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#### 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 this 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. Simply:

- Go to the town's website subscription page: 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 <u>townmanager@enfield.nh.us</u>, 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 <u>www.enfield.nh.us</u> and <u>Facebook</u>!



#### **Recent News from Past Issues**

Bears

Household Hazardous Waste

<u>Official Town Website – Subscribe to</u> <u>News & Alerts</u>

## A Message from Enfield's Town Manager

Spring is in the air with the last few weekends celebrating maple season, and the weather not knowing what it wants to do. I have enjoyed the sunshine that has peeked through a few times in the last week, and I am ready to start spending more time outside enjoying the yard, warm weather and the lakes. There is a buzz around town as Enfield Recreation and many other groups are planning outdoor events for everyone to enjoy.

The focus the past couple months has been on Town Meeting. I would like to thank all the volunteers and staff that helped make the 2023 Town Meeting a success. Everything ran smoothly at both the ballot and meeting sessions, with 403 ballot voters and 165 registered voters attending the meeting portion. Coming out of Town Meeting, the Town's focus will be on the projects approved the past couple years at Town Meeting. The water and sewer projects approved in 2021 should be completed this summer, with construction expected to start this month. We will also be continuing the final design for both the Public Safety Building and Whitney Hall projects. There was also money approved to continue the environmental work on Shedd Street property, with the hopes of preparing this property for sale.

In addition to the larger projects, there was money approved for planning projects. The Select Board will be starting a strategic planning project, the Master Planning Task Force will be starting the next five chapters of the Master Plan, the Budget Committee has set money aside for a compensation study and the Planning Board is starting the process for a zoning rewrite. The Select Board has also started the study process for the Johnston waterfront property through the work of the Johnston Property Use Committee and will be starting a similar process for the Methodist Hill property this summer.

With all of these building and planning projects on the docket, 2023 looks to be a very productive year for the Town of Enfield. As you will see in the newsletter, we have multiple positions available for volunteer opportunities. If you would like to be part of this progress, we would welcome you to apply for a board, committee, or commission that aligns with your interests.

Ed Morris, Town Manager

## **Special News Items**

#### **Town Meeting Results**

With the 2023 Town Meeting behind us, we now move forward with a five-member Select Board, the Budget Committee, which had vacancies in 2022, is now fully staffed, and we can now look forward to a new year, continuing on with existing projects... and Spring!

Below are the results of the ballot voting which took place on March 14<sup>th</sup> and the business session of Town Meeting that took place on March 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### Article 1. Election of Officers

**One Select Board Member for 1 year** Alice M. Kennedy

**Two Zoning Board of Adjustment Members for 1 year** Celie Aufiero Timothy D. Lenihan

#### Two Budget Committee Members for 1 year

Tina Stearns Daniel Kiley

**One Moderator for 2 years** Lindsay A. Smith

## Two Select Board Members for 3 years

John W. Kluge Tracy Young

#### One Treasurer for 3 years Sasha Holland

One Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years Cindy Hollis

One Cemetery Trustee for 3 years Ainsley Klauser

#### **One Library Trustee for 3 years** Francine Lozeau

**One Zoning Board of Adjustment Members for 3 years** Susan ES Brown

#### Three Budget Committee Members for 3 years

Timothy D. Lenihan Nancy L. Smith Dimitri Deserranno **Article 2.** Amendment #1 of Enfield Zoning Ordinance relative to allowing up to two (2) accessory dwelling units (ADU's), one of which can be attached.

293 – Yes, 95 – No PASSED

**Article 3.** Amendment #2 of Enfield Zoning Ordinance relative to reducing the minimum lot size to ¼ acre in the R1 District for dwellings, where municipal sewer is available.

251 – Yes, 134 – No PASSED

**Article 4.** Amendment #3 of Enfield Zoning Ordinance relative to amending section 401.1 to eliminate a contradiction in the ordinance.

300 – Yes, 84 – No PASSED

**Article 5.** Amendment #4 of Enfield Zoning Ordinance relative to increasing the setback from prime wetlands to 100 feet

280– Yes, 105 – No PASSED

**Article 6.** Amendment #5 of Enfield Zoning Ordinance relative to establishment of an Enfield Center Local Historic District.

289 – Yes, 86 – No PASSED

**Article 7.** Amendment #6 of Enfield Zoning Ordinance relative to updates to the Enfield Floodplain Development Ordinance.

327 – Yes, 54 – No PASSED

**Article 8.** Budget adoption in the amount of \$8,194,847 for general municipal operations with \$165,000 to come from the unassigned fund balance.

165 Paper Ballot Votes Cast 97 – Yes, 68 – No PASSED

An amendment to reduce the operating budget to \$7,950,000 FAILED by a paper ballot vote: 160 votes cast, 67 – Yes, 97 – No.

Article 9: Deposit \$526,968 into the Capital Improvement Program Capital Reserve Fund.

PASSED by Hand Count 131 – Yes, 16 – No

Article 10: Deposit \$10,000 into the Employee and Retiree Benefits Expendable Trust Fund.

**PASSED by Voice Vote** 

#### **PASSED by Voice Vote**

Article 12: Readopt All Veterans' Tax Credit

#### **PASSED by Voice Vote**

Article 13: Readopt Optional Veterans' Tax Credit

#### **PASSED by Voice Vote**

**Article 14:** Authorize the Trustees of Trust Funds to pay for Capital reserve fund investment management services, and any other expenses incurred, from capital reserve funds income.

#### **PASSED by Voice Vote**

**Article 15:** *By Petition* - Authorize 10% of the land use change tax collected, not to exceed \$5,000 in any one year, to be deposited into the Conservation Fund

#### 153 Paper Ballot Votes Cast 61 – Yes, 92 – No FAILED

**Article 16: By Petition -** Establish, in perpetuity, a Town Forest on Map 2, Lot 29, to authorize the Conservation Commission to manage the Town Forest, and to authorize the placement of any proceeds that may accrue from this forest management in a separate Forest Management Fund

A motion was made to refer to Committee (Select Board)

#### Motion to refer to Committee PASSED by Voice Vote

**Article 17:** To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or any other officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

Announcements were made relative to social events occurring.

