

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

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

Subscribing to the electronic newsletter is easy and straightforward. Simply:

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

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

Time Flies! I cannot believe it is December already. Where did 2023 go? The month of November has been a blur as the Town Offices and Library have been preparing for the big move to the former La Salette property. As we are finalizing our last week of packing and preparation for moving day on December 4th, the whirlwind of activity has increased into a tornado.

I want to remind the citizens of Enfield that the Town Offices will be closed from December 4th through December 8th for the relocation and when we open on December 11th, we will be in the former LaSalette, cafeteria building located at 410 Route 4A, Building 2. The Library is now closed and will reopen again on January 2nd in the former gift shop building also located at 410 Route 4A, Building 1. We plan to be in these buildings for the next 12-18 months while the renovation and expansion of Whitney Hall is taking place.

I would like to take the time to thank all of the Town Staff for their increased efforts not only to make the move possible, but for the extra effort put forth to minimize extra costs to the taxpayers of Enfield. This does not only include Town Office and Library staff, but DPW and the Police department have taken on tasks and made employees available to help make the transition as smooth as possible.

I also want to thank the Shaker Museum and their volunteers for all the effort they have put in in such a short amount of time. This has been a true team effort to bring everything together. Not only has the museum supplied volunteers and labor to help prepare the building for move, but they also understand the Town's fiscal constraints and have been extremely flexible to help make this quick move a reality.

In the last newsletter, I stated we had a tentative groundbreaking ceremony planned for December 8th. This date has been pushed out and has not been finalized yet, but we should have a date and time soon that we will publish on the Town Website, listserv, social media sites, and on the sign along Route 4.

I would encourage everyone to take part in the many holiday activities sponsored by many organizations throughout Enfield. I would also like to wish everyone a wonderful Holiday Season and look forward to working with all of you in 2024!

Ed Morris,
Town Manager



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Many receiving this e-newsletter have already done so, but for those who get the link from other sources, we encourage you to subscribe to News & Alerts on our Town website.

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

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Special News Items

Holiday Hours

Christmas Holiday

The Town Offices will be closed Monday, December 25th and Tuesday, December 26th for the Christmas Holiday.

Curbside Rubbish & Recycling Collection

There will be no curbside collection on Christmas Day.

There will be a one-day delay for all routes this holiday week.

We're Moving!

Remember – the Town Offices will closed December 4th through December 8th, and the Library will be closed until the new year.

We will continue to share information on the Enfield Listserv, the Town's [Facebook](#) page, on the electronic sign in front of the Enfield Community Building, and on the [Town website](#) – you can [subscribe to Town News & Announcements](#) to have information delivered straight to your email inbox!

Vehicle Registrations

Individuals whose vehicle registration is up for renewal in December and need to register in person will have to wait until the reopening of the Town Clerk's Office. This will be December 11th, or sooner if we're able.

[Online vehicle registration renewal](#) is available, however there may be a delay in processing during the week-long closure.

Meeting Location Changes

The Whitney Hall (Town Offices & Library) renovation and expansion project will begin soon. Meetings that are typically scheduled to take place in the Town Office conference room or the Enfield Public Library will need to be relocated for the duration of the project. Beginning for all December meetings, meeting locations will change to the Public Works Facility, Enfield Community Building, or other suitable location to be determined.

The Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee will begin meeting at the Public Works Facility on the first Wednesday of each month at 3:30 PM beginning with its November 1, 2023 meeting.

