

TOWN OF ENFIELD E-NEWSLETTER

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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 a town-wide newsletter that is disseminated by email monthly to all individuals who subscribe to the mailing list. Our hope is that the number of recipients on this list will continue to grow over time to ensure that most households receive these important updates.



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

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

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

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

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



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TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Hello Enfield,

No new news: I can go over the same old information I go over every month such as our office hours and which night are we open late, but you already know that because, it's on our website. I could remind you to license your dog/dogs, by April 30th, of each year, but again, that's also on our website. How about voter registration/elections, vital records (births, deaths, marriages), auto registrations/title applications, boats, and let's not forget wetlands dredge and fill applications. Where do you suppose you might find that? hmmm...

Just in case here it is:

www.enfield.nh.us
phone 603-632-5001

Goodbye Enfield,

New news: Yes, the time has come for me to say my goodbyes; I will be retiring at the end of December. My official last day will be Thursday December 30, 2021. My term ends in March 2022. I'm a firm believer in finishing what you start. As my daughter will tell you, I always made her finish everything she started – my apologies Jamie for breaking my own rule. It will be at this time I'll relinquish my Tiara to Wendy Huntley who will finish out my term as Town Clerk. I'm sure you'll continue to get a little attitude and a lot of sass; remember I taught her everything I know. Uh oh, think Enfield's in trouble. So goodbye Enfield, it's been quite a ride.

Respectfully,

Sandra Romano
Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

Greetings all! Things are really happening in the Tax Office. The water/sewer bills were due November 22nd, the Sewer Betterment bills are due December 8th and second issue 2021 property tax bills are due December 29th. We really appreciate all those who have already made their payments. THANK YOU!

The online bill-pay and the paperless billing options seem to be functioning well. For making any of these payments, utilizing the Paperless billing and the online bill payment options are strongly encouraged!

Some benefits of paperless billings are:

- Environmental – no actual paper bill and thus no envelop necessary. No transportation required by any vehicle using gas, diesel or battery and saves wear and tear of our roads!

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- No need to remember the due date. - Three Reminders are emailed! First email sent when bills are ready to pay (no need to watch for the postal carrier!), second email sent 10 days prior to the due date and the third email sent the day prior to the due date.
 - If paid online, an immediate email receipt of the transaction is sent so no worries about having to remember whether or not you actually made the payment or searching for a paper receipt. Payments made by electronic check on line have an additional flat fee of 95 cents. Payments by credit card have an additional fee of 2.95%.

**You may print the bill and bring it in to the office with your payment if you prefer.

- It's so easy to sign up for paperless billing by going to www.enfield.nh.us, online payments, enter your last name under owner and click the search button. Your name should appear on the right side of the screen. Choose you, add an invoice to cart and click on "check out". The very next screen will have a box to toggle stating "Yes, I am the Primary Owner for the parcel(s) I have selected and I want to sign up for Paperless Bill Notification." You will also need to enter your email address here.
- Cost savings-Paperless billing also helps to keep Town spending down by reducing printing, postage and production costs associated with mailing out the paper invoices.

Of course, even without signing up for paperless billing, you may view and or pay your invoices on line 24/7 at www.enfield.nh.us.

If you would like assistance with any of these steps, 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. You may also reach Jerusha Howard, Deputy Tax Collector for assistance. Jerusha's email address is tax2@enfield.nh.us and the phone number is the same, 603-632-4201 x 5404.

As a reminder, tax or utility payments over the counter may be made by cash or check only.

Have a wonderful Christmas/Holiday season and a Happy New Year!

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Happy holidays from the members of the Enfield Police Department. The department will be participating in Enfield Outing Club Christmas drive thru on December 4th from 3pm to 6pm. On Sunday December 5th members of the department will also be participating in Coffee with a Cop at Mickeys. This will be in the evening from 4pm to 6pm, stop by and have a conversation with one of our officers.

Winter is here, with the colder weather and snow please remember Jessica's Law that require all drivers to remove the snow off of the vehicle. Failure to do so can result in a fine, please plan a little extra time to clean off your vehicle. We would also like to remind drivers during the holiday season to drive sober. Plan prior to attending those holiday parties and have a designated driver. The department will have extra patrols during this season focusing on impaired drivers.

Last but on least, is you see something say something. You can always reach a officer by calling 603-643-2222 or the station phone at 603-632-7501. No issue is too large or too small, the members of the department are here to help.

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

As noted in the [Rules & Regulations](#) all items were cleared from the cemeteries. If you were unable to complete that and the town cleared items please contact Bridget at cemetery@enfield.nh.us to ask if they were saved. Any items unclaimed by May 2022 will be thrown out. Items may be put back in the cemeteries for the season starting May 15th and must be in line with the stone and only potted plants are allowed.