The Enfield Energy Committee provided information on the Community Power Plan and reduced electricity rates. Individuals with questions can contact Jo-Ellen Courtney at <u>jecourtney820@gmail.com</u> or Kim Quirk at <u>kim.quirk@gmail.com</u>.

A copy of the March 18, 2023 Town Meeting Business Session PowerPoint Presentation is available online.

#### 2022 Annual Town Report

We still have printed 2022 Annual Reports available at the Town Office. Please feel free to stop by at your convenience and pick up a copy! We have some in the entryway so they're accessible anytime the Town Offices or Library are open.

Through an inadvertent omission, the 2022 Annual Report does not include credit to John Markowitz for the beautiful photo that graces the cover. A correction has been made to the online version of the 2022 Annual Report, as well as to the official copies kept by the Town Clerk and the NH State Library. I'd like to take this opportunity to express my personal regret for this error. John Markowitz has given a great deal of his time, life and energy to La Salette and deserves this recognition. Thank you, John.



-- Alisa Bonnette

## Board, Commission & Committee Membership & Organization

#### **Elected Position Available for Appointment**

The following elected positions are vacant and available for appointment. Upon expiration of the appointed term the individual filling the position will have to file for candidacy in order to be voted in at Town Meeting in order to continue serving.

Position	Appointment Details
Trustee of Trust Funds (Treasurer)The Trustees of Trust Funds are looking for a new member to fill the role ofTreasurer. The individual would be charged with reconciling Town Trusteefinancial records with bank records, working with the bank to process year-end transactions and possible mid-year transactions between the funds heldby the Trustees and the Town, preparing quarterly reports to the SelectBoard, reviewing bank prepared State MS-9 & MS-10 reports and submittingcomplete and accurate reports to the State on an annual basis, as well asmaking regular deposits into various accounts held by the Trustees. You mustbe an Enfield resident to hold this position. If interested, please fill out anApplications can be submitted in person at the Enfield Town Manager's Officeor emailed to townmanager@enfield.nh.us	Appointed by Select Board for the remainder of the unexpired term. Term expires March 11, 2025
<b>Budget Committee</b>	Appointed by the
The Budget Committee meets occasionally during the year, and	Budget Committee
more often during the budget preparation season – early October	until the next
through early February.	election.
Applications can be submitted in person at the Enfield Town	Term expires
Manager's Office or emailed to <u>townmanager@enfield.nh.us</u>	March 12, 2024

#### **Appointed Committee Positions Available**

Appointed members of our committees (and boards and commissions) are extremely valuable to the Town. They serve as a group of diverse opinions and as they say, many hands make light work. No matter your interests there's a committee for you!

Membership terms are typically three years and are staggered so only a portion of the positions on a committee are open at a given time. Appointed committee positions typically expire May 1. In order to be fair to new applicants all positions with a term expiring are available. The Select Board will either reappoint an existing member or a new individual may be appointed to fill the slot – so there is opportunity for all!

**Below is a list of committees with positions becoming available.** This list includes not only terms that are expiring May 1, but vacant positions as well. If you're interested in applying simply complete our Application for Board/Committee Membership / Reappointment. If you are currently serving, your term is up, and you wish to be reappointed, please complete the first portion of the Application form. Your completed application should be submitted to to townmanager@enfield.nh.us no later than April 12<sup>th</sup> to be placed on the Select Board April 17<sup>th</sup> agenda for consideration.

**After April 17**<sup>th</sup> appointments for remaining vacancies are filled by qualified applicants on a first come – first served basis – and applications can be submitted to <u>abonnette@enfield.nh.us</u>

Committee	Number of Positions Available
Capital Improvement Program Committee Meetings are held seasonally beginning in late summer or early fall; schedule varies. The CIP Committee meets at the beginning of the budget preparation season to review and prepare long-term plans financing capital equipment and projects valued at \$10,000 and greater	3
Conservation Commission Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM. The mission of the Conservation Commission is to protect the natural resources of Enfield and preserve them for future generations.	2
Energy Committee Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 6:00 PM. The mission of the Energy Committee is to identify energy savings opportunities for the Town and residents of Enfield. Coming to fruition in 2023 is Community Power!	3
<ul> <li>Heritage Commission         Meetings are typically held on the fourth Thursday of every month at 4:30 PM. For a short time only, they are meeting on the third Thursday of each month.     </li> <li>The Heritage Commission works to properly recognize, protect, and promote the historic and esthetic resources that are significant to our community, be they natural, built, or cultural. The Commission works co-operatively with other educational and civic organizations in fulfilling its mission.</li> </ul>	2

Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 3:30 PM	
This advisory committee has been working on planning improvements to the Mascoma Lakeside Park. The committee worked tirelessly to have the pavilion completed and is doing ongoing landscaping improvements.	3
Old Home Days Committee Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 5:30 PM	
This group pulls together an amazing event to celebrate Enfield. With planning and cooperation with others they offer a wide array of activities for the citizens of Enfield to enjoy. Join the fun!	6
Planning Board Meetings are held on the second & fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM	
The Planning Board has some major projects ongoing. The Board completed the first phase of the updated Master Plan and will begin work on the second phase. They also plan to do a complete review of the Zoning Ordinance. And these project are in addition to the regular business of hearing applications for site plans, subdivisions and more.	2
Recreation Commission	
Meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 PM	2
The Recreation Commission works to provide safe and varied recreational activities in our community for residents of all ages	
Tax Increment Finance District Advisory Committee Meeting dates have yet to be determined.	
The TIF Committee reviews and proposes updates to the TIF District Plan for economic development and infrastructure improvement to the TIF District.	3
Mascoma River Local Advisory Committee This is a regional rather than a Town committee, however it has representatives nominated by the Town.	2
Find out more at <a href="https://www4.des.state.nh.us/blogs/rivers/">https://www4.des.state.nh.us/blogs/rivers/</a>	
Enfield Shaker Village Scenic Byway Advisory Board	
This is a regional rather than a Town committee, however the Select Board appoints Enfield representatives to serve on this Board.	_
Find our more at	6
https://www.uvlsrpc.org/projects/enfield-shaker-village-scenic-byway/ and https://www.visitnh.gov/things-to-do/scenic-drives/enfield-shaker-village	

#### **Organization of Boards, Commissions and Committees**

On an annual basis all Boards, Commissions and Committees should vote to elect a Chair, and if desired, a Vice-Chair. They should also vote for representation on other committees as applicable. For instance, the Planning Board is required to have one of its members act as a representative on the Capital Improvement Program Committee and Select Board members hold ex-officio positions on a number of Boards & Committees. For Elected Boards, reorganization should take place at the first meeting following Town Meeting. For Appointed Boards, Commissions and Committees, reorganization, including voting for a Chair for the coming year, should take place at the first scheduled meeting after May 1 or whenever the position becomes vacant, whichever is sooner. We highly recommend that Boards, Commissions and Committees rotate the Chair position among the existing members.