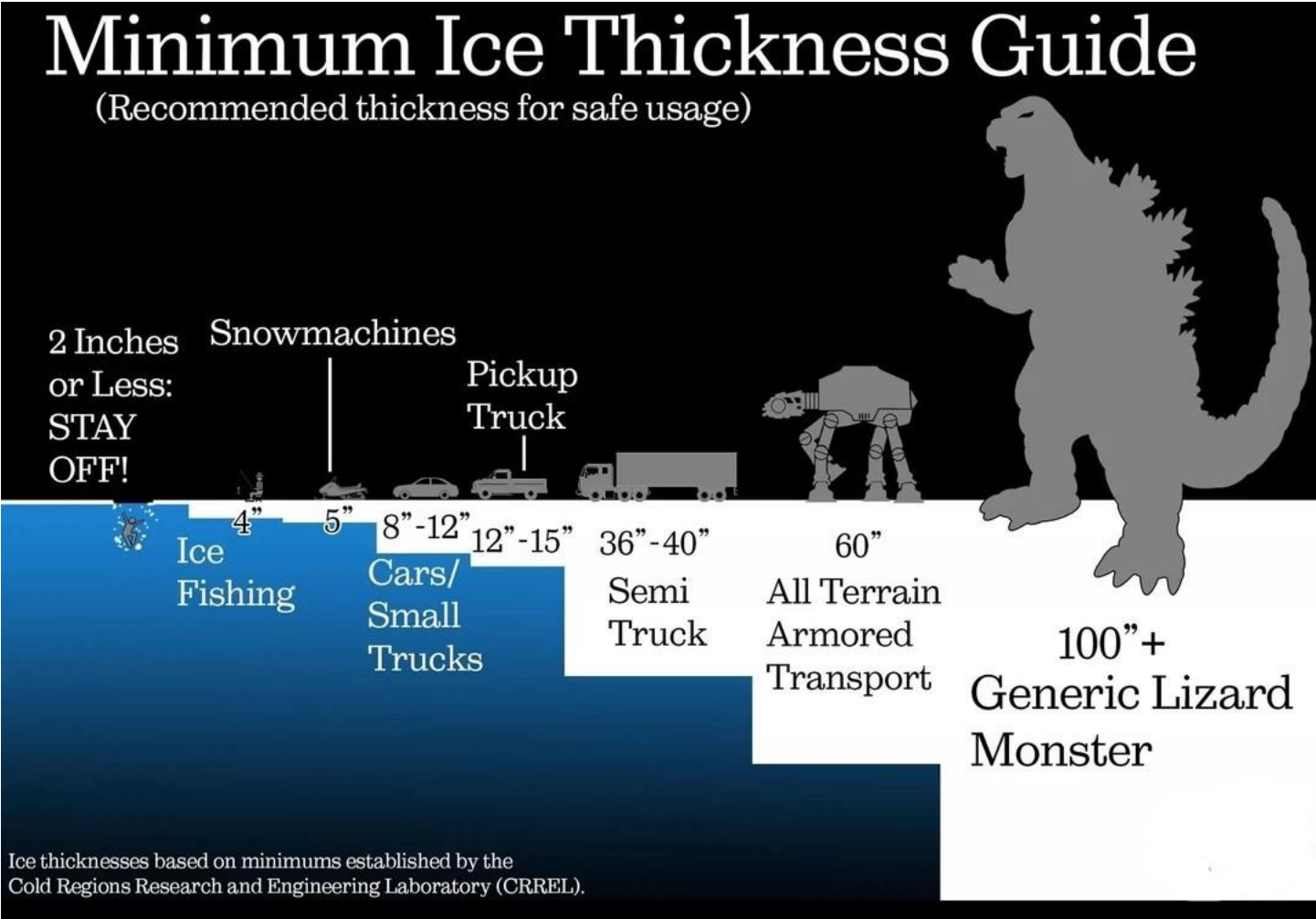
2024 Municipal Calendar

The 2024 Municipal Calendar have arrived from the printer! We'll get them in the mail to Postal Patrons with an 03748 or 03749 zip code as quickly as we can!

If you're a Photo Contest winner you are entitled to a few extra copies for family and friends. Keep in mind that if your family member or friend has an 03748 or 03749 zip code they'll already be getting one delivered to their home. Please wait until after December 11th to pick up your extra copies as the offices are closed December 4-8 for our move to our temporarily location, the former LaSalette property, 410 NH Route 4A, Building 2.

Correction – Photo contest winner Lindsey Wetzel's name was misspelled in our November newsletter. This error has been corrected.

Minimum Ice Thickness Guide



Budget Committee Vacancy

There's currently a vacancy on the Budget Committee. If you're interested in volunteering your time to this important committee please submit an [Application for Committee/Board Membership](#) to abonnette@enfield.nh.us

Applications received by December 20th will be considered for appointment at the [December 28th Budget Committee meeting](#).

Department & Committee Reports

Building Inspector/Health Officer

The Health Officer recently attended a one-day environmental health conference in Concord, NH presented by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES). The mission of this state agency is to "help sustain a high quality of life for all citizens by protecting and restoring the environment and public health in New Hampshire." The Health Officer's duties are supported by NHDES in matters relating to septic system failures, cyanobacteria blooms, and drinking water quality. The Building Inspector has a responsibility to ensure NHDES rules compliance is achieved in matters relating to construction activities proximate to lakes, ponds, rivers, and wetlands. Building additions, or the change in use of existing buildings, will often require compliance with NHDES septic system design standards for increased system loading. And the construction of new buildings that are not located within Enfield's sewer and water district will necessarily involve NHDES permitting for well drilling and septic systems.

One of the available seminars at the environmental health conference dealt with radon mitigation. Radon can be present in both air and private well water. Radon is not regulated in either public or private buildings and radon mitigation is not required by the NH building code. The Building Inspector utilizes NHDES resources to provide information pertaining to that topic to concerned parties. Testing data from 2007-2021 indicates that one in three radon tests conducted in Enfield will exceed the actionable level of that element. Here's a link to an agency fact sheet for homeowners: [WD-DWGB-3-12 2000 \(nh.gov\)](#) Radon is ultimately the by-product of uranium radioactive decay, and is a serious health risk associated with 21,000 lung cancer deaths in our country each year. Those who smoke tobacco and are exposed to radon gas are even more susceptible to risk. The only way to know if radon is present is to test. Home improvement stores usually carry tests for radon that measure its presence in indoor air. Single family homes are recommended to test in one location, usually at the lowest level of the home. Laboratory testing is needed to determine the presence of Radon in water. When water turns to steam during bathing, washing or cooking the radioactive gas can be inhaled by residents. The closest laboratory to us is Endyne Labs, located in Lebanon.

