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Cardinal by Deborah Mashibini-Prior

Welcome Message



Greetings!

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

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

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

Thank you for being a part of our community. We hope you find this and future newsletters both informative and enjoyable. Please don’t hesitate to contact Ed Morris, Enfield Town Manager, at 603-442-5405 or 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](#)!



A Message from Enfield's Town Manager

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and an enjoyable start to the Holiday season. My wife and I were able to get out to visit Small Business Saturday at the Enfield Community Building and the craft fair at the Indian River School. The Town has partnered with different organizations throughout Enfield to bring you our Hometown Holiday Celebration with many more events scheduled throughout the month of December (see the recreation section of this newsletter for more details).



November also ushered in the dark months. I still have trouble adjusting to it getting dark by 4:30 P.M., but the silver lining, from Thanksgiving through December, is being able to enjoy the holiday lights while traveling around Town.

La Salette turned their lights on the evening of Thanksgiving, many homeowners turned their lights on over the weekend, and the Town Christmas tree, in Huse Park, was lit on the 26th of November, with the help of Mrs. Clause and Buddy the Elf. Jakes provided coffee and hot chocolate to keep everyone warm and we had a host of helpers lead the crowd through the singing of many different carols.

As many of you know, the Town water department had a difficult month, with the issuance of a boil order. It took a couple weeks to get chlorine through the system and to let it do the work of eliminating the coliform in the system. We continue to work with the State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Water Division to ensure that the Town is delivering safe drinking water to our residents and customers. Because of this, we will continue chlorinating the system throughout the month of December, with plans to start decreasing the amount of chlorine being used in the next couple weeks, once we receive the OK from the State.

The Town worked this month with the Department of Revenue Administration to set the tax rate for the 2022-2023 tax year. The tax rate for the Town of Enfield increased 2.5% from \$25.11 to \$25.75 per 1000 of assessed value. Based on the current valuation, this equals an increase of \$64 per \$100,000 of assessed value.

We also continue to work on the two building projects approved at Town Meeting. The MFAC Design Team has worked with our contractors to come to a final decision on a building footprint and will be finalizing the floor plan and other details in December. We are also completing some drilling and final survey plans before finalizing the purchase of the land in front of Shaker Hill Granite for the Public Safety Building. I am currently working with the USDA to complete a loan application for Whitney Hall, with the hopes of finalizing financing in 2023. Police Chief Holland is working with FEMA, the State of NH, and USDA on grant projects trying to find grant money to supplement and offset the budget approved by the voters.

Ed Morris,
Town Manager

Special News Items

December & January Holidays



The Town will be observing the following holidays in December & January:

Christmas Holiday – Monday, December 26

New Year's Day Holiday – Monday, January 2

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Monday, January 16

All Town Offices and the Enfield Public Library will be closed on these days.

Check out the [Transfer Station Holiday Hours](#) in the Public Works report.

Department & Committee Reports

Building Inspector/Health Officer

The Energy Code has a requirement for a programmable thermostat to control primary heating and cooling equipment in residential homes. The building inspector has had several conversations with contractors who question the need and effectiveness of this Energy Code requirement which does contradict previous advice to contractors and homeowners about maintaining thermostat settings at a constant temperature to maximize energy efficiency and lessen wear and tear on heating and cooling equipment. The following information was provided by the NH Department of Environmental Services, and helps explain the justification for the Energy Code programmable thermostat requirement:

Go Ahead, Turn Down That Thermostat

As we inch closer to winter, many of us have home heating costs on our mind: How much is it going to increase? And what can I do about it? Well, while we can't individually control energy and fuel prices, there are things we can do to reduce energy usage related to heating our homes. In fact, there's one simple thing you can build into your routine that will help: turn down your thermostat while sleeping or not at home.

There has long been debate about whether turning your thermostat down low actually saves money and energy. You may have heard the claim that the energy a furnace or boiler expends starting and stopping is more than if the device maintains a steady temperature. However, [that conventional wisdom actually doesn't bear out](#): The amount that you can save by turning the thermostat down during the times that you're not benefitting from the heat vastly outweighs that startup energy consumption. In fact, the opposite can be true. When recovering from a setback, the burner spends more time running in the "optimal combustion efficiency zone," delivering more energy to your home with fewer emissions.

According to the [U.S. Department of Energy](#), you can save as much as 10% a year on heating by simply turning your thermostat back 7 to 10 degrees for eight hours a day from its normal setting. During winter, the lower the temperature inside your home, the slower the heat loss, so if you can keep the temperature lower for long periods of time – like when you are sleeping or at work – you will save more energy and reduce your heating bill. You can easily save energy in the winter by setting the thermostat to around 68°F while you're awake and setting it lower while you're asleep or away from home.

