

Town Newsletter

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Enjoying a little spot by Marivel Fernandez

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

2023 is off to some type of start. Many people waited with anticipation for winter to begin, and it took most of the month for it to get here. Whaleback did not open until mid-January, and only had one real trail to speak of until late January which brought colder weather and some much anticipated snowfall. This late snowfall was also needed for those who enjoy winter motorsports. A few ice fishermen braved the lake in mid-January, but it was not until the last weekend in January until winter sports were in full swing. This past Saturday, the lakes and winter play areas were buzzing with people enjoying the sunshine and outdoor winter opportunities. We are still waiting for the ice to harden enough to lace up the ice skates, but it looks like this week will open that opportunity as well.

Just as the fall had a tough transition to winter, the town has been struggling with some transition as well. Over the past two months the town has lost six full-time employees for multiple reasons. This equates to 18% of the town's full-time staff. Every transition is costly to the Town, not only financially, but in service delivery as well. According to Forbes Magazine "On a per-person basis, the math works out like this. Every voluntary exit is equivalent to one-half to two times that person's annual compensation package for that employee" (<https://www.forbes.com/sites/forbesbusinesscouncil/2021/12/07/the-great-resignation-why-employee-turnover-is-killing-businesses/?sh=74d2fa8179df>). This does not include all the soft costs associated with turnover such as lack of productivity while learning the position, disruption to the team cohesiveness, and increased pressure on employees. These pressures and service hiccups are prevalent with every turnover, but may have been noticed most by the public in winter road maintenance. Three of the six employees that left the Town were associated with the Department of Public Works, and did have an impact on the first few storms getting ahead of us. The department realized the issues and have made some changes to storm management. I applaud the effort and adaptability of our Public Works department and thank them for the effort and time they spent focusing on the steep learning curve placed in front of them.

With all of this happening, Town projects continue to move forward. I am happy to announce that we have received bids back for the water project, which will be awarded by the Select Board at their next meeting. Now that the engineering is complete, we look forward to breaking ground this Summer. The new well for the water system has been drilled and testing is underway. The two building projects continue to move forward. We continue to work with our contractor to complete the final design for the public safety building, and I continue to work with our bond counsel and Mascoma Savings Bank to secure the funding for the Whitney Hall project.

As we move into February final touches are being placed on the proposed budget, warrant for Town Meeting and we are furiously trying to complete and organize the Town Report. Even though this is a very busy time for the Town, we are excited for what 2023 has in store for the Town of Enfield.

Ed Morris,
Town Manager

Special News Items

Important Dates

Presidents' Day Holiday

All Town Offices and the Enfield Public Library will be closed,
Monday, February 20, 2023
in observance of Presidents' Day

What	When & Where
Last Day to Declare Candidacy for Local Elected Office . File with the Enfield Town Clerk.	Friday, February 3 until 5:00 PM Town Clerk's Office 23 Main St.
Last Day to Petition for an Article on the Town Meeting Warrant – submit petitions to the Town Clerk for signature verification. If you need assistance drafting your petition contact the Enfield Town Manager's Office at 603-632-5026 or abonnette@enfield.nh.us . We're here to help. <i>Helpful hints: Signatures should be from registered Enfield voters only. Include space for signature, <u>legibly</u> printed name and street address for signature verification purposes.</i>	Tuesday, February 7 Town Clerk's Office, 23 Main St.
Public Budget Hearing The Budget Committee will hold a public budget hearing on the proposed 2022 budget.	Wednesday, February 8, 7:00 PM <i>Thursday, February 9, 7:00 PM (Snow Date)</i> Public Works Facility & Via Teams

Openings for Local Elected Office

You must be a registered voter to run for local elected office. The following elected positions are open and will be voted on Tuesday, March 14, 2023. The filing period for these positions ends Friday, February 3, 2023 at 5:00.

For One Year: One Select Board Member
 Two Zoning Board of Adjustment Members
 Two Budget Committee Members

For Two Years: One Moderator

For Three Years: Two Select Board Members
 One Treasurer
 One Trustee of Trust Funds
 One Cemetery Trustee
 One Library Trustee
 One Zoning Board of Adjustment Member
 Three Budget Committee Members

Candidates must file with the Enfield Town Clerk. Office Hours for filing for candidacy the rest of this week are Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m, and Friday, February 3rd from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Must file in