

TOWN OF ENFIELD E-NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2020

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 produce 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 who 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:
www.enfield.nh.us/subscribe
- Enter your email address in the “Your Email” field
- Check the box for “Town News & Announcements” Check the “I am not a robot” box and follow the prompts
- Click the “Subscribe me” 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.

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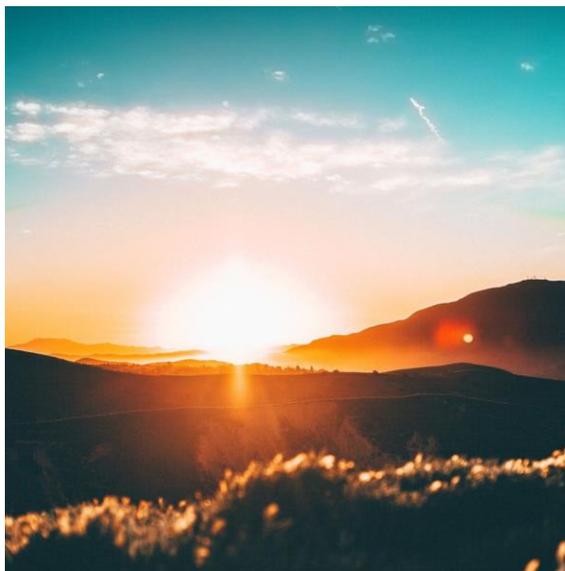
TOWN MANAGER COMMUNITY MESSAGE (Issued March 20, 2020)

Hello Enfield,

What a difference a couple of weeks can make in our lives. This is the first chance I've had to pause and take a breath.

We are blessed to live in a community with so many caring people; people who put others first. If you think we are some frayed, distant, uncaring society you need to look around you and see the kind and selfless things your neighbors are doing for their neighbors.

We have an amazing team of Town employees working diligently to serve our community. The staff in Enfield are not just "government" employees; they are committed to public service. Never once has it been "that's too much" or "that's too hard." It has been "what does the community need" and then doing whatever is needed. Every time. Members of our team have been working long hours to coordinate our response, our efforts, our messaging, and continuing to prepare for the future. The GOOD MORNING ENFIELD PROGRAM is a great example of this. The Enfield Police Department is checking in on members of our at-risk population on a regular basis. If you are or know of a senior citizen or other individual who needs specialized care, needs to be checked in on, or who requires assistance obtaining necessities please contact: Corporal Courtland Smith (csmith@enfield.nh.us) or Paula Rowe (prowe@enfield.nh.us). We want to be there for members of our community, even if it's simply the comfort and reassurance that a friendly voice on the other end of the phone can provide.



I also want to take a moment to recognize the hard work and dedication of the volunteers in our community. Because the current health crisis necessitated the closure of its local food pantries, Friends of Mascoma is coordinating with local law enforcement or otherwise designated points of contact to get bagged/boxed food to people who need it each week. I am very proud that the Enfield Police Department stepped up without hesitation to offer assistance with this important service. This is what COMMUNITY policing is all about. If

you or someone you know is in need of at home food delivery, please provide the requested information found at the following link:

<http://friendsofmascoma.org/news/update-covid-19-outbreak>

The way out of any crisis has always been a hand up to those in need. More than anything that is what is going to get us through this. There is a famous Mr. Rogers quote going around “When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, “Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.” In Enfield when you look for the helpers you will recognize them as your neighbors. The community response to help each other out has been incredible, and that dedication to our neighbors is what community really means and that is the most powerful weapon we have in this fight.

I know there is a lot of concern and uncertainty out there. The world has been turned upside down and things continue to change rapidly. The situation will likely continue to get worse before it gets better, and we don't know exactly where we'll be in six weeks or six months or more. What will come will come, and we will meet it when it does. No matter how hard things may get, we've got this Enfield. We're here for each other. Keep calm, carry on, and help your neighbors.

Ryan J. Aylesworth, Town Manager

P.S. Remember to support our local businesses where you can. It's going to be a tough time for them and every little bit will help.

COVID-19 & YOUR TOWN GOVERNMENT

Stay informed! Visit our [COVID-19 & Your Town Government](#) page for up-to-date information on what the Town is doing during this time of crisis, including periodic Town Manager Updates. Information can be found on how to obtain Town services while the Town Offices are closed to the public, Governor Sununu's Emergency Orders, information from the Federal Government and links to trusted health sources, including the CDC and WHO. [Subscribe to News & Alerts](#) and get email notices of changes to this page. Remember, if you have non-emergency COVID-19 related questions, please call **2-1-1** (a state hotline manned 24/7 specifically for such questions).

TOWN OFFICE OPERATIONS UPDATE (Effective March 30, 2020)

Due to the ever-expanding risk of COVID-19, the Enfield Town Offices will have adjusted hours of operation through the end of April in order to limit

interpersonal contact among staff members and the general public.

The Town Offices remain closed to the public, except by appointment for those services which require in-person transactions, such as new car registrations or marriage licenses.

The Town Clerk's Office will temporarily be closed on Wednesdays for in-person appointments. The Town Clerk's Office will continue to operate four days a week (Monday-Tuesday and Thursday-Friday) on an appointment only basis for those transactions that must be done in person.

The Assessing Office will have someone in the office all day (8:00 AM – 4:00 PM) on Wednesdays, Fridays from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM, or by appointment.

The Town Manager's Office will have at least one staff member in the office each day, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM, to continue to serve the public.

Except for the Town Clerk's Office on Wednesdays, staff members will continue to work remotely during regular office hours.

Please also remember that most transactions and other business you need to conduct at the Town Offices can be completed online via the Town's official website: <https://www.enfield.nh.us>

We thank you for your patience. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us:

- Town Clerk 603-632-5001 or townclerk@enfield.nh.us
- Tax Collector 603-632-4201 or whuntley@enfield.nh.us
- Assessing Administrator 603-442-5406 or jahuntley@enfield.nh.us
- Town Manager's Office 603-632-5026 or abonnette@enfield.nh.us

PUBLIC MEETINGS BEING HELD VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

For the foreseeable future, due to COVID-19 concerns, Town boards and committees that are moving forward with regularly scheduled business meetings will be doing so almost exclusively using video conferencing. The legal authority for towns and cities to convene meetings 100% remotely was granted via Governor Sununu's 12th Executive Order relative to COVID-19, which was officially released on March 23.

We're planning to use a platform called Zoom, which many folks may be familiar with. Instructions for how to join a particular public meeting will be included on the meeting notice we post on the Town website as well as outside

Town Hall. Members of the public will have the option of joining the meeting using a computer or other electronic device with video and/or audio communication, or, by simply calling in with a phone using the number provided (the call-in number will change for each meeting).