If you have a programmable thermostat or the means to get one, this type of routine savings can be even easier. You can set it as low as is comfortable in the winter and then lower the setpoint when you're sleeping or away from home. Some smart thermostats even have occupancy sensors and will set back automatically when the home is empty.

Turning down your thermostat is just one way to save on energy and heating costs in your home. Here are some others:

- Reverse your ceiling fans to bring that warmer air circulating around your home down.
- Replace your furnace's filter regularly to save electricity.
- Seal up any leaks or holes; [this saves an average household \\$166 annually](#). Prioritize the ABCs: Start in the **Attic**, then **Basement**, then the **Center** of your home.
- Ensure that any heat sources can deliver heat without restriction. Furniture can block both forced air vents and baseboard heat or radiators.
- Put some area rugs in your rooms. This will improve comfort without turning up the thermostat.
- During winter, keep the draperies and shades on your south-facing windows open during the day to [allow the sunlight to enter your home](#) and closed at night to reduce the chill you may feel from cold windows.

Overall, reducing your heat usage is a great way to save on costly bills and to be more eco-friendly. In areas like New England, where the winter months are cold, [heating accounts for 30% to 50% of a household's annual energy costs](#). Additionally, home heating and cooling is responsible for nearly 441 million tons of carbon dioxide annually.

So don't be afraid to see how low you can go on your thermostat dial!

Cemetery Department

The Trustees next meeting will be on May 11, 2023. As always please contact Bridget with any questions at cemetery@enfield.nh.us

You can also find general information on the rules and regulations of the cemeteries here: <https://www.enfield.nh.us/cemetery-department/files/rules-regulations>

Conservation Commission

Merry Christmas to all and a reminder to look for future announcements from the Conservation Commission as we will be presenting several Warrant Articles for vote at the 2023 Town Meeting that, if passed, will go a long way to helping preserve the open space Enfield now has for recreation and wildlife. We will be holding an informational meeting on February 16, 2023, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Community Building, to explain the value to the community of these Warrant Articles. So please mark it on your new calendar.

The citizens of Enfield should keep in mind that, whether on the municipal system or private wells, all of Enfield is dependent upon ground water. The number of aquifers in Enfield is limited and these depend upon wetlands, snow melt and rainfall to recharge them. The more people in the Town the more demand there will be for water. In 2019 the municipal system, serving 480 homes, used 25,746,700 gallons of

water. In 2020 the Town used 26,607,100 gallons and in 2021, 25,732, 174 gallons, according to the Public Works Dept. Water conservation notices were announced by the Town in 2020 and 2022. Water is an essential resource and its availability is neither unlimited nor under human control in Enfield. Recurring drought is one of the predicted outcomes of climate change so the Carrying Capacity of the water supply must be kept in mind when planning for development. Drilling new wells is just putting more “straws” in the same source not creating new sources.

Energy Committee

Enfield Community Power

In Enfield, most of us have Liberty Utilities as our electric company. If you stayed with Liberty as the provider of your energy supply, then you are receiving default service with electricity generated from multiple sources.

For 2021, Liberty Utilities’ sources of electricity were varied including landfill gas. Most of its electricity was generated from natural gas 32.5%. The percentage of natural gas in Liberty’s mix has risen from 22.9% in 2018 to 32.5% in 2021. The amount of renewable fuels in 2021 was 13.9% down from 15.2% in 2020.

Many of our residents and businesses would prefer to have renewable sources be a larger portion of how their electricity is generated. When Enfield Community Power starts up, we will have choices. Stay tuned.

Enfield Public Library



Enfield Public Library

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

We’ve got a few things going on this holiday season. Looking forward to seeing you!

PROGRAMS

Holiday Make It/Take It Crafts!

Starting November 30, we’ll have Make It/Take It craft each **Wednesday at 3:30**.



November 30: Create a Candy Cane Mouse



December 7: Decorate Felt Gingerbread People



December 14: Decorate Felt Wreathes



December 21: Decorate Foam Trees and Stockings

Writing Workshop



STORY GIFTS

A PROMPT WORKSHOP
THAT KEEPS ON
GIVING

with author & writing
teacher Joni B. Cole

Tuesday, December 6
12:30 - 2:00 pm
Enfield Community Center

*Generously sponsored by
the Evelyn J. Crate Fund*



We're hosting another prompt-writing session with author Joni Cole! In this workshop you will write from a prompt to tap into your stories, or simply discover the fun and freedom of capturing your thoughts on the page. Whether the result is a meaningful memory or simply a flow of thoughts, this writing is meant to celebrate your voice, and perhaps give you something to pass on to someone else—a story gift, if you will (in lieu of yet another fruitcake!).