## **Department & Committee Reports**

#### **Assessing Department**

#### **Exemptions & Tax Credits**

Several parcels have received building permits for solar arrays. The Town of Enfield does have a solar exemption but the property owner must apply for it.

The filing deadline for all exemptions (elderly, disabled and solar) and tax credits (veterans, all veterans and disabled veterans) is April 15<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the Assessing Department at 442-5406 for an application.

#### **Property Inspections**

On an annual basis the Town of Enfield's Assessing Department re-inspects certain parcels that have either building permits, projects under construction, damaged structures, or have had recent changes to the property. We also review parcels that have had boundary line adjustments, voluntary mergers, subdivisions and planning or zoning decisions that may influence the market value of the property. These inspections will be conducted between April 1<sup>st</sup> and May 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Building Inspector/Health Officer**

Residents and contractors should be aware that Enfield enforces the NH building code as established by the 2002 state law RSA 155-A, and residents might be interested in a short history of our building code development. Information from the International Code Council, New Hampshire Municipal Association, California Real Estate Inspection Association, and a research paper available online written by Jim Rossberg & Roberto T. Leon was used to source the following timeline:

Ancient building codes can be traced back at least as far as the Code of Hammurabi, founder of the Babylonian Empire about 2000 BC. The first American building regulation was established in New Amsterdam (now New York) in 1625 to address fire safety and roofing materials. In 1630, Boston outlawed chimneys made of wood and thatch roof coverings. In the late 1770s George Washington recommended that height and area limitations be imposed on wood frame buildings in his plans for the District of Columbia. 1788 saw the first local building code in our new nation, written for Salem, Massachusetts. By 1862 exit requirements began to be emphasized in local codes. Plumbing regulations followed around 1880 and by 1883 regulations for hoists and elevators appeared. In 1865 New Orleans was the first city to enact a law requiring inspections of public places.

Over time individual large cities developed comprehensive building codes with the impetus usually being a major fire (1871 Chicago Fire) or natural disaster (1906 San Francisco Earthquake). Along this same time the business of insurance became more important and influential, and their need to provide for greater public safety while distributing fewer insurance payouts led to one of the first building codes developed for the entire nation, the 1905 Building Code Recommended by the National Board of Fire Underwriters. In 1915 the Building Officials and Codes Administrators International (BOCA) was founded. The 1950 BOCA Basic Building Code was based on a document used by insurance companies at the time. The BOCA code was adopted mostly by local and state governments in the northeast and rust belt region. Two other model code organizations eventually gained acceptance in the United States, and these also had regional influence: the Southern Building Code Congress International (SBC) was adopted in southern bible belt states, and the International Conference of Building Officials (UBC) was adopted primarily in western and mid-western states. Each of the three code organizations emphasized building standards that were a reaction to the climate and natural disasters common to their regions, but there was also a great deal of commonality between them because many of their requirements relied on the same engineering and fire prevention standards developed by national organizations such as ASCE and NFPA. Similarly, each of these three model codes covered not just structural design but also plumbing, electrical, residential, fire codes, and other design issues.

By the early 1990's the division of three regional building codes in the US was becoming too confusing for building material manufacturers and large national building companies. (There was a fourth lesser known organization called the Council of American Building Officials that produced the CABO One and Two Family Dwelling Code which was often adopted by reference into one of the three model building codes.) Even though the Federal Government did not issue a national building code, various branches of the government had their own regulations. For instance, the US Department of Commerce issued their own set of regulations called the Minimum Property Standards to apply to residential construction where public monies are involved. The Department of Housing and Urban Development, HUD, issued requirements applicable to manufactured housing, each branch of the military had their own building regulations, and the General Services Administration had their own building requirements.

Two significant events occurred in the early 1990's to begin bringing order to this confusion: first, in 1993, the Office of Management and Budget issued an order directing that the federal government must rely upon building codes and standards promulgated by the private sector and only develop their own requirements for subjects for which no private standard or code exists. This federal order helped bring additional pressure for the second event, the incorporation in 1994 of the International Code Council (ICC) by the three model code groups. The work to blend the provisions of the three existing codes (BOCA, SBC and the UBC) into a single code began in earnest in 1998 with the formation of drafting committees, and by 2000 a complete first edition of the International Building Code was assembled and ready to be adopted by state legislatures.

In 2002 the New Hampshire legislature adopted the first state-wide building code comprising building, plumbing, mechanical, accessibility, and pool & spa codes developed by the ICC. The state building code applies to all construction in New Hampshire (RSA 155-A:2; 674:51) and municipalities have the option to administer it through a town employed building inspector. If a town chooses not to hire a building inspector, the state is obligated to enforce the building code through its NH Department of Safety.

Prior to 2002, adoption and administration of a building code in NH was entirely optional and determined by the voters in each individual town and by the city governments. A quick check of Enfield Town Reports <a href="https://scholars.unh.edu/enfield\_nh\_reports/">https://scholars.unh.edu/enfield\_nh\_reports/</a> indicates that at the 1967 Town Meeting a Building Permit

Ordinance was passed at the urging of the Planning Board. This ordinance was enforced by the Board of Selectmen and required an approved building permit prior to any new construction, reconstruction, or placement of a mobile home in Enfield. At the 1974 Town Meeting residents approved Article 15 that authorized the Board of Selectmen to appoint a Building Inspector. The 1975 Town Report indicates the Planning Board prepared a building code in order to qualify for the Federal Flood Insurance Program. And at the 1990 Town Meeting residents voted 498 to 369 to pass Article 3 which authorized the Zoning Board of Adjustment to function as the Building Code Board of Appeals; the Board of Selectmen or its designee to act as the building inspector; the adoption of the 1990 edition of the BOCA code, and prescribed penalties as provided by RSA 676.