As always please contact Bridget at 802-332-5363 (cell) or email cemetery@enfield.nh.us with any questions. Have a safe and wonderful holiday season!

LAND USE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Enfield Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) did not meet in November, as there were no applications for appeals received. They do have a Variance hearing scheduled for the 14th of December. This will be for Land Use Case # Z21-12-01 where BMB Real Estate will request a variance to Enfield's Zoning Ordinance (Article IV, Section 401.1) to allow for a self-storage business to be constructed and operated in the "R1" Residential Zoning District. The subject property is located at 223 US Route 4 (Tax Map 33, Lot 5) and is currently owned by Walter Brown III and Janine Brown. This parcel is partially within both the "CB" District and the "R1" District. For your information, all ZBA meeting agendas as well as any prior meeting minutes may be found on the ZBA section of the Town's website at: <https://www.enfield.nh.us/zoning-board-adjustment>

The Planning Board met on November 10th to conduct a hearing for a minor subdivision application. This was Enfield Land Use Case # P21-11-01 where Mark Kenney sought minor subdivision approval to create two lots from one on Oak Hill Road (map 12, lot 21-1). The subject property is in the "R5" zoning district and is currently 11.4 acres total. Lot "A" will become 6.42 acres and lot "B" will become 5.03 acres. Mark E. Kenney is the property owner, and he was represented by Chris Rollins, LLS. The Planning Board granted their approval for this application. Another item on the PB's agenda was the proposed Zoning Ordinance changes/amendments. These will also be discussed at the next PB meeting on December 8th. FYI, all meeting minutes and agendas are available on the Planning Board section of the Town's website at: <https://www.enfield.nh.us/planning-board>



The Master Planning Task Force held a three Visioning Sessions over the weekend of November 5th and 6th. Two sessions were held at the Enfield Community Building in person on Saturday and a virtual session was held via Zoom on Sunday. Thank you to all those that participated and provided valuable community feedback. The comprehensive community survey for the master plan is still open and can be found on the Master Planning website at: www.enfield-leaps.org

Please complete the survey before December 6th. It is best if you take it online, however paper copies are available at the Town Offices, the Library and the DPW Facility. Completed paper copies can be left in drop boxes at these same locations. The Task Force is continuing to work with Brandy Saxton of PlaceSense of Hartland, VT. Brandy has developed an outline of the Master Plan and worked up a timeline for completion. The twice a month (on the second and fourth Mondays) Master Planning Task Force Meetings continue to be very productive and collaborative with professional and volunteer contributions alike.

If you have an idea for your property, such as a subdivision, voluntary lot merger, boundary line adjustment or a conceptual idea for a new business, please reach out to Rob Taylor, the Town's Land Use and Community Development Administrator from Monday through Friday at 603-442-5427 or by email at: planning@enfield.nh.us. You may also drop by the office (remember to bring your facemask) at the DPW facility at 74 Lockehaven Road. We always recommend calling ahead first to be sure we are available to help you. We hope you all have a wonderful holiday season!

NEWS FROM THE ENFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT

The month of November was busy with several trainings and events. We hosted an auto extrication class with 4 area departments participating and a total of 19 people attending, thank you to all for a very successful day.

After taking part in the swift water rescue class last month, we have received from Keith and Ann Hess of Hess Property Services a donation of 2 Dry Suits. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Below is a photo of some suits being used during a recent training at Mascoma Lake.



We have received our new Thermal Imaging Camera's, factory representatives provided training, and these have been placed in service. This equipment will provide added protection for our Firefighters and assist us during many types of events. Stay tuned for further information when these and other equipment will be demonstrated during an open house.

Please be careful with alternate heating sources as winter quickly approaches. If you have questions do not hesitate to contact us for information and suggestions.

Stay Safe, and Happy Holidays
Enfield Firefighters

BUILDING INSPECTOR/HEALTH OFFICER

The following information was provided by NH Department of Environmental Services:

Burning Dry Firewood Saves Money and Improves Air Quality

There are those wood stove owners who succumb to the colder temperatures of fall by burning wood right away, and then there are those who wear it like a badge of honor if they can go late into the season before starting that first fire – perhaps believing they can hold winter at bay just a little longer. Regardless of which camp of wood stove owner you fall in, it is time to make sure you have enough dry firewood or wood pellets ready to go for this winter.

Evaluating the moisture content of cord firewood can be tricky. Wood can be purchased when it is “green,” “seasoned,” “dried,” or “kiln dried,” but these are relative terms and wood is only ready to be burned when its moisture content is 20% or less. Wet wood is a waste. Burning wet wood produces less heat because energy goes into boiling off residual water so that the wood can ignite. Not only that, but the process releases pollution into the air and creosote in your chimney, which can lead to a fire hazard. Burning dry wood produces more heat, saves you money and improves air quality.

