

TOWN OF ENFIELD E-NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2020

TOWN MANAGER WELCOME MESSAGE

Greetings!

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



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

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

- Go to the below page on the town's website:
www.enfield.nh.us/subscribe
- Enter your email address in the “Your Email” field
- Check the box for “Town News & Announcements” Check the “I am not a robot” box and follow the prompts
- Click the “Subscribe me” navigation button at the bottom of the page

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

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=====LATEST NEWS=====

COVID-19 & YOUR TOWN GOVERNMENT

We continue to provide news, notices and other updates on COVID-19 and your Town government at <https://www.enfield.nh.us/covid-19-your-town-government>. We will continue to add new information from the Governor's Office as well as news and announcements affecting our residents, community and municipal operations.

You can sign up to receive email notices of updated content by going to <https://www.enfield.nh.us/subscribe>, enter your email address and check those items you want notices of. We have three options for COVID-19 information: Urgent Alerts, News & Announcements and Upload File. Upload File will let you know when a new Emergency Order or State update has been uploaded to this page. Be sure to check the 'I am not a robot' checkbox (and follow any prompts you may receive) and click on Subscribe Me.

TOWN OFFICES CLOSED SEPTEMBER 7 FOR LABOR DAY

The Enfield Town Clerk will be open from 3:00 – 5:00 PM on September 7 *only* for the purpose of accepting absentee ballots for the September 8, 2020 State Primary.

TOWN OFFICES CLOSED DURING SEPTEMBER 8 STATE PRIMARY

The Enfield Town Offices will be closed on September 8 for regular business.

ABSENTEE BALLOT PROCEDURE FOR SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 STATE PRIMARY AND NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION

Dear Enfield Voter,

Did you know you can request a ballot be mailed to your home, vote that ballot at home, and return your voted ballot by mail to your Town Clerk? The concern for the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a valid reason for voting by Absentee Ballot for the 2020 State Primary and the 2020 General Election.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we want you to know your options for requesting an Absentee Ballot. ***Please help us protect the health and***

safety of our Town staff, election officials, poll workers and all voters by requesting your ballot today and returning your voted ballot by mail or hand delivering to the Town Clerk during regular office hours when the office is less busy and social distancing is possible. Please **do not** leave your **voted** Absentee Ballot in the drop box at Town Hall – your voted ballot **MUST** be handed to the Town Clerk or delivered by mail.

To request an absentee ballot:

- Go to the Town's website at <https://www.enfield.nh.us/town-clerk/pages/voter-registration-elections> and print the form OR call the Town Clerk's Office at 603-632-5001 OR email townclerk@enfield.nh.us and ask for an Application for Absentee Ballot.
- **You may request an Absentee Ballot for absence (excluding absence due to residence outside the United States), religious observance, concern for the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), and disability.**
- Check your party registration. You can check your party registration on the State's website here: <https://app.sos.nh.gov/Public/PartyInfo.aspx> Checking before requesting your ballot will avoid potential errors and delays in processing your Application for Absentee Ballot
 - For the September 8 State Primary if you are a registered Republican you must request the Republican Primary Ballot. If you are a registered Democrat you must request a Democratic Primary Ballot. If you are registered as Undeclared you may choose either a Republican or a Democratic ballot, but not both. If you are currently Undeclared and you vote in the State Primary your registered party will change to that party for which you requested a ballot. You can return to Undeclared status following the election. (Please note – You do not need to change your party for the November 3, 2020 General Election as all ballots will be the same regardless of your party registration.)
- Submit a separate Application for Absentee Ballot for each election for which you want an Absentee Ballot.
- The Town does not have Wards so leave that space on the Application for Absentee Ballot blank or enter "N/A"
- Complete the Application for Absentee Ballot in accordance with the instructions on the form and return the form to the Enfield Town Clerk by mail, delivered to the Town Offices, or left in the drop box outside the Town Offices. Applications for Absentee Ballots may be left in the drop box, but the **Ballots themselves MUST be delivered by mail or handed, in person, to the Town Clerk.**

Remember that the U.S. Post Office is closed on Labor Day, September 7. The Town Clerk will be open September 7th from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM to accept Absentee Ballots over the counter. No vehicle registrations will be conducted during this time. ***Please submit your request as soon as possible to ensure***

there is enough time to submit the voted ballot. Voted Absentee Ballots must be received by mail no later than 5:00 PM on Tuesday, September 8th or may be hand delivered from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM on September 7th. Hand delivered ballots cannot be accepted after 5:00 PM on September 7th.

If you have questions about the process contact the Town Clerk at 603-632-5001 or townclerk@enfield.nh.us

PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO FACE MASKS

The Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing regarding the adoption of an Ordinance Relative to Face Coverings, pursuant to RSA 147:1 on