A link to current codes is available from the Town website: Current Building Codes | Enfield NH

#### **Cemetery Department**

We welcome Ainsley Klauser to the Board of Cemetery Trustees. Ms. Klauser is filling the position vacated by Angus Durocher. The Cemetery Trustees' next meeting is currently scheduled on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Please contact Bridget with any questions at <u>cemetery@enfield.nh.us</u>

Burials will be able to be scheduled soon. As noted in the rules and regulations, burials can take place between April 15<sup>th</sup> and November 15<sup>th</sup> with considerations around the weather and how soft/wet the ground is. You can also find general information on the rules and regulations of the cemeteries here: <u>https://www.enfield.nh.us/cemetery-department/files/rules-regulations</u>

Something a little different, a little history on each cemetery during these quieter months. All information about these cemeteries is abbreviated and from the Enfield, New Hampshire 1761-2000 book that can be found in the library, or maybe you own your own copy. Next up:

#### **Butman Cemetery**

A small private cemetery near the southeast end of Crystal Lake on the corner of Boys' Camp Road and Butman Road. Mr. George McKenzie Roberts recorded the information we have and noted that there are five markers and the names of six individuals who rest in this cemetery.

#### **Conservation Commission**

#### **GCCD Trout Stocking Program**

GCCD sells NH-raised brook and rainbow trout for pond stocking every spring. The planned delivery date is Monday, May 8, 2023 at noon at the Grafton County Farm Stand parking area for orders of 6-8" trout. The deadline to place an order is April 28, 2023.



#### NH Conservation District Cover Crop Seed Mix Bulk Order

The New Hampshire Conservation Districts in cooperation with the NH Soil Health Partnership are offering cover crop mixes specially designed to improve soil health on NH farms, at wholesale prices. Three multi-species conservation mixes are offered: Early Season, Mid-Season and Late Season

For more information on the GCCD Sales & Programs visit <u>https://graftonccd.org/sales-programs/</u>

#### COMMUNITY POWER PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSON

You are cordially invited to attend a Public Information Session on Enfield Community Power.

#### April 4, 2023 at 6:30 PM Enfield Community Building In-person only

Get your questions answered about different options for greener power.

There is a recording available of the presentation made on March 28. A link can be found at <u>www.enfield.nh.us</u>, simply click on the Videos tab for a list of available videos.





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## **CONSUMER CHOICE**

Enfield Community Power provides our residents and businesses more choices over their energy future.

## LOWER RATES

We are lowering electricity costs for Enfield residents and businesses.

SCAN TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ENFIELD COMMUNITY POWER



## LOCAL CONTROL

The statewide Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire — our new nonprofit power agency — is governed by member towns, cities, and counties.

## **CLEAN ENERGY**

Our Community Power program enables development of local energy projects so we can build a more resilient energy future.

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## **Enfield Public Library**



# **Enfield Public Library**

23 Main Street, Enfield, NH 03748 / 603-632-7145

## **APRIL 2023 PROGRAMS**

## LEGO Week! April 10-14

We declare school vacation week, **April 10-14**, to be LEGO Week! Come by the library for LEGO-themed crafts and other fun block-related activities.

#### Schedule

Tuesday, April 11: Paint mini-figure magnets Wednesday, April 12: Decorate Canvas Zipper Pencil bag w/ Lego Designs Thursday, April 13: Design/Decorate a paper minifigure



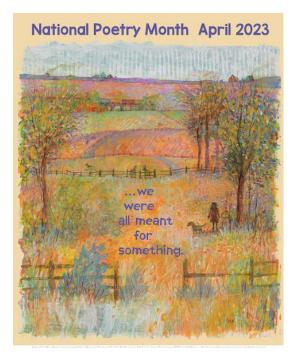
The Legos will be out for free build each afternoon Tuesday-Thursday for Free building starting at 1:00!

We have many books on LEGO if you'd like to know more or need some inspiration.

Contact us with questions.

## Poetry Share – April 21

April is National Poetry Month, and we are having a Poetry Share (as opposed to a slam) to celebrate. Join us for lunch and poems on **Friday, April 21, at noon**. We'll have sandwiches for you, and we invite you to read or recite a poem – your own or someone else's—or to listen.



## **Postcards with**

# POSTCROSSING

#### First Tuesday of the month, 6:00-7:00 pm

Join us to talk about and write postcards for the international swapping site, <u>PostCrossing</u>!



## Wednesday Storytime at the Library

Join Miss Kate for Storytime at the library Wednesdays at 10 am for stories, songs, and lots of fun. For ages 0-5 and their caregivers.



#### LibTech Help by Appointment

Got **questions about Libby, Hoopla, Kanopy, interlibray loan...any library technology**? Stop by or make an appointment for an in-person help session. Call 603-632-7145 or <u>email library@enfield.nh.us</u>. Bring your questions, devices, and passwords!



## **Mystery Lovers' Book Group**

Join the discussion on the second Thursday of the month, at 2 pm or 6 pm. We're reading The Murder of Roger Akroyd by Agatha Christie. Let us know if you'd like to attend online.

## **Enfield Public Library Book Group**

We're reading Firekeeper's Daughter by Angeline Boulley. Join us on the fourth Thursday of the month at 6 pm. . Let us know if you'd like to attend online.

## **Recommended Reading**

#### My Father's House by Joseph O'Connor

"My Father's House is inspired by the extraordinary true story of Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty, who, together with his accomplices, risked his life to smuggle Jews and escaped Allied prisoners out of Italy right under the nose of his Nazi nemesis. Suspenseful and beautifully written, My Father's House tells an unforgettable story of love, faith, sacrifice, and courage"—Provided by publisher.