When talking with firewood suppliers, always be sure to ask how they define the terms they are using to describe their products. Here are a couple of general guidelines to keep in mind when talking to a firewood supplier:

- Green wood is fresh cut and should not be used for fuel until it has had time to dry properly. This is the least expensive to purchase and will require 6-12 months to dry properly depending on species and conditions.
- Dry wood refers to air-dried wood that should be an immediately burnable product at the time of delivery. Dry wood should never be stored uncovered as it will reabsorb rain and snow.
- Kiln dried wood has been dried through the introduction of heat in a deliberately controlled environment – a process that drastically shortens the drying time. As with dry wood, kiln dried firewood should be an immediately burnable product at time of delivery. This has the highest cost to purchase, but is of a very high quality that many people prefer. Because it takes energy to dry the wood, it is slightly less climate-friendly than air-dried wood!
- Seasoned wood is the least well defined of any of the terms associated with firewood. “Seasoning” is synonymous with “drying” but the key to the wood’s actual moisture content is how long and under what conditions the wood has been “seasoned.” When purchasing “seasoned” wood, always be sure to ask your dealer how long the wood has

been split, as opposed to just felled, and if it was stacked under cover to facilitate drying. You should assume that seasoned wood is not ready to burn without further drying.

If you are not planning to buy dry wood, the best strategy is to plan at least 6-12 months ahead and allow plenty of time for your wood to dry under cover and with ample airflow around it. Order wood during the winter or early spring for the following year, then stack and cover it to dry during the spring and summer for burning the following fall. This is the most reliable and economical way to ensure your supply of properly dried firewood.

If you are interested in burning less wood altogether, consider replacing your old wood-burning stove with a newer, cleaner burning model. New stoves burn less wood to produce the same amount of heat. Wood pellet stoves are also very efficient, typically needing just about 40 pounds of pellets per day during a winter day. Learn more on our [Home Wood-Burning Appliances webpage](#).

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Winter Ban

The Enfield Board of Selectmen wishes to remind citizens of Enfield that the Winter Parking Ban is in effect from November 1 through April 1.

No vehicle shall at any time be parked on any public or publicly maintained street, alley, roadway, parking lot or way open to the public, in a manner that hinders in any fashion the maintenance of the way.

Driveway Snow Placement

A reminder that it is unlawful to plow snow across all Town and State roads or to deposit snow within the traveled portion of a public street pursuant to RSA 236:20, Paragraph VII, and RSA 41:11. Property owners are responsible for their plowing contractors. **The Enfield Police Department will enforce this law.**

2022 Transfer Station Stickers Available

The 2022 Transfer Station window stickers are available at the Town Office and the Transfer Station. 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. Permit 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.

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

DPW Staff will be enforcing the sticker requirement at the Transfer Station and the citizen sand pile beginning in early January. In the era of the pandemic please plan ahead and obtain your sticker before you need it.

Water/Sewer Bills

Fourth quarter water and sewer bills will be mailed out in early January. Meter reading will be conducted at the end of December.

Driveway Sand

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

LIBRARY

Greetings Enfield,

What?

It's already the end of the year?

Well, 2021 certainly went by in a flash.

I am sure many of you are thinking the same thing. And what a year it has been! Let's look back at the year for the EPL. After being closed for many months, we were able to reopen our doors and welcome people back to the library. We are so glad that we can offer in-person browsing again. For those people who are not ready to come to the library, we are continuing our curbside pickup service. Curbside service is available M-W 9-5, Thursday 11-7, and Saturday 10-2. We are happy to fill specific requests, or we can make book recommendations.

In 2021, we also added to our digital services. We offer two different digital services, Hoopla and Overdrive.

Here is the information for **Hoopla**

To start:

-click on the link: <https://www.hoopladigital.com/>

-click the blue button, top center: "Get started today" You will need to enter your email address and create a password

-choose your library

-enter your library card number (Enfield card numbers are 1-4 digits long). If you don't know your card number, please call us!

Start enjoying all sorts of content! Hoopla is a groundbreaking digital media service that allows you to borrow movies, music, audiobooks, ebooks, comics and TV shows to enjoy on your computer, tablet, or phone – and even your TV! Titles can be streamed immediately or downloaded to phones or tablets for offline enjoyment later. There are hundreds of thousands of titles to choose from, with more being added daily.

Here is the information for **Overdrive**. The New Hampshire Downloadable Books Consortium was established to help New Hampshire public libraries provide digital materials to their patrons. The digital collection is comprised of fiction and nonfiction eBooks and audiobooks, which aims to mirror the popular physical collections found in NH public libraries. Digital

materials are selected with consideration of patron demand, popularity, availability, and cost of the materials. Consortium members select titles to submit to the coordinator of the Consortium for purchase.