**Monday, August 3, 2020
6:30 PM
via Zoom teleconference**

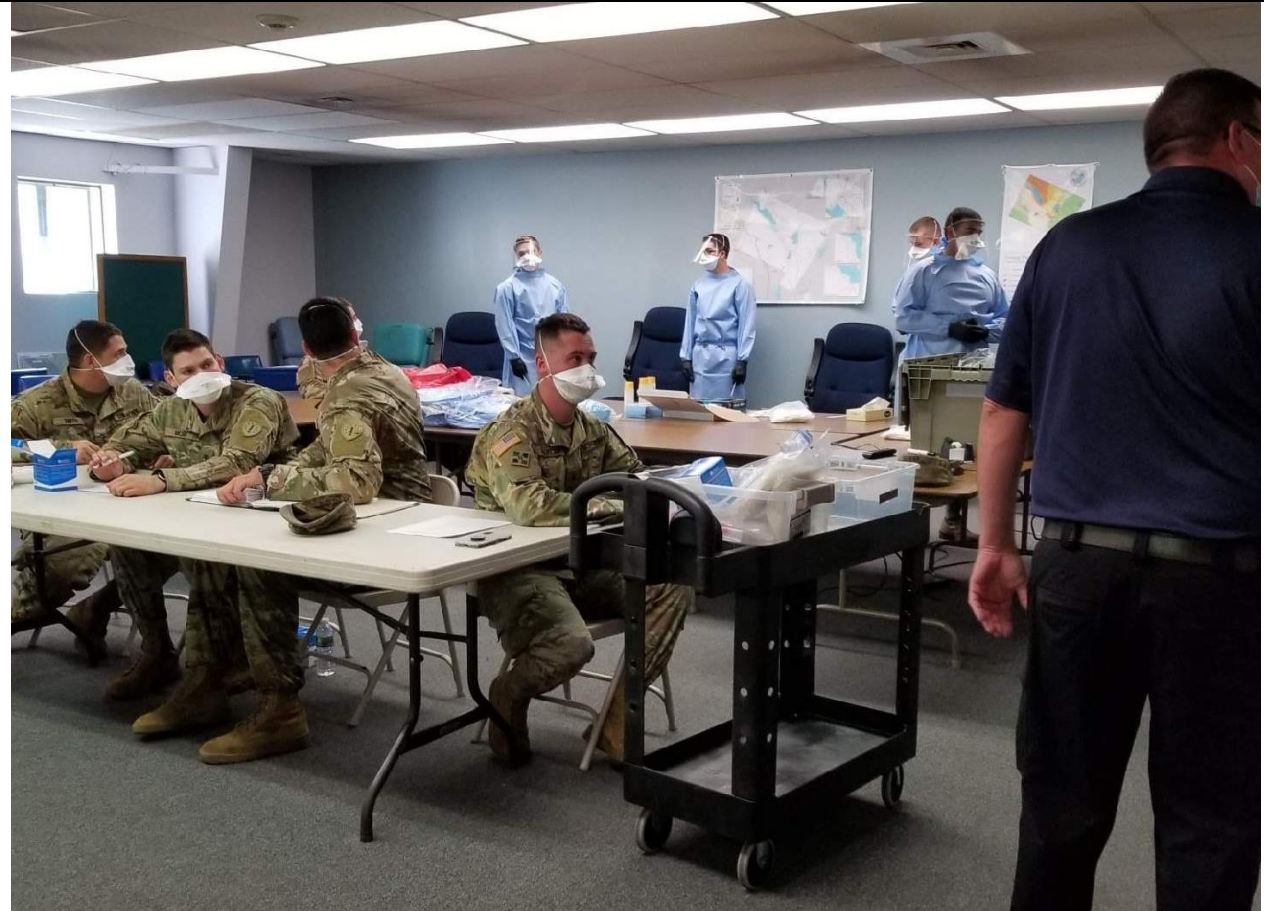
A copy of the proposed Ordinance Relative to Face Coverings is posted on the Town's website at <https://www.enfield.nh.us/administration-town-manager/files/proposed-ordinance-relative-face-coverings-08-03-2020>, at the Enfield Town Hall, and the Enfield and Enfield Center Post Offices.

Find video conference connection information here:

<https://www.enfield.nh.us/board-selectmen/events/36783> or at the Enfield Town Hall, 23 Main Street.

TOWN EMPLOYEES UNDERGO ROUTINE TESTING FOR COVID-19

Enfield Town employees have frequent contact with the public. To help maintain the health and safety of the public we serve (as well as the health of our employees), and out of an abundance of caution, employees underwent routine testing for COVID-19 at the Public Works Facility on July 30. Testing was done by the NH Army National Guard in conjunction with the NH Department of Health & Human Services. As we can all attest, the testing is an uncomfortable procedure, but we feel it is an important one.



A WEBSITE TIP: MEETING CALENDAR & UPCOMING MEETINGS FEATURE

On our Home Page at www.enfield.nh.us, on the left, you'll find a Calendar of Town board and committee meetings as well as a short list of Upcoming Meetings. Depending on your monitor, you may have to scroll down just a bit. Three "Upcoming Meetings" are listed (see below for more information on this limitation). Click the meeting heading under Upcoming Meetings for more details or hover your cursor over another date to bring up a pop-up window of what's scheduled for that day, such as the Planning Board Meeting on May 27th.

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Upcoming

Board of Selectmen Meeting

May 18, 2020 - 6:00pm

Budget Committee / Board of Selectmen Joint Meeting

May 19, 2020 - 7:00pm

Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee Meeting

May 21, 2020 - 3:30pm

All upcoming events

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Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee Meeting

3:30pm

Trustees of Trust Funds Meeting

4:30pm

Energy Committee meeting

6:00pm

CIP Committee Meeting

7:00pm

Another option is to click on **All upcoming events** at the end of the Upcoming Meetings list for a full-sized calendar of the entire month! This is the portion of the screen our Snip tool could capture – trust us, you be able to see the full month and all of the scheduled meetings! (You may need to scroll a bit depending on your monitor.) Click on a meeting listing in the calendar for more details.