I found this well-written book engrossing, thrilling, and inspiring! –Nancy

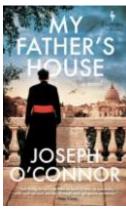
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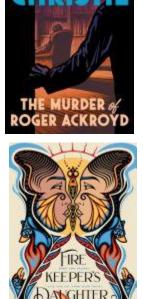
## What's New

Browse New Fiction, New Non-Fiction, the Best Books of 2022, and more on our Aspen Discovery home page. Find out about Borrowing, Resources, Programs, contact information, and our Calendar too!

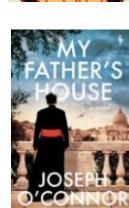


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## Hours

We're open **Tuesdays until 7 pm**, like the town offices! *Monday*: 9:00 am-5:00 pm *Tuesday*: 9:00 am-7:00 pm *Wednesday*: 9:00 am-5:00 pm *Thursday*: 11:00 am-7:00 pm *Friday*: closed *Saturday*: 10:00 am-2:00 pm *Sunday*: closed

## **Fire Department News**

The Fire department has remained busy during the first quarter of the year, having responded to over 50 calls.

We continue to work on the forestry truck which will be in service prior to warmer weather when it will be potentially needed. Last month's training was presented by Captain Josh Wessell on ladder use, placement at the scene and care.

On April 21<sup>st</sup> we will be attending a "career day" at EVS for Fourth graders giving them a chance to interact with us and see what we do.

On June 3<sup>rd</sup> the fire department will be holding an activity day at Huse Park. This will include truck tours, an auto extrication demonstration and more. Stay tuned, more information to follow.

#### Phil Neily For the Enfield Fire Department



"Know your Town" is presented by the Enfield Heritage Commission. Each month we bring you a bit of insight into the origins of street names or places you see every day and more. Check out "Know your Town" features from <u>past issues</u>!

#### The Shakers in Town

Today, the pristine natural setting of the Shaker Museum gives the impression that the Shakers lived cloistered from the bustle of the wider world. The Shakers prized the peace and beauty that their lakeside settlements brought to Shakers' daily lives and religious practice. At the same time, their need for economic sustenance and the desire to protect their spiritual space were the engines of downtown Enfield's economic and physical development. Wherever you look in downtown Enfield today, you find traces of how tightly today's urban center of Enfield and rural life on Mascoma Lake were connected.

In the first half of the nineteenth century, the town's economic and population heart was Enfield Center, where dozens of mills clustered along the Knox River. Things changed when the Shakers purchased rights to the Mascoma River's water in 1834. A small building boom ensued, as the Shakers built mills to turn the raw materials produced on their lakeside settlements, such as raw wool and grain, into cloth and flour they could sell to support their spiritual life. Under the leadership of Shaker elder Caleb Dyer, the Shakers' construction and business development transformed the Main Street area from the 1830s onward. They replaced an existing mill on the river with a two-story building and a better dam, which they leased to a wool processing business. A later dam that the Shakers built farther upriver (on today's Baltic Street) provided power for several other businesses owned or leased by the Shakers, including a mill that made bedsteads.

If you stood at the intersection of Shaker Hill Road and Main Street in the mid-nineteenth century, almost every building you saw was connected to the Shakers.

The red house that is now the home of the Enfield Village Association was purchased by the Shakers to house workmen. The South side of Main Street was dominated by the Shaker-built woolen mill and a grist mill. Nearby was a three-story Shaker boarding house. Behind the Copeland block was a Shaker blacksmith shop.

In addition to Shaker buildings, members of the Shaker community who worked and lived in the area and their wagons and draft animals would have animated the intersection. Less visible but no less important were the taxes supporting the town; the Shakers were Enfield's biggest taxpayer.

The most important and enduring Shaker influence on the town of Enfield would be the location of the railroad tracks and station.

The railroad company originally planned to lay tracks along the Boston road (today's Route 4A). Unhappy that this would split their lakeside settlement in two and disturb the area's peace, Caleb Dyer negotiated (and paid for) a route change. The railroad's path was moved to its current site. This was better for the spiritual and commercial lives of the Shakers; closer to their manufacturing sites and farther from their tranquil lakeside settlements.

A crippling legal judgement in the 1880s forced the Shakers to sell and move several buildings. Gradually their presence in town faded. The woolen mill on Main Street was dismantled in 1890 and replaced. The

Shaker-owned buildings on Baltic Street were removed when construction began on the Baltic Mill in 1886. The blacksmith shop hung on a bit longer.

Many of the Shaker buildings that powered Enfield's economic boom are gone. But in the heart of our town—the rail trail, Shaker Bridge, the library, the public safety building—their legacy lives on.

#### Land Use & Community Development

#### **Planning Board**

The Enfield Planning Board is pleased with the results of Town Meeting. All of the Zoning Ordinance Amendments were adopted as proposed by the Board. In particular, the Planning Board would like to spotlight the updated ADU language approved by the voters in March. ADU stands for "Accessory Dwelling Units." These are small apartments, meant to be added to existing residences such as "in law apartments" or other rental stock. The State of NH made a single ADU possible on all residential lots in the State with the adoption of RSA 674:71-73 in June of 2017. Now effective in Enfield, two ADUs are allowed by right on all residential properties. These apartments must be 800 square feet or less and can be attached (or within) an existing dwelling. A maximum of one ADU on a single lot may be "detached" from the main residence. When three Dwelling Units are located within the same structure (2 ADUs plus the main residence), as now allowed, they will all be subject to regulation as a Multi-Family Dwelling per the NH Building Code. The moral of the story is Enfield has now taken a very proactive approach to the housing shortage crisis in the region. We are one of the first Towns in NH to take this significant step to allow homeowners this flexibility. Interested parties should contact the Land Use office to discuss options and ideas. The Land Use Administrator, Rob Taylor, is available daily as is the Enfield Building Inspector, Liam Ehrenzweig, to offer consultation.

#### **Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA)**

No hearings were held in March.

#### Land Use and Community Development Office

Please contact me, Rob Taylor, at the Land Use office with any questions or ideas between Monday and Friday at 603-442-5427 or by email at: <a href="mailto:planning@enfield.nh.us">planning@enfield.nh.us</a> You may also drop by my office at the DPW facility at 74 Lockehaven Road. It is always recommended to call ahead first to be sure I am available or to schedule a meeting. I hope you all have a great Spring!