Sponsored by the Evelyn J. Crate Fund.

Postcarding With **POSTCROSSING**

Join us to talk about and write postcards for the international swapping site, [PostCrossing](https://www.postcrossing.com)! At the library on **Tuesday, December 6, 6:00-7:00 pm**



Mystery Lovers' Book Group

We're reading the Christmas cozy mystery, [*The Ghost of Christmas Past*](#), by Rhys Bowen. Join the discussion on **Thursday, December 8**, at 2 pm and 6 pm (choose your "sitting").





Storytime at the Library!

Join Miss Kate for Storytime at the library **Wednesdays at 10 am** for stories, songs, and lots of fun.



Library Tech Talk

Got questions about library technology? Join us **Tuesday, December 13**, at 1 pm for an overview of what's available and the opportunity to ask questions in person.



Knitters' Group

The [Knitting Group](#) gathers on **Tuesdays from 10:30-noon**. Bring your fiber project and join in.



LEGOS!

The LEGOS come out at the library **every Thursday from 3:30-4:30 pm** for free-building fun! We have many books on LEGOS, including several new ones. [Click here to see the whole list.](#)



What's New

Browse [New Fiction](#), [New Non-Fiction](#), and more on our Aspen Discovery home page. Find out the details on Borrowing, Resources, Programs, [contact information](#), and our [Calendar](#) too!

Get the latest acquisitions in your email inbox each Wednesday with a [Wowbrary newsletter](#) subscription.



Recommended Reading

Maybe my favorite book of the year! --Nancy

"A must-read debut! Meet Elizabeth Zott: a 'formidable, unapologetic and inspiring' (*PARADE*) scientist in 1960s California whose career takes a detour when she becomes the unlikely star of a beloved TV cooking show in this novel that is 'irresistible, satisfying and full of fuel. It reminds you that change takes time and always requires heat' (*The New York Times Book Review*)"—Amazon.

HOURS

We're open **Tuesdays until 7 pm**, like the town offices!

Monday: 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Tuesday: 9:00 am-7:00 pm

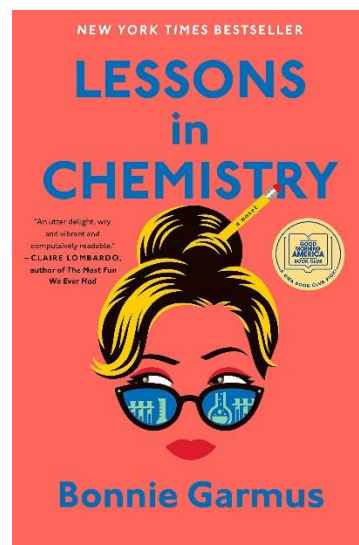
Wednesday: 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Thursday: 11:00 am-7:00 pm

Friday: closed

Saturday: 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Sunday: closed



Fire Department News

With the winter season fast approaching, take the time to review the following information prepared by FEMA about winter safety. This heating season will be challenging for many. Be certain all the equipment being used is up to date and ready.

If you have question about the safe operation of your heating appliance or supplemental equipment be sure to contact a qualified technician prior to use. The fire departments contact information can be found on the towns website if further assistance is needed.

Stay safe and warm.

Phil Neily, Fire Chief
For the Enfield Fire Department.

Winter Fires

Safety Tips for the Home

The high cost of home heating fuels and utilities have caused many Americans to search for alternate sources of home heating. The use of woodburning stoves is growing and space heaters are selling rapidly, or coming out of storage. Fireplaces are burning wood and manmade logs.

All these methods of heating may be acceptable. They are, however, a major contributing factor in residential fires. Many of these fires can be prevented. The following fire safety tips can help you maintain a fire safe home this winter.

KEROSENE HEATERS

- ♦ Be sure that kerosene heaters are legal in your area.
- ♦ Be sure your heater is in good working condition. Inspect exhaust parts for carbon buildup. Be sure the heater has an emergency shut off in case the heater is tipped over.
- ♦ Never use fuel burning appliances without proper room venting. Burning fuel (coal, kerosene, or propane, for example) can produce deadly fumes.
- ♦ Use **ONLY** the fuel recommended by the heater manufacturer. **NEVER introduce a fuel into a unit not designed for that type fuel.**
- ♦ Keep kerosene, or other flammable liquids stored in approved metal containers, in well ventilated storage areas, outside of the house.
- ♦ **NEVER** fill the heater while it is operating or hot. When refueling an oil or kerosene unit, avoid overfilling.
- ♦ Refueling should be done outside of the home (or outdoors). Keep young children away from space heaters—especially when they are wearing night gowns or other loose clothing that can be easily ignited.
- ♦ When using a fuel burning appliance in the bedroom, be sure there is proper ventilation to prevent a buildup of carbon monoxide.