As we welcome 2022, we will continue to adapt our services to meet the needs of the community. Always striving towards achieving our mission of being a focal point of the Enfield community by providing all residents and community members with a variety of resources and activities that educate, enrich, and entertain. The library strives to provide a welcoming environment that inspires lifelong learning and community engagement.

Above all else, remember, all are welcome at the Enfield Public Library. So, stop by, even if you just want to chat for a couple of minutes and then head on your way.

Bring on 2022! It is going to be a wonderful year.

Best, Kate

ENERGY COMMITTEE

The Enfield Community Power Committee, a subcommittee of the Enfield Energy Committee will hold a public hearing on the proposed Enfield Community Energy Plan on Tuesday December 7, 2021 at 7:00 PM at the Enfield Community Building. MASKS REQUIRED.

“Community Power” as authorized by NH RSA 53-E allows energy purchasing by empowering towns, cities and counties to choose where their electricity comes from and how it is generated on behalf of their residents and businesses.

The Enfield Community Power Plan draft is available at:

<https://www.enfield.nh.us/energy-committee/pages/enfield-community-power-plan-draft-nov-2021>

The December 7 Public Hearing will be videotaped and made available on cable TV channel and on [The Enfield Channel facebook page](#) available to everyone.

An additional public hearing will be held on February 15, 2022, 7:00 PM at the Enfield Community Building.

RECREATION

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

<https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Home>. Just a friendly reminder that all payments are due before the program begins or when you attend the program. Failure to make a payment may lead to not being able to take part in future programs.

Youth Programs:

Mascoma Youth Sports League

For seasonal registration information or questions email MYSLBoard@gmail.com

After School Ski Program at Whaleback will also be returning- registration open until 12/15! Register [here](#) for the bus from school to the mountain, payment for bussing is due by 1/10/22. Register through Whaleback for the lessons, passes, and snack bags [here](#). Parent volunteers needed- email Bridget @ mvalleyrec@gmail.com

Adult & Family Opportunities/Events:

Adult Co-Ed Recreational Volleyball

Sundays 6-8pm (when enough participants) keep an eye out on the [calendar](#) or email Bridget (mvalleyrec@gmail.com) for more information or to join the email list.

Disc Golf

Thank you for all of the support for the Community Disc Golf Day at Whaleback. It was a great day! Stay tuned for more details.

Yoga

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

Line Dancing

Grab a friend and join professional dance instructor Jamie Orr on Thursdays from 1:30-2:30pm at the Enfield Community Building. This is a fun and friendly class, and they dance to ALL types of music. This class is for experienced dancers. December class dates are- 12/2, 12/9, & 12/16.

Chair Yoga & Exercise

The Enfield Recreation Department continues to offer the highly attended Chair 12 Yoga/Exercise classes at the Enfield Community Building. These classes are low impact and focus on stretching, balance, strength, and meditation. The classes are only \$5.00 and open to ALL levels!! No RSVP required. 9:30 am - 10:30 am.

Please note the revised schedule – **Wednesdays Only**

- December 1st
- December 8th
- December 15th
- December 22nd
- December 29th

Schedule subject to change based on instructor availability & weather

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

UNH Extension is offering many workshops. Visit: www.naturegroupie.org for more information.

Don't forget to check out other opportunities and programs **Upper Valley Trail Alliance** offers for all ages at <https://www.uvtrails.org>

For any questions about Mascoma Valley Parks & Recreation please contact Bridget at mvalleyrec@gmail.com.

** If you are an instructor of a program within the 5 towns of Mascoma Valley and would like to share the information please contact Bridget to be added to this news blurb.**

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

Reservations for Use of Town Parks & Fields

Just a bit of clarification for those interested in use of the Town's parks and fields for events:

- The Enfield Community Building is reserved with the Town Manager's Office (abonnette@enfield.nh.us), but
- **Town parks and fields** are reserved with Enfield Recreation, (recreation@enfield.nh.us).

Follow MVPR on [Facebook](#) & [Instagram](#)!

MASCOMA LAKESIDE PARK

The MLP Committee is delighted to announce the receipt of a grant from the Mascoma Bank Foundation of \$20,000. This grant will go towards the match needed for the Land and Water Conservation grant (\$125,000) which will provide parking lot improvements and drainage, plantings, and overall lake access.

The exciting news at Lakeside Park is the new access ramp and walkway from the Rail Trail is now in place. A BIG thanks to Steve Patten for his planning and construction expertise and the generous donors who contributed towards building the (ADA accessible) access. Now to urge all Rail Trail folks to use the new access and avoid the steep bank next to the pavilion.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 12 from 3 to 5 PM for a holiday gathering at Lakeside Park. Hot chocolate, cookies, holiday music, marshmallow roasting, stories for kids, and just maybe, Santa might show up!