Drinking water quality is another responsibility of NHDES and was the topic of another seminar presented at the conference. Those residents who receive Town supplied water can be assured that their drinking water has been tested for contaminants according to state and federal requirements. However, NH does not regulate private well water quality, nor does the federal government. The Building Inspector requests well water be tested for all new home construction. Those residents living in existing homes are recommended by NHDES to test private well water every five years at a maximum interval. Laboratory testing is needed to determine drinking water quality, and again Endyne Labs is the closest location to Enfield. Contamination from PFAS is a growing concern, and residents may be pleased to know that our state has some of the most stringent PFAS water quality standards in the nation. [Chapter 485-C GROUNDWATER PROTECTION ACT \(state.nh.us\)](#)

Another seminar topic at the conference was Environmental Contaminates in Food. I will mention that the NH state food laboratory located within the NH Public Health Laboratory works in collaboration with the federal Food and Drug Administration to test retail food for toxic elements such as lead, mercury, and arsenic; and baby food and vitamin

supplements receive extra attention from these agencies. But some more interesting information from this seminar will be appreciated by local gardeners. In 2023 NH undertook one of few studies worldwide of vegetable absorption of PFAS from soil and water during the growth cycle. The study, which has not yet been published, included tomatoes, whose edible parts grow above ground; radishes whose edible parts grow below ground; and basil, because the entire plant growth above ground is edible. The study also included known contaminated water, Concord municipal water, and rainwater. Also included were known contaminated soil, commercially available bagged potting soil, and organic compost. While further studies are warranted, gardeners should be pleased to learn that even those vegetables grown in PFAS contaminated soil and watered with PFAS contaminated water did not absorb actionable levels of PFAS to present a hazard to human consumption.

Cemetery Department

The burial season has passed, and all decorations and potted plants should be removed from all cemeteries until spring. A big thank you to our Grounds team that kept the cemeteries looking so great all season.

The Cemetery Board of Trustees has a vacancy. The Board meets just once a month from May through October, so it isn't an overwhelming time commitment, but the Board performs an important function with the invaluable assistance of Cemetery Sexton, Bridget Labrie.

If you're interested in serving on this board simply complete an [Application for Board/Committee Membership](#) and email it to abonnette@enfield.nh.us. If you have questions about what the position entails, contact Bridget at cemetery@enfield.nh.us

You can find our Cemetery Rules & Regulations on the town website at any time. Please contact Bridget Labrie at cemetery@enfield.nh.us or (802) 332-5363 to schedule burials or if you have any questions.

Bridget Labrie
Cemetery Sexton

Community Nursing Project

Community Nursing Program Committee

Applications for the Town of Enfield Community Nursing Program Committee now being accepted at the Town Offices. Applications for the Community Nursing Committee can be found [HERE](#) and are due to the Town Offices by December 13th.

At the November 20th meeting, the Select Board approved of the formation of the Community Nursing Program Committee as a Town Manager advisory committee for duties to include:

1. Review data provided to ensure the program is meeting the needs of the Town of Enfield.
2. Meet with community nurses to gain their perspective on the program and the needs of the Town of Enfield.
3. Advise the Town Manager of the status of the program and make recommendations of changes if and when necessary.
4. Continue fundraising efforts to minimize taxpayer impact.

More information can be found on the town website under the Community Nurse Committee:
<https://www.enfield.nh.us/community-nursing-program/pages/applications-community-nursing-committee>

Applications can be turned in to the Town Offices, or scanned and emailed to the Assistant Town Manager, abonnette@enfield.nh.us

Introducing Enfield's new Community Nurses, Amanda St Ivany and Rachael McMillan!

They will be providing 10 hours of community nursing to Enfield residents beginning January 1, 2024. Happily for us, both nurses have a strong background in nursing care of the adult patient as well as a special interest in addressing community and social health concerns.

Amanda began her career in the outdoor industry and came to nursing as a second career. In 2011 she graduated from Johns Hopkins University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. Following that she worked in clinical nursing at the University of Maryland Medical Center, Dartmouth Medical Center, and as a Clinical Nursing Instructor for Colby-Sawyer College. Amanda graduated from the University of Virginia in 2016 with a Master's Degree in Nursing and in 2017 with a PhD in Nursing. Amanda was a research scientist at Dartmouth Hitchcock and has many research presentations and publications to her credit, focusing in the areas of traumatic brain injury and intimate partner violence.



Amanda St. Ivany

Rachael graduated from Rivier College with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 2004, then went on to complete her Master of Public Health degree at Southern New Hampshire University in 2021. She has held several clinical nursing positions within Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, specializing in Neuroscience. Rachael has also worked at Virginia Mason and New Hanover Regional as a travel nurse caring for patients in a variety of specialties. She has been active in several Upper Valley agencies including TLC Family Resource Center, The Good Neighbor Clinic and The Haven.



Rachel McMillan

Amanda and Rachael are experienced Community Nurses currently working in this position in Lebanon, New Hampshire. They have both expressed enthusiasm for Community Nursing and this new program in Enfield. Here are some of the aspects of the position that they described as important and satisfying:

- *being able to assist those who do not have support at home for their healthcare questions and needs
- *assisting patients with their medication management
- *being a calm and competent support in the face of confusing and/or changing situations
- *working with the other members of the healthcare team to provide updates and coordinate care

In their non-work time, they both really enjoy outdoor activities, so you may see Amanda out with her 2 Alaskan Husky sled dogs or Rachael zooming by on her Harley Dyna motorcycle!

Welcome to Enfield!

Energy Committee

As we rapidly move into the winter, you might want to consider ways to make the most of the available incentives and resources to save on energy costs and increase comfort in your home.

Checking whether your home qualifies for an energy audit through NH Saves can be an easy starting point. An energy audit typically is filled with recommendations for efficiency improvements that could save you up to 20% on annual energy costs.