WOOD STOVES AND FIREPLACES

Wood stoves and fireplaces are becoming a very common heat source in homes. Careful attention to safety can minimize their fire hazard.

TO USE THEM SAFELY:

- ♦ Be sure the fireplace or stove is installed properly. Wood stoves should have adequate clearance (36") from combustible surfaces and proper floor support and protection.
- ♦ Wood stoves should be of good quality, solid construction and design, and should be laboratory tested.
- ♦ Have the chimney inspected annually and cleaned if necessary, especially if it has not been used for some time.
- ♦ Do not use flammable liquids to start or accelerate any fire.
- ♦ Keep a glass or metal screen in front of the fireplace opening, to prevent embers or sparks from jumping out, unwanted material from going in, and help prevent the possibility of burns to occupants.
- ♦ The stove should be burned hot twice a day for 15-30 minutes to reduce the amount of creosote buildup.

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- ✦ Don't use excessive amounts of paper to build roaring fires in fireplaces. It is possible to ignite creosote in the chimney by overbuilding the fire.
- ✦ Never burn charcoal indoors. Burning charcoal can give off lethal amounts of carbon monoxide.
- ✦ Keep flammable materials away from your fireplace mantel. A spark from the fireplace could easily ignite these materials.
- ✦ Before you go to sleep, be sure your fireplace fire is out. **NEVER close your damper with hot ashes in the fireplace.** A closed damper will help the fire to heat up again and will force toxic carbon monoxide into the house.
- ✦ If synthetic logs are used, follow the directions on the package. **NEVER** break a synthetic log apart to quicken the fire or use more than one log at a time. They often burn unevenly, releasing higher levels of carbon monoxide.

FURNACE HEATING

- ✦ It is important that you have your furnace inspected to ensure that it is in good working condition.
- ✦ Be sure all furnace controls and emergency shutoffs are in proper working condition.
- ✦ Leave furnace repairs to qualified specialists. Do not attempt repairs yourself unless you are qualified. Inspect the walls and ceiling near the furnace and along the chimney line. If the wall is hot or discolored, additional pipe insulation or clearance may be required.
- ✦ Check the flue pipe and pipe seams. Are they well supported and free of holes and cracks? Soot along or around seams may be an indicator of a leak.
- ✦ Is the chimney solid, with cracks or loose bricks? All unused flue openings should be sealed with solid masonry.
- ✦ Keep trash and other combustibles away from the heating system.

OTHER FIRE SAFETY TIPS

Never discard hot ashes inside or near the home. Place them in a metal container outside and well away from the house.

- ✦ Never use a range or an oven as a supplemental heating device. Not only is it a safety hazard, it can be a source of potentially toxic fumes.
- ✦ If you use an electric heater, be sure not to overload the circuit. Only use extension cords which have the necessary rating to carry an amp load.
TIP: Choose an extension cord the same size or larger than the appliance electrical cord.
- ✦ Avoid using electrical space heaters in bathrooms or other areas where they may come in contact with water.
- ✦ Frozen water pipes? Never try to thaw them with a blow torch or other open flame, otherwise the pipe could conduct the heat and ignite the wall structure inside the wall space. Use hot water or a laboratory tested device such as a hand held dryer for thawing.
- ✦ If windows are used as emergency exits in your home, practice using them in the event fire should strike. Be sure that all the windows open easily. Home escape ladders are recommended.
- ✦ If there is a fire hydrant near your home you can assist the fire department by keeping the hydrant clear of snow so in the event it is needed, it can be located.

FINALLY...

- ✦ Be sure every level of your home has a working smoke alarm, and be sure to check and clean it on a monthly basis.
- ✦ Plan and practice a home escape plan with your family.
- ✦ Contact your local fire department for advice if you have a question on home fire safety.



FEMA

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“Know your Town” is presented by the Enfield Heritage Commission. Each month we bring you a bit of insight into the origins of street names or places you see every day and more. Check out “Know your Town” features from [past issues](#)!

Enfield’s Fire Department

Sanborn, pp.231.

With plans for a new public safety building under way, let’s take a moment to look back at the history of firefighting in Enfield.

It took Enfield almost one hundred years after the town was chartered in 1761 to set up a dedicated firefighting organization. Without such an organization, Enfield’s system was “help your neighbor and carry buckets”.

Twice—in 1838 and 1858—Enfield citizens petitioned the selectmen to create a fire-fighting service (also referred to as a “district” or “precinct”) and define the boundaries of the area that would be served by firefighters. At the time, few municipalities had permanent firefighting services.