#### Parks & Recreation

#### **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): <u>https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Home</u>.

Follow Enfield Parks & Recreation on <u>Facebook</u> or Instagram <u>@enfieldnhrec</u>! Reminder- Electronic payments are now accepted through the recreation program registration site. \*There is a 3% non-refundable 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 at the start of the program, 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 Recreation is Now Hiring for the following positions:

- Summer Camp Assistant Director
- Summer Camp Counselor
- Lifeguards

You can get an <u>application on the town website</u>, Email <u>Recreation@enfield.nh.us</u>, or stop in and see Kevin at town hall for a physical application or for any questions about the positions.

#### **Enfield Recreation Summer Camp**

Mark your calendars for April 14<sup>th</sup> as registration for Enfield Recreation Summer Camp registration opens! Camp will run 6 weeks this summer with first day 6/26 going till 8/4. Kids will go on weekly field trips, have daily activities working with peers and many more opportunities for a summer of fun and learning. Sign up for Enfield Residents will start April 14<sup>th</sup> at 9 am and for Non-Residents Registration will begin April 21<sup>st</sup> at 9am. We will have a wait list for each week of summer camp. We cannot wait for the warm weather and the start of summer!

#### **Enfield Town Egg Hunt**

Come down to Huse Park on Saturday, April 8th for our annual Enfield Recreation Egg Hunt! Registration is now open and is free to register. The Egg Hunt starts at 10:00 AM! After you collect your eggs go grab some delicious desserts from the Lioness Easter Dessert Bake sale and get a photo with the Easter Bunny!

#### **Enfield Farmers Market**

Registration is opening and we are filling up for the Enfield Farmers Market! The market will run the same schedule as last year and be the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month. We welcome all vendors but are in need of Produce Vendors and Food Vendors/Food Trucks! If you are interested in our Market and have questions, please reach out to <u>Recreation@enfield.nh.us</u> for all inquiries.

#### Yoga with Sonya

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 <u>sonyayoga2007@gmail.com</u> 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.

#### **Chair Yoga & Strength Class**

The Enfield Recreation Department continues to offer the highly attended Chair 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\*

#### 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.

#### **Bone Builders**

Tuesdays & Fridays 9:30-10:30AM at the Enfield Community Building. Donations are welcome. Registration is required. To register call RSVP at 603-448-1825.

#### **Other Fun Items/Opportunities**

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

Kevin Marker Enfield Recreation Director recreation@enfield.nh.us Online Registration





#### **Police Department**

Let the sun shine; spring is here. April will bring the first Drug Takeback Day of 2023. The police department will be at Enfield Transfer Station on April 22, 2023, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM accepting old and unwanted prescription drugs. Each year the department participates in the collection which results in about 50lbs of unwanted or unused prescriptions being collected. These drugs are then destroyed preventing them from getting sold on the street or used by someone.

With the better weather we will see more people out using the roadway. Remember that we all need to share the road, pay attention to bikers, walkers/runners, horse riders and motorcycles when out and about. Follow the state rules for right of way and distances that you must keep from others. You can find our informational flyer in the lobby of the station, stop in, say hi and pick one up.

The Enfield Police Department has an opening for a full-time patrol officer. If you are interested, or know someone who might be, you can apply online or stop into the station and pick up an application.

As always if you see something say something. The members of the department are here to help. No issue is too small or too big. An officer can be reached by calling the station at 603-632-7501 or thru dispatch at 603-643-2222.

Roy Holland Chief of Police

## Public Works Department – Highway, Water, Sewer, Sanitation, Buildings & Grounds

#### Water and Sewer Bills

Enfield water and sewer bills were 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. <u>https://www.enfield.nh.us/home/pages/online-payments</u>

#### **Brush and Yard Waste**

The Enfield Brush and Yard Waste Facility will reopen on May 3, 2023, and will be open during the business hours of the Transfer Station Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday. Other days will be by

appointment at the Public Works Facility. Please call the DPW at 632-4605 to make arrangements for delivery. The facility can take clean brush, limbs up to 8", leaves and yard waste. The Town cannot take any invasive plant species, stumps or dimensional lumber. Residents wishing to use the facility must have all loads checked by Town staff. The facility cannot take commercial volumes.

#### **Road Postings**

The Town of Enfield has lifted all road postings.

#### **Hydrant Flushing**

Hydrant flushing will begin in May. The Town routinely flushes water from the system to improve water quality and test emergency fire hydrant readiness. If you experience a loss of pressure it should only be temporary. Please wait 30 minutes before contacting the Town. This does not pertain to properties on NH Rte. 4A and in Shaker Village that are serviced by sewer only.

#### **Household Hazardous Waste Collection**

The next collection is in May. Check out the <u>Flyer</u> for details.



This brochure was developed by:





## What's FLUSHABLE?

## The DO NOT FLUSH List:



A toddler will tell you that everything is flushable... but what you *think* is flushable could be costing you money!

Product labels can be misleading. Some items that claim to be "flushable" can clog sewer and septic systems and can end up costing you a pretty penny.

"Flushable" does NOT mean it is SAFE for your septic system or sewer.

"Disposable" items ARE NOT flushable and should be placed in the trash.





## Town Clerk / Tax Collector's Office

#### Greetings all!

It's that time of year again when it's time to register your dog. April 30<sup>th</sup> licensing year end is coming up fast! Dog registration renewals may be done online so long as the rabies information is current. And we do accept payment by mail, in the night drop and in person. If you have any questions, please contact myself whuntley@enfield.nh.us or Patty Pierce, Assistant Town Clerk at clerk2@enfield.nh.us.

NH RSA **466:1 Procuring License; Tag.** – Every owner or keeper of a dog 4 months old or over shall annually, cause it to be registered, numbered, described, and licensed for one year in the office of the clerk of the city or town in which the dog is kept, and shall cause it to wear around its neck a collar to which shall be attached a metal tag with the following information thereon: the name of the city or town, year of issue of license and its registered number. The tag and license shall be furnished by the clerk at the expense of the

city or town. Regardless of when the license is obtained, the license shall be effective from May 1 of each year to April 30 of the subsequent year.