It is of course possible that we could encounter some technical glitches as we commence use of videoconferencing. We will provide a means for members of the public to alert the officials running the meeting of any problems that arise in a “real time” fashion.” We will do our level best to enable the public to stay engaged. We thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

TOWN MEETING (SECOND SESSION) – POSTPONED UNTIL MAY 9

The second session of Town Meeting (business meeting), which was scheduled for March 14 and will involve deliberation and action on warrant articles (8 through 24) that were not part of the official ballot voting on March 10, was postponed until May 9 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Given that the number of positive COVID-19 cases continues to rise, there is reason to anticipate the need to further postpone the 2020 Town Meeting. Local officials are committed to making arrangements for Town Meeting that will best protect the health and welfare of our residents.

Information about the warrant (including warrant article explanations) is available on the Town’s official website: <https://www.enfield.nh.us/town-manager/pages/annual-town-meeting>

This information includes the following:

- 2020 Town Meeting Notice
- 2020 Town Meeting Warrant
- 2020 Town Warrant Narrative (Article-by-Article Explanations)
- 2020 Proposed Budget (MS-737)
- 2020 Candidates for Elected Office
- 2020 Town Meeting Sample Ballot – Town
- 2020 Town Meeting Sample Ballot - School
- Water Asset Management Report
- Sewer Asset Management Report

Additional materials will be added as appropriate.

ENFIELD COMMUNITY BUILDING TEMPORARILY CLOSED

Due to COVID-19 and our inability to sanitize the space before uses, for the safety of our residents the Enfield Community Building has been closed for all

events since March 17th. The building will continue to be closed to events until at least May 1. At that time we will reassess the situation and either lift the moratorium on rentals or extend it. Until such time no reservations of the space will be made.

Questions about the Community Building should be directed to Alisa Bonnette, Assistant Town Manager, at abonnette@enfield.nh.us or 603-632-5026.

TOWN SUBMITS GRANT REQUEST FOR NEW FIRE RESCUE PUMPER

The Town's application for funding under the "Assistance to Firefighters" Grant Program (administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency) was submitted this past month. The Town has the potential to receive funding to offset up to 95% of the cost of purchasing a \$600,000 fire rescue-pumper to replace Engine 4 (an approximately 30 year old apparatus, which is housed in the Union Street Fire Station and serves as a secondary/backup apparatus to Engines 3 & 5).

MUNICIPAL FACILITIES EVALUATION PROJECT UPDATES

The Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee (MFAC) last met on March 23 and will be meeting again on April 13. During this meeting the MFAC discussed how it wished to modify its approach in light of the escalating COVID-19 pandemic. Consensus was reached that, despite the fiscal uncertainty and economic downturn that continue as a result of COVID-19, it is essential for the MFAC to finish its work and present recommendations to the Board of Selectmen. The Board of Selectmen will then in turn decide how to proceed.

The project lead architect from Bread Loaf provided the MFAC a detailed overview of the latest revised conceptual designs/layouts for both a renovated and expanded Whitney Hall and new public safety facility. Members of the MFAC commended Bread Loaf for the significant progress that has been made in improving and refining these designs.

As a reminder, MFAC meetings are open to the public and meeting minutes are posted online (<https://www.enfield.nh.us/municipal-facilities-advisory-committee>).

POSITION VACANCY – POLICE PATROL OFFICER (FULL-TIME)

The Enfield Police Department is continuing its search for the right individual to fill a full-time patrol officer vacancy. If you are interested in working for a

Police Department in a growing town that is dedicated to the improvement of life and safety of our residents, please take a moment to read further.

The Enfield Police Department believes in utilizing contemporary and progressive policing practices and is dedicated in the effort toward community engagement and interaction. We provide and utilize modern equipment, which is constantly being upgraded and improved, so that we can provide a first-rate service to our community.

Full-time Patrol Officers earn a starting wage of \$24.52/hour for uncertified hires, and starting rate of pay is negotiable for certified applicants based on experience. Additional compensation for overtime and special details is also frequently authorized. Enfield Officers are members of the New Hampshire State Retirement System, which permits retirement at age 50 or 25 years of service, whichever is later, for newly certified officers. The town provides an exceptional benefits package.

Officers in our department are eligible for a number of specialty assignments based upon performance and experience. These assignments include, Special Operations Unit, Field Training Officer Program, Accident Reconstruction, Firearms and Use of Force Instructors, Rape Aggression Defense Program (R.A.D.), Drug Recognition Expert (D.R.E.) to name a few. Additionally, officers may work toward assignments in our Detective Division.

As part of the hiring process applicants will be required to pass a thorough hiring process to include, but not limited to a background investigation, polygraph, and physical agility test.

Physical Agility Standards:

<https://www.pstc.nh.gov/faq/index.htm#fitnesstest>

Please submit resume, cover letter, and completed application either by mail to PO Box 365, Enfield, NH 03748 or drop it off at the station at 19 Main Street. Position will be open until filled.

For more information Contact Chief Roy Holland, at 7501 or by email at Rholland@enfield.nh.us

(603) 632-

FIREFIIGHTERS & EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL RECRUITMENT

If you are interested in helping to protect and care for people in your community, the Town of Enfield's Fire Department and



Ambulance Service welcome the opportunity to talk with you. Both departments are “call” departments and participation requirements are flexible in recognition that members will be juggling other professional or personal obligations. Members are compensated on an hourly basis for time spent in training, responding to calls, or other related activities. Relevant training and certifications (i.e., Firefighter I or II, EMR, EMT, AEMT, Paramedic, etc.) are highly desired, but formal training can be provided to individuals who are willing to make the commitment.

Crises like the COVID-19 pandemic serve as a sobering reminder of just how critically important first responders are, and we hope that you will seriously consider how you can help.

Interested parties should contact the Fire Chief (603-359-5206 or fcummings@enfield.nh.us) or Ambulance Chief (603-304-9324 or efirefighter32@yahoo.com). We hope to hear from you!

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Arbor Day

The Town of Enfield has declared April 24, 2020 Arbor Day. Planned events are somewhat in limbo at present due to COVID-19. Please watch the Town’s Website and Facebook for details.

Meter Reading

Enfield water and sewer bills will be mailed in early April and will be due May 15. Bills can be monitored and paid using the online payment tool on the Town’s Website. <https://www.enfield.nh.us/home/pages/online-payments>

Road Postings

The Town of Enfield posted all roads effective March 2, 2020. The State of New Hampshire posted Shaker Hill Road and Main Street. Limited permission for access will be 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 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.

2020 Transfer Station Stickers Available

The 2020 Transfer Station window stickers are available, free of charge, at the

Enfield Transfer Station & Recycling Center or Enfield Town Offices. Proof of residency or property ownership is required. An Enfield vehicle permit sticker must be affixed to the window of your car or truck on the side window behind the front passenger’s seat, or with regular cab pick-ups in the lower corner of the rear window behind the passenger.

Enfield transfer station stickers also permit you to use the town beach parking lot on Mascoma Lake and access to the driveway sand located at the DPW.