In 1861 Enfield “businessmen and other public-spirited citizens” finally began collecting donations to purchase a fire engine, which allowed them to purchase the town’s first fire engine and a hose reel for \$550. A pump was installed at the grist mill, which pumped water via the hose to a “tub” on Main Street. The engine would then pump the water onto any fire. This engine and system lasted until 1903.

Establishing the boundaries of the fire district was more complicated and ended up involving not only Enfield’s select board but also the state of New Hampshire. In 1872, an agreement on the boundaries of the fire district was reached. Wards were drawn up and a second fire engine was purchased.

The first fire station in Enfield was built in 1869 on Depot Street. This was a multi-purpose building, which housed the firefighting equipment on the ground floor. There was a large public space on the floor above. It was used for meetings and entertainment and renting it out brought in some income. By the end of the nineteenth century, the building (known as Precinct Hall) had been enlarged and improved with a stage with painted scenery, seating and electricity.

The 1890s saw several changes in administration and the purchase of a new fire engine. A major fire in 1901 revealed flaws in the existing system. This inspired concerned local businesses to push for a wider overhaul and create town-wide water utility that would both supply water to residents’ homes and quench fires.

With the aid of an engineer from Hanover, land for a reservoir was selected and purchased in the Harris Brook area of Canaan, which took advantage of natural springs on Moose Mountain. Planning and construction of the reservoir were a major project. Land and water rights had to be purchased from individuals. Land had to be cleared and excavated and infrastructure for collecting and pumping the water to town—pipes and valves— had to be built. In 1902, Italian immigrants arrived from Boston to work on the project, which would eventually cost \$45,000. In 1903, it was finally complete, and the town’s original fire engine went into retirement.

Although subscriptions to Enfield's new water system were disappointing, two new hose companies were started. This improved the town's ability to handle fires, which were always a risk among the town's many wooden residences and mill buildings.

In 1942, the town's fire department motorized. With the horses that had pulled the engines put to pasture, the station was modified to accommodate a new truck. Until it was replaced with a siren in 1948, a bell that had originally hung in the Shaker Mill sounded the alarm, which could be heard for seven miles.

In 1949, Enfield Center organized a volunteer fire department. A women's auxiliary and the future firemen held auctions, raffles and suppers to raise money for a pump and hose. In 1951, the Enfield Center department was recognized by the town. Two years later, its equipment was finally moved from the barns of Enfield Center residents into a new home on Route 4A.

During the 1950s and 1960s, the reservoir almost ran dry because of drought and leaks. Water to fill it was pumped from Mascoma Lake until cracks and leaks in the dam were repaired.

In 1964 a unique opportunity arose when H.P. Hood closed its creamery on Depot Street. For \$1, Fire Chief Don Crate purchased the building to house the fire department's more numerous and larger trucks. Enfield's firemen expanded and improved this building over the years, often doing the work themselves. In addition to being built for another purpose, the former Hood building could not accommodate the increase in the fire department's expanding responsibilities, which now include water and winter rescue.

Over the years, the relationship between the Town of Enfield, which owned the fire engines and paid the insurance of the firefighters, and the fire district became more complicated, especially with the need for a more effective and safer sewer and water system. In 1973, the fire district was transferred to the Town of Enfield and incorporated with other town services, while water and sewer systems were developed independently.

Today, Enfield's fire department is bigger than ever, even though actual firefighting no longer represents most of its work, thanks to more rigorous building codes, new materials and technology such as smoke alarms. At the same time, the department's activities have expanded to include fire prevention, winter water rescue, handling hazardous materials and medical emergencies.

With the new public safety building deep in the planning phase, Enfield is well on its way to housing not only its fire department, but its police and ambulance in a new, purpose-built building.

Land Use & Community Development

The Enfield Master Planning Task Force (MPTF) held two regular meetings in November (on the 14th and 28th). These meetings were mostly used to put the final edits together for the "Draft" Master Plan. There was also a public event held on Sunday, November 13th to ask the following question about the "Draft" of the Master Plan: Did We Get It Right? The Master Planning Task Force (MPTF) asked for comments at this event to focus on Enfield's Vision and Guiding Principles from the Plan, and the RECOMMENDATIONS found at the ends of the Land Use, Transportation, Economic Development, and Housing chapters. These are the first five chapters, with more to come in future years. All in all, some great feedback from the public was received and there was a productive dialogue with residents. Stay tuned as the MPTF will be bringing the "Draft" Master Plan to the Planning Board in December, with formal adoption taking place in the next month or two if all goes well.