You can test your home for eligibility of an energy audit at this website:

<https://nhsaves.com/residential/weatherization/>

NH Saves might also provide financial support for energy saving work.

At the federal level, energy improvements qualify for an IRS tax credit of 30% of expenses up to a maximum of \$1,200 for installation of exterior doors, windows, and skylights, insulation and air sealing materials, insulation work, water heaters, stoves, energy audits, and more. Heat pumps are also eligible for a 30% tax credit up to \$2,000. Find more information at:

<https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/home-energy-tax-credits>

For other energy and fuel assistance programs check out Vital Community's resources:

<https://vitalcommunities.org/energy/local-energy-action/energy-help/>

Enfield Public Library



DECEMBER 2023

MOVING!



We are closed through January 2, 2024, to move to our new, temporary location: the former LaSalette gift shop at 410 NH Rout 4A, Building 1 (across the street from the Shaker Museum).

Don't forget that [all our digital offerings](#) are still available:

- Libby
- Hoopla
- Kanopy
- The New York Times

We are still reading our email, so drop us a line if you have any questions.

See you January 2! Happy holidays!

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

PAINT A BEAUTIFUL HOLIDAY ORNAMENT!



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9
9 AM - NOON
AT THE COMMUNITY BUILDING

Painted Glass Holiday Ornaments

Saturday, December 9, 9 am – noon

Enfield Community Building

Paint a wintry scene with birch trees and cardinals to celebrate the holiday season in style. RSVP required.

PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

Indoor Storytime

Mondays, 10 a.m.

Join Miss Kate at **the Community Building**.

NOTE: No Storytime Monday, December 4.

RECOMMENDED READING



[Yellowface](#) by K.F. Kuang

“What's the harm in a pseudonym? Bestselling sensation Juniper Song is not who she says she is, she didn't write the book she claims she wrote, and she is most certainly not Asian American--in this chilling and hilariously cutting novel. June Hayward and Athena Liu were supposed to be twin rising stars: same year at Yale, same debut year in publishing. But Athena's a cross-genre literary darling, and June didn't even get a paperback release. Nobody wants stories about basic white girls, June thinks. So, when June witnesses Athena's death in a freak accident, she acts on impulse: she steals Athena's just-finished masterpiece, an experimental novel about the unsung contributions of Chinese laborers to the British and French war efforts during World War I. So what if June edits Athena's novel and sends it to her agent as her own work? So what if she lets her new publisher rebrand her as Juniper Song--complete with an ambiguously ethnic author photo? Doesn't this piece of history deserve to be told, whoever the teller? That's what June claims, and the New York Times bestseller list seems to agree. But June can't get away from Athena's shadow, and emerging

evidence threatens to bring June's (stolen) success down around her. As June races to protect her secret, she discovers exactly how far she will go to keep what she thinks she deserves. With its totally immersive first-person voice, *Yellowface* takes on questions of diversity, racism, and cultural appropriation not only in the publishing industry but the persistent erasure of Asian-American voices and history by Western white society. R. F. Kuang's novel is timely, razor-sharp, and eminently readable.”

So interesting and timely, and on several best of 2023 book lists. A book about writing, writers, and identity that is definitely worth a read or listen (it's available on both Libby and Hoopla!).

—Nancy

ABOUT EPL

What's New

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

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



Hours

When we re-open, we will go back to our regular hours:

Monday: 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Tuesday: 9:00 am-7:00 pm

Wednesday: 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Thursday: 11:00 am-7:00 pm

Friday: closed

Saturday: 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Sunday: closed

Fire Department News

The Enfield Firefighters Association will be collecting Gift Cards and Cash December 9 and 10, 9-2 at the Enfield Community Building. This is to benefit local children in need during the holiday season. Our mutual aid partners in Canaan will be collecting as well to help support the entire Mascoma School District.

With winter approaching it is time to check heating appliances and assure they are maintained properly, and any supplemental heating units are used correctly. This is also a good time to think about what you carry in your vehicle in the event of an accident or emergency. Extra clothes, flashlight and a shovel are a few items to consider.



The fire department is always seeking new members, please consider joining. There are many levels of participation needed within the department. Please contact us if you have an interest or questions firechief@enfield.nh.us.

Wishing all a happy and healthy holiday season.

For the Enfield Fire Department
Phil Neily

“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](#)!

Shady Dealings in Enfield

Alas, business has not always been as honest and transparent as it should be in Enfield. Several cases of shady dealings have blighted our town.

In fact, there were shady dealings connected not only with Enfield’s beginnings, but also the state of New Hampshire itself, which was in a dispute over territory with Massachusetts that was only resolved in 1738. As a result of this litigation and its settlement (which also involved Spain; it’s complicated), Britain’s King George III appointed Benning Wentworth of Portsmouth governor of New Hampshire in 1741.

Wentworth feathered his nest selling parcels of the land under his jurisdiction to friends and speculators. He also assembled thousands of acres for himself, including land in Enfield. The land was sold under a charter, whose conditions stipulated that the land be cleared within five years. When many purchasers proved unable to clear their heavily-forested lots within this time, they ended up forfeiting their property. Their property was then resold under a new charter to a group led by physician Anthony Relhan. This dubious transaction created a raft of lawsuits, known as the “War of the Charters”. It would take until 1779 to settle the disputes.

