

TOWN OF ENFIELD E-NEWSLETTER

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Early Spring View from Oak Hill Road – Anonymous

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 monthly 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 Ed Morris, Enfield Town Manager, at 603-442-5405 or townmanager@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.

Find us at www.enfield.nh.us and [Facebook](#)!



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LATEST NEWS

A MESSAGE FROM ENFIELD'S TOWN MANAGER

In last month's newsletter, I covered the long-time discussion about the facility needs in the Town of Enfield, and the research conducted in 2019 by the MFAC Committee. Since the March issue, the Town has released 3 video tours showing the condition and concerns with the Town of Enfield's three emergency services buildings:

- Police - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MSNTZCpBs3s>
- Fire - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7RmDXbjj7_k
- Ambulance - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z3WJ9sUkBg4>

We are also working on providing a video tour of Whitney Hall and a tour of a public safety facility. In addition to these videos, the Town will be hosting two open houses, to allow residents to walk through Whitney Hall, police station, the Union Street Fire station, and ambulance building. These open houses are scheduled for Wednesday April 20th from 6-8 P.M. and Saturday, April 23rd from 9 A.M. to 12 P.M. All the buildings will be open during these scheduled times, with staff available to give tours and answer questions.

I would like to discuss some funding considerations heading into Town Meeting. First, there has been concern over what the actual estimated costs of the two proposed buildings. The most updated estimates, taking into account the current market conditions, are:

- Whitney Hall renovation and expansion = \$5,802,150
- Public Safety Facility = \$7,259,066

Both of which have increased in price by just over \$1,000,000 in the last two years.



Exterior View 2
Enfield Municipal Buildings Concept Design

Whitney Hall Addition
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Architects
Planners
Builders

Another common discussion is whether grant funds are available for these projects. The short answer to this question is yes. The Town has identified multiple grant sources that we could apply for, that will fund construction, renovation, or equipment costs for the new facilities. Any of these grants will help the Town reduce the overall cost to our taxpayers. Unfortunately, we cannot base our budget on these competitive grants, and we must have Town Meeting approval for the projects, before applying for them. Since the grants are competitive, we cannot give a number or reduce the Town Meeting Warrant based on outside funding sources. What we can do, is assure the taxpayers of Enfield that the Town will work diligently to find as much outside funding as possible, and to reduce the cost of these projects to our taxpayers to the greatest extent possible, once they are approved.

Another concern that I have heard is the property in which the public safety facility would be located. The Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee (MFAC) determined the Shedd Street property was not a suitable site for the public safety facility and completed extensive research for other possible sites. The MFAC decided to have the facility designed to be placed on the Mascoma School District Property at 547 US Route 4. In addition to this site, I have found another private site in the same general vicinity. The argument has been why should the voters approve the construction of the facility before land is purchased, but the same argument holds true in reverse. Why should the Town purchase land, until the voters of Enfield approve building a public safety facility? With two viable sites, approval of the funding is the next logical step, before moving forward towards a land purchase, final engineering, and applying for additional funding.

Please feel free to contact my office if you have any questions.

Ed Morris
Town Manager

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING INFORMATION

March 8, 2022 Voting Results:

Ballots Cast – 440

One Budget Committee Member for 1 year

[Daniel Kiley \(336\)](#)

Write-in votes (various) (39)

One Selectman for 3 years

[Erik Russell \(359\)](#)

Write-in votes (various) (10)

One Town Clerk for 3 years

[Wendy Huntley \(404\)](#)

Write-in votes (1)

One Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years

[Terri L. Crate \(372\)](#)

Write-in votes (various) (3)

One Cemetery Trustee for 3 years

Brian Degnan (369)

Write-in votes (various) (2)

One Library Trustee for 3 years

Mike Diehn (105)

Dolores C. Struckhoff (216)

Susan E. Brown (80)

Two Zoning Board of Adjustment Members for 3 years

Mike Diehn (307)

Madeleine Johnson (280)

Write-in votes (various) (9)

Three Budget Committee Members for 3 years

Shirley A. Green (318)

Tracy Young (267)

Jane Plumley (113 write-in votes)

Write-in votes (various) (68)

One Supervisor of the Checklist for 6 years

Susan E. Brown (160)

Shirley J. Ryea (214)

Write-in vote (1)

Article 2: Zoning Amendment #1 relative to Appendix A – Land Use Definitions and amendment to sections 401.1 R1 District, 401.2 R2 District and 401.3 R5 District

339 – Yes, 90 – No PASSED

Article 3: Zoning Amendment #2 relative to section 401.5 Commercial/Industrial (C/I) District

298 – Yes, 128 – No PASSED

Article 4: Zoning Amendment #3 relative to deleting section 405.2 Village Plan Alternative

222 – Yes, 200 – No PASSED

Article 5: Zoning Amendment #4 relative to section 408, Signs

349 – Yes, 81 – No PASSED

Article 6: Zoning Amendment #5 relative to Tax Map 34, Lot 60 & 61 District

307 – Yes, 105 – No PASSED

Second Session / Business Meeting

Saturday, April 30, 2022

beginning at 9:00 am

Huse Park

308 US Route 4, Enfield

Remaining articles (Articles 7-18) will be presented, discussed and acted upon beginning at 9:00 am.

The second session/business meeting will be held outdoors. There will be limited parking for those who wish to remain in their vehicles and listen to the meeting over the provided FM radio signal. For those who wish to sit outside there will be one large tent set up. Dress appropriately for the weather. Please bring your own chair. Personal pop-up tents are permitted.

2022 Annual Town Meeting information is posted on the Town's website at <https://www.enfield.nh.us/administration-town-manager/pages/2022-annual-town-meeting-0>
On this page, we anticipate posting information relative to Town Meeting warrant articles, including prepared presentations that will be made or distributed at the April 30th meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON BONDS OR NOTES OVER \$100,000

As part of the Town Meeting process, the Board of Selectmen is required to hold a public hearing on any bond or note over \$100,000 that is proposed at the Town Meeting. The hearings must be held fifteen to 30 days prior to the vote. Therefore, the Board of Selectmen will hold two public hearings, in succession, on

**Monday, April 4, 2022
Beginning at 6:00 PM
Public Works Facility, 74 Lockhaven Road, Enfield
and via Zoom videoconference**

These hearings are relative to Articles 7 & 8 on the 2022 Town Meeting Warrant for a vote on April 30, 2022. We strongly encourage you to attend!

Hearing #1: to discuss the expansion and renovation of Whitney Hall (Enfield Town Offices and Enfield Public Library) currently estimated at \$5,802,150 (gross budget).

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,802,150 for the expansion and renovation of Whitney Hall, Town Offices and Library, to authorize the issuance of not more than \$5,558,086 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$244,064 from the Library Building Capital Reserve Fund to be used to reduce the amount of borrowing.