The Enfield Planning Board (PB) met once in November on the 9th. At this meeting the board discussed possible amendments to the Enfield Zoning Ordinance (ZO) for consideration at the 2023 Town Meeting. So far, the ZO amendment “ideas” list below is being considered. Your input, advice and guidance is encouraged and welcome at the next Planning Board meetings coming up on December 14th and 28th, when the board will decide what ideas will finally rise to actually being placed on the Town Meeting Warrant for 2023. The list below is far from finalized. There will also be at least one formal hearing in January to officially bring “ideas” to the March Meeting ballot as prescribed by State of NH law.

- Shall we set standardize parking spot size in all zoning districts?
- Shall we allow two Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) in all residential districts (currently one is allowed by right)?
- Shall we increase the “R1” zoning district lot density to ¼ Acre in size where Municipal sewer is used?
- Shall we remove the “Principal Building” limiting language in the R1 residential district section of the ZO?
- Shall we update our Floodplain Ordinance’s language as recommended by the State of NH and FEMA to meet new standards?

The Enfield Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) met on the 8th of November. The following applications for Zoning Variances were heard:

Land Use Case # Z22-11-01, Robert and Louise Ostroski sought variance relief from the Enfield Zoning Ordinance Article IV, section 401.2(L & M) to locate a screened gazebo and temporary car port within the prescribed setbacks to the street, side lot boundaries and/or waterfront buffer. The subject parcel is 0.034 acres and is located at 193 ALGONQUIN RD (Tax Map 43, Lot 18) in the “R3” Residential zoning district. The subject parcel is owned by Robert and Louise Ostroski. These variances were granted by the ZBA.

Land Use Case # Z22-11-02, Mary Jane Acito and William Crenson sought variance relief from the Enfield Zoning Ordinance Article IV, section 402(N) to locate a modular storage shed within the prescribed setback to the street, side lot boundaries and waterfront buffer. The subject parcel is 0.65 acres and is located at 1 SUNSET WALK (Tax Map 51, Lot 77) in the “Conservation (Eastman Subdivision)” zoning district. The subject parcel is owned by Mary Jane Acito and William Crenson. This variance was also granted by the ZBA.

The ZBA will meet again on December 13th at 7:00 pm to hear yet another variance application. Please contact me, Rob Taylor, at the Land Use office with any questions or ideas between Monday and Friday at 603-442-5427 or by email at: planning@enfield.nh.us You may also drop by my office at the DPW facility at 74 Lockhaven Road. It is always recommended to call ahead first to be sure I am available or to schedule a meeting. I hope you all have a great Holiday Season!



The Upper Baltic Mills, American Woolen Company in its Heyday, circa 1909
Photo credit: Old Enfield Post Card from Rob Taylor's Collection, published by W. A. Abbott

Parks & Recreation

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

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

Follow Enfield Parks & Recreation on [Facebook](#) or Instagram [@enfieldnhrec](#)! Reminder- Electronic payments are now accepted through the recreation program registration site. *There is a 3% non-refundable processing fee*

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

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

Mascoma's After School Ski & Ride Program Bus Ride to Whaleback – Thursdays

January 12th, 19th, 26th and February 2nd, 9th, 16th

Students needing transportation to the mountain need to register with the Town of Enfield through [RecDesk](#). The cost for transportation is \$35 per student. The \$35 fee covers transportation for the entire 6 weeks. Registration is open, payment is due at the time of sign up. If you are wanting to pay by check arrangements need to be made before registration is open. This is just for sign up all mountain fees are to be **paid to Whaleback directly**. Visit our [Facebook Page](#) for more information or reach out to recreation@enfield.nh.us for details.

Hometown Holidays

Make sure to check out Enfield Recreations [Facebook page](#) for all the Hometown Holiday events throughout the month of December. Make sure to get out and enjoy and event and the Holiday festivities going on throughout the month of December and the town of Enfield! Check out a list of event dates in this Newsletter [HERE](#).

Yoga with Sonya

The classes are all levels and beginners are always welcome. These classes are happening on Mondays at the Mascoma Community Health Center, in Canaan, from 5:45-6:45pm. For further information please contact Sonya at 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.

Chair Yoga & Strength Class

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

Mondays (12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 12/26) 8:15-9:05AM with Nicole Carriere

Wednesdays (12/7, 12/14, 12/21, 12/28)- 9:30-10:30AM with Sonya Carter

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. Decembers Schedule: 12/1, 12/8, 12/15, 12/22, 12/29.

Bone Builders

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

Other Fun Items/Opportunities

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



Kevin Marker

Enfield Recreation Director

recreation@enfield.nh.us

[Online Registration](#)

Follow us!



Police Department

Happy holidays to all from the members of the Enfield Police Department. December will be a busy month, keep an eye on our [Facebook page](#) for several community events such as cookie with cop, and movie in the park.