Enfield Transfer Station Punch Cards

In an effort to make the Transfer Station more efficient and also respond to deficiencies noted by the New Hampshire Department of Labor the Town of Enfield has implemented a punch card system that will take the place of all transactions by cash or check. Residents can purchase punch cards at the Town Office to be used to pay fees at the Transfer Station. Cards have a face value of \$25.00 and attendants have a hole punch tool that is used to punch the cards for the corresponding amount of the item being disposed of. Each card is broken up into five \$5.00 sections and all of the fee items listed below are also in \$5.00 increments. The Transfer Station attendants accepted cash through the month of October, but this practice was discontinued in November. Checks will continue to be accepted for a period of time to give residents time to get to the Town Office to purchase the punch cards.

**ENFIELD TRANSFER STATION
FEE SCHEDULE
(Effective June 3, 2019)**

CFC’s (refrigerators, freezers, etc)	\$20	Tires—14” and under, off rim (includes car, lawn tractor, light trailer and wheel barrow tires)	Two for \$5
Computer Component	\$10	Tires—Car/Light Truck, 15”-19”, off rim	\$5
Computer Monitor, CPU, Printer	\$20	Tires—Truck, 20” and up, off rim	\$10
Fire Extinguisher	\$10	Tires—Tractor/Equipment, off rim	\$30
Microwave	\$10	Television—Small	\$10
Propane Tank 20#	\$10	Television—Medium	\$15
Stereo Equipment/VCR/DVD Players	\$5	Television—Large or Console	\$25

Please Use Curbside Trash and Recycling Services

In light of the current pandemic the Town encourages the use of the curbside trash and recycling services. By doing this it reduces contact with Town staff and others at the Transfer Station and handling of bag and receptacle surfaces

is reduced. If is necessary to use the Transfer Station please unload as quickly as possible and exit. If possible, keep fee recycling items at home until the pandemic is over to limit the face to face contact needed to transact a fee charged recycling item.

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 do your part to help keep our solid waste expenses down and reduce possible exposure to COVID-19 in the process!

Brush and Yard Waste

The Enfield Brush and Yard Waste Recycling Facility is scheduled to reopen on May 2, 2020 but due to recent events with the pandemic this date may be delayed. Please watch the town website (<https://www.enfield.nh.us/covid-19-your-town-government>) and social media for details. The facility can take clean brush and limbs up to 8” and leaves and yard waste. The Town cannot take any invasive plant species, stumps or dimensional lumber. Residents wishing to use the facility must stop at the DPW office or the Transfer Station to have all loads checked by Town staff. The facility cannot take commercial volumes.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Dates Announced

The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission has announced the 2020 household hazardous waste collection dates:

- Saturday, May 2, 2020 at Lebanon High School
- Saturday, June 6, 2020 at Claremont Highway Garage
- Friday, July 17, 2020 at Lebanon High School
- Saturday, July 18, 2020 at Lebanon High School
- Saturday, August 8, 2020 at Newbury Highway Garage
- Saturday, October 3, 2020 at Lebanon High School

All collections run from 9:00am-12:00pm. Please see flyer for information regarding items that can be disposed of at these collections.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Department of Public Works at 603-632-4605 or jtaylor@enfield.nh.us with any questions or concerns.

Household Hazardous Waste 2020 COLLECTION DAYS



All collections are 9:00 am—Noon

Sat, May 2—Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street (off Route 120)

Sat, June 6—Claremont Highway Garage, 8 Grandview Street

Fri, July 17 and Sat, July 18—miss Friday, come Saturday!—
Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street (off Route 120)

Sat, August 8—Newbury Highway Garage, 50 South Road
(tricky location—watch for signs: Rt 103→Village Rd→South Rd)

Sat, October 3—Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street

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. **ANYONE** with 25 gallons or more or any business must pre-register by calling number below.

WHAT TO BRING:

Pesticides, Herbicides, Flea Powder
Antifreeze, Dirty Gas & Kerosene
Adhesives & Driveway Sealer
Mercury Thermostats & Thermometers
Household Cleaners & Polishes
Hobby & Pool Chemicals,
Lead Fishing Tackle, Smoke Detectors
Oil-Based Paint (not Latex!)
Solvents, Varnishes, Stains
Button, Ni-Cad, Lithium, and
Rechargeable Batteries

...And much more...give a call or
visit <http://hhw.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 may take CFLs (spiral bulbs), not tubes.

Latex paint: Use kitty litter, sawdust, or shredded paper to dry out latex paint; 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—can become a projectile if compacted in trash. *Lebanon Police Station accepts some sharps.*

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://hhw.uvlsrc.org>

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The first thing I want to say is that during these trying times the officers of your Police Department are dedicated to serving you and keeping our community safe.

The Department had a very busy March preparing and executing our response to COVID-19 and serving the community. The modified operations of the department will continue into April.

As the weather continues getting warmer, we will see our furry neighbors showing up on our lawns at night. It is time to put away bird feeders and secure trash, if you do these things now you have a better chance of not having bear problems all summer.

A reminder that the town ordinance regarding trash is that the trash receptacles cannot be put out any longer than 24 hours prior to pick up and must be pulled in the same day.

The drug take back has been canceled for April, but a reminder that if you have prescription drugs you need to properly dispose of you can make an appointment with Paula to drop them off at the station. (603-632-7501)

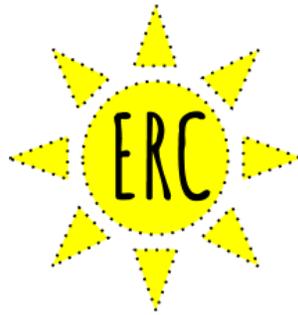
Due to the Friends of Mascoma food pantries being closed, we will continue to do the Tuesday food box pick up here at the station. You must sign up by 3:00 pm the Friday prior. We will also continue the "Good Morning Enfield" program, which is a way for members of our Department to periodically check in on the more vulnerable members of our community who may be struggling and lack a solid support system. If you would like to be added or removed please contact Paula as well.

During this COVID response please follow the government and medical recommendations of social distance (6 feet minimum), wash hands regularly, sanitize surfaces, and, most importantly, if you feel sick please stay home to reduce possible exposure to others.

As always, if you see something, say something. We are here to serve you. If you need an officer, please do not hesitate to contact the Enfield Police Department at any time at 603-632-7501 or through Hanover dispatch at 603-643-2222.

RECREATION

Enfield Recreation

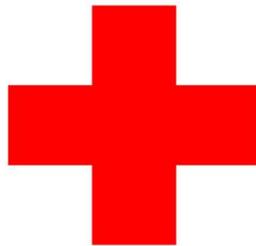


Enfield Recreation Camp

Enfield Summer camp information to be released soon.

- 6-week camp
- Expanded Hours

Entire summer schedule detailing each day's theme, trip location & beach days will be released soon. Keep an eye out for more information!



Enfield Recreation Department is Hiring!

Lifeguards & Swim Instructors for the 2020 Summer season.

Must be at least 16 yrs old.