Hearing #2: to discuss the construction of a public safety facility (Police, Fire & Ambulance) currently estimated at \$7,259,066 (gross budget).

Article 8: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,259,066 (gross budget) for the construction of a public safety facility, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$7,259,066 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon.

The public hearings will take place during the Board of Selectmen's regularly scheduled meeting. Zoom meeting information can be found online at <https://www.enfield.nh.us/board-selectmen/events/53216>. For audio only, call (929) 205-6099, Meeting ID: 839 0149 9467.

A recent article in our [March 2022 Newsletter – To Build or Not to Build, That is the Question](#) is a worthwhile read.

BOARD & COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Members of appointed boards, commissions and committees (hereafter “committees”) have staggered terms. Positions are generally for 3-year terms with appointments effective May 1. The following Town committees have positions that are up for appointment due to the end of the 3-year term or are available due to vacancy:

Capital Improvement Program Committee (4)
Conservation Commission (3)
Energy Committee (3)
Heritage Commission (4)
Mascoma Lakeside Park (2)
Planning Board (3)
Recreation Commission (2)
Tax Increment Finance District Advisory Committee (2)

And two local area committees:

Mascoma River Local Advisory Committee (3)
Enfield Shaker Village Scenic Byway Advisory Board (4)

If you're interested in serving on one of these committees simply complete an [Application for Committee/Board Membership](#) and email it to abonnette@enfield.nh.us or drop it off at the Enfield Town Manager's Office. **Applications received by April 13th will be considered for May 1 appointment.** Applications received after April 13th will be considered if any vacancies still exist on the board or committee.

POLICY RELATIVE TO MASKING REQUIREMENTS IN PUBLIC MUNICIPAL OFFICE SPACES (Effective 3/2/2022)

As a result of discussion by the Enfield Board of Selectmen at their meeting on March 7, 2022, the Enfield Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to support sunsetting the masking requirement in public spaces and municipal offices. It is still recommended to wear masks when multiple people are gathered in an area and social distancing is difficult, and because of this the *Select Board also decided to keep the mask requirement for all public meetings and town sponsored indoor gatherings.*

As we have done throughout this pandemic, the Town of Enfield will be following CDC guidance in recommending that:

- If you are at high risk for severe illness, talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to wear a mask and take other precautions;
- Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines;
- If you live with or have social contact with someone at high risk for severe illness, consider testing yourself for infection before you get together and wearing a mask when indoors with them;
- Get tested if you have symptoms.

To be clear, Town employees, board and committee members, as well as members of the general public, are still required to wear a face mask when in public meetings, or at times when a group of people are gathered in public facilities for a town sponsored event.

Town employees, board and committee members, as well as members of the general public, will be allowed to enter and conduct business in Town facilities without the use of a mask, as long as they maintain six feet of physical distancing, to the fullest extent practicable.

It is essential that all Town employees, board and committee members do their part to model the desired behavior by wearing a face mask in accordance with this municipal policy. Town employees, board and committee members, are also expected to keep a mask with them and wear them when asked in an effort to be considerate of others.

Any employee, board or committee member who knowingly violates these protocols will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action. Select Board appointed board and committee members are under the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen which will act as it deems appropriate should a violation occur.

Thank you for your understanding and support,

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Greetings all!

The Town Clerk's Office has been quite busy but there is hope on the horizon! I am happy to announce that Patricia Pierce has been hired as Deputy Town Clerk and training is in full swing! Mid-April Patty will undergo final training/testing with the State for processing MV transactions. Just in time for the busiest months for boats, RVs, motorcycles, campers, etc. We will continue to do our best to keep up with the workload but as we all know, one "funky" registration is all it takes to build a line in the office. As a reminder, the best way to avoid the wait is to utilize the mail-in, [online](#) and night drop options for your motor vehicle renewal(s).

DOGS – DOGS – DOGS! Annually, all dogs are required to be licensed by April 30th.

The Town Clerk's Office regular business hours are Mon, Wed, Thurs, & Fri 8:30am to 3:30pm and Tuesdays 11am to 7pm.



TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

Greetings all!

I recently sent out the impending lien notices for any tax, utility, or betterment bill that was outstanding thru February 14th 2022. Thank you to each that acted upon the notice and submitted payment! For those still needing to make a payment, we are accepting payments for taxes or utilities over the counter again, and payments still may be done by mail or in the night drop.

Just as a reminder, with Federal Income tax filing time fast approaching, should you need the amount of property taxes you paid in 2021, it is available on the Town's website 24/7! 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 or Jerusha Howard, Deputy Town Clerk.

If you have any questions relative to tax billing/payment, my email address is whuntley@enfield.nh.us or to reach us by phone call 603-632-4201 x 5404.

Stay healthy and safe and “think spring”!

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Spring is here, at least on the calendar and hopefully with the weather soon. As we change seasons it is time to bring in the bird feeders and secure your trash as the bears are sure to be out looking for an easy meal. Each year we get many calls about bears and trash issues. Please follow the town ordinance and do not put out your trash canisters until the night prior and they are required to be brought back in the same day as trash pickup. If a wild animal (or weather) causes your trash to be spilled into the roadway or onto another person’s property it is your responsibility to clean it up.

With the changing of weather many of our town roads will be posted for a weight limit. If you drive one of the larger vehicles or delivery vehicles it is your responsibility to pay attention to the postings. The department will be working with the Department of Public Works to have extra patrols on these roads and will be issuing citations for violations. Along with posted roads it is a great time to remind everyone to share the road. As it gets warmer people will be out biking, horseback riding and getting motorcycles out to enjoy it. Please pay attention to your surroundings and be safe.

On April 20th and 23rd the Police Station will be hosting tours of the facility for people who have questions about the current structure and the upcoming warrant article for the Public Safety Facility. I hope to see many of our voters stop in and ask any question you have. You can also see the PD and other public safety buildings by checking out the [Town of Enfield website](#) as well .

The Enfield Police Department website has had several new additions to the [Downloadable Forms Page](#) including the Hazard Mitigation Plan. You can also find the Enfield Event Permit request on the same page. If you as an individual person or an organization/company plan to host an event open to the public (both free and paid) you are required to submit the form several weeks prior to the event. If you have any questions, please call the station.

Last but not least if you see something say something. You can reach an officer at the station 603 632-7501 or thru Hanover Dispatch at 603-643-2222 any time. Thank you and be safe.

LAND USE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Enfield Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) met on March 8th for two scheduled hearings. The first was for Enfield Land Use Case # Z22-03-01 where Mark and Deborah Nylund were seeking variance relief from the Enfield Zoning Ordinance to construct a single family home within prescribed setbacks to Depot Street, neighboring properties and to the Mascoma River. The subject parcel is 0.2 acres and is located at 9 Depot Street (Tax Map 34, Lot 44) and is within the Community Business (CB) zoning district. It is owned by Mark and Deborah Nylund.