With ownership issues cleared up, settlement and business took off in Enfield. One of the people who came to the promising Upper Valley from Connecticut was Jacob Choate, a veteran of the Revolutionary War. Choate was a larger-than-life character, a former sea captain known as a bully. Choate assembled a sizable amount of land and eventually moved to Shaker Hill. Jacob Choate’s brother-in-law found a purse containing another man’s money. Instead of returning it to its rightful owner, he gave it to Choate, who kept it. The owner sued Choate. In his effort to hide his property to evade the legal penalty for this, Choate made a shady deal to sell his land to a third party, perhaps with the intent of repurchasing it later. However, some of the land he sold did not actually belong to him. Only after the land had changed hands several times was the fraud discovered. As a result, Choate’s land was confiscated, along with his horse. Choate stole the horse back and fled Enfield for Canada...

A third example of bad faith in Enfield involved the Shakers. After Shaker leader Caleb Dyer was murdered in 1863 (for more information about Dyer see <https://www.enfield.nh.us/heritage-commission/pages/know-your-town-anchor-Caleb-Dyer-Lane>), Shaker-run businesses were transferred to other owners. Dyer had not kept written records of his dealings, a failure that allowed new owners of Shaker businesses to create false claims for money they said the Shakers owed them. Such written records as there were, were falsified or tampered with. Litigation over the fraud lasted twenty years and the Shakers lost around \$20,000. This financial blow combined with poor record keeping and inadequate legal representation proved insurmountable for the Shakers, and an important cause of their ultimate demise.

Land Use & Community Development

Land Use and Community Development- Recently, I attended the Northern New England Chapter of the American Planner’s Association’s (NNECAPA) Annual Conference held at the Wentworth by the Sea hotel in Newcastle, NH. The conference featured some excellent sessions concerning all facets of municipal planning in New England. I was privileged to go on an offsite field trip to see what is happening in the Town of Dover, NH. The Seacoast of NH is seeing some incredible housing development that is addressing the shortage/crisis that is widespread in our region and around the country. A highlight of this field trip for me was getting to see a new cottage development (read: tiny homes) where 44

homes of less than 500 square feet each have been constructed on 4 acres meant to be employee housing for a large regional employer. All in all, the NNECAPA is valuable conference where over 300 municipal employees and related businesses people can share their knowledge and work together to address the issues and challenges we all face.

Planning Board (PB)- The Planning Board met twice in November, once on the 15th and again on the 29th. At the top of both meeting agendas again was work related to our NH HOP Grant project for Enfield to re-write our Zoning Ordinance (ZO). The Planning Board has now had several strategic sessions to identify areas of concern in our current ordinances and also identify new priorities for future regulations. Obviously, the shortage of housing and the related affordability is a primary concern. The Planning Board is pleased to report that a new contractor has been found to replace the previous one that moved away. Resilience Planning and Design out of Plymouth, NH has agreed to take on our grant funded project. Resilience is a highly respected company that has worked and is working with numerous NH communities on a myriad of planning projects, including master plans and zoning ordinances. Please keep an eye out for upcoming events related to our NH HOP Grant work. The “kick-off” meeting for our project is scheduled for December 27th.

Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA)- The ZBA met on the 14th of November but did not have any formal hearings. The agenda for this meeting was mostly concerning the appointment of a new alternate ZBA member. Daniel Regan came forward in response to a call for volunteers in this newsletter space. The ZBA had a nice opportunity to meet and interview Dan and ultimately signed him up to assist with the work of this important Town board. Dan will now be available to step in when an elected ZBA member is unable to attend a scheduled meeting. The Town is grateful to have Dan step forward. There is still more room for alternate members if anyone else would like to volunteer. Please contact the Land Use Office for information.

Land Use and Community Development Office- Please contact the Land Use office with any questions, complaints or new ideas between Monday and Friday at 603-442-5427 or by email at: planning@enfield.nh.us You may also drop by the office at the DPW facility at 74 Lockhaven Road. It is always recommended to call ahead first to be sure we are available or to schedule a meeting. We hope you all have a great month of December and happy holidays to all!

Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee

Exciting updates about Mascoma Lakeside Park, a community project that has been made possible through private donations and grants. We want to emphasize that no taxpayer money was used in the property purchase, boat launch, picnic tables, and pavilion construction. This is a testament to the generosity and support of our community.

Moving forward, we are committed to ensuring the ongoing maintenance and development of the park. This will be achieved through the dedication of our volunteers, private donations, and grants. Their contributions are vital to the park's success, and we are incredibly grateful for their support.

Looking ahead to 2024, we have some plans in motion for Mascoma Lakeside Park. These include



upgrading the parking lot, developing handicap accessible walking paths, and enhancing the park's natural beauty by planting native trees and plants while removing nonnative invasive species. Additionally, we have set aside donations in memory of Paul Mirski to establish a grove of trees, serving as a lasting tribute.

We would also like to acknowledge the invaluable assistance provided by our DPW crew. Their hard work in maintaining the park, including tasks such as mowing, plowing, and mulching, has been greatly appreciated. While they have been a tremendous help, our ultimate goal is to make the park as low-maintenance as possible.



Our Mascoma Lakeside Park volunteer workdays have played a significant role in supporting our DPW crew and maintaining the park's garden beds. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the volunteers who have participated thus far. Your contributions have been instrumental in the park's restoration efforts.