With the holidays comes a lot of stress, if you are feeling that you need someone to talk to or need help please reach out, the police department has resources to help, or knows where we can find resources to help you.

With the cold weather, drivers need to allow more time to travel, this includes cleaning all the snow off your vehicle and allowing windows time to defrost allowing safe travel. When we have bad weather allow more travel time and slow down as you drive.

As usual, as the holidays come around so do more and more scams and identity theft. Do not open links in e-mail from unknown people, and do not share personal information over the phone with people who claim to be from federal agencies. When in doubt hang up and call the police department. We still have several copies of the scams and identity theft ID books at the station.

Last, but not least, if you see something say something. No issue is too small to report. You can always reach an officer through Dispatch at 603-643-2222 or by calling the station at 603-632-7501.

Roy Holland
Chief of Police

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

Position Announcement

The Town of Enfield Department of Public Works seeks a full time Buildings and Grounds Maintainer to do summer and winter maintenance in Town parks, cemeteries, sidewalks, and other facilities. Please see full details and application instructions at the link below.

<https://www.enfield.nh.us/administration-town-manager/files/bg-maintainer-jobb-ad-2022>

Water System Boil Order Lifted

The boil order imposed on the Enfield Village Water System was lifted November 17, 2022. One of the conditions of the end of the boil order is the system must be chlorinated for a period of at least 30 days. The chlorine levels are being monitored daily to insure they are at a safe level.

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.

Water/Sewer Bills

Fourth quarter meter reading will begin the third week of December. Water and sewer bills will be mailed out in early January with payments due mid-February.

2023 Transfer Station Stickers Available

The 2023 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.

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 Sticker. 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.

Holiday Hours at Transfer Station

The Transfer Station will be closed Sunday, December 25, 2022, and Sunday, January 1, 2023 in observance of Christmas and New Year's Day. It will be open its regular hours 8:00am – 4:00pm on both Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

Project Updates

Water Project: The water project scheduled to replace the main on Maple Street is being finalized with the bid package and plan set being reviewed by the NH Department of Environmental Services. This will be out to bid in early 2023 with construction beginning in the spring. The Request for Proposals (RFP) to drill a test well was awarded to Cushing and Sons Well Drilling. They plan to drill this new well in December.



New Well Site and Access Road NE of Existing Marsh Well

Plow Truck Replacement: The plow truck replacement, ordered after the 2021 Town Meeting, arrived outfitted with equipment ready for service this coming winter.



New Town Dump Truck with Plow, Wing and SS Body

Town Clerk / Tax Collector's Office

Greetings all! Things are beginning to get busy in the Tax Office once again. The water/sewer bills were due on November 18th and the Sewer Betterment bills December 1st. The due date for the second issue 2022 tax bills is December 29, 2022.

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! 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.

On the Town Clerk side, in 2023 we are strongly encouraging people to sign up for email courtesy renewal notices of their motor vehicles. By choosing email notification the Town will save time and the cost of printing and mailing. Wherever we can save, the taxpayer saves! Please send your email address to whuntley@enfield.nh.us and please put "MV renewal notice email" in the subject line and I will add your email address to your motor vehicle profile – Thank you!

The Town Clerk and Tax Office will be closed December 26th.

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

Meetings & Events

Upcoming Public Meetings (Schedule subject to change)

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

As always,

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

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

Simply go to our website and click on the Videos tab for a list of available videos. Or go directly to [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com) where you can subscribe to our channel.

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

- [December 1 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Conservation Commission](#)
- [December 5 @ 5:00 PM \(Town Hall\) – Trustees of Trust Funds](#)
- [December 5 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Select Board](#)
- [December 6 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee](#)
- [December 8 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works\) – Heritage Commission](#)
- [December 12 @ 5:30 PM \(Enfield Public Library\) – Library Trustees](#)
- [December 12 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Master Planning Task Force](#)
- [December 13 @ 3:30 PM \(Enfield Community Building\) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee \(Design Team\)](#)
- [December 13 @ 6:30 PM \(Enfield Community Building\) – Budget Committee](#)

- [December 13 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Zoning Board of Adjustment](#)
- [December 14 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Planning Board](#)
- [December 19 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Select Board](#)
- [December 20 @ 6:30 PM \(Town Hall & Teams\) – Recreation Commission](#)
- [December 27 @ 3:30 PM \(Enfield Community Building\) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee \(Design Team\)](#)
- [December 28 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Planning Board](#)
- [January 3 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee](#)
- [January 3 @ 6:00 PM \(Public works & Teams\) – Select Board](#)
- [January 4 @ 6:00 PM \(Enfield Community Building\) – Old Home Days Committee](#)
- [January 4 @ 6:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Budget Committee](#)
- [January 5 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Conservation Commission](#)
- [January 10 @ 3:30 PM \(Enfield Community Building\) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee \(Design Team\)](#)
- [January 10 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Zoning Board of Adjustment](#)

Community Events & Announcements

Community Bulletin Board

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

Our Community Bulletin Board is an underutilized resource! Include a notice of your Community Event on our Community & Businesses Calendar of Events which you'll find here:

<https://www.enfield.nh.us/community-businesses>.