Happy Holidays to all!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Local government could not function without its volunteers. We are thankful to all of those who volunteer their time, quite a number of whom volunteer on multiple boards and committees and for many years. Our application form can be found here:

We need your help. We have vacancies on the following boards and committees:

Capital Improvement Program Committee – The CIP Committee, as it's known, has two vacancies.

Conservation Commission – The Conservation Commission has one vacancy to fill.

Energy Committee – has one vacancy and would welcome alternate members as well

Old Home Days Committee – The Old Home Days Committee was created to bring back this long-standing tradition. A number of highly dedicated volunteers who served on this committee since its inception in 2015 have stepped down. We're now in the position of looking for volunteers to fill the vacancies. Are you that volunteer who can provide fresh ideas? Old Home Days needs you!

Tax Increment Finance District Advisory Committee – The TIF Committee has 2 vacancies. This Committee does not meet on a regular monthly basis so if you're interested in volunteering on this financial and economic development planning committee, but have limited time available, this may be the position for you.

“KNOW YOUR TOWN”

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

An Old American Tradition

Property disputes and government officials feathering their nests have been American traditions since Europeans first arrived on New England's shores. The early New Hampshire governor Benning Wentworth was good at both. In 1741, Wentworth was appointed governor of what was known as the Province of New Hampshire by British king George III. Part of Wentworth's role was to create townships and distribute land “...in equal shares...unto our loving subjects”.¹

Wentworth interpreted his mandate broadly. He handed out land on the west side of the Connecticut River, which was actually claimed by the Province of New York. This tangle was fully resolved only when the area, now called Vermont, became a U.S. state in 1791.

What would affect Enfield more directly, however, was Wentworth's personal greed. Instead of granting land as he was supposed to, Wentworth outright sold it or made gifts in return for personal favors. He also helped himself to five hundred acres of land from each transaction—and took a fee on top!

Many who bought into or benefited from Wentworth's New Hampshire schemes (referred to as the “proprietors”) were from Connecticut. One group of speculators were soldiers who found they liked the Enfield area while passing through after the French and Indian War on their way back to their homes in Enfield, Connecticut. When they petitioned the governor for a charter, Wentworth granted it. He also took five hundred acres of land near Methodist Hill in the new Enfield for himself. The land that Wentworth distributed came with the condition that it be cleared and cultivated. Failure to do so within five years would result in the land's return to the governor. Many landholders were unable to meet the conditions for improvement or cultivation and their land returned to the New Hampshire government.

Benning Wentworth was eventually removed from his position as governor. He was replaced by his nephew, who then set up a new charter. Under this new charter Enfield was renamed Relham (for a grantee who was a well-known New Hampshire physician) and the land was handed out again.

Not surprisingly, the beneficiaries of the original Enfield charter were not happy and fought to reclaim their ownership. It took eleven years to settle this ensuing “War of the Charters”. Finally in 1779 the dispute was resolved; the Relham charter was closed and the original Enfield one was restored. This time, the land was given out for free. With the cloud of litigation finally lifted, Enfield could attract settlers and grow.

As part of the dispute resolution, the land involved was surveyed properly. Enfield got the borders it still has today, well almost. That strange jog in the town line on Enfield’s southeast border with Grafton dates to 1837 when two Grafton residents petitioned Enfield to incorporate their land because they found it easier to business and go to religious meetings in Enfield.

¹ *Enfield New Hampshire 1761-2000. A History of a Town Influenced by the Shakers.* Nancy Blanchard Sanborn, p. 1.

Additional information about Governor Wentworth is from the site of the New Hampshire Historical Society. <https://network.nhhistory.org/>

HOLIDAY EVENTS

ENFIELD'S TOWN TREE LIGHTING

Friday, December 3rd at Huse Park @ 6:30 P.M.

Mrs. Claus to Flip the Switch & Take Photos with kids, caroling, hot chocolate & coffee, general fellowship & merriment! (Song listing below)

Caroling tunes (Printed lyrics available or if you would like to have them ready on your phone – contact mvalleyrec@gmail.com):

Jingle Bells
Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer
Frosty The Snowman
We Wish You A Merry Christmas
O' Christmas Tree
Santa Claus Is Coming To Town
Deck The Halls
Let It Snow
Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas

****MASKS REQUIRED to keep our community healthy and safe this holiday season.****

COOKIE (MIX) DRIVE @ the Town Tree Lighting

We will be hosting a cookie mix drive at the Town Tree Lighting on Friday, December 3rd at 6:30 P.M. to benefit the @[Friends of Mascoma Foundation](#) food pantry. It's a special time of year for families and traditions and cookie mixes are not often a high donation item. Please

consider donating to help make this time of year special for everyone in our community and bring a package or two of cookie mixes to the festivities!