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Calendar

Month Week Day Year List

May 2020

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3	4 Board of Selectmen Meeting 6:00pm	5 Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee Meeting 3:30pm	6 Old Home Days Committee Meeting 5:30pm	7 Conservation Commission Meeting - CANCELED 7:00pm	8	9
10	11 Library Trustees Meeting - CANCELED 5:30pm Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee Meeting 6:30pm	12 Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting 7:00pm	13 Planning Board Meeting 7:00pm	14 Cemetery Trustees Meeting 6:00pm	15	16 Green Up Day 9:00am to 12:00pm
17	18 Board of Selectmen Meeting 6:00pm	19 Budget Committee / Board of Selectmen Joint Meeting 7:00pm	20	21 Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee Meeting 3:30pm Trustees of Trust Funds Meeting 5:00pm	22	23
24	25 Enfield Town Offices & Library Cl	26 Energy Committee meeting	27 Planning Board Meeting	28 Heritage Commission Meeting	29	30

MUNICIPAL FACILITIES EVALUATION PROJECT UPDATES

The Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee (MFAC) last met on July 27 and will be meeting again on August 10. With the conceptual designs/layouts for a renovated and expanded Whitney Hall and new public safety facility now complete, and a civil and environmental engineering firm finalizing its geotechnical evaluation for a property that is being evaluated for the possible future site of a public safety facility, the focus of the July 27 meeting was on preparing recommendations and presentation content to be delivered to the Board of Selectmen in late-August.

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

FIREFIGHTERS & EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL RECRUITMENT

If you are interested in helping to protect and care for people in your community, the Town of Enfield's Fire Department and Ambulance Service welcome the opportunity to talk with you. Both departments are "call" departments and participation requirements are flexible in recognition that members will be juggling other professional or personal obligations. Members are



compensated on an hourly basis for time spent in training, responding to calls, or other related activities. Relevant training and certifications (i.e., Firefighter I or II, EMR, EMT, AEMT, Paramedic, etc.) are highly desired, but formal training can be provided to individuals who are willing to make the commitment.

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

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

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Road Paving

The Town of Enfield reclaimed the following roads in July: Warren and Bud Mill Roads and a section of Shaker Blvd at the NH Route 4A end and a section of Livingstone Lodge Road near Wescott Road. The new road base is being provided a period of time to settle and compact prior to paving. A two-inch base of pavement will then be placed and followed by a one inch wearing course. Pavement will be applied during the month of August, with the exception of the Livingstone Lodge Road paving project which will take place in the summer of 2021.

Road Grading

The Town Highway crew will continue to grade gravel roads throughout the summer. Motorists are urged to use caution when driving through these moving work zones often with three or four working pieces of equipment.

Roadside Mowing

The Enfield Highway Department will be mowing roadsides and easement areas beginning in August. This helps keep drainage areas open for flowing water and allows for snow storage. It also improves sight distances making roads safer. Please use caution when approaching and passing the mower tractors as debris sometimes flies out from the mower heads and operator focus is on the ditch lines being mowed. Residents should mark shrubs that they do not want cut.

Enfield Water System 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 will help us keep you informed about upcoming federal, state and local policies, regulations and guidelines. The report is available on water/sewer section of the Town Website at the link below. Hard copies are also available at the Public Works Office or by email to jtaylor@enfield.nh.us.

https://www.enfield.nh.us/sites/enfieldnh/files/uploads/ccr_2020.pdf

Enfield Water Department “Important Notice About Your Drinking Water”

We understand there was confusion about a recent notice sent to water customers regarding coliforms found during testing of our municipal water system. The Town was required by the State to provide notice to our water customers of this finding. What we neglected to share with our customers, and we greatly apologize for this lack of forethought, was the cause of the problem and result of the required assessment to identify and correct any problem. ***We wish to assure everyone that our public drinking water is safe.*** Due to COVID-19 our Water Department staff was unable to get water samples from inside one of our municipal buildings. The sample was instead taken from an outdoor spigot. The sample taken at the outdoor spigot was contaminated at the spigot. Later testing within the building came back within all allowable limits.

Enfield Water and Sewer Bills

Enfield Water and Sewer bills were mailed out the second week of July and are due August 14, 2020.

Remote Water/Sewer Meter Reading Touch Pads

The Town of Enfield has touch pads, connected to the meter with a light gauge communication wire, mounted on the side of the building. The touch pads are installed so the staff member reading individual meters does not need to enter the building in order to get a reading. It is important that these pads and wires do not get damaged. If you plan to paint your building or replace the siding, please take care to gently removed them and set them aside preferably intact. You can also contact the water/sewer department to have the pad removed temporarily while your project is completed.

Brush and Yard Waste

The Enfield Brush and Yard Waste Facility will be open during the business hours of the Transfer Station on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday. Due to COVID-19 concerns deliveries on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday will be

by appointment only. Please call the DPW at 632-4605 to make arrangements for delivery. The facility can take clean brush and limbs up to 8" in diameter, as well as 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.

Cemeteries

Cemeteries are open. Please contact the Cemetery Sexton, Bridget Labrie at 802-332-5363 (cell) or email cemetery@enfield.nh.us to schedule a burial or to purchase a lot. Please keep all decorations in line with the headstones to allow mowing operations to take place. For additional information about cemetery rules and regulations please visit- <https://www.enfield.nh.us/board-cemetery-trustees>

2020 Transfer Station Stickers Available

2020 Transfer Station window stickers are available, free of charge, at the Enfield Transfer Station & Recycling Center or Enfield Town Offices. Proof of residency or property ownership is required. An Enfield vehicle permit sticker must be affixed to the window of your car or truck on the side window behind the front passenger's seat, or with regular cab pick-ups in the lower corner of the rear window behind the passenger.

Enfield Transfer Station stickers also permit you to use the Town beach parking lot on Mascoma Lake (on Route 4A opposite the beach and boat launch) and access to the driveway sand located at the DPW.

Enfield Transfer Station Punch Cards

In an effort to make the Transfer Station more efficient and also respond to deficiencies noted by the New Hampshire Department of Labor the Town of Enfield has implemented a punch card system that will take the place of all transactions by cash or check. Residents can purchase punch cards at the Town Office to be used to pay fees at the Transfer Station. Cards have a face value of \$25.00 and attendants have a hole punch tool that is used to punch the cards for the corresponding amount of the item being disposed of. Each card is broken up into five \$5.00 sections and all of the fee items listed below are also in \$5.00 increments. The Transfer Station attendants accepted cash through the month of October 2019, but this practice was discontinued in November 2019. Checks will continue to be accepted for a period of time to give residents time to get to the Town Office to purchase the punch cards.