After hearing from the applicant and members of the public, including abutters, this variance was granted conditional to approval of a pending State of NH-DES Shorelands permit.

The second hearing was to be for Land Use Case # Z22-03-02, where Peter and Teri Tabur were seeking a special exception to Enfield's Zoning Ordinance, as provided in Article 406.1 (Section D), to construct a driveway that crosses wetlands areas. Owned by Peter and Teri Tabur, the subject property's address is 84 George Hill Road (Tax Map 9A, Lot 6) and is 130.5 acres in size. It is located in the Rural Residential-Agricultural (R5) zoning district. Pathways Consulting LLC of Lebanon is representing the Taburs in this matter. This hearing was continued to the next ZBA meeting in April (12th) at the request of the applicant to get clarity from the State of NH Dept. of Environmental Services' regulators.

As always, for your information, all ZBA meeting agendas and prior meeting minutes may be found on the ZBA section of the Town's website at: <https://www.enfield.nh.us/zoning-board-adjustment>

The Planning Board met on March 23rd for a single formal hearing and two conceptual discussions. The hearing was for Enfield Land Use Case # P22-03-01 where BMB Real Estate LLC (dba Jake's) sought Major Site Plan Review Approval for a car wash and self-storage business. The subject property is located at 223 US Route 4 (Tax Map 33, Lot 5) and is owned by BMB Real Estate LLC. This parcel is partially within both the "CB" Zoning District and the "R1" District. BMB Real Estate LLC was granted variance relief in December of 2021 by the Enfield ZBA to operate the self-storage business on the R1 portion of the property. Engineering Ventures, PC of Burlington, VT and Lebanon, NH represented the applicant in this case. After hearing from the applicant and abutters, the Planning Board approved the Site Plan as presented in this application.

For your information, the Planning Board meeting minutes and agendas are available on their section of the Town's website at: <https://www.enfield.nh.us/planning-board>

The Master Planning Task Force (MPTF) met twice in March (on the 14th and on the 28th). Their work has largely been focused on the rough draft chapters of the Master Plan from our contractor PlaceSense, of Hartland, VT. The MPTF also held four focus groups in late March to get valuable feedback from members of the public. These focus groups were: Housing, Land Use, Transportation and Economic Development. The MPTF now has the job of incorporating in the resulting feedback and suggestions into the draft chapters of the plan. For more information, check out the Master Planning project website www.enfield-LEAPS.org or attend a MPTF meeting in person on the second and fourth Monday of each month.



Please be aware that recordings of ZBA, Planning Board, and Master Planning Task Force meetings (as well as other Town boards) are available on the Town's YouTube channel. The address of this channel is: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqUIDZ5agHCfXR3bJKOzgPw>

If you are thinking about a property subdivision, voluntary lot merger, boundary line adjustment or have a conceptual idea for a new business or land use, please reach out to Rob Taylor at the Land Use office Monday through Friday at 603-442-5427 or by email at:

planning@enfield.nh.us You may also drop by the office at the DPW facility at 74 Lockehaven Road. We always recommend calling ahead first to be sure we will be available to help you. We hope you enjoy seeing the subtle signs of spring popping up around Town!

ENFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT

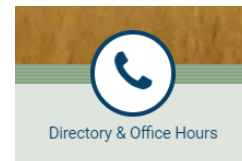
Welcome to spring.

On March 31st the Fire Department participated in a training drill with the Southwest Hazmat Mutual Aid Association. The drill was held at Thompson Arena in Hanover with several area departments involved. The Southwest Hazmat Association was formed to help back up area departments in case of a hazmat situation that is beyond a single department's ability. Equipment is cached throughout the area for a rapid response and allows having additional personnel available when the need arises. Enfield has two primary members, Mark Olsen and Drew Burse, who attend the monthly meetings bringing information and resources to our department.

New England Fire Rescue will be at the Union St. Fire Station on April 9th to conduct training for the department in multiple areas. Included will be firefighter self-rescue, forcible entry, firefighter CPR, SCBA air management and various other topics. We have included other departments from the area and are looking forward to a good turnout. If anyone is interested in observing stop by anytime from 9-4.

Now that the snow has gone, please remember that permits are needed for burn piles and any type of camp or cooking fires. You can get cooking and campfire permits online for a small fee; brush pile permits require in person issuance by a Fire Warden.

Further information is located on the Fire Department web page using this direct link (<https://www.enfield.nh.us/fire-department>) or by visiting the town's website at www.enfield.nh.us chose the directory icon then the Fire Department section.



Stay safe and as always remember to check your smoke and C/O alarms at least once a month.

Phil Neily
EFD Chief
firechief@enfield.nh.us

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Dig Safe

Planning home improvements? Planting a tree? Installing a fence or deck? Whether you do it yourself or hire a professional, a safe job starts with a call to Dig Safe® at 811. The Town of Enfield participates in the DigSafe program which is a not-for-profit clearinghouse that notifies participating utility companies of your plans to dig. In turn, these utilities (or their contract locating companies) respond to mark out the location of their underground facilities. Dig Safe is a free service, funded entirely by its member utility companies. (Note: Dig Safe does not mark utility lines.)

It's a risk to make faulty assumptions about when to notify Dig Safe. That's why [state law](#) requires you to notify Dig Safe for even small projects, like installing a mailbox or planting shrubs. The depth of utility lines vary, and there may be multiple utility lines in a common area. It's important to know what's below. Call 811 to avoid utility service disruption to an entire neighborhood, harm to you and those around you, as well as fines and repair costs. See an informational brochure at the link below.

<http://www.digsafe.com/data/userfiles/file/DGS%20Home%20Brochure%202021.pdf>

Water and Sewer Bills

Enfield water and sewer bills will be mailed in early April and will be due mid-May. 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>

Brush and Yard Waste

The Enfield Brush and Yard Waste Recycling Facility is scheduled to reopen on May 1, 2022. 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.

Arbor Day

On April 4th it is expected that the Board of Selectmen will proclaim April 30, 2022 Arbor Day. The Town will be planting a tree in one of the parks or cemeteries to mark the day. Arbor Day is an important part of the Tree City Program that Enfield has participated in since 2009.

Road Postings

The Town of Enfield posted all roads effective March 7, 2022. 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. It is expected that the posting will begin to be lifted in mid to late April.

2022 Consumer Confidence Report

This report describes The Town of Enfield's drinking water sources and quality, and programs that protect your water supply. This publication conforms to federal regulations that require water utilities to provide you this information annually. It helps us keep you informed about upcoming federal, state and local policies, regulations and guidelines. The report is available on the Town Website at the link below. Hard copies are also available at the Public Works Office or by email request to the above contact information.