ALSO- there are multiple other events taking place **right now** such as- [Mascoma Valley Holiday Light Competition](#), Gingerbread House Display, Coloring Contest, and a Mailbox for Letters to Santa(at Enfield House of Pizza) – for details go to: [Hometown Holidays | Enfield Village Association \(enfieldmainstreet.org\)](#)

MASCOMA VALLEY REGIONAL FIRST RESPONDERS HOLIDAY HELP DRIVE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Your Mascoma Valley Regional First Responders are hosting our 10th Annual Holiday Help Drive. Due to Covid-19, we will provide gift cards to families in need, in lieu of toys.

Gift cards will be offered at the Enfield Community Building parking lot at 308 US Route 4 on Saturday, December 11th from 8 am – 2 pm.

If you can donate this year, bring your choice of gift card (or cash) to the Enfield Community Building or Canaan Williams Field on Sunday, December 5th from 8 am – 4 pm. Call 603-306-6058 with questions.

We look forward to helping Mascoma Valley families to have a wonderful holiday season!

Sincerely,
MVR First Responders

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR & COOKIE SALE

The Enfield United Methodist Church will be holding a CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR AND COOKIE SALE on Saturday, December 4 from 9-1 at the EUMC Fellowship Hall on Route 4. There will be crafters, gifts and a cookie sale. Masks are appreciated.



You're Invited to the Enfield Outing Club's 45th Annual Children's Christmas Party!

**Saturday, December 4th, from 3pm – 6pm
Huse Park on Route 4 in Enfield**

Santa and all your favorite characters will be on hand to celebrate the holiday season. Rudolph, the Bumble, the Grinch, and EOC's very own Snowflake and Gingeel will be handing out goodies to the children. Santa and his elves will have an extra special gift for each child! Music will be provided by Enfield's Jim Hollis as you drive through and visit all your friends!



Children are encouraged to drop off notes/letters for Santa.



Enter to win a free Christmas Tree courtesy of the Enfield Mascoma Lions Club!

There is no charge and everyone is welcome to come join in the fun! This is a COVID Safe, Drive-Through Christmas Event,
All from the safety and comfort of your vehicle!



For information contact Peg Howard @ eoc378.info@gmail.com or 603-523-7677
follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/EnfieldOutingClub> and www.eocnh.com



The Town of Enfield's
HOMETOWN
Holidays

NOVEMBER 25TH - DECEMBER 31ST

NOVEMBER 25TH
La Salette's Festival Of Lights Begins

NOVEMBER 27TH
Small Business Saturday Holiday Market at the Community Building

NOVEMBER 28TH
Main Street Decorating
Santa's North Pole Express Mailbox Appears at Enfield House of Pizza

DECEMBER 1ST
Holiday Coloring Contest Kickoff

DECEMBER 3RD
Town Tree Lighting / Caroling / Merriment / Cookie Drive at Huse Park

DECEMBER 4TH
Santa & His Helpers Drive-Thru Gift Distribution at Huse Park with EOC

DECEMBER 5TH
Holiday Help Drive Collection with Mascoma Valley First Responders

DECEMBER 8TH
Holiday Story Time with the Enfield Library

DECEMBER 10TH
Gingerbread Display Opens
Mascoma Valley Holiday Lights Competition Judging
Ugly Sweater Community Social

DECEMBER 11TH
Holiday Help Drive Gift Card Pick Up with Mascoma Valley First Responders
S'mores Kits & Wreath Raffle with the Lioness Club at Huse Park

DECEMBER 12TH
Lakeside Park Tree Lighting at the Pavilion/Caroling/Merriment

DECEMBER 15TH
Holiday Story Time with the Enfield Library

DECEMBER 18TH
Holiday Movie Hosted by Enfield PBA at the Community Building

DECEMBER 19TH
Holiday Cookie Decorating with Enfield PBA at the Community Building
Coloring Contest Judging & Prizes Awarded

DECEMBER 24TH
Mrs. Claus Reading Night Before Christmas

DECEMBER 31ST
Karaoke New Year's Eve at Whaleback Tavern

Check for updates at www.enfieldmainstreet.org & Facebook @EnfieldNHEVA

Check for updates at <http://www.enfieldmainstreet.org/hometown-holidays/>
or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/EnfieldNHEVA>



La Salette Shrine
FESTIVAL OF LIGHT DISPLAY
OPEN: 5 PM – 9 PM

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- NATIVITY DISPLAY OPEN
- LIMITED FOOD OPTIONS
- TRAIN DISPLAY WILL RETURN

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MONDAY & TUESDAY 11:30 AM
WEDNESDAY—SATURDAY 6:00 PM
SUNDAY 11 AM

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MEETINGS & EVENTS

ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING

All public meetings are now being held **in person**. Masks are currently required in all public municipal spaces so must be worn if attending an indoor public meeting.