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

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

Please Use Curbside Trash and Recycling Services

In light of the current pandemic, the Town encourages the use of the curbside trash and recycling services. By doing this it reduces contact with Town staff and others at the Transfer Station and handling of bag and receptacle surfaces is reduced. If it is necessary to use the Transfer Station please unload as quickly as possible and exit. If possible, keep fee recycling items at home until the pandemic is over to limit the face to face contact needed to complete a transaction for a fee charged recycling item.

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

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

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day (Updated Flyer PDF)

The next collections are scheduled for Saturday, August 8 at the Newbury Town Garage and Saturday, October 3 at the Lebanon High School. See the flyer below for other dates and items accepted. There will be some new rules for drop off due to the COVID-19 pandemic:

- Put waste in trunk or truck bed
- Stay in vehicle; do NOT get out for any reason
- Only people from participating towns; we will not be collecting money at the collection from anyone
- No waste containers returned
- Wear mask when near people with window on vehicle down
- The survey will be “what town are you from?” only; nothing will be handed out

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

Household Hazardous Waste 2020 COLLECTION DAYS

**NEW Friday
and Saturday
Combo Dates**

WHEN

All collections are 9:00 am—Noon

~~Sat, May 2~~—Lebanon High School—CANCELED DUE TO COVID-19

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

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

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

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

FREE to residents from Claremont, Cornish, Enfield, Goshen, Hanover, Lebanon, Lempster, Lyme, New London, Newbury, Newport, Orford, Piermont, Plainfield, Springfield, Sunapee, Unity, Washington, and Wilmot. Others residents and businesses welcome for a fee. **ANYONE** with 25 gallons or more or any business must pre-register by calling number below.

WHAT TO BRING:

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

...And much more...give a call or
visit <http://hhw.uvlsrpc.org>



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

For
information
contact the



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

Ammunition and explosives: State Police at 271-3636.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Medical sharps: Place in a rigid container (e.g. detergent bottle), seal cap with duct tape, and label container with marker, "Sharps, not for recycling."

Dispose of with regular trash by handing to a waste collector—can become a projectile if compacted in trash. *Lebanon Police Station accepts some sharps.*

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

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

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT

It is hard to believe that August is here already. It will not be long before we are talking about snow.

The summer months have been a busy time for the members of the Enfield Police Department. We would like to remind those using the beach and boat launch that the lower parking area is for vehicles with boat trailers and the upper lot is for the beach users or vehicles without boat trailers (i.e., canoes, kayaks, and other nonmotorized watercraft that do not require a trailer). We also have a non-motorized boat launch and parking at the Mascoma Lakeside Park at the other end of the Shaker Bridge. There have been several instances where the boat launch has been blocked by traffic or people loitering around the dock. Please be responsible and launch your boat and move on so others can use the launch and dock as well. Those that use the lakes often probably have seen NH Fish and Game and Marine Patrol on the lakes. The Police Department has teamed up with the other departments in order to track and apprehend impaired boaters and those driving dangerously out on the water. If you see unsafe issues while out on the lakes, please contact the Police Department at 603-643-2222 or Marine Patrol at 603-293-2037.

The Enfield Police Department would also like to take this opportunity to remind residence of the Class B and Class C fireworks ordinances. The ordinances can be found at <https://www.enfield.nh.us/town-manager/files/fireworks-class-b-fireworks-display-ordinance> and <https://www.enfield.nh.us/town-manager/files/fireworks-class-c-fireworks-display-ordinance>, in short fireworks can only be displayed on Friday and Saturday before 10:30 PM.

In August, the Police Department will be holding several patrols specific to detecting impaired drivers and distracted drivers. Both impaired and distracted drivers are still the leading cause of serious motor vehicle crashes in Enfield. If you see a possible impaired driver please contact the Enfield Police Department by calling 603-643-2222.

Lastly, but certainly not least, our beloved Paula Rowe has decided that after more than 30 years of service to our community that she is going to retire in the coming months. Paula has been a fixture at the Police Station for many years, and she is going to be very missed by her coworkers and the public she has served.

With Paula's retirement on the horizon, the Town Manager, Police Chief, Fire Chief, and Ambulance Chief reviewed existing staff needs and reached the

conclusion that it would be beneficial to restructure this position to that of a “Public Safety Administrative Coordinator” that supported all three public safety departments. The Town has already published the job announcement, and applications will be accepted for the Public Safety Administrator Coordinator position until August 18th. You can find the application and all the information on the department Facebook page or on the town website <https://www.enfield.nh.us/administration-town-manager/pages/employment-information>. We will miss Paula very much and wish her a happy retirement.

Please call if you see something suspicious, we are here to serve you at all times of day or night. You can reach an officer by calling 603-632-7501 or through Hanover dispatch at 603-643-2222.

RECREATION

Enfield Recreation



Enfield Recreation Camp

The Enfield Recreation Summer Camp is drawing to a close and it has been a successful season, albeit with modified operations due to COVID-19.

The 5-week camp started on Monday, July 6th, and will be concluding on Friday, August 7.

Camp is open to those who, in the Fall of 2020, will be entering grades K-6th

Camp Hours are 7:30am – 5:00pm, however camp activities will be organized from 9:00am-4:00pm.