<https://www.enfield.nh.us/water-sewer/files/2022-water-quality-report>

Hydrant Flushing

Hydrant flushing will begin at the end of April and again in September. If you experience a loss of pressure, it should only be temporary. Please wait 30 minutes before contacting the Town. This only impacts residents on the Town water system. This does not pertain to properties on NH Rte. 4A, Lakeview Condominiums, or Shaker Village, that are only served by Town sewer.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

The first Household Hazardous Waste collection day is Saturday, May 7, 2022 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM at Lebanon High School.

Household Hazardous Waste 2022 COLLECTION DAYS



All collections are 9:00 am—Noon

Sat, May 7—Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street

Sat, June 4—Claremont Highway Garage, 8 Grandview Street

Fri, July 15—Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street (off Rt 120)

Sat, August 6—New London Highway Garage, 184 South Pleasant

Sat, October 1—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. Other residents and businesses welcome for a fee. **ANYONE** with 25 gallons or more must pre-register by calling number below. Any Business 2-week pre-registration.

WHAT TO BRING:

Pesticides, Herbicides, Flea/Tick
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.uvlsrpc.org>



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



Aerosol cans, empty: Recycle with scrap metal. Talk to your town. (Bring cans with product in them to collection.)

Ammunition and explosives: State Police at 271-3636.

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

Batteries, alkaline: 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 to avoid fire in your trash!

Batteries, automotive: Take to parts store for cash or your transfer station

Fire extinguishers: Recycle empty extinguishers (NRRRA takes from towns).

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.

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.*

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

Propane or helium tanks: Propane/helium tanks can be exchanged/refilled at a distributor; or contact town transfer station about empty tanks.

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

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO: <http://hhw.uvlsrpc.org>

BUILDING INSPECTOR/HEALTH OFFICER

Home and Property Repair and Improvement Grants

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Program is distributing funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 for the **Section 504 Home Repair program**. This program provides loans to very-low-income homeowners to repair, improve or modernize their homes or grants to elderly very-low-income homeowners to remove health and safety hazards.

Replacement of a failing septic system is an eligible activity under this program.

For more information see <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/single-family-housing-programs/single-family-housing-repair-loans-grants/nh>.

What does this program do?

Also known as the Section 504 Home Repair program, this provides loans to very-low-income homeowners to repair, improve or modernize their homes or grants to elderly very-low-income homeowners to remove health and safety hazards.

For existing Section 502 direct and 504 borrowers who have received a payment moratorium related to COVID-19: The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021 appropriated additional funds for Section 502 direct and 504 loans, to remain available until September 30, 2023. The focus will be to refinance existing Section 502 direct and Section 504 borrowers who have received a payment moratorium related to COVID-19. Beginning May 17, 2021, the Agency will accept applications from existing Section 502 direct and Section 504 loan borrowers, to refinance outstanding loans which have been in an approved COVID-19 moratorium. Additional information for these borrowers, including a standardized application package, is available at <https://pubmai.sc.egov.usda.gov/>.

Who may apply for this program?

To qualify, you must:

- Be the homeowner and occupy the house
- Be unable to obtain affordable credit elsewhere
- Have a household income that does not exceed the [very low limit](#) by county.¹
- For grants, be age 62 or older and not be able to repay a repair loan

What is an eligible rural area?

Utilizing the [USDA Eligibility Site](#) you can enter a specific address for determination or just search the map to review general eligible areas.

How may funds be used?

- Loans may be used to repair, improve or modernize homes or remove health and safety hazards
- Grants must be used to remove health and safety hazards

How much money can I get?

- Maximum loan is \$40,000
- Maximum grant is \$10,000
- Loans and grants can be combined for up to \$50,000 in assistance

What are the terms of the loan or grant?

- Loans are termed for 20 years
- Loan interest rate is fixed at 1%
- Full title service is required if the total outstanding balance on Section 504 loans is greater than \$25,000

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- Grants have a lifetime limit of \$10,000
 - Grants must be repaid if the property is sold in less than 3 years
 - If applicants can repay part, but not all of the costs, applicants may be offered a loan and grant combination

Is there a deadline to apply?

Applications for this program are accepted through your [local RD office](#) year round

How long does an application take?

Approval times depend on funding availability in your area. Talk to [a USDA home loan specialist in your area](#) for help with the application

Who can answer questions and how do I get started?

Contact a [USDA home loan specialist in your area](#)

What governs this program?

- The Housing Act of 1949 as amended, [7 CFR Part 3550](#)
- [HB-1-3550](#) - Direct Single Family Housing Loans and Grants Field Office Handbook

Why does USDA Rural Development do this?

Helping people stay in their own home and keep it in good repair helps families and their communities. Homeownership helps families and individuals build savings over time. It strengthens communities and helps many kinds of businesses that support the local economy.

NOTE: Because citations and other information may be subject to change, please always consult the program instructions listed in the section above titled "What Governs this Program?" Applicants may also contact your [local office](#) for assistance. You will find additional forms, resources, and program information at [rd.usda.gov](#). *USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.*

ENERGY COMMITTEE

The Enfield Energy Committee was formed to identify energy savings for the town and energy savings opportunities for the community. To meet this objective, we have developed the Enfield Community Power Plan as presented in Warrant Article 15 for Town Meeting.

Warrant Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Enfield Community Power Plan, which authorizes the Select Board to develop and implement Enfield Community Power as described therein (pursuant to RSA 53E:7).

The entire plan is available for view at the Town website listed under Government then Energy Committee.

<https://www.enfield.nh.us/energy-committee/pages/enfield-community-power-plan-march-23-2022>

If you have questions, please contact Kim Quirk kim.quirk@gmail.com or Jo-Ellen Courtney jecourtney820@gmail.com

Ways to save money on gasoline

As gas prices rise, we are all looking for ways to reduce our costs at the pump. You have probably heard a few ideas such as:

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- Make sure your tires have enough air. Improperly inflated tires can impact gas mileage by 5 to 10 percent.
 - Keep your vehicle well maintained. Replacing air and oil filters increases efficiency.
 - Plan your route. Do multiple tasks each trip. Avoid backtracking.
 - Reduce your speed. AAA says fuel economy peaks around 50 miles per hour in most vehicles then drops as speed rises. Reducing highway speeds by 5-10 mph improves gas mileage by up to 14 percent.
 - Reduce idling.
 - Speaking of idling, with the temperatures warming, there is really no reason to idle.
 - An engine burns one-quarter to a half-gallon of gas per hour when idling, but a warm engine needs only around 10 seconds worth of fuel to restart, according to AAA.
 - Ten minutes of discretionary idling (idling when parked) every day could cost around \$50 to \$170 annually (estimate at \$4/gal), depending on engine size. Idling a light duty vehicle for more than 10 seconds uses more fuel than shutting off the engine and restarting. (30 seconds for heavy-duty vehicles.)
 - According to a US Dept. of Energy study, restarting up to ten times a day will not shorten starter life. Ever see an UPS truck idle while a driver makes a quick delivery? Probably not, as UPS's strict idle reduction policy reflects the fuel savings over benefits, over starter wear.
 - Excessive idling causes needless engine wear. Besides the accumulation of "ghost" miles, the engine does not operate at peak temperature which causes carbon soot buildup on engine parts and the need of more frequent oil changes.
 - Idling vehicles can have an impact on our health. The US EPA states, "Idling vehicles contribute to air pollution. Monitoring at schools has shown elevated levels of benzene, formaldehyde, acetaldehyde and other air toxics, during the afternoon hour coinciding with parents picking up their children."
 - Another reason not to idle is in New Hampshire, the law restricts idling of all motor vehicles to 5 minutes in any 60 minute period when temperatures are above 32 F with exceptions.
 - Save yourself some money and help keep the air clean. Reduce idling.