Contact Ed Winters at recreation@enfield.nh.us

Information and Registration at www.mypr.recdesk.com

Any questions about Enfield Recreation, please contact Ed Winters, Enfield Recreation Director, at recreation@enfield.nh.us

Mascoma Valley Parks & Recreation

Spring is HERE and we encourage our community members to take advantage of nice weather to get outside and go for a walk, run or bike ride. Please follow the social distancing recommendations from the CDC to keep you and other

members of the community safe (they are listed at the end of this Regional Recreation Update). Stay active, stay safe and stay healthy!

Community Easter Egg Hunt “Social-Distancing-Style”:

Let’s brighten up the Mascoma Valley with some spring spirit in the form of brightly-colored Easter Eggs. Register to participate in this fun community event – **there is no fee to participate:**



<https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Program/Detail?programId=258>.

Create your own festive Easter Egg using materials that will withstand the elements. Place it outside your home where it can be easily viewed and enjoyed from the road– the official Egg Hunt will take place from April 8th – April 11th. Between now and April 8th take a photo of your egg(s) and share it in the [Facebook event](#), or email the picture to mvalleyrec@gmail.com.

We are also looking ahead to our summer programming. This will include youth sports camps, summer camps, grown-up field trips and more! Plus, MVPR Theater Camp will be back again in August, so save the dates for August 3-8, 2020 for your child to participate in a unique theater experience.

Registration for theater camp opens on April 1, 2020

<https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Program/Detail?programId=252>

Register before July to get the discounted registration fees.

This year, the Theater Camp will end the week with two performances of “The Emperor’s New Clothes”. These performances are free and open to the public. We hope to see you at the Mascoma Community Auditorium on Friday and/or Saturday for the shows!

MVPR Theater Camp Presents:



*Friday, August 7th at 2pm
Saturday, August 8th at 2pm
Mascoma Community Auditorium*

There is no risk when you register for our recreation program in advance –

If a camp or program has to be cancelled due to COVID-19 we will offer a credit to be used toward a future MVPR program, or we will offer the option of a full refund.

Challenger Sports Soccer Camps:

Now offering two separate weeks of camp at the Shaker Recreation Field in Enfield! Register early for camp and get all sorts of free stuff – like a soccer jersey, camp T-shirt and soccer ball! Challenger’s International Soccer Camp is the combination of the most popular training sessions from the world’s top soccer nations: Brazil, England, France, Spain, and the U.S.

Sessions will be led by a team of experienced International coaches and will be integrated with Challenger’s iChallenge training app, which will help players develop skills and creativity.

Camp Options:

Week 1 - June 22nd-26th

<https://challenger.configio.com/pd/212260>

Week 2 - July 20th -24th

<https://challenger.configio.com/pd/212361>

Tiny Tykes: 8:15am-9am (ages 2-5)

Half Day: 9am-12pm (ages 6-16)

Full Day: 9am-4:00pm (ages 7-16)

COVID-19 Camp Refunds!

All Challenger Summer Camps are still scheduled as planned! If this darn virus doesn't go away by summertime, you will receive a full refund, so no need to worry! Make your summer camp plans early, save your spot, and receive a FREE Camper Starter Pack if you register in March! This includes our new "Rise To Glory" Game Jersey, a Camp Ball, and a T-Shirt.

COVID-19 PRESS RELEASE

REGISTER NOW

\$50 VALUE FREE

FREE CAMPER STARTER PACK

Community Health & Well Being During COVID-19:

Even though we are not offering in-person programs, we want to support the health and wellbeing of our community in any way we can during the COVID-19 outbreak. We know you have probably been inundated with news about cancellations, closures and postponements so we wanted to take a moment to share some online resources that you might find helpful during a stressful or frustrating time.

Online Meditation Classes & Stress Management Resources:

Ten Percent Happier is offering a free Coronavirus Sanity Guide, designed to help you cope with this moment of uncertainty and anxiety-
<https://www.tenpercent.com/coronavirussanityguide>

Ten Percent Happier is also offering a live "sanity break" every weekday at 3pm - check out the link for more details.

Free Yoga & Meditation Classes Online:

Ekhart Yoga is offering 12 free yoga and meditation classes, specifically designed to help relieve stress and anxiety-
<https://relief.ekhartyoga.com/>

Down Under Yoga Library: <https://www.downunderyoga.com/online-yoga-library>

YouTube:

HOME - A 30 Day Yoga Journey (Yoga with Adriene)
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLui6Eyny-UzzFFpiil94CUrWKVMAqmk>

DEDICATE - A 30 Day Yoga Journey (Yoga with Adriene)
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLui6Eyny-UzzkcCfrpXcgUS0wfEGA-kej>

Gentle Yoga for All Ages offered by Ekhart Yoga-

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8y8cdkEPf0JBYjCwtu-43-XJDBHbuVM3>

Ekhart Yoga YouTube Channel -

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFYsO0t3zj0eJ_NcOlowTSA

DHMC Aging Resource Center – Virtual Classes

The Dartmouth-Hitchcock Aging Resource Center provides older adults, families, and community members with information, education, and support to help them live healthier and more informed lives. Now they are offering virtual classes on a number of topics. Follow the link for more detail!

https://www.dartmouth-hitchcock.org/aging_resource_center/community_classes_and_events.html

MVPR also has a virtual yoga group on Facebook to help encourage our community members to stay active and continue their yoga practices at home! Like and follow our event to join in. We have a 9am and 4pm virtual yoga class planned each day!

Virtual Yoga Class - [MVPR Facebook Event](#):

Like and follow the MVPR Virtual Yoga Facebook Event and make a commitment to practice yoga in your home while our in-person classes are not being offered. Encourage a friend to join you! We will post new links in the discussion section and welcome others to share classes they've enjoyed -

<https://www.facebook.com/events/215966032845563/>



In addition to yoga & meditation to help relieve anxiety and stress, we also want to encourage our community members to remain active and get outside when the weather permits. Go for a walk along the Rail Trail or just meander around your back yard - whatever you are comfortable with!

The NH Audubon has just launched their spring "[Seek & Find - Spring Nature Challenge](http://www.nhaudubon.org/get-outside/seek-and-find-spring-nature-challenge/)" - the first challenge involves spotting turkeys. Learn more about this fun outdoor challenge and the information on how you can participate through this link: <http://www.nhaudubon.org/get-outside/seek-and-find-spring-nature-challenge/>

If you do decide to head out to a public park or go for a walk/bike/run on a public trail, please follow the recommendations from the National Recreation & Parks Association to help keep you safe on our public trails and in our public parks.

Recommendations for trail users on observing social distancing minimums:

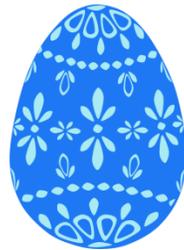
- Follow CDC’s guidance on personal hygiene prior to heading to trails — wash hands, carry hand sanitizer, do not use trails if you have symptoms, cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing, etc.
- Observe at all times CDC’s minimum recommended social distancing of six feet from other people. Practice it and know what it looks like. Keep it as you walk, bike or hike.
- Warn other trail users of your presence and as you pass to allow proper distance and step off trails to allow others to pass, keeping minimum recommended distances at all times. Signal your presence with your voice, bell or horn.