Some meetings, including most Selectboard meetings, will be a hybrid of in-person and Zoom videoconference. If Zoom is available for the meeting the connection information will be posted on the Town website along with the meeting posting. There are audio-only options available via Zoom.

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

UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS (SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

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

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

- [December 2 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Zoom\) – Budget Committee](#)
- [December 6 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works & Zoom\) – Board of Selectmen](#)
- [December 7 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works & Zoom\) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee](#)
- [December 7 @ 6:30 PM \(Public Works & Zoom\) – Capital Improvement Program Committee](#)
- [December 7 @ 7:00 PM \(Community Building\) – Community Energy Plan–Public Hearing](#)
- [December 8 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Zoom\) – Planning Board](#)
- [December 9 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Zoom\) – Budget Committee](#)
- [December 10 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Zoom\) – Conservation Commission](#)
- [December 13 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works & Zoom\) – Master Planning Task Force](#)
- [December 14 @ 5:00 PM \(Town Hall\) – Trustees of Trust Funds](#)
- [December 14 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Zoom\) – Zoning Board of Adjustment](#)
- [December 15 @ 6:30 PM \(Town Hall\) – Recreation Commission](#)
- [December 16 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Zoom\) – Budget Committee](#)
- [December 20 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works & Zoom\) – Board of Selectmen](#)
- [December 22 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Zoom\) – Planning Board](#)
- [December 27 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works & Zoom\) – Master Planning Task Force](#)
- [January 3 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works & Zoom\) – Board of Selectmen](#)
- [January 4 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works & Zoom\) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee](#)
- [January 5 @ 5:30 PM \(Location to be announced\) – Old Home Days Committee](#)
- [January 6 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Zoom\) – Conservation Commission](#)

COMMUNITY EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

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

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

FRIENDS OF MASCOMA

Hello all,

Here are some quick updates from FOM!

Mascoma Builds Community Resilience Project:

Thanks everyone for a great meeting in October! In our Partner Spotlight, we heard from Rebecca Ekholm with the Mascoma Community Health Center where we learned more about the initiatives and upcoming activities of the Health Center. Thanks for sharing Rebecca! Next month Enfield resident Hilary A. Schuler, the Community Health Partnership Coordinator for Dartmouth-Hitchcock will be presenting on ALL Together.

During October's meeting, we had the opportunity to really dive deep into one of the priority areas identified by this group- Lack of information about the resources, supports, activities; lack of resources, supports, activities. After a fruitful discussion, we honed in on some areas of action around creative ways to communicate about resources/events in the community.

We are also excited to announce that, based on feedback, a final name has been chosen for this group: **"Mascoma Matters: Five to Thrive"**

Please join us for our next meeting (which will be a combined meeting for November/December) on Thursday, December 9th from 6-7:30pm where we will have the opportunity to explore our 2nd priority area identified: Social isolation/lack of connection.

Zoom link for the December meeting is here: <https://unh.zoom.us/j/97377344025>

In the meantime, check out [Padlet](#) to view October's meeting notes! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Eula at elkozma@friendsofmascoma.org

Mini-grant program:

Last call for mini-grants! Mini-Grants are modest awards that help educators make a positive difference in the learning experience of their students. Mini-grants support, encourage, and facilitate great teaching ideas that would not be possible within the existing school budget. We have seen a lot of mini-grant activity the last few weeks and we hope to finish out the year by giving away the entire \$10,000 we have budgeted for this program. We urge teachers and staff to visit this page to learn more and apply now: <http://friendsofmascoma.org/mini-grants>

FOM Launches first ever Text-to-Give Campaign:

Our first ever Text-to-Give Campaign is off to a great start! Textgiving kicked off on Thanksgiving Day and we are over halfway to our goal!

There is still time to give! Simply text the phrase "Giving Tuesday" to (541) 802-5802 anytime this week and you will be prompted to give a gift of your choice to the Friends of Mascoma Foundation. If we raise \$1,000 it will be matched dollar for dollar by a local donor!

FOM is also thanking everyone who participates with video messages from our staff and Board of Directors! Give now to get a special message.

FOM Thanksgiving Round-up and plans for December Food Boxes:

The Friends of Mascoma Foundation just wrapped our Thanksgiving food distribution. Read on to learn about our partnerships and distribution efforts for Thanksgiving. Also mark your calendars for our December Food Box Distribution!

While some of you may still be eating pie for breakfast, we are already thinking ahead to December food boxes. FOM is pleased to announce that on Wednesday December 22nd we will be offering 100 holiday food boxes on a first come first served basis at our Canaan location, 9 on the Common Way, from 3:00pm-5:30pm. These boxes will include items for a holiday feast, pantry staples for the week in between Christmas and New Year's, and a ham from our friends at Green Mountain Smoke House.