Weekly Camp Cost:

- Enfield Resident \$130 per camper

- Non-resident \$145 per camper (if space is available)

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

Shakoma Beach

Shakoma Beach will continue to be SWIM AT OWN RISK for the remainder of the summer and please adhere to the guidelines as printed on the signage to help ensure everyone's safety during the pandemic. Buoy lines and the swim raft were set earlier in the summer. Please remember the beach is a Carry-in, Carry-out trash facility.

Information and Registration for Enfield Recreation opportunities can be found at www.mvpr.recdesk.com

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

Mascoma Valley Parks & Recreation

Summer has been dealing out a steady diet of warm temperatures and sunshine, so please remember to stay hydrated if you are participating in physical activity. We encourage our community members to get outside and go for a walk, run or a bike ride – use the Northern Rail Trail or any of the local hiking/walking trails in the Mascoma Valley. Please follow the social distancing recommendations from the CDC to keep you and other members of the community safe (they are listed at the end of this Regional Recreation Update). Please refer to each town's website for updated information on which parks and beaches are open for public use.

Canaan: www.canaannh.org

Enfield: www.enfield.nh.us

MVPR is assessing the risk of starting up a handful of our usual programs, but we want to make sure we are doing everything we can to keep our instructors and participants safe. Stay active, stay safe and stay healthy!

Get Outside This Summer:

Please refer to each town's individual website for updated information on park and beach openings. We respectfully ask that you follow the guidelines and rules established at each park and beach to help keep everyone safe!

If you decide to head out to a public park or go for walk/bike/run on a public

trail, please follow the recommendations from the National Recreation & Parks Association to help keep you safe on our public trails and in our public parks.

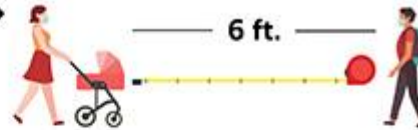


Recommendations for trail users on observing social distancing minimums:

- Follow CDC's guidance on personal hygiene prior to heading to trails — wash hands, carry hand sanitizer, do not use trails if you have symptoms, cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing, etc.
- Observe at all times CDC's minimum recommended social distancing of six feet from other people. Practice it and know what it looks like. Keep it as you walk, bike or hike.
- Warn other trail users of your presence and as you pass to allow proper distance and step off trails to allow others to pass, keeping minimum recommended distances at all times. Signal your presence with your voice, bell or horn.
- Note that trail and park users may find public restrooms closed — be prepared before you leave and time outings so that you are not dependent on public restrooms.
- Bring water or drinks — public drinking fountains may be disabled and should not be used, even if operable.
- Bring a suitable trash bag. Leave no trash, take everything out to protect park workers

Tips for Physical Distancing In Parks

► **Know what 6 feet looks like.** Lay measuring tape on the ground. It's the distance of a surfboard, long yoga mat or adult bike.



◀ **Do not use playgrounds** or other frequently touched surfaces.

► **Go by yourself** or those you live with. Strongly consider the use of a face covering.



◀ **Avoid crowded areas.** If a space cannot be enjoyed safely, go home or discover a new park in your community.



For more resources on how to use parks safely during the COVID-19 pandemic, please visit: nrapa.org/Coronavirus

Stay active, stay safe and stay healthy!

Follow MVPR on Facebook

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



Upcoming & Ongoing Recreation Events, Programs and Activities:

For details about programs listed below and/or to register, please go to:
<https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Home>

The programs listed below are cancelled or postponed until further notice:

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

We hope you are enjoying summer as much as you are able to under the circumstances. It seems that even with the pandemic still going on, summer is flying by.

Even though Town Meeting took place little more than a few weeks ago, preparations are being made for the 2021 budget and our capital plan. As part of that, we will soon be doing the specifications and preparing the presentation for proposed replacement for Engine 4 and the Rescue truck, combining them into one truck. This will be a detailed process, and there will be a competitive bid process with multiple manufacturers. Stay tuned for more information in the next couple months.

After many days and hours, and a significant delay due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we would like to congratulate Mark Olsen for successfully

completing his Firefighter 1/2 class. He is now a certified firefighter. He is also one of the top responders in the department. We would like to not only congratulate him for completing and passing the class, but also thank him for his positive attitude and commitment to the Town.

Responses to calls continue to climb. The Enfield Fire Department responded to 139 calls for all of 2019 and we have already responded to 125 calls thus far in 2020. With several months left in the year, it certainly appears we are going to end up responding to a much higher call volume. If the trend continues, this could be one of our busiest years ever.

Enjoy the weather and time with your families. Stay safe.

LAND USE & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) held 2 hearings in July, both for the granting of “special exceptions” in the Community Business (CB) district. The first hearing was to allow for the conversion of a multi-use property at 411 US Route 4 into “multi-family” housing as prescribed in the CB section of the special exception chapter of the Enfield Zoning Ordinance. This application was approved, clearing the way for a follow-up Planning Board major site plan review (SPR) application discussed below. The second application/ hearing was for a home-based daycare center at 266 US Route 4 (across from the Enfield Village School). The ZBA also approved this application which made another follow-up SPR at the Planning Board possible (see below).

The Planning Board held hearings in July and approved three applications for a variety of land use matters and continued another until August 12th. The first hearing was for a conversion of a multi-use property at 411 US Route 4. This site was previously the location of Lapan Insurance and Doctors Who Care as well as an earlier gun shop use. The applicant, Oakes and Son of Lebanon, is looking to convert the entire property into rental housing. He has plans for up to seven units (5 in the main structure and 2 in the garage). It was noted during the hearing that there is very strong demand in the rental housing market. The second hearing was concerning a home-based daycare center proposed at 266 US Route 4 (across from the Enfield Village School). The applicant also pointed out the extreme shortage of available slots in the childcare industry in the Upper Valley. Minor SPR was approved at this location after a productive discussion with the applicants. The third hearing was relative to boundary line adjustments (BLA) and voluntary lot mergers (VLM) at the end of Lake Street on Lake Mascoma. The applicant in this land use case wanted to make lots more conforming and to “clean up” some odd shaped lots for future family ownership. This project received approvals thanks to the expert and diligent work of the local surveyor who represented for the

applicant. The final hearing was for a proposed carwash at 572 US Route 4. This hearing was continued until August 12th to allow for more professional engineering documentation to be produced.