Again, please be advised that shortly we will be converting to sending the courtesy auto renewal notices by email only. Please contact us with your email for receiving future courtesy auto renewal notices. You can email your request to <u>whuntley@enfield.nh.us</u> or <u>clerk2@enfield.nh.us</u> and either myself or Patty Pierce, Assistant Town Clerk, will add your email to the system.

For Federal Income tax filing, the information needed for payment of vehicle registration is on both the courtesy renewal notice and the actual registration. On the right-hand side of your registration, you will find the amounts for the State and Municipal fees listed separately.

On the tax side, we recently sent out the impending lien notices for any tax, utility, or betterment bill that was outstanding thru February 17<sup>th</sup> 2023. Thank you to each that acted upon the notice and submitted payment!

Just as a reminder, with Federal Income tax filing time fast approaching, should you need the amount of property taxes you paid in 2022, it is available on the Town's website 24/7! <u>www.enfield.nh.us</u>. 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 <u>whuntley@enfield.nh.us</u> or Jerusha's email address is <u>tax2@enfield.nh.us</u>. We may also be reached by phone at 603-632-4201 x 5404.

Stay healthy and safe and "think spring"!

Wendy Huntley Town Clerk/Tax Collector

## **Meetings & Events**

## **Upcoming Public Meetings (Schedule subject to change)**

All public meetings are being held <u>in person</u>. If a **Teams videoconference** meeting option is provided for a meeting, you will find connection details online at <u>www.enfield.nh.us</u> in the specific meeting posting.

As always,

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

#### Meeting videos for meetings with a Teams videoconference option are available online!

Simply go to our website and click on the Videos tab for a list of available videos. Or go directly to <u>YouTube</u> where you can subscribe to our channel.

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

- April 3 @ 6:00 PM (Public Works & Teams) Select Board
- April 4 @ 3:30 PM (Public Works & Teams) Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee
- April 5 @ 5:30 PM (Public Works) Old Home Days Committee
- April 6 @ 7:00 PM (Public Works & Teams) Conservation Commission
- <u>April 10 @ 5:30 PM (Library) Library Trustees</u>
- <u>April 11 @ 3:30 PM (Public Works & Teams) Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee (Design</u> <u>Team)</u>
- April 11 @ 7:00 PM (Public Works & Teams) Zoning Board of Adjustment
- <u>April 12 @ 6:30 PM (Public Works & Teams) Planning Board</u>
- April 13 @ 5:30 PM (Public Works & Teams) Johnston Property Use Committee
- April 17 @ 6:00 PM (Public Works & Teams) Select Board
- <u>April 18 @ 6:30 PM Town Hall & Teams) Recreation Commission</u>
- <u>April 20 @ 4:30 PM (Public Works) Heritage Commission</u>
- <u>April 25 @ 3:30 PM (Public Works & Teams) Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee (Design</u> <u>Team)</u>
- April 25 @ 6:00 PM (Public Works & Teams) Energy Committee
- April 26 @ 6:30 PM (Public Works & Teams) Planning Board
- April 27 @ 5:30 PM (Public Works & Teams) Johnston Property Use Committee
- May 1 @ 6:00 PM (Public Works & Teams) Select Board
- May 2 @ 3:30 PM (Public Works & Teams) Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee
- May 3 @ 5:30 PM (Public Works) Old Home Days Committee
- May 4 @ 7:00 PM (Public Works & Teams) Conservation Commission
- May 9 @ 3:30 PM (Public Works & Teams) Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee (Design Team)
- May 9 @ 7:00 PM (Public Works & Teams) Zoning Board of Adjustment
- May 10 @ 6:30 PM (Public Works & Teams) Planning Board
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## **Community Events & Announcements**

## **Community Bulletin Board**

The events listings here are provided by local organizations as a convenience and for informational purposes only; they do not constitute an endorsement or an approval by the Town of Enfield of the event, organization, or individual.

Our Community Bulletin Board is an underutilized resource! Include a notice of your Community Event on our Community & Businesses Calendar of Events which you'll find here: <a href="https://www.enfield.nh.us/community-businesses">https://www.enfield.nh.us/community-businesses</a>.

## Enfield-Mascoma Lioness

# EASTER DESSERT SALE



Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 \* 10 AM – 1 PM

# ENFIELD COMMUNITY BUILDING

Pies, cakes, breads and more!

Pictures with the Easter Bunny! 10 AM - 12:30 PM



## **Enfield Village Association**

#### Shaker 7 Registration is OPEN!

Race & Fun Walk Sunday, June 25th at 9:00 https://www.enfieldvillageassociation.org/shaker-7-road-race

We are also looking for volunteers for the Shaker 7. We need help with parking, water stops, course attendants, and more!

Sign up to volunteer at: https://www.enfieldvillageassociation.org/volunteer





## May13 & 14 and May 20 & 21

Sign up for a route! https://www.enfieldvillageassociation.org/green-up-day

## **Enfield Outing Club Scholarship**

#### It's time to apply for Enfield Outing Club's Annual \$500 Scholarship!

Would you or someone you know benefit from \$500 to help pay those College costs? Making a commitment to enter a Civil Service or Wildlife Management career in any capacity is an honorable and selfless endeavor that shows true dedication to community service and deserves to be recognized. The Enfield Outing Club acknowledges that dedication. Therefore, it would be our honor and privilege to award a \$500 scholarship to a 2023 High School graduate who is pursuing a degree in some form of a Wildlife Management, Law Enforcement, or other Public Service career field (i.e. Forestry, Game Warden, Marine Biology, Law Enforcement, Firefighter, Medical field, etc.)

EOC will be accepting applications for consideration until June 1, 2023. If you have any questions or would like to request an application, please contact Peg Howard at: <u>eoc378.info@gmail.com</u>, <u>kblkbrd1@att.net</u>, or via telephone at 603-523-7677.

#### Friends of Mascoma

#### Attention Graduating Seniors: APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP NOW!

Learn about Scholarships for graduating seniors in the Mascoma Valley Regional School District. All applicants can only apply through the Friends of Mascoma site. **Deadline: April 15, 2023** <u>https://friendsofmascoma.org/scholarship</u>

We support both traditional four-year applicants as well as trade school and certificate programs. We celebrate all forms of higher education.