Thanksgiving Round-up: We helped the MVRHS National Honor Society distribute 68 turkeys and food boxes in the days leading up to Thanksgiving! These boxes come with fresh items and holiday staples for a Thanksgiving meal as well as breakfast items like cereal and quick dinners like macaroni and cheese for folks to enjoy during the long weekend.

We also worked with our friends at the Mascoma Valley Ecumenical Council to distribute 72 turkeys and 128 boxes of food for their annual Ingathering. These boxes include fresh items like squash, onions, and potatoes as well as pantry staples like soups, oatmeal or cereal, and pasta with tomato sauce. We also include a few personal care items like toothpaste and toothbrushes with each box.



The Crew from the Mascoma Valley Ecumenical Council 2021 Ingathering



Regular FOM Volunteer Alan Ricard, helping out at the 2021 Ingathering



A team from MVRHS packing the Thanksgiving boxes

Food Access:

FOM operates two public pantries every week. With change in season/weather comes changes in our schedule. Please note the new times and days for our schedule for the rest of 2021 below. If you or someone you know is in need, please visit our pantries. We offer a variety of pantry staples, dairy products, baked goods, protein options, and fresh local produce.

*****FOM will offer a second “Enfield day” in Canaan with new winter hours*****

Wednesday December 1st— FOM offering a public food pantry in Canaan, 9 on the Common way, from 3:00pm-5:30pm

Tuesday December 7th—FOM offering a public food pantry in Canaan, 9 on the Common way, from 3:00pm-5:30pm

Wednesday December 8th— FOM offering a public food pantry in Canaan, 9 on the Common way, from 3:00pm-5:30pm

Tuesday December 14th— FOM offering a public food pantry in Canaan, 9 on the Common way, from 3:00pm-5:30pm

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Tuesday December 21st— FOM offering a public food pantry in Canaan, 9 on the Common way, from 3:00pm-5:30pm

Wednesday December 22nd—FOM will be offering 100 holiday food boxes on a first come first served basis in Canaan, 9 on the Common way, from 3:00pm to 5:30pm

The week of December 27th FOM will be closed and reopen in January 2022

Tuesday Jan 4th— FOM offering a public food pantry in Canaan, 9 on the Common way, from 3:00pm-5:30pm

Wednesday Jan 5th – FOM offering a public food pantry in Canaan, 9 on the Common way, from 3:00pm-5:30pm

FOM is Distributing Coats and Warm Clothing:

FOM still has coats and warm clothing items available to the public during our Canaan public food pantry hours on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. All are welcome to stop by 9 On The Common Way, right behind Canaan Hardware Store.

Shopping for FOM:

You can support the Friends of Mascoma Foundation this December by shopping at two local stores!

For the ENTIRE month of December 2021, the Friends of Mascoma Foundation, has been selected to receive a \$1 donation for every \$12.00 Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet with the red circle sticker sold at the Hannaford store located at 8 Market Street, West Lebanon NH.

FOM is pleased to announce we have been selected as one of the December 2021 Pennies for Change recipients at the Co-op Food Stores! Mark your calendars now! Don't forget to shop often and round up for Friends of Mascoma Foundation!



The Mascoma Lake Skating Association Board is looking forward to our second season. Thank you to all of our donors and volunteers for helping us bring another skating season to Mascoma Lake.

The Mascoma Lake Skating Association is an all-volunteer, charitable organization that maintains skating trails and rink areas throughout the winter months. All costs are 100% funded through donations and grants. Email us to find out how you can help out.

All skating is done at your own risk. Check ice conditions and learn proper ice rescue techniques before venturing on the ice.

Skating Conditions: Visit MLSA website or FB page for updates on conditions and recent plowing.

Lessons: Visit our website for more information.

Skate Rentals: Nordic Skater, 4 Route 103A, Newbury, NH. www.nordicskater.com, 603/763-2727

www.mascomalakeskatingassociation.com

Email: mascomalakeskating@gmail.com

RECENT NEWS FROM PAST ISSUES

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

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Town of Enfield has employment opportunities!

Light Equipment Operators: Full-time positions with the Department of Public Works.

Assistant Town Clerk: The Town is continuing its search for an Assistant Town Clerk. This is a part-time 30 hours/week position. Starting wage \$18-\$20/hour dependent upon qualifications and experience. Please note: the hours for this position are currently under review and may change.

Police Officer: The Enfield Police Department also has a full-time opening, if you know anyone interested in becoming a police officer, please contact Lieutenant Frye.

Conservation Commission Meeting Recorder: The Town of Enfield is seeking a Meeting Recorder to take and maintain meeting minutes for the Enfield Conservation Commission. These minutes will serve as the official record for the Town of Enfield as required by the State of New Hampshire. Check out the complete announcement and job description [HERE](#).

Visit [Employment Information | Enfield NH](#) for more information and an employment application form.

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