New Economic Development Incentives (RSA 72:81) - The Town has implemented a new economic development program known as the “Commercial and Industrial Construction Exemption” (RSA 72:81). This is a new construction property tax exemption for commercial and industrial uses (as defined in RSA 72:80). The intent of the exemption is to provide incentives to businesses to build, modernize, or enlarge within the Town. The details are as follows: the exemption shall apply only to municipal and local school property taxes assessed by the Town. State education and county taxes are excluded from the exemption. The exemption shall be granted for a maximum of fifty percent (50%) of the increase in assessed value attributable to the improvements, and shall remain in effect for a maximum period of ten (10) years. As adopted by Town Meeting on July 11th, the exemption shall apply to all properties within the municipality for which a proper application is filed. The percentage rate and duration of the exemption shall be granted on a case by case basis related to the amount and value of public benefit provided, as determined by the Enfield Selectboard. In order to satisfy the “public benefit requirement” of this program, a minimum of one of the following must be provided: a) enhance economic growth and increase the Town’s tax base; b) creation of needed services or facilities not currently available in the Town; c) redevelop and revitalize commercial or industrial area; d) prevent or eliminate blight; or, e) retain local jobs, increase local job base, and/or provide diversity in the job base. As approved, this exemption program shall remain in effect for a maximum of five (5) tax years.

Both Land Use Boards have hearings scheduled for August. The Zoning Board will meet on 8/11/2020 at 7:00 pm to hear an application for a variance at 360 Crystal Lake Road and the Planning Board will meet on 8/12/2020 at 7:00 pm to hear the continuation of the carwash application referenced above. Another meeting of the Planning Board is tentatively scheduled for 8/26/2020, if any timely applications are received for hearings.

As always, please call the Land Use office with any request. We are eager to help answer all questions and to facilitate the application process for projects. Our direct line is 603-442-5427 or email us at: planning@enfield.nh.us The Land Use Office summer hours are Mon. thru Fri. from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm. Due to COVID19 protocols, our office is closed for walk in visitors, however with the proper personal protective equipment (read: masks), appointments can be made for in person meetings or site visits. Have a great August!

ENFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

As we head into August, it seems unbelievable that we haven't had anyone other than staff in the library in five months. As other libraries slowly begin to open, either by appointment or with very limited hours, I am paying close attention to the measures they are taking to keep everyone healthy and feeling safe.

Due to the size and layout issues we are facing, I believe an appointment system is going to work the best as it will allow us to limit the number of people and the length of time they are inside. What needs to happen before we can offer appointments:

- Plexiglas barriers installed at the circulation desk
- Re-configure the circulation desk so that patrons can scan their own items
- Plan for better ventilation (summer) and possibly purification (when the weather starts to cool)

Please know that we are working hard on solving these issues. Until then, we are still offering curbside pick up Monday-Friday and so far we have put out 190 bags! We are happy to take requests over the phone and through email. The State interlibrary loan system is still not running, however.

The building may be closed, but (most) library services are still available to you. Please do not hesitate to ask how we can help!

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

OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

I hope you and yours are healthy right now. I am very thankful that we were able to organize and execute a successful Town Meeting with a wide range of modified protocols and formats to help promote public safety and limit exposures. We are actively planning for the September state primary and November general election to help ensure that these two high-volume voting days are conducted in ways that also promote public health. Please take note of all the information provided at the beginning of this newsletter regarding absentee voting procedures.

We in the Town Clerk's Office are doing our best to meet your needs in the face of COVID-19. We are open again and available during our customary hours of operation on Monday through Friday. We have instituted a number of procedures to help minimize people's exposure to one another. We are still

strongly encouraging residents to take full advantage of the ability to complete many common transactions online. To review a list of the items you can process online, please visit here:

<https://www.enfield.nh.us/home/pages/online-payments>

We will also continue to transact certain business here in Town Hall that cannot be done electronically. This includes things like registering new motor vehicles and generating marriage licenses.

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

OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

Greetings all! THANK YOU to all who have taken advantage of paying their bills online, by mail or in the night drop located just to the left of the entry door to Town Hall. For your safety and ours, we appreciate continued use of these three options. If you have a transaction that cannot be done by either mail, online or dropping in the night drop, the lobby is open again; a mask is required and no more than two persons in the lobby at one time.

As a reminder, the first issue tax bills were due on July 1st and the 1st issue sewer betterment bills were due on June 24th. Now that those are behind us, it is time to kick-back and enjoy all that Enfield has to offer - albeit in a safe, social distancing kind of way. If you missed either of the billing due dates, no worries – you do not have to miss a moment of sunshine as you can still make your payment online at www.enfield.nh.us. The betterment assessment billings, water and sewer billings, gravel, timber and land use change taxes may also be paid online. It is also important to remember that paperless billing is available as new bills are issued! Payments made by electronic check online have an additional flat fee of \$0.95. Payments by credit card have an additional fee of 2.95%. To make a payment online, 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. My email address is whuntley@enfield.nh.us or to reach me by phone call 603-632-4201 x 5404.

I hope everyone enjoys the rest of the summer season and please stay safe!

BUILDING, FIRE & HEALTH INSPECTOR

I have found the below link to Consumer Products Safety Recalls very helpful and surprised at the number of items we recognize from everyday products. Please take the time to view occasionally.