Sources: AARP online March 15, 2022; PBS Newshour March 16, 2022; green energy times Feb-April 2022 edition; NH RSA 125-C:6, XII, Rule Env-A 1102.02

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

Burials can be scheduled, weather dependent, starting April 15th. Any collected items unclaimed by May will be thrown out. Items may be put back in the cemeteries for the warm weather season starting May 15th, items must be in line with the stone and only potted plants are allowed. As always please contact Bridget with any questions at cemetery@enfield.nh.us

ENFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Welcome Spring,

I have some exciting news to share with the community. We have hired Nancy Fontaine as our new Adult Services Technology Librarian.

Nancy comes to Enfield from the Norwich Public Library, where she served as Technical Services Librarian for 9 years. She earned her Master of Library Science degree from Syracuse University and has experience in academic and corporate libraries. She is also a freelance writer; her articles and book reviews have been published in magazines such as Upper Valley Life, Here in Hanover, Image, and Library Journal. A self-described digital dabbler and original fangirl, she enjoys being active, being creative, and a good cup of coffee. She's excited to join the Enfield Public Library and serve the information needs of the community. Nancy will start on April 4 with our library team. Stop by the library to meet Nancy and welcome her to Enfield.

In April we will also welcome Dolores Struckhoff to the library Board of Trustees. She shared these thoughts on the town listserv during her campaign

"The Mission of the Enfield Public Library is to be a focal point of the Enfield community by providing all residents and community members with a variety of resources and activities that educate, enrich, and entertain. The library strives to provide a welcoming environment that inspires lifelong learning and community engagement. My goal in running for Library Trustee is to work with the Trustees and the Library Staff to support this mission and to listen to community members in offering resources and activities that offer the best quality of life for all of us" (listserv post 2/4/2022).

A big welcome to Nancy and Dolores!

Lastly, did you know we have a seed library? New this year, we have vegetable and flower seeds available for your gardening delight. Here are some thoughts on why a library would host a [seed library](#). So, stop by and take some seeds. A few seeds planted in a little dirt patch, can bring hours of joy. Plus, what a great science-based activity for children that families can do together.

This month's programs:

Weekly Story Time posted on our YouTube [Channel](#).

YA Book Group 4/27/22, 3:30-4:30

Adult Book Group 4/28/22, 6:30-7:30

Kind regards,
Kate

OLD HOME DAYS



Mark your calendars!

Enfield Old Home Days

September 23 - 25, 2022

More updates to come.

ENFIELD PARKS & RECREATION NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Program listing and registration

Keep up to date with our current program registrations here (please note, outside organization's programs may have their own registration page):

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

You can also see news and announcements of programs as well as a calendar on the town website's [Parks & Recreation](#) page and even sign up to get alerts for posted news and announcements.

Follow Enfield Parks & Recreation on [Facebook](#) or Instagram @enfieldnhrec!

Reminder- Electronic payments are now accepted through the recreation program registration site. *there is a 3% processing fee*

(If you need to pay by check or cash all program payments should be made payable to "Town of Enfield" and mailed to: PO Box 373, Enfield, NH 03748 OR dropped off in the night drop box in an envelope marked Parks & Recreation and a note of what payment is for.)

****Just a friendly reminder that all payments are due before the program begins, a spot in the program will not be held without payment.** Failure to make a payment may also lead to not being able to take part in future programs. If you need financial assistance, please email recreation@enfield.nh.us **

Enfield Market will be returning!! Starting May 14th on the second and fourth Saturdays at Huse Park! Looking for market vendors, prepared food vendors, and live music as well. Please email recreation@enfield.nh.us to inquire. Follow Enfield Market on [Facebook](#)!

Hiring:

LIFEGUARDS WANTED! Looking for full time and part time summer lifeguards. \$14-16/ hr. Certified Lifeguard (or willing to become certified before the summer). Must be 16+ years old. Contact recreation@enfield.nh.us to inquire.

Swim Instructors Wanted

Must be WSI certified (or willing to become certified before the summer)

Camp Counselors

Enfield Summer Recreation Camp (age 15+) \$14-16/hr

Theatre Camp(age 18+) will be looking for camp counselors. \$14-16/hr

Please inquire at recreation@enfield.nh.us

Youth Programs:

Mascoma Youth Sports League

For seasonal registration information or questions email MYSLBoard@gmail.com or take a look at: [Mascoma Youth Sports League](#) You can also follow them on [Facebook](#)!

Enfield Recreation Summer Camp registration is coming! We are planning for 6 weeks from 6/27-8/5. Keep an eye on <https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Home> and an announcement will be posted as well.

Challenger Soccer Camp is returning this summer! Challenger Sports is excited to partner with Enfield Parks & Recreation this summer for our 2022 International Camps the weeks of June 20 - 24 & July 11 - 15. With our International Coaches returning for the first time since 2019, registration is filling quickly and we want you to join us! Click the link to register and confirm your spot:

<https://challenger.configio.com/search?cid=423&txt=mascoma%20valley>

Shooter's Gold Basketball Camp will be returning this summer as well, July 18-21st! Register at: <https://hogancamps.com/>

Theatre Camp will be back, August 1st- August 6th! Two performances, open to the public, on Friday August 5th @ 2:00 pm and Saturday, August 6th @ 2:00 pm. Register today: <https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Home>

This year's show info:

Androcles and the Lion

A favorite Aesop's Fable comes to life on the stage in this original musical adaptation of Androcles and The Lion. When Androcles, a slave, runs from his miserly masters his troubles begin to mount. Soon he comes face to face with a fierce lion in the forest. He is sure he has met his end. Fortunately, a selfless act of kindness frees the lion from pain and gains Androcles a faithful, lifelong friend. Androcles is later captured and punished for his errors. In the exciting finale Androcles is unexpectedly reunited with his devoted lion friend and spared an unhappy ending.

Two public performances culminate the week of rehearsals when your children take the stage in a full musical production with professionally designed scenery, costumes, lighting and make-up.