- Note that trail and park users may find public restrooms closed — be prepared before you leave and time outings so that you are not dependent on public restrooms.
- Bring water or drinks — public drinking fountains may be disabled and should not be used, even if operable.
- Bring a suitable trash bag. Leave no trash, take everything out to protect park workers

Stay active, stay safe and stay healthy!

Follow MVPR on Facebook

If you are not already following the Mascoma Valley Parks & Recreation Facebook page, please consider checking it out. We post details about recreation programs and events, as well as pictures and updates for our events. Check out our page [here!](#)



Upcoming & Ongoing Recreation Events, Programs and Activities:

For details about programs listed below and/or to register, please go to:

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

- **Community Easter Egg Hunt “Social-Distancing-Style”**
 - Register to participate by April 8th (there is no registration fee) <https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Program/Detail?programId=258>
 - Design - Make your egg shape. Your egg can be any size and color, and you can also make more than one egg!
 - Placement - Eggs should be put on the front door or windows of your home by April 8th. The egg hunt is scheduled from 4/8 to 4/11
 - Contact mvalleyrec@gmail.com with your questions
- **Challenger Sports Soccer Camps**
 - Week 1 - June 22nd-26th
 - <https://challenger.configio.com/pd/212260>
 - Week 2 - July 20th -24th
 - <https://challenger.configio.com/pd/212361>

- **MVPR Theater Camp - Registration for theater camp opens on April 1st**
 - For students in Kindergarten – 12th grade
 - For details and to register online please click [here](#)

The programs listed below are postponed for the duration of the New Hampshire “Stay At Home” order (which runs until May 4, 2020):

- *Il Circolo Italiano – Italian Conversation Club*
- *30+ Adult Basketball*
- *Adult Volleyball*
- *Mascoma Valley Guitar Orchestra*
- *Line Dancing*
- *Bob Ross Style Painting Classes*
- *Enfield Market*
- *Tap & Primary Dance Club*

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The men and women of the Enfield Fire Department hope that you are all doing well during this unprecedented time we are all going through right now.

Many of you have become stay at home parents rather abruptly. Some of you have become school teachers for your children. Some of you must continue to work because you have been classified as essential employees. Please know that each and every one of you are very important to us and we are honored to continue to serve you during this time.

Like other town departments and facilities, we have made modifications to our operations as a result of COVID-19. We aren't currently allowing non fire personnel into the buildings. We have also asked our membership to not congregate there if at all possible. We are still answering calls, but we are limiting our interaction with each other to the fullest extent possible.

We have changed our mutual aid with Canaan, to ensure we always have enough responders in the event some of us become ill and unable to respond. On all fire calls in Canaan and Enfield, Chief Bellion from Canaan and Chief Cummings have agreed that both departments will be sent together until further notice. We will continue this as long as we need to. Rest assured that you will still receive quality service any time you call for a fire department response. We just don't want you to be surprised if you see a Canaan fire truck in Enfield, or an Enfield fire truck in Canaan. It has been working well since we instituted it, and both departments have responded to calls in both towns. It is all about neighbors helping neighbors.

As we come in to the dry season of spring, we ask all of you to be very careful about any outside burning. This period, until everything turns green, is prime time for brush and forest fires. These types of calls are very manpower intensive, and we would like to avoid a busy brush fire season. If you have questions about burning or want to know if it is safe, please call one of the Wardens listed on the Town website (<https://www.enfield.nh.us/fire-department/pages/burning-information-permits>).

We are always here if you need us. Stay safe, and take care of each other. Together, we will all get through these uncharted waters.

LAND USE & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

We are developing a new normal in the Land Use and Community Development Department. On Wednesday, March 25th the Planning Board held their first virtual meeting via website technology called ZOOM. This meeting seemed to go well, though there are always a few technical challenges. For the foreseeable future this will be the way it goes. This entire concept was made possible due to Governor Sununu's executive order #12, pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04. The public should watch the Town's website for login information for each board's respective meetings. The ZOOM toolbox is very intuitive and allows any participant to join a meeting with a desktop computer, a laptop, a tablet, a Smartphone (with a free app) or via a traditional telephone call (no video). Any member of the public who would like to get some assistance/ coaching on this technology is welcome to call the Land Use and Community Development office at 603-442-5427 for any reason. For all of these meetings, the members of the Town's Boards will have the ability to communicate contemporaneously through the ZOOM platform, and the public will have access to contemporaneously listen and, if necessary, participate in this meeting through the same electronic methods. We will start each meeting by taking "Roll Call" attendance. When each member states their presence, they should also state whether there is anyone else in the room with them during the meeting, which is required under the Right-to-Know law. Some other important things to keep in mind if you are participating in a ZOOM electronic meeting:

- Try to limit background noise wherever you are. This means turning off the TV and radio, encouraging family members (and pets) to stay out of the room you are in. A good idea is to shut yourself into a separate space if possible.
- Use the mute feature that ZOOM offers when you are just listening. This will eliminate the sound of your breathing, coughing and sneezing.
- If you are on a webcam and wish to speak, you can raise your hand just as you would in person (there is also a button to "raise your hand"). If you are on a phone, identify yourself at an opportune moment and say

something like: “this is Bob Smith and I have a question.” In fact it is always a good idea to identify yourself when you speak, particularly in large group ZOOM meetings.

- The use of a headset with built in microphone is optimal to limit audio feedback loops between your computer speakers and the microphone.
- Latency is the small delay in electronic communications. You will need to account for this at all times. This means that when you speak, be clear and concise and you should wait for others to finish speaking before any interjections.
- Remember that ZOOM meetings for the Town are still public. Meetings will be recorded and minutes will always be taken.
- Familiarize yourself with the technology before putting it to use for serious things. Don’t wait until an important web meeting to see if your set-up will work. The Land Use office is happy to set-up a “practice” meeting with you beforehand.
- Be sure to set up your webcam lighting favorably. This is simple photography concepts at work. Don’t have too much backlight (eg- the sun at your back) or not enough light on your face (it’ll make you look bad).
- Don’t sit too far from the microphone and camera. This will ensure that you can be seen and (most importantly) heard well.
- Remember, if you need help, ask a teenager, they live and breath this stuff!

We appreciate everyone’s patience and support during this unprecedented time.

As always, we are here to help. You may visit our offices (but by appointment please, for as long as we’re navigating COVID-19!) at the DPW facility at 74 Lockehaven Road in person or call 603-632-4067. An email inquiry is possible as well, just send your note to planning@enfield.nh.us. How can we be of service to you?

ENFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Like all aspects of life currently, on March 16th library services were disrupted by the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. Our first step was to close the library to the public and initially we tried to offer a “porch pickup” service where patrons could reserve items and then pick them up without any contact with staff. However, with so much that was unknown, it was soon recommended that we stop this service due to concerns over proper sanitization of library materials.