Lastly, we would be remiss if we didn't acknowledge the immense dedication and hard work of both Meredith and Doug Smith over the years. Doug played a pivotal role in raising the funds necessary to purchase this precious piece of land, ensuring that it remains a place accessible to all members of our community. As Doug steps down from his involvement with the park, we want to express our deepest gratitude for his tireless efforts and unwavering commitment. Their vision and determination have made Mascoma Lakeside Park a reality, and we will forever be indebted to them.

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 ****



NOW SHOWING at Enfield Movie in the Park!

Did you miss this Summers Movies in the Park? No worries mark your calendar for December as the final movie of the year for our Holiday movie we have Elf!

Show Date:

Elf – December 23rd

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

January 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th and February 6th and 13th

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 NOW open!** Payment is due at the time of sign up. If you want to pay by check arrangements need to be made before registration is completed. This is just for signing up for transportation to the mountain. **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.

American Red Cross Blood Drive at the Enfield Community Building

Wednesday, January 17th, 2024

From 12-4:30 pm

All blood types are needed!

Make an appointment at redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: ENFIELD or call 1-800-733-3767

Yoga with Sonya

Gentle yoga classes are offered at the Mascoma Community Health Center (MCHC). Classes offered by Sonya Carter and Jean Bender. Beginners are always welcome. \$10 for adults over 60 years of age and students, \$12 for adults. To sign up for classes please email Sonyayoga2007@gmail.com or Jeanbd123@gmail.com

Chair Yoga & Strength Class

Enfield Recreation 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. Classes are Monday 8:15-9:15am, Wednesday 9:30-10:30am, and **NEWLY ADDED Friday 12-1pm!** *Schedule subject to change based on instructor availability & weather*

Line Dancing

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

Bone Builders

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

Other Fun Items/Opportunities

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

<https://www.trailfinder.info/>



Kevin Marker

Enfield Recreation Director

recreation@enfield.nh.us

[Online Registration](#)

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Police Department

Happy holidays from all the members of the Enfield Police Department. With the holiday season we will start to see more snow and inclement weather. Remember that Jessica's Law requires that you remove snow and ice from your vehicle prior to driving. Failure to do this can result in a reckless driving charge and could cause a crash.

The Police Department is again partnering with the Recreation department for movie in the park. This year the movie is Elf on December 23rd at dusk inside the Community Building.

During the month of December, the department will also be participating in the "Drive Sober or get Pulled Over" enforcement with the NHTS. We will have extra patrols focusing on apprehending impaired drivers.

Lastly remember if you see something say something. You can always reach an officer by calling 603-632-7501 or thru Hanover dispatch at 603-643-2222.

Roy Holland
Chief of Police

We're Hiring! Part-Time Police Assistant

If you are interested in working for a Police Department in a growing town that is dedicated to the improvement of life and safety of our residents, please take a moment to read further.

The Town of Enfield offers a diverse patrol area with a resident population of approximately 4,500+, with approximately 43 square miles. Enfield is located in the heart of the Upper Valley just minutes away from shopping plaza's and I-91 in Vermont, with a portion of I-89 in town and located approximately 15 minutes from Dartmouth Hitch-Cock Medical Center in Lebanon. The Enfield Police Department is very active within the community and appreciates the support of the residents of Enfield.

The Enfield Police Department believes in utilizing contemporary and progressive policing practices and is dedicated in the effort toward community engagement and interaction. We provide and utilize modern equipment, which is constantly being upgraded and improved, so that we can provide a first-rate service to our community.

The Police Assistant position is a 20-24 hour per week job and is eligible for part-time benefits. Responsibilities include school crossing, cruiser maintenance, and other duties as assigned.

For more information Contact Chief Holland, at (603) 632-7501 or by email at Rholland@enfield.nh.us

ENFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT NOW HIRING

FULL TIME OFFICER
TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY

The Enfield Police Department is looking for a dedicated individual to serve our town and improve the life and safety of our residents.

Our patrol officers starting salary is \$54,000 for uncertified and negotiable for certified based on experience.

**Sign on bonus for NH
certified officer.**

Opportunities for special assignments include Drug Recognition Expert (DRE), Special Operation Unit, Firearms and Use of Force Instructors, Rape Aggression Defense Program (RAD), and many more.



TOWN OF ENFIELD

- 43 Square Miles
- several lakes
- resident population of 4,500+, with increase during summer months
- minutes away from shopping plazas and Dartmouth Hitchcock Hospital



CONTACT:

LT. LUKE FRYE

603-632-7501

lfrye@enfield.nh.us

Winter Parking 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 area or way open to the public, in a manner that hinders in any fashion the maintenance of the way.

2024 Transfer Station Permit Stickers Available

The 2024 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 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.

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.

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.

Driveway Snow Placement

A reminder that it is unlawful to plow snow across any and all Town roads or to deposit snow within the traveled portion of a Town road pursuant to RSA 236:20, Paragraph VII, and RSA 41:11.

Holiday Hours at Transfer Station and Holiday Curbside Pickup Schedule

The Transfer Station will operate its regular schedule through the holidays and will be open both Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. No curbside service on Christmas Day, all curbside pickup routes will be delayed one day that week.