Read testimonials at: <http://childrensstageadventures.org/>

Youth Volleyball Camp July 18-22nd Register now: <https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Home>

Adult & Family Opportunities/Events:

Enfield Easter Egg Hunt (Huse Park)

Pre-register if possible here for planning (free event):

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

Registration starts at 10 and the Egg Hunt starts at 10:30. Before or after the egg hunt stop by the Lioness Easter Dessert Sale at the Community Building from 9-12 and get a picture with the Easter Bunny! Bring your own camera/phone.

Adult Co-Ed Recreational Volleyball

Sundays 6-8pm (when enough participants) keep an eye out on the or email Bridget (recreation@enfield.nh.us) for more information or to join the email list.

Disc Golf

Reach out to Upper Valley Disc Golf about volunteer opportunities and to take a look at their page for projects happening including the one at Whaleback this year! <http://www.uvdga.com/>
You can also follow them on [Facebook](#)!

Yoga

The classes are all levels and beginners are always welcome. These classes are happening on Mondays at the Mascoma Community Health Center, in Canaan, from 5:45-6:45pm. For further information please contact Sonya at sonyayoga2007@gmail.com Classes are \$12 for drop-in, \$10 for students and seniors, space is limited, be sure to email Sonya if you would like to attend and to keep up with the schedule.

Line Dancing

Grab a friend and join professional dance instructor Jamie Orr on Thursdays from 1:30-2:30pm at the Enfield Community Building. This is a fun and friendly class, and they dance to ALL types of music. *This class is for experienced dancers.*

March Schedule: 4/7, 4/14, 4/21, and 4/28

Chair Yoga & Strength Class

The Enfield Recreation Department continues to offer the highly attended Chair 12 Yoga/Exercise classes at the Enfield Community Building. These classes are low impact and focus on stretching, balance, strength, and meditation. The classes are only \$5.00 and open to ALL levels!! No RSVP required.

****Schedule subject to change based on instructor availability & weather****

Mondays (4/4, 4/11, 4/18, 4/25)- 8:15-9:05AM with Nicole Carriere

Wednesdays (4/6, 4/20, 4/27 no class on 4/13)- 9:30-10:30AM with Sonya Carter

Tai Ji Quan: Moving for Better Balance

Improved balance and strength 58% decrease in the incidence of falls in older adults 67% decrease in falls in people with Parkinson's disease 75% decrease in injurious falls TJQMBB CAN BE ADAPTED FOR VIRTUAL DELIVERY!

For more information about classes: call 603-653-3415 or email

Falls.Prevention@Hitchcock.org

** If you are a qualified instructor of a program within the 5 towns of Mascoma Valley and would like to share the information please contact recreation@enfield.nh.us to be added to this news blurb.**

Other Fun Items/Opportunities

Check out **Trail Finder**, you are able to print the trail maps or download them to your phone if there will be no service on your hike. Take a look: <https://www.trailfinder.info/>

Don't forget to check out other opportunities and programs **Upper Valley Trail Alliance** offers for all ages. Upper Valley High School Trail Corps application is now live: [Upper Valley High School Trail Corps – UVTA \(uvtrails.org\)](http://UpperValleyHighSchoolTrailCorps-UVTA(uvtrails.org))

Mud season Stewardship Tips – check out [Nature Groupie](#) for the full article link at the end

1. Walk Single file, even when it's wet and muddy

Wear proper footwear for the trail conditions. When you go around a wet or muddy spot you widen the trail and have an impact on the tree root system as well as the other vegetation there.

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2. Leave your gear by the door just a little bit longer

Try to wait a bit longer for things to dry out. Higher impact activities like mountain biking and running can have a greater impact on the trail causing potential trail and ecosystem damage

3. Celebrate with a volunteer workday

Reach out to the [Upper Valley Trail Alliance](#) to see if you can help or get a small group together to help clean up downed branches or trees or clear out clogged drainages

Happy Spring!

Bridget Labrie

Enfield Recreation Director

recreation@enfield.nh.us

[Online Registration](#)

Follow us!



“KNOW YOUR TOWN”

“Know your Town” is presented by the Enfield Heritage Commission. Each month we’ll bring you a bit of insight into the origins of street names or places you see every day.

Whitney Hall

Enfield’s 2022 town meeting is April 30th. With one of the most important items to vote on being “Library Whitney Hall renovation” (Article 7), it seems like a good occasion to provide a little historic background. As the home of the library and the town offices, the Library Memorial building has been the heart and head of our town for 120 years.

Enfield has had a library, in one form or another, since the 1850s. But it would take the building of Library Memorial Hall, as it is officially known, in 1900 to make a public, free library with a permanent building.

Enfield’s first libraries were private ones, including one formed when a successful lecture series organized by Enfield clergy raised \$50 that was used to buy books for an association of around ninety members. This book collection, known as the Library Association was housed in several locations, including a dentist’s office. They were in the ladies waiting room of the railroad station in 1893, when John W. Dodge offered the town the income from \$100 over ten years to purchase library books if the town would match his gift with a commitment to raise \$100 for books annually. The proposal was ratified at town meeting and the members of the Library Association agreed to donate their books to Enfield’s new—free—public library. After a few more moves, in 1900 Henry Cumings offered to donate \$1200 towards a permanent building for the library. A committee was formed and member George Whitney offered \$100 to add a

meeting hall to the proposed Library Memorial Building. E.B. Huse offered \$100 to add space for the Grand Army of the Republic (the Civil War veterans' association) and the Women's Relief Corps.

Whitney was a prominent and generous citizen of Enfield. He was on the board of directors of several local businesses and represented the town in the state legislature. With power from the mill he owned on Baltic Street, Whitney provided Enfield with its first electricity, which was unusual in such a small New Hampshire town at the time.

When the Library Memorial Building was dedicated on April 11, 1901 it provided space for the library, a kitchen and dining room in the basement. There was also a room for the selectmen, across the hall from the library, as well as spaces for the Civil War veterans and the Women's Relief Corps. The third floor was referred to as Whitney Hall, in recognition of George Whitney's donation and influence. According to Enfield Town Historian, Marjorie Carr "Whitney wanted a place where people could gather and have social entertainment, etc." and enjoy the "plays, musicals, dances, presentations" popular before television and video. The hall even served as the school gym and graduations were held in it.

The building's stained-glass windows were given by individuals and organizations; the "G.A.R." in the large, arched, second-floor window commemorates the Grand Army of the Republic.

Whitney Hall has remained a multi-use building, with the town offices and the Shaker Bridge Theater replacing the Civil War veterans and the Women's Relief Corps.

During a renovation in 1976, the offices of the tax collector and the town clerk moved in. "Up until this time, those offices were in people's homes," Carr says. As part of the general updating, the library took over the Women's Relief Corps room and acquired a vault for the historical records. However, there were no broader improvements to the library in 1976, because it was felt that their cost might keep a more significant renovation package from passing.