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls>

Building permit requests continue to outpace last year's at this time and it does look like this trend will continue. This is a reminder that once your Building Permit has been approved, the copy of the Building Permit you receive is to be posted on the property in a location visible from the road. This is required by code and will save time when abutting property owners have questions due to the work being undertaken. Also, on property located within the Shoreline Protection Area, the state permit does need to be in place before we can issue a permit or any work can begin.

Enjoy what remains of summer and do what you need to in order to remain safe and healthy.

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

HUMAN SERVICES

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

DHHS (Establishes Emergency Child Care Collaborative)

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

New Hampshire Employment Security

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

Federal Unemployment Benefits

The enhanced unemployment benefits (\$600 per employee per week) being provided by the state via funds from the Federal CARES Act expired on July

31st. At this time legislation is being actively debated in Congress regarding a possible new unemployment benefit level related to COVID-19.

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

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

UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS (SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Due to COVID-19, for as long as it is permissible in the State of New Hampshire, Board and Committee meetings will continue to be held via Zoom video conference, with a few exceptions. Meeting notices are included on the calendar on the Town's website at www.enfield.nh.us and specifics on location, including joining the meeting via Zoom, if applicable, will be posted there. Once the need for social distancing has been lifted, meetings will once again be held at a physical location.

- [August 3 @ 6:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Board of Selectmen](#)
- [August 4 @ 3:30 PM \(via Zoom\) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee](#)
- [August 6 @ 7:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Conservation Commission](#)
- [August 10 @ 6:30 PM \(via Zoom\) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee](#)
- [August 11 @ 7:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Zoning Board of Adjustment](#)
- [August 12 @ 7:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Planning Board](#)
- [August 13 @ 5:00 PM \(Countryside Cemetery\) – Cemetery Trustees](#)
- [August 17 @ 6:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Board of Selectmen](#)
- [August 18 @ 3:30 PM \(via Zoom\) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee](#)
- [August 24 @ Time TBD \(via Zoom\) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee](#)
- [August 25 @ 6:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Energy Committee](#)
- [August 26 @ 7:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Planning Board](#)
- [August 27 @ 4:30 PM \(via Zoom\) – Heritage Commission](#)
- [August 29 @ 9 AM \(Town Hall\) – Supervisors of the Checklist](#)
- [September 1 @ 3:30 PM \(Location to be announced\) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee](#)
- [September 3 @ 7:00 PM \(Location to be announced\) – Conservation Commission](#)

- [September 8 @ 7:00 PM \(Location to be announced\) – Zoning Board of Adjustment](#)
- [September 9 @ 7:00 PM \(Location to be announced\) – Planning Board](#)
- [September 10 @ 6:00 PM \(Location to be announced\) – Cemetery Trustees](#)

ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING

Holding Town board and committee meetings using the Zoom video conferencing app has proven to be fairly successful. To join a Zoom meeting simply go to the Town's website at www.enfield.nh.us, find the meeting you want to attend on the calendar on the home page, click on the meeting heading and it will open up with all of the details. Simply click on the Zoom meeting link and it will open a video window. (You may need to download the Zoom app, but it won't take long.) You can also join with audio only by calling one of the numbers provided. Join us at one of our upcoming Zoom meetings. All meetings listed above are linked to the official posting on the Town's website where you will find Zoom meeting information. When a meeting begins, if you have problems connecting simply call the local number provided for assistance.

===== COMMUNITY EVENTS=====

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

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

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

MASCOMA LAKESIDE PARK – PAVILION CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Members of the Mascoma Lakeside Committee would like to extend their appreciation to local architect Paul Mirski, who has been graciously providing

pro bono design services and consultation in support of the Town's efforts to construct an open air pavilion at Mascoma Lakeside Park (reminder: the pavilion is being funded exclusively from a combination of private donations and a \$135,000 matching grant from the Northern Border Regional Commission). The committee will continue working closely with Mr. Mirski and others to ensure that the park is ultimately designed and developed in a manner that is consistent with the needs and values of our residents and visitors.

After careful review of the proposals submitted by multiple area contractors, it was determined that the construction contract would be awarded to Upper Valley Building and Remodeling (owned and operated by Sean Lacey). The Town's Building Inspector will serve as the Owner's Rep on the project). The goal is to have the pavilion fully constructed and the project finalized by November 2020. Site work and construction will begin in August 2020.

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



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

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

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

ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

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

TOWN OFFICES RE-OPENED TO THE PUBLIC – JUNE 15

Enfield Town Offices have been reopened to the public (effective June 15), with the following modified procedures in place:

- Town Hall was thoroughly cleaned prior to reopening, and will continue to be thoroughly cleaned every evening.
- Hand sanitizer stations have been established throughout the building, and members of the public are asked to use such hand sanitizer prior to entering any Department.
- Plexiglass guards have been installed at the Town Clerk & Tax Collector customer service counters.
- Prior to reporting back to work, employees will let supervisors know if they need a cloth mask, and cloth masks will be provided to employees that need them.
- When possible, workstations will be separated by at least six feet. Wherever needed, 6' demarcations will be added to areas where people often wait for service.
- To the extent possible, we will maintain only one public entrance to Town Hall (via the rear parking lot), where masks and hand sanitizer will be available to the public.
- The back stairwell will be used as an exit to allow for one-way foot traffic.
- Access to the Offices beyond the lobby will be by appointment only.
- All visitors to Town Hall must wear masks. Signage for the public entrance has been posted which includes the following information:

ATTENTION ALL VISITORS:

For your health and the health of others, we require that you *use HAND SANITIZER AND WEAR A CLOTH FACE COVERING OR DISPOSABLE MASK - COVERING BOTH YOUR MOUTH AND NOSE* - while in the building. If you do not have a face covering, a mask will be provided to you. Visitors without face coverings will not receive service from Town employees. We want all Town employees and visitors to feel as safe as possible.