What we are doing in the meantime: we have put together a list of resources for

parents who are now doing their best to adjust to schedule disruptions and the new normal of having kids home all the time. It can be found here:
<https://www.enfield.nh.us/enfield-public-library/news/resources-parents>

I also receive emails daily containing info about companies that are opening up services and resources for free during this time. I am working on gaining access and creating a list and hope to post it soon.

We are working on material orders, so that when we do open up, we have new items coming in. And libraries around the state voted yesterday to release funds held by the State Library to purchase even more digital content for the Downloadable Books (Overdrive) system.

I want to thank the Enfield community for their support and understanding during this difficult time. Many have offered words of encouragement and well-wishes and this is greatly appreciated. I look forward to seeing all of you again when we are able to re-open.

I would also like to thank the Trustees for their quick response and support during this time as we navigate the unknown. Be well everyone.

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

OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

First, let me say that I hope you and yours are healthy right now. These are very difficult times and it looks like things are going to continue to get worse for a while.

We in the Town Clerk's Office are doing our best to meet your needs in the face of COVID-19. We have had to make adjustments to our hours of operation (the primary change being that our office is now closed on Wednesdays, but we continue to be available during our customary hours of operation on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays) and are strongly encouraging residents to take full advantage of the ability to complete many common transactions online. To review a list of the items you can process online, please visit here:
<https://www.enfield.nh.us/home/pages/online-payments>

We will also continue to transact certain business here in Town Hall that cannot be done electronically. This includes things like registering new motor vehicles and generating marriage licenses. All of this must be done **by appointment**, however.

Many thanks to the DPW staff for helping up the protective plexiglass at the customer service counter to increase the likelihood that everyone stays healthy.

Please don't hesitate to contact the Town Clerk at 603-632-5001 Ext. 5403 with any questions about motor vehicle registrations, boat registrations, voter registrations, dog licenses, marriage licenses, or other matters handled by the Town Clerk's office.

OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

Greetings all! Just as a reminder, with federal income tax filing time quickly approaching, should you need the amount of property taxes you paid in 2019, it is available on the Town's website! www.enfield.nh.us. From the home page, click on the online payments button and this will transfer to a new screen of options. Click on Tax Collector online payments and just follow the instructions from there. (Hint: when searching, use as few words as possible, such as house number and road name. Refrain from using St, Rd, Ave, Lane, etc.) Or just enter your last name and a list of possible answers will show on the right of the screen. If you need to be walked thru this process, please do not hesitate to contact me.

As a reminder, I recently sent out delinquency notices for any tax, utility, or betterment bill that was outstanding thru February 20th 2020. Thank you to all that acted upon the notice and submitted their payment! As a heads-up, shortly the certified mailings for impending lien and impending deed notices will be mailed to those with outstanding balances due.

For one last reminder, usually payments for taxes or utilities over the counter may be made by cash or check only HOWEVER, during this unprecedented time of the COVID-19 virus and social distancing, the lobby is closed and we are only accepting payments online, by mail, or in the night drop. If by mail, we are crediting on postmark.

My email address is whuntley@enfield.nh.us or, to reach me by phone, call 603-632-4201 x 5404.

As a reminder, payments for taxes or utilities over the counter may be made by cash or check only.

In closing, stay healthy and safe and continue to "think spring"! The virus has got to go and spring has to come eventually!

BUILDING, FIRE & HEALTH INSPECTOR

We are still currently doing inspections by appointment and my office can be reached by email at pneily@enfield.nh.us or by phone 603-632-4343 to discuss your needs. When using these you may be forwarded to another number or given a different email to forward to, this is being done to assure that we can continue to provide the best service possible during the COVID-19 pandemic while following best practice guidelines.

While there is a great amount of information about the virus being sent out make sure that you are using reliable sources to make your decisions. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) website (www.cdc.gov/COVID19) and the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services website (www.nh.gov/covid19/) have proven to be very up to date and reliable. Both of these are also linked to the Town of Enfield website (www.enfield.nh.us) where additional information about the local response is being posted as well.

“Pass the message to kick out Coronavirus” [covid19] established by the CDC, promotes 5 key steps for people to follow.

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water or an alcohol-based solution.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a bent elbow or tissue when you sneeze or cough. Dispose of the tissue immediately in the rubbish, do not recycle. Wash your hands immediately.
- Avoid touching your face, particularly your eyes, nose or mouth to prevent the virus from entering your body.
- Use social distancing. Take a step back, stay at least six feet from others.
- If you don't feel well stay home, follow all instructions provided by health care and wellness professionals.

These serve to protect you and help prevent the spread of virus and other infections.

Stay safe.

Do not hesitate to contact the Town's Building, Fire & Health Inspector at 603-632-4343 or pneily@enfield.nh.us with any questions related to COVID-19 or other issues pertaining to public health.

HUMAN SERVICES

There are several new programs open to Enfield residents on the NH Department of Health & Human Services website along with the Employment Security Office. Related information can be found here:

DHHS (Establishes Emergency Child Care Collaborative)

<https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/documents/emer-child-care.pdf>

New Hampshire Employment Security

<http://www.nhes.nh.gov>

****New Federal Unemployment Benefits****

The Federal CARES Act was enacted Friday, March 27, 2020. This includes an additional \$600 per week in unemployment compensation (maximum of \$1,027 possible) for all individuals filing in New Hampshire until July 31st. It also provides an additional 13 weeks of eligibility on top of the existing 26 weeks. We expect these new benefits to be available very soon and have been working around the clock to implement as quickly as possible. Please continue to file your claims and check this website for updated information. There is nothing you need to do to access these new benefits other than continue to file your weekly claims.

If you have questions about financial assistance being offered as part of the larger state and national COVID-19 response, or questions about financial assistance availability in general, please don't hesitate to contact Diane Heed, Human Services Director, at dheed@enfield.nh.us or 603-442-5429

ENERGY COMMITTEE

Virtual "Button Up" Workshop

Title: Virtual Button Up Workshop with NHSaves

When: Tuesday April 7, 4pm - 5pm

Registration:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5116257807328604683>

A Button Up Workshop is an hour presentation about improving the energy efficiency of your home. It covers energy saving tips and NHSaves energy efficiency programs. Learn about saving electricity, insulation and air sealing, energy audit and weatherization programs, rebates on electric and gas appliances, and other incentives from NH's energy utilities. New Hampshire residents that want to use energy wisely and save money will find the information very useful.

Presenter: Andy Duncan is the Energy Training Manager and Workforce Development Coordinator at Lakes Region Community College (LRCC) in Laconia, NH. He manages sustainable energy training and technical assistance programs around New Hampshire. Prior to LRCC, Andy co-owned a building

energy performance company, and he has a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan, School of Natural Resources and Environment.

This webinar will be recorded and posted to <https://www.nhenergy.org/webinars.html>.