It is the nature of libraries and services to outgrow their spaces and for buildings to need maintenance and repair. Over the last few decades, there have been several attempts to solve the maintenance and space issues affecting the Enfield's library and town offices.

After the 2006 Town Meeting, a Building Committee was established to research the library facilities in other towns and explore ways to improve Enfield's facility. Based on this research, the Building Committee determined that a new library of about 7,400 square feet would meet Enfield's needs and that the most appropriate site for it would be along the Mascoma River behind the Whitney Hall building. To raise funds, the Friends of Enfield Library was created.

At the 2007 Town Meeting, Article 11, which asked for voter approval to raise and appropriate \$3.8 million to build an addition and renovate the Whitney Hall building, failed to pass. (2007 Annual Report, p. 226).

Nevertheless, at the 2008 Town Meeting, the town voted on Article 6 to establish a Library Building Capital Reserve Fund to plan, build and furnish a new, standalone library building and to appropriate funds to prepare architectural and engineering plans for it. (2008 Annual Report, p. 233) Both the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommended Article 6, which passed by a vote of 117 in favor and 45 against. With the recession of 2008 slowing the fundraising progress, plans for the new building remained on hold. (2008 Annual Report, p. 169)

In late 2015, the library's trustees decided to move ahead with plans for the new library building and at the 2016 Town Meeting asked for permission to borrow funds to build it. Although an article was placed on the warrant to this effect, neither the Selectboard nor the Budget Committee supported the article and the Trustees withdrew the motion at Town Meeting. (2016 Annual Report, p. 213).

The coming 2022 town meeting on April 30th offers Enfield another opportunity to vote on a proposal to renovate and enlarge the Library Memorial Building. This most recent initiative grew out of the work done by the Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee (MFAC), which was created in 2019 to assess and improve Enfield's buildings. After extensive study in Enfield and around the state, MFAC recommended renovating the existing structure housing the library and town offices building rather than building a new, free-standing one. For more details on this plan, please see the town of Enfield's site at <https://www.enfield.nh.us/home/pages/municipal-facilities-optimization-study-facilities-planning>

From a few citizens who shared books over a hundred years ago, to the people who made 13,000 visits to Enfield's library and checked out 30,000 items (in 2019), the Library Memorial building remains the heart and head of our town.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Videoconference Meeting Changes – A Must Read!

All public meetings are being held **in person**. We have been offering a hybrid meeting format that includes both in-person and online videoconference options for most Selectboard, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment meetings, and more. If there's a videoconference option the connection information is in the meeting posting on the [Town's website](#).

We have been using the Zoom platform, for a nominal annual fee, but we've been plagued by "bombers" who interrupt meetings with inappropriate audio or visual content. ***We'll soon be moving to Microsoft Teams!*** Teams is known for having fewer "bomber" incidents. We do hope that's the case. During the transition some meetings may move to Teams while others remain on the Zoom platform. The posted connection information will clearly state which format is being used.

As always,

Electronic or virtual attendance is provided as a courtesy only, with no guarantee of quality or ability to participate.

No matter the platform used, we will continue to make every effort to provide convenient and reliable videoconference participation. However, due to the possibility of circumstances beyond our control, the only way to guaranteed participation is to attend in person. All municipal meetings are open to the public with in-person attendance possible.

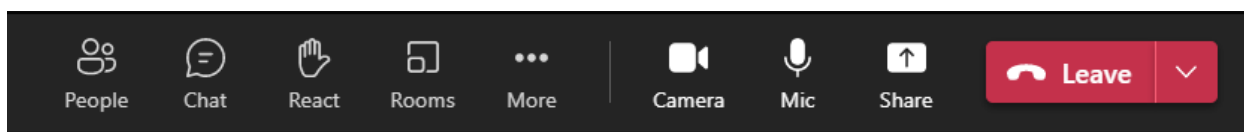
With the move to Microsoft Teams there will be some changes!

The first time you join a Teams meeting you may be required to download the Teams app. Please allow sufficient time to do this.

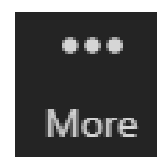
When signing in, you ask you to identify yourself with your first and last name.

Under this new format we have some new settings available to us which, if implemented, will affect your online experience:

In Teams, this tool bar will appear on your computer screen and allows you to control your meeting experience. The view may differ somewhat if viewed on a cell phone or other device.



- **Your mic may be disabled.** This may vary depending on the settings for that particular meeting. The **Mic** icon will indicate the status of your mic (disabled, on or off). If your mic is disabled, when you're invited to speak your mic will be enabled. Your mic will be disabled again at the end of the conversation.
- **Raise your hand** by using the React icon. Trust that if you aren't called on to speak immediately, we **are** aware that you have raised your hand and you will be invited to speak at the appropriate time. When invited to speak we will enable your mic. Please wait to raise your hand when your comment or question is germane to the topic being discussed. There will be an opportunity during the meeting for general questions or comments.
- The **Camera** icon allows you to turn on/off your camera.
- **Chat** is not equally available to our audiences with some attending in person and others by videoconference and as such will be disabled.
- **Live Captions**, similar to closed captions, are available. Live captioning only appears to those who have turned it on. To turn on live captions click on the three dots for **More** which provides you with a number of options. Simply scroll down and click on **Turn on live captions**. Be forewarned – live captions are based on voice recognition so accuracy cannot be guaranteed. If it doesn't make sense, blame it on the technology!
- **Screen sharing** is restricted. If you plan to attend a meeting at which you wish to share your screen you must make arrangements with the appropriate board or committee in advance of the meeting.



UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS (SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

If a videoconference meeting option is also provided for a meeting you will find it online at www.enfield.nh.us in the specific meeting posting.

The meetings below are linked to the Town's website so you can easily access the most up-to-date information.