Occupancy is LIMITED so wait times may be longer than usual.

ONE WAY traffic – follow arrows.

Only **ONE** person in the vestibule at a time. Please wait until vestibule is empty before entering.

Only **TWO** individuals in the lobby at a time. Please wait until there is one or fewer individuals in the lobby before entering.

Please maintain 6' social distancing at all times.

If you are not feeling well, we ask that you refrain from entering the building and instead make use of our online services which can be found at www.enfield.nh.us or call 632-5026 for assistance.

Thank you, in advance, for your patience and cooperation.

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

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

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

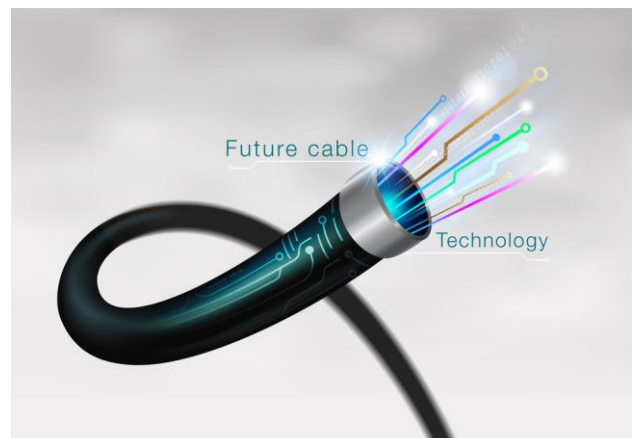
HISTORIC ENFIELD VILLAGE – MAIN STREET WALKING TOUR

COVID-19 has impacted our daily lives in a number of ways, including limiting many leisure activities that residents commonly engage in. If you are looking for an activity that is both fun and informative, we encourage you to complete a Main Street walking tour as outlined in this brochure produced by the Enfield Village Association:

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

HIGH-SPEED/FIBER OPTIC CABLE INTERNET ACCESS

In recent weeks, an ad hoc committee comprised of local residents with interest and expertise in the telecommunications industry has been formed to identify and advance ways in which access to high-speed internet can be improved in the Town of Enfield. The Land Use & Community Development Administrator is serving as the staff lead on this effort. Although the NH FastRoads initiative



resulted in a major build-out of “middle mile” fiber optic cable throughout a majority of public roads in Enfield several years ago, the current owner of the fiber optic infrastructure (FirstLight) has signaled a lack of interest or willingness to connect new residential customers. Improving residential access to high-speed internet is essential for the Town of Enfield as it will help us attract and retain residents. The working group is exploring a variety of possible solutions, some of which may involve state or federal legislative action.

Interested in learning more about this effort? Contact Rob Taylor, Land Use & Community Development Administrator, at 603-442-5427 or planning@enfield.nh.us.

OFFICIAL TOWN WEBSITE – SUBSCRIBE TO NEWS & ALERTS

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

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

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

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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

- *Check faucets and pipes for leaks.* A small drip from a worn faucet washer can waste 20 gallons of water per day. Larger leaks can waste hundreds of gallons.
- *Check your toilets for leaks.* Put a little food coloring in your toilet tank. If, without flushing, the color begins to appear in the bowl within 30 minutes, you have a leak that should be repaired immediately. Most replacement parts are inexpensive and easy to install.
- *Use your water meter to check for hidden water leaks.* Read the house water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is

being used. If the meter does not read exactly the same, there is a leak.

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

How to Improve Recycling

To improve the quality of materials that residents place in their recycling bins, Casella (the Town's contracted solid waste service provider) has created a new video for customers to watch. This video is just one component of a campaign centered on Casella's Recycle Better™ campaign.

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

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

The “Don’t” of Recycling



**KEEP THESE ITEMS OUT
OF ZERO-SORT® RECYCLING**



NO Plastic Bags or Bagged Recycling

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



NO Coated Paper Items

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



NO Disposable Items

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



NO Toys, Hangers, Clothes or Shoes

(Gently used items can be donated)



NO Waste or Wood

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



NO Plastic Wrap, Films or Tarps

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



NO Hazardous Materials

(Check for alternative recycling)



NO Rubber or Scrap Metal

(Check for alternative recycling)



NO Medical Waste

(Find safe and secure disposal near you)



NO Ceramics, Pots, Pans or Baking Glass

(Gently used items can be donated)



NO Electronics, Lithium Batteries or Bulbs

(Check for alternative recycling)

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

PROPERTY RECORDS AND MAPS

Did you know that property records and GIS maps with various layers, including wetlands, topography, etc., are available on our website? Simply go the Assessing Department page at <http://www.enfield.nh.us/assessing-department> and click on GIS Maps & Property Record Cards link.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

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

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

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

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

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

Or perhaps your interests lean toward Planning or Zoning. The Planning Board reviews and makes determinations on site plans and the **Planning Board presently has openings for alternate members.** Meetings of the Planning Board are on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. The Zoning Board of Adjustment is a quasi-judicial body that has the responsibility for special exceptions and variances of the Town Zoning Ordinance. We have openings for **Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) alternates.** Meetings of the ZBA are the second Tuesday of each month (as needed).

Release your inner party planner! Join our **Old Home Days Committee!** Many hands make light work! This group organizes our annual Old Home Days Celebration which takes place the last full weekend of July. The Old

Home Days Committee meets the first Wednesday of each month from February – July at 5:30 PM, with a couple of additional meetings in June and July as needed to prepare for the festivities.

Regrettably, we have canceled 2020 activities due to COVID-19, but the Committee looks forward to planning events for a 2021 celebration.

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

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

And check out the Enfield Old Home Days Facebook page!

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



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

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

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