GREENWorks

Ideas for a Cleaner Environment

A publication of the New Hampshire Department of
Environmental Services, Concord, NH (603) 271-3710



October 2023

Recycling 101: The Dos and Don'ts of Recycling

Recycling might just be one of the easiest things that we can do for the environment . . . right? When people think of being more sustainable, they will often go straight to recycling as an answer for being more eco-friendly. However, recycling might not be as easy as you think if you don't take the time to know the proper rules. Some well-intentioned citizens can find themselves ["wish-cycling,"](#) which includes trying to recycle items that are not actually recyclables. While this doesn't sound inherently harmful, wish-cycling damages the recycling process by wasting time and resources for facilities that have to remove non-recyclable items from the system. To prevent wish-cycling and help make the recycling process more efficient, here are some big **DOs** and **DON'Ts** of Recycling 101.

DO Reduce Waste Where You Can

Before you start throwing your items in the recycling bin, [you should first consider reducing and reusing where you can.](#) Remember the 3 R's - *reduce, reuse, recycle*. This means that you should reduce and reuse first. For example, maybe you want to cut down on your plastic water bottle consumption or reuse your plastic containers for a new purpose before throwing all your plastic in the bin. It's always important to consider the other 2 R's - *reduce, reuse* - before you come to the third R: *recycle*!

DON'T Throw in Plastic Bags or Trash Bags

Plastic bags are one of the biggest "NO's" of recycling and one of the biggest contaminants seen at recycling facilities. The material of plastic bags makes it unable to be processed in the same way as other plastic bottles or containers. Plastic bags cause equipment jams, which create further delays and inefficiencies in the recycling process. To help speed up the process and protect our environment, make sure you are not throwing plastic bags or trash bags in your curbside recycling. If you want to recycle your plastic bags, [check out facilities that have specific recycling programs for plastic bags.](#)

DO Use Paper or Reusable Bags

The good news is that there are plenty of sustainable alternatives to plastic bags! If you're looking for something to carry your recyclables in, paper bags are a great option. Paper bags can be recycled, so you can throw recyclables into your bag for a convenient trip to the recycling bin. Using reusable bags is also a great way to cut back on plastic waste and to *reduce* the amount of plastic you are using. Use a reusable bag to avoid the headache of plastic bags altogether. Not only will recycling facilities thank you, but the planet will, too!

DON'T Throw in Greasy or Dirty Recyclables

Another big "NO" of recycling is throwing in items that are dirty or greasy. In

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general, pizza boxes can't be recycled because of all the grease that soaks into the cardboard. The food debris on your recyclables can be problematic. Dirty materials, like greasy pizza boxes, may contaminate clean recyclables and create poor-quality products. Rather than trying to recycle that greasy pizza box or sticky cup, just throw it out to make recycling more efficient.

DO Wash Out Your Recyclables

You can avoid sending contaminated materials to the facility by cleaning out your recyclables. Taking the extra minute to rinse out your recyclables makes a big difference in creating a more efficient recycling process. Whether it's a plastic bottle, peanut butter jar, yogurt tub or cat food can, you should *ALWAYS* make sure to give your recyclables a good wash before sending them off to the recycling facility.

DON'T Try to Recycle an Item You're Unsure of

This "NO" sounds pretty simple, but it's critical to remember. If you are unsure of whether something is recyclable, don't throw it in the recycling bin. Afterall, this contributes to "wish-cycling!" A good rule of thumb is to check with your local transfer station. If you have curbside recycling, contact your hauler to find out exactly how to recycle items. You can check with online resources, like your town website or [the EPA](#), to learn about commonly accepted recyclables. Remember, when in doubt, just ask!

For images of the invasive plants listed, see a [PDF version](#) of this newsletter.

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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 15th and the Sewer Betterment bills on November 20th. The bill due date for the second issue 2023 tax bills is December 21, 2023.

NOTE: THE BIG MOVE – THE TOWN OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 4TH THROUGHT DECEMBER 8TH.

The Town Offices and Library will be moving to the LaSalette property at **410 NH Route 4A** for the duration of the Whitney Hall renovation and expansion project. This move will require temporary closure for the move.

With the move in mind, the online bill pay and the paperless billing options are 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 online 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, 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. We are no longer snail mailing the courtesy renewal notices as wherever we can save, the taxpayer saves! Please send your email address to myself at whuntley@enfield.nh.us or your Deputy Town Clerk, Daisy Coppins at clerk2@enfield.nh.us and please put MV renewal notice email in the subject line. We will add your email address to your motor vehicle profile.

The Town Clerk and Tax Office will also be closed December 25th and December 26th.

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

Wendy Huntley
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

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.*

If attending a meeting online via Teams, please note that background noise can be disruptive.

Please remain muted until called upon to speak.

Thank you for your understanding.

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/channel/UCv3v3v3v3v3v3v3v3v3v3v3) 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 4 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Select Board](#) This meeting includes a public hearing to discuss and accept a special one-time payment of Highway Black Grant funds in the amount of \$39,488.15
- [December 5 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee \(Design Team\)](#)
- [December 5 @ 5:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Methodist Hill Property Use Committee / Conservation Commission Joint Meeting](#)
- [December 6 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee Meeting](#)
- [December 6 @ 5:30 PM \(Enfield Community Building\) – Old Home Days Committee](#)
- [December 7 @ 4:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) Tax Increment Finance District Advisory Committee](#)
- [December 7 @ 4:30 PM \(Enfield Community Building\) – Heritage Commission](#)
- [December 7 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Conservation Commission](#)
- [December 11 @ 4:30 PM \(Public Works\) – Library Trustees](#)
- [December 12 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee \(Design Team\)](#)
- [December 12 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Zoning Board of Adjustment](#)

