April 3 @ 3:30 PM (Town Hall) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee
- April 4 @ 5:30 PM (Town Hall) – Old Home Days Committee
- April 5 @ 7:00 PM (Town Hall) – Conservation Commission
- April 9 @ 6 PM (Town Hall) – Library Trustees
- April 10 @ 5:15 PM (Town Hall) – Energy Committee
- April 10 @ 7 PM (DPW Building) – Zoning Board of Adjustment

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS (SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

- ***NEW* Enfield Market** (Enfield Community Building) – March 10 (and every “second Saturday” through November 2018) from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Shop for various products for your home, lifestyle and family. Vendors will vary month to month, so each shopping experience could be different!
- **Enfield-Mascoma Lioness Club’s *Famous* Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner** (Enfield Community Building) – March 17 from 5:00 to 6:30 PM. Come join us for a delicious meal and a variety of homemade pies for dessert. Takeout is available at 5:00 PM. Adults \$12.00 and children under 12 are \$7. Proceeds benefit community projects.
- **Breakfast with the Easter Bunny** (Enfield Community Building) – March 31 from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM. \$5.00 per person. Sponsored by the Enfield-Mascoma Lioness Club
- **Bingo** (Enfield Community Building) –Every Tuesday hosted by the Firefighter’s Association. Doors open at 4:00 PM, games begin at 6:30

PM. Cards begin at \$20. Optional dinner (a wonderfully homemade meal) is served at 5:00 PM at a cost of \$6 (dinner includes an entrée, beverage and dessert).



If you have friends or family that may be interested in receiving the electronic newsletter, please forward a copy of this newsletter to them.

Subscribing to the electronic newsletter is easy and straightforward. You simply have to:

- **Go to the below page on the town's website:**
<http://enfieldnh.vt-s.net/Subscriber>
- **Enter your email address in the "Your Email" field**
- **Check the box for "Town News" under the News & Announcements sub-section**
- **Click the "Send My Request" navigation button at the bottom of the page**