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- [April 4 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works & **Zoom** videoconference\) – Board of Selectmen](#)
 - [April 5 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works & videoconference\) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee](#)
 - [Library Trustees @ 5:30 PM \(Town Hall\) – Library Trustees](#)
 - [April 6 @ 5:30 PM \(Public Works\) – Old Home Days Committee](#)
 - [April 7 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Zoom videoconference\) – Conservation Commission](#)
 - [April 11 @ 5:30 PM \(Town Hall\) – Library Trustees](#)
 - [April 11 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works & videoconference\) – Master Planning Task Force](#)
 - [April 12 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & videoconference\) – Zoning Board of Adjustment](#)
 - [April 13 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & videoconference\) – Planning Board](#)
 - [April 18 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works & videoconference\) – Board of Selectmen](#)
 - [April 19 @ 6:30 PM \(Town Hall\) – Recreation Commission](#)
 - [April 25 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works & videoconference\) – Master Planning Task Force](#)
 - [April 26 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works & videoconference\) – Energy Committee](#)
 - [April 27 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & videoconference\) – Planning Board](#)
 - [April 28 @ 4:30 PM \(Public Works\) – Heritage Commission](#)
 - [April 30 @ 9:00 AM \(Huse Park, 308 US Route 4\) – Town Meeting – Business Meeting](#)
 - [May 2 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works & videoconference\) – Board of Selectmen](#)
 - [May 3 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works & videoconference\) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee](#)
 - [May 4 @ 5:30 PM \(Public Works\) – Old Home Days Committee](#)
 - [May 5 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & videoconference\) – Conservation Commission](#)
 - [May 9 @ 5:30 PM \(Town Hall\) – Library Trustees](#)
 - [May 9 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works & videoconference\) – Master Planning Task Force](#)
 - [May 10 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & videoconference\) – Zoning Board of Adjustment](#)
 - [May 11 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & videoconference\) – Planning Board](#)
 - [May 12 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works\) – Cemetery Trustees](#)

COMMUNITY EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Include a notice of your Community Event on our Community & Business Calendar of Events which you'll find on our website 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 the particulars, and a digital photo or poster to abonnette@enfield.nh.us and we'll post it for you.

ENFIELD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION – SHAKER 7 ROAD RACE & WALK

Shaker 7 Road Race & Walk Date will be held Sunday, June 26th--Mark Your Calendars!

Registration for the Shaker 7 is OPEN!

<https://runsignup.com/Race/NH/Enfield/Shaker7RoadRaceWalk>

EASTMAN CHARITABLE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Eastman Charitable Foundation is offering three \$1,500 scholarships to college bound high school seniors in Enfield, Grantham or Springfield. The successful candidates will have demonstrated a strong interest in the environment, a record of academic and leadership excellence and who will be majoring in environmental science, sustainability, or a related field. The 2022 application is available on our website: <http://www.ecfnh.org>. The application and essay must be submitted electronically by May 2, 2022, or if mailed via USPS, with a postmark deadline of May 2, 2022.

We're looking forward to reading your applications!

FRIENDS OF MASCOMA

Hello all,

Here are some quick updates from the Friends of Mascoma Foundation!

Mark your Calendars: April Food Box Distribution

The Friends of Mascoma and the Mascoma Valley Regional School District have partnered to distribute food boxes for the April school break. Students from the high school will be volunteering to assemble and pack the boxes. We will also be partnering with our friends at Yankee Farmer's Market to offer some special protein for spring holidays (or just because!). These items will be available during our regular pantries as well. This purchase was made possible in part by a NH Feeding NH Grant via the NH Food Bank.

We will have approximately 60 boxes to distribute on a first come, first served basis. Boxes are available to all Mascoma Valley residents. No registration is required.

Pick up will be on MONDAY April 11th from 3:00pm to 5:30pm at
9 On The Common Way in Canaan
Right behind Canaan Hardware Store

QUESTIONS?

Reach out to Eula Lee Kozma at elkozma@friendsofmascoma.org

Friends Feeding Friends Winter Schedule Continues through April:

Enfield Pantry: Please, note we will NOT BE OPEN in Enfield at Huse Memorial Park quite yet. We WILL continue to honor an additional "Enfield Day" on Tuesdays at our Canaan pantry that is open to all Mascoma residents. Spring is on the way, and we are making plans to switch back to Huse Memorial Park. For now, we will stick with our "winter schedule" at least through April.

Winter Pantry Days and Hours will be Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3pm-5:30pm at the FOM headquarters behind Canaan Hardware Store, 9 On The Common Way.

Our pantries are open to anyone in need of a 3-day supply of groceries that lives in one of the 5 Mascoma Valley Towns: Canaan, Dorchester, Grafton, Enfield, and Orange. Our public pantries are open to all residents in need. If your budget (or someone you know) is tight because of rising fuel costs or other expenses shopping with us can make a big difference. We have a great mixed selection of fresh produce, pantry staples, dairy, and bread items each week. We also have personal care items available.

NH Gives! June 7th-8th

We are pleased to report that we have once again signed up to participate in NH Gives! This year's event will kick off at 5pm on June 7th.

NH Gives – an initiative of the NH Center for Nonprofits – is a powerful, statewide 24-hour online fundraising event that is designed to build community, connect donors to local nonprofits and generate excitement about the nonprofit sector.

The Friends of Mascoma Foundation is excited to participate in this day of giving. Funds raised during NH Gives support our scholarship program and general operations.

How you can help NOW: We are hard at work trying to secure internal matches, fundraising champions, and we've initiated a friendly rivalry amongst MVRHS alumni classes to raise money. If you are interested in providing a match, becoming a fundraising champion, or helping your class compete please email Eula at elkozma@friendsofmascoma.org

Save the Date: Mini-Grant Celebration on May 13th

Join us on Friday May 13th from 3:00pm to 5:30pm as we recognize recipients from the first six years of our mini-grant program. We will host a short program to celebrate past mini-grants and to highlight past recipients. Light refreshments and food will be served.

What: Mini-Grant Celebration 2022
Where: Mascoma Valley Regional High School Cafeteria
When: Friday May 13th from 3:00pm to 5:30pm
Who: Past recipients, district staff, community partners, friends of the organization

You can also still apply for our mini-grant program!

Did you know our mini-grants are considered on a rolling basis? Mini-Grants are modest awards that help educators make a positive difference in the learning experience of their students. Mini-grants support, encourage, and facilitate great teaching ideas that may not otherwise be possible. Visit <https://www.friendsofmascoma.org/fom-minigrants> to learn more about our mini-grant program.

Mascoma Matters Project:

We had a productive meeting in March. We learned more about Unite Us and reviewed the results of the Community Health Needs Assessment. We also decided to host an informal meet and greet for parents of young children to help foster some community connection. Stay tuned for more details! Looking ahead to April: Save the date for April 28th at 6pm.

If you know of or are associated with an organization or town department that would like to present during our meetings, please let us know.

More information on our past meetings is available on the [Padlet](#).

If you have any questions about our project or future and past meetings, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Zoom link for Thursday April 28th is here: <https://unh.zoom.us/j/96789410295>

LAST CALL: FOM Scholarship Application is Open until April 15th

The guiding principle of FOM's scholarship program is to support both traditional four-year applicants as well as trade school and certificate program applicants. Friends of Mascoma celebrates the pursuit of all forms of higher education.

The number of scholarships and dollar amount awarded is dependent on available funds each year.

The Friends of Mascoma Foundation scholarship application period is from **January 1st through April 15th 2022**. Applications are ONLY accepted through this website: <http://friendsofmascoma.org/scholarship>

Please share with anyone you know who may be interested in applying. If you have questions reach out to Eula at elkozma@friendsofmascoma.org.

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