- December 13 @ 6:30 PM (Public Works & Teams) – Planning Board – check website for current Teams link
- [December 14 @ 6:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Budget Committee](#)
- [December 18 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Select Board](#) This meeting includes a public hearing to discuss and accept donations to the Community Nursing Program Fund in excess of \$10,000, in aggregate. As of this printing the total is \$34,491.73, but this may increase as donations are received over the coming weeks.
- [December 19 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee \(Design Team\)](#)
- [December 19 @ 5:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Methodist Hill Property Use Committee](#)
- December 19 @ 6:30 PM (Enfield Community Building) – Recreation Commission
- December 26 is a Town Holiday. Meetings of the Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee (Design Team) and Energy Committee may be rescheduled or canceled. Check the Town's website for the most current meeting information.
- [December 27 @ 6:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Planning Board](#)
- [December 28 @ 6:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Budget Committee](#)
- [January 3 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee](#)
- [January 8 @ 4:30 PM \(See website for meeting location\) – Library Trustees](#)
- [January 8 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Select Board](#)
- [January 9 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Zoning Board of Adjustment](#)
- [January 10 @ 6:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Planning Board](#)
- [January 11 @ 6:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Budget Committee](#)
- January 16 @ 6:30 PM (Enfield Community Building) – Recreation Commission

Community Events & Announcements

Enfield Village Association Hometown Holidays



Hello Friends & Neighbors!

This week on deck for our [Hometown Holidays Events](#) we have:

Santa's North Pole Express Mailbox appeared at Enfield House of Pizza on Sunday 11/26 and will be there through December 21st. Drop those special wishes in the box and don't forget to put a return address if you'd like a reply from the Man in Red!

Friday 12/1 at 6:00 PM is the Town Tree Lighting with Mrs. Claus at Huse Park! There will be coffee & hot chocolate, kids activities, caroling, the kickoff to the Enfield Village Association's Kids Coloring Contest & Business Passport, and a Cookie (kit/ingredient) Drive for the Friends of Mascoma Friends Feeding Friends Food Pantry.

Saturday 12/2

9:00 AM Enfield Methodist Church's Craft & Cookie Sale

10:00 AM Enfield Shaker Museum's Gift Extravaganza

12:00 PM Enfield Methodist Church's Entrees-To-Go

3:00 PM Enfield Outing Club's Kids Christmas Party at the Enfield Community Building

3:00 PM Friends of Mascoma Friends Feeding Friends Food Pantry Cookie (kit/ingredient) Drive at Pellerin's Event Center
Bingo

If you have questions about individual events, please check in with the organizations hosting them. We look forward to spending this magical season with you!

Warm regards,

Dawn Archambeault

Enfield Village Association

Board Member / Events Committee Chair

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Friends of Mascoma



sign up online

Click on QR Code
for the form – it's
linked!



December 2023
Holiday Box Sign-up

Return [Holiday Box Sign-up](#) forms by 12/13/2023 before 5:30 PM

Box pick-up Tuesday & Wednesday, December 19th & 20th 3-5:30 PM. These are the ONLY pick-up dates for holiday boxes.

The pantry is closed 12/21/2023 – 1/2/2024

Cookie Mix Supply Drive

Help us collect 150 cookie mixes for holiday boxes

Boxes will be distributed before December vacation to families in need right here in the Mascoma Valley.

Opportunities to help:

Friday, December 1st

@ Town of Enfield, New Hampshire Tree Lighting  & Caroling 


6 pm - with Enfield Parks and Recreation & Enfield Village Association


 <https://fb.me/e/2x0MKSXiJ>

Saturday, December 2nd

@ Friends of Mascoma Saturday Charity Bingo at Pellerin Event Center

 Lucky 7 starting at 3 pm

 bingo starts around 6:30 pm

 Drop off cookie mixes any time and get a bag of homemade cookies while supplies last. Donations will also be accepted for elf-made cookies.

 <https://fb.me/e/46LJotwxy>

Wishing you all the Mascoma Magic this season brings!

Friends of Mascoma Foundation

9 On the Common Way, Unit 5

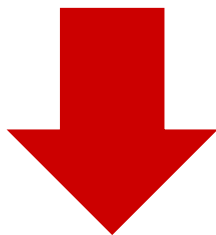
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friendsofmascoma.org

Enfield Outing Club – Annual Children’s Christmas Party

Don’t Forget!

***This is a free event, and everyone is welcome to join us as we help
Santa and his pals ring in the Holiday Season!***





You're Invited!

Enfield Outing Club's 47th Annual Children's Christmas Party!



EOC Website

Saturday, December 2, 2023, from 3:00 – 6:00
at the Enfield Community Building
308 US Route 4 Enfield NH



Facebook

Refreshments!
Gifts!
Entertainment!

Photos with Santa and his pals!



A FREE Public Community Event courtesy of the Enfield Outing Club with support from the Lyle Clough Fund, Mascoma Bank and others!

For more information, please check our website at eocnh.com, Facebook page, or contact Peg H. at 603-523-7677 or eoc378.info@gmail.com



For more information, be sure to check our Facebook page and website or contact Peg Howard by phone or email. The announcement above includes active links! Just click on the QR code or email address!

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>



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