NOVEMBER 24TH

La Salette's Festival Of Lights Begins

NOVEMBER 25TH

Lions Club Annual Christmas Tree Sales Begin at Huse Park

NOVEMBER 26TH

Small Business Saturday Holiday Market at the Community Building
Holiday Craft Fair at Mascoma High School
Town Tree Lighting / Caroling / Merriment / Cookie Drive at Huse Park
Bell Ringers at La Salette

NOVEMBER 27TH

Santa's North Pole Express Mailbox Appears at Enfield House of Pizza
Wreath Making Class at Enfield Shaker Museum

NOVEMBER 30TH

December Make It/Take It Holiday Craft Sessions at Enfield Library

DECEMBER 2ND

Enfield Village Association Youth Holiday Coloring Contest Kickoff

DECEMBER 3RD

Mascoma Valley First Responders Holiday Help Drive Collection

DECEMBER 4TH

Mascoma Valley First Responders Holiday Help Drive Collection
Enfield Village Association Main Street Decorating

DECEMBER 7TH

December Make It/Take It Holiday Craft Sessions at Enfield Library

DECEMBER 9TH

Enfield Village Association Gingerbread Display At Enfield Shaker Museum Opens
Enfield Outing Club's 46th Annual Children's Christmas Party
Library Trustees & Librarians Holiday Season Coffee/Tea Celebration

DECEMBER 10TH

Holiday Help Drive Gift Card Pick Up with Mascoma Valley First Responders
Christmas in Canaan at Canaan Hardware
Holiday Gift Extravaganza at the Enfield Shaker Museum
Christmas Concert/Singalong in the La Salette Chapel

DECEMBER 11TH

Ukrainian Christmas Celebration at La Salette Cafeteria

DECEMBER 14TH

December Make It/Take It Holiday Craft Sessions at Enfield Library

DECEMBER 15TH

Lioness Club Senior Holiday Luncheon at the Community Building

DECEMBER 16TH

Enfield Village Association Business Coffee at La Salette

DECEMBER 17TH

Holiday Cookie Decorating with Enfield PBA at the Community Building
Holiday Movie Hosted by Enfield PBA at the Community Building

DECEMBER 20TH

Youth Coloring Contest Judging & Prizes Awarded

DECEMBER 21ST

December Make It/Take It Holiday Craft Sessions at Enfield Library
Enfield Shaker Museum Winter Solstice Dinner
Santa Mailbox Returns to the North Pole

DECEMBER 24TH

Mrs. Claus Reading Night Before Christmas (Enfield Village Association)

Please check with the organization hosting each event for full details.
Updates to the schedule & EVA Sponsored events can be found at
at www.enfieldvillageassociation.org & Facebook @EnfieldNHEVA

[Enfield Village Association](http://www.enfieldvillageassociation.org)

PO Box 763
Enfield, NH 03748





Cold Weather Operations & Pantry Window Hours:

Tuesdays & Wednesdays in Canaan

MTD Building behind Canaan Hardware
9 On the Common Lane, Canaan, NH

3:00 - 5:30 pm

Residents of the Mascoma Valley towns of Canaan, Dorchester, Enfield,
Grafton & Orange are invited to shop. No income requirements.

Urgent Food Needs: call your town's public safety
non-emergency line for officer on duty

General Inquiries: email info@friendsofmascoma.org
or call 603.632.4542

Food Donations: drop off during pantry hours
or contact us



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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>

We Need You! Board & Committee Volunteer Opportunities

Updated list! Several appointments have been made, but we still have opportunities for you to join others who are supporting our community through volunteering. Please consider donating some of your time for the betterment of your community – you'll make a difference! Simply complete an [Application for Committee/Board Membership/Reappointment](#) and email it to abonnette@enfield.nh.us or drop it off at the Enfield Town Manager's Office and your application will be provided to the appointing authority. If you're a bit undecided, committee meetings are open to the public – [attend a meeting](#) to see what they're all about!

Budget Committee
Capital Improvement Program Committee
Conservation Commission
Energy Committee
Old Home Days Committee
Tax Increment Finance District Advisory Committee



And two local area committees:

Mascoma River Local Advisory Committee
Enfield Shaker Village Scenic Byway Advisory Board

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