“KEYS TO THE VALLEY” HOUSING SURVEY

How do you like living here? Did you grow up here? Did you move for a job, family, school, or adventure? Are you living with roommates, friends, or other relatives? Has it been difficult to find a place to call home? Are you concerned with how your neighborhood has or might change in the future? Your response to the [Keys to the Valley Survey](#) will provide essential information as we explore how to expand the supply of homes in our region.

Ensuring that those who want to stay here, or come here, have safe and affordable places to live is key to the long-term sustainability and success of our region. Therefore, the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission, Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission and Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission have joined together to help address this critical issue.

We must understand the situation by developing a data-driven regional housing study, which will quantify where our residents live and work, how long their commutes are, the value of their homes, and other essential data points critical to grasping the scope of the problem. This information will be the foundation from which we will engage our communities in open and honest conversations about the issues that impact housing, such as – development costs, environmental impacts, health indicators, location, regulations, infrastructure, financing, and transportation.

For more information about the “Keys to the Valley” initiative, please visit the official website (<https://www.keystothevalley.com/>).

FRIENDS OF MASCOMA

As we enter the third week of the COVID-19 pandemic we wanted to touch base with the community to let you know what we are doing. The current health crisis has forced us to close our public food pantries in Enfield and Canaan. The MVRSD pantry located in the High School is also closed. The schools have done a wonderful job of continuing their food programs during this time.

To continue providing access to food FOM has partnered with our local law enforcement and other designated emergency response contacts in each of our

five towns of Canaan, Dorchester, Enfield, Grafton and Orange. We can offer emergency food bags/boxes to residents in need once a week. Please be aware that this could change as new developments occur. There are volunteers “behind the scenes” that have been making this possible. Thanks to our wonderful caring community for being so responsive. We are overwhelmed by the financial support we have received in recent weeks and the continued support of our loyal volunteers during this time. We thank you and we will follow up when and if we need more volunteers. If interested, you can make a contribution on our website here: <http://friendsofmascoma.org/donate>

We are still meeting our partners at Willing Hands every week and we are traveling to the New Hampshire Food Bank. Those partnerships allow us to distribute things like apples, bread, onions, eggs, and potatoes in addition to non-perishable items. Only with the support of local law enforcement and emergency services teams we have been able to distribute food via this new program. We could not do what we’ve been doing without their support! Thank you!

- To access our food weekly, you must pre-register by each Friday by 3:00 PM. Please send the requested information (see below) to Eula at Elkozma@friendsofmascoma.org with the subject heading BOX ORDER. You may also call Eula at 603.632.4542 and leave a detailed voice message.
- Please remember we are traditionally a three-day emergency food pantry system and agents of the New Hampshire Food Bank located in Manchester, NH. This is an entirely new system for us and will not be the same as our standard operations. We will do our best with what supplies we have available to us to pass on to those who are in need at this time.
- Food will be distributed every Tuesday at the following places from 4pm-6pm:
 - Canaan Fire Department, Enfield Police Station parking lot and the Grafton Police Department
 - Each site may have a procedure to have minimal personal contact. Please observe the setup. Your food bag/box will be denoted in some way.
- We will adjust and adapt these policies and procedures each week. The health and safety of our volunteers, shoppers and local law enforcement is our top priority. We will continue to offer this type of food distribution as long as we feel that we can do so while maintaining the health and safety of everyone involved. Please do not plan on delivering your form. We all need to limit our direct contacts with each other during this time. Be safe!

This is the information that we need:

Emergency Food Box Form

Shopper Name: _____

Shopper DOB: _____

Shopper Address: STREET: _____

TOWN: _____ ZIP: _____

Shopper Email or Phone #: _____

Size of Household: _____ # of Adults: _____ # of Seniors: _____ # of Children: _____

PICK UP AT DESIGNATED SITE: _____

NEEDS DELIVERY CIRCLE ONE: YES NO

QUARANTINED CIRCLE ONE: YES NO

NOTES: _____

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

UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS (SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Due to the COVID-19 emergency, all board and committee meetings are being held via video conference using Zoom.com. Visit the Town's website at <https://www.enfield.nh.us/> and click on the meeting heading on the calendar for details on how to join the online meeting. These meetings may also be joined by phone (audio only). ***Please check the Town's website for the latest information.***

- April 1, @ 3:30 PM (via Zoom) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee
- April 6 @ 6:00 PM (via Zoom) – Board of Selectmen
- April 8 @ 7:00 PM (via Zoom) – Planning Board
- April 13 @ 6:30 PM (via Zoom) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee
- April 14 @ 7:00 PM (via Zoom) – Zoning Board of Adjustment
- April 20 @ 6:00 PM (via Zoom) – Board of Selectmen
- April 21 @ 3:30 PM (via Zoom) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee
- April 21 @ 5:00 PM (via Zoom) – Trustees of Trust Funds
- April 22 @ 7:00 PM (via Zoom) – Planning Board
- April 23 @ 4:30 PM (Town Hall) – Heritage Commission
- April 27 @ 6:30 PM (via Zoom) – Municipal Facilities Advisory
- April 28 @ 6:00 PM (via Zoom) – Energy Committee
- May 4 @ 6:00 PM (via Zoom) – Board of Selectmen
- May 5 @ 3:30 PM (via Zoom) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee
- May 6 @ 5:30 PM (via Zoom) – Old Home Days Committee
- May 7 @ 7:00 PM (via Zoom) – Conservation Commission
- May 11 @ 6:30 PM (via Zoom) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee
- May 12 @ 7:00 PM (via Zoom) – Zoning Board of Adjustment
- May 13 @ 7:00 PM (via Zoom) – Planning Board
- May 14 @ 6:00 PM (via Zoom) – Cemetery Trustees

===== **COMMUNITY EVENTS** =====

In lieu of the Community Bulletin Board on the Town's website we now use a Community & Business Calendar of Events which you'll find on the Community & Business main page: <https://www.enfield.nh.us/community-businesses>. Previous posts on the Community Bulletin Board that were informational in nature, but not events, can be found under the appropriate department page. For instance, Friends of Mascoma Food Pantry information can be found on the Human Services page under Food Assistance.

Do you have a Community Event to share? Send all of the particulars, and a digital photo or poster to abonnette@enfield.nh.us and we'll post it for you.

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

MASCOMA LAKESIDE PARK – UPDATES

After officially purchasing the property from the NH Department of Transportation in March 2019, the Mascoma Lakeside Committee’s focus has been on raising additional funds for amenities for the park. This past fall we actively solicited public input through a series of meetings with local organizations, town committees, and a well-attended public forum held at the Community Building. The top priority for all stakeholders is that the natural beauty of the site be preserved and not over-developed. Some improvements are also needed and desired. They include removing and replacing brush and trash trees with native shrubs and trees; creating trails and educational signage to enhance recreational use of the property; constructing rainwater gardens and a new retaining wall to protect the water quality of the lake; installing a children’s wading/swimming area; improved parking; installing grill boxes, and; building an open pavilion (which will likely include a fire feature of some sort) that can serve as a gathering place and an educational facility.