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# We are celebrating 6 years this year!

**5,505 patients** are currently enrolled as of March 1, 2023.

There were **11,197 visits by patients last** year.

We provide an average of \$100,615 in donated care every year!

We are still **accepting new patients** including **low income, employer plan, Medicare and Medicaid** patients.

#### We accept more than 100 insurance plans!

Still **adding 50 new patients** each month! Last year we added 622 new patients in spite of the loss of our dentist. (Working to restart Dentistry this year)

#### **Our Services**

- General Family Medicine
- Pediatrics infant, children, adolescents
- Pediatric and Adult Physicals
- Pre-Employment Physicals
- Sports Injury Management
- Women's
- Health/Gynecology
- Geriatric Care
- Family Planning
- Tele-Health Visits
- Lab Services
- DOT/CDL Physicals
- COVID Testing
- Immunizations

## Our Providers

Dr. Ben Gardner Medical Director



Isabel Watts Nurse Practitioner

Rachel Hansen Nurse Practitioner





Mascoma

Community

**Health Center** 

Right Care. Right Cost. Right here.



#### Shaker Bridge Theater is Moving to Briggs Opera House



Over the last couple of years, we've found ourselves whispering that surely "when one door closes, another opens..." and so it is with SBT. After 15 years in our familiar, intimate theater above Enfield Library, renovations there are closing that door to us. But look at the wonderful door that has opened just in time to welcome the start of our 16<sup>th</sup> Season in September of 2023. Rest assured that we will still be an intimate theater. We can't wait to share powerful stories with you in our new home!

Visit Our Website

#### See Shaker Bridge Theatre's final Enfield Performance!



April 6, 7 & 8 at 7:30 PM April 9 at 2:30 PM April 13, 14 & 15 at 7:30 PM April 16 at 2:30 PM April 20, 21 & 22 at 7:30 PM April 23 @ 2:30 PM

## **SLOW FOOD**

## by Wendy MacLeod

A vacationing couple celebrates their anniversary at a Greek restaurant in Palm Springs—but will the marriage survive the service? As a needy waiter insinuates his way into their meal—and their lives—the couple examines their past and their future together. Playwright Wendy MacLeod brings us a tender comedy that delves deeply into what we hunger for.

#### **Recent News from Past Issues**

You can find prior issues of the Town E-Newsletter online at <u>https://www.enfield.nh.us/administration-</u> town-manager/pages/town-newsletter

#### Bears

With the change of season bears will be around looking for an early spring snack. Please see the brochure put out by the New Hampshire Fish and Game to help minimize conflicts and interactions with bears.

## New Hampshire's Black Bear

The American black bear (*Ursus americanus*), which has made a remarkable recovery from record low numbers in the mid-1800s, is now common throughout New Hampshire. The statewide bear population is estimated at 5,600 and regional densities range between 0.1–1.0 bears/mi<sup>2</sup> and average 0.6 bears/mi<sup>2</sup>.

Although black bears are generally shy and usually avoid humans, they are opportunistic and will seek out human-related foods particularly when natural foods are limited. Minimizing conflicts between bears and people is critically important and a high priority for wildlife managers. Maintaining a strong and sustainable bear population into the future will depend on a public that is motivated to be responsible and proactive in securing food attractants.

Bears are part of our native heritage and for many, serve as a symbol of wildness and an indicator of quality, diverse habitat. Bears are highly intelligent, resourceful, and very effective at locating high-quality food resources. They are a prized big game animal and valued for both their meat and hide. A black bear sighting typically leaves wildlife watchers and tourists fascinated, particularly when they come from areas where bears are less common. From an ecological standpoint, bears serve important roles. As an opportunistic feeder, they help clean up carcasses of animals that die due to various causes. As an animal that feeds on a tremendous diversity of tree and shrub species, they serve as a significant seed disperser. Bears fill an essential niche and they are an important component of our landscape.



#### In Your Backyard:



From a comfortable distance, make loud noises by shouting, banging pots and pans or using an air horn to deter the bear from the area.

- When the bear leaves, remove potential attractants such as garbage, bird seed, or pet food
- Ask neighbors to remove attractants.

#### At a Close Distance or in a Confined Area:



• Give the bear a clear escape route (do not corner it).

Remember, bear conflicts are a community issue. It is important to work together to remove bear attractants.



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New Hampshire Fish and Game Department

While hundreds of bear conflicts are reported each year, most can be prevented by simply removing or securing common bear attractants.	1 REMOVE & STORE	2 SECURE & CLEAN
BIRD SEED	<ul> <li>Only feed birds between December 1 and April 1</li> <li>Dispose of unused seed</li> <li>Store feeders indoors</li> </ul>	Clean up bird seed from the ground
GARBAGE	<ul> <li>Store garbage cans in a building or enclosed by electric fence</li> <li>Take garbage to curb on morning of pickup</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Keep outbuildings and garage doors closed at all times</li> <li>Use bear-resistant dumpsters or garbage cans</li> <li>Dumpster lids/doors should be kept closed and latched</li> <li>Use airtight garbage cans and ammonia to control odor when storing in an outbuilding</li> </ul>
GRILLS	Store grill inside when not in use	Burn off food residue     Keep grease trap clean
POULTRY & LIVESTOCK	Do not allow animals to range free	Protect poultry and livestock with an electric fence
PET & LIVESTOCK FOOD	<ul><li>Store livestock and pet food inside</li><li>Feed pets inside</li></ul>	If you feed your pets or livestock outside: • Clean dishes daily • Remove leftover food daily
For more information on black bears in New Hampshire, please visit us online at t	wildnh.com	

hold Hazardous



All collections are 9:00 am—Noon Sat, May 6—Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street Sat, June 3—Newport Highway Garage, 449 S. Main (Rt. 10 S) Fri, July 14 —Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street (off Rt 120) Sat, August 5—Newbury Highway Garage, 50 South Road (Tricky location—watch for signs: Rt 103→Village Rd→South Rd) Sat, September 30—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 (NRRA 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 <u>may</u> 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

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https://www.enfield.nh.us/subscribe

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