Members of the Mascoma Lakeside Committee would like to extend their appreciation to local architect Paul Mirski, who has been graciously providing valuable design services and consultation in support of this project at no cost. The committee will continue working closely with Mr. Mirski and others to ensure that the park is ultimately designed and developed in a manner that is consistent with the needs and values of our residents and visitors.

Although the committee has officially raised the additional \$135,000 in private funds needed to match (dollar for a dollar) a \$135,000 matching grant from the Northern Borders Regional Commission to help fund improvements to the park property (which is a major achievement), private fundraising efforts are still needed to ensure that we have the financing required to complete all the planned improvements.

An online version of the pledge agreement can be accessed here:

<http://www.enfield.nh.us/sites/enfieldnh/files/uploads/mlppledgeagreement.pdf>

You may enclose a check with your completed pledge agreement, but if you'd rather pay later you may do that. Send in your donation when it's convenient, with the words "Mascoma Lakeside Park" clearly noted in the memo field. Or, you can choose to wait and a member of the Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee will contact you for payment on the date or dates you specify in your pledge. Thank you for your support! This is an incredibly important effort for our community.

ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

Please don't hesitate to contact the Town Manager at 603-632-5026 or raylesworth@enfield.nh.us if you have related questions or interest in lending your support to this important community project.

OFFICIAL TOWN WEBSITE – SUBSCRIBE TO NEWS & ALERTS

Many receiving this e-newsletter have already done so, but for those who get the link from other sources, we encourage you to subscribe to News & Alerts on our Town website. <https://www.enfield.nh.us/subscribe>

Enter your email address. For general News & Announcements, which includes notice of this newsletter) check the box for **Town News & Announcements**. Check boxes for any other information you want to receive directly to your email address, such as meeting agendas or minutes. Check the box **I'm not a robot**, then click "Subscribe Me." It's as easy as that.

We plan during the coming year to more fully utilize the News & Announcements for various departments. This year we began with updates on the Assessing Department page of the progress of the full town-wide revaluation of property. Community news items appear on the Community & Businesses page – check it out!

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Water Saving Tips to Help You Save Money on Your Next Water/Sewer Bill

1. *Check faucets and pipes for leaks.* A small drip from a worn faucet washer can waste 20 gallons of water per day. Larger leaks can waste hundreds of gallons.
2. *Check your toilets for leaks.* Put a little food coloring in your toilet tank. If, without flushing, the color begins to appear in the bowl within 30

minutes, you have a leak that should be repaired immediately. Most replacement parts are inexpensive and easy to install.

3. *Use your water meter to check for hidden water leaks.* Read the house water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter does not read exactly the same, there is a leak.
4. *Install water-saving shower heads and low-flow faucet aerators.* Inexpensive water-saving low-flow shower heads or restrictors are easy for the homeowner to install. Long, hot showers can use five to ten gallons every unneeded minute. "Low-flow" means it uses less than 2.5 gallons per minute (gpm). Also, all household faucets should be fit with low-flow aerators. 2.5 gpm may be needed in a kitchen sink but bathroom faucets and other water outlets should be 1.5 gpm or lower. Check gpm rating on packaging to be sure the advertised "low-flow" is at or below these levels. This single best home water conservation method is also the least expensive!
5. *Insulate your water pipes.* It's easy and inexpensive to insulate your water pipes with pre-slit foam pipe insulation. You'll get hot water faster plus avoid wasting water while it heats up.
6. *Take shorter showers.* One way to cut down on water use is to turn off the shower after soaping up, then turn it back on to rinse. A four-minute shower uses approximately 20 to 40 gallons of water. Limit your showers to the time it takes to soap up, wash down and rinse off.
7. *Turn off the water after you wet your toothbrush.* There is no need to keep the water running while brushing your teeth. Just wet your brush and fill a glass for mouth rinsing.
8. *Rinse your razor in the sink.* Fill the sink with a few inches of warm water. This will rinse your razor just as well as running water, with far less waste of water.
9. *Use your dishwasher and clothes washer for only full loads.* Automatic dishwashers and clothes washers should be fully loaded for optimum water conservation. Most makers of dishwashing soap recommend not pre-rinsing dishes which is a big water savings. With clothes washers, avoid the permanent press cycle, which uses an added 20 liters (5 gallons) for the extra rinse. For partial loads, adjust water levels to match the size of the load. Replace old clothes washers. New Energy Star rated washers use 35 - 50% less water and 50% less energy per load. If you're in the market for a new clothes washer, consider buying a water-saving frontload washer.
10. *Keep a bottle of drinking water in the fridge.* Running tap water to cool it off for drinking water is wasteful. Store drinking water in the fridge in a safe drinking bottle.

How to Improve Recycling

To improve the quality of materials that residents place in their recycling bins,

Casella (the Town's contracted solid waste service provider) has created a new video for customers to watch. This video is just one component of a campaign centered on Casella's Recycle Better™ campaign.

It is Casella's stated goal to not only invest in recycling technology to improve its outbound materials, but to also educate its customers to do their part to ensure the sustainability of recycling. Consumers, businesses, and municipalities alike must learn to Recycle Better for cleaner, less contaminated material to be delivered to Casella facilities. We encourage you to share this video with your friends, family, and colleagues. The video can be accessed here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LdvboQQWUc8>

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**

PROPERTY RECORDS AND MAPS

Did you know that property 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/assessing-department> and click on GIS Maps & Property Record Cards link.

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://www.enfield.nh.us/sites/enfieldnh/files/uploads/membershipapp_0.pdf

Do you love our wide selection of recreation programs for children and adults alike? Then join our **Recreation Commission!** We currently have three openings. This group works with the Enfield Recreation Director to develop a wide variety of recreation programs for residents of all ages. The Recreation Commission meets the third Tuesday of each month (meetings typically take place in the Whitney Hall conference room in the Enfield Town Offices, but these meetings are being postponed due to COVID-19). You can see what the committee has been up to on their webpage here:

<http://www.enfield.nh.us/parks-recreation>

Do your interests lie in economic development? Then the **Tax Increment Finance District Advisory Committee** may be for you. This committee currently has three 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 or Zoning. The Planning Board reviews and makes determinations on site plans and the **Planning Board presently looking to fill a vacancy** created by a member departing in November. Meetings of the Planning Board are on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. The Zoning Board of Adjustment is a quasi-judicial body that has the responsibility for special exceptions and variances of the Town Zoning Ordinance. We have openings for **Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) alternates**. Meetings of the ZBA are the second Tuesday of each month (as needed).

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.

2019 was another successful weekend of Old Home Days! Check out the events held in 2019:

<https://www.enfield.nh.us/sites/enfieldnh/files/uploads/ohdflyer2019.pdf>

And check out the Enfield Old Home Days Facebook page!

<https://www.facebook.com/EnfieldOldHomeDays/>



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- **Click the "Send My Request" navigation button at the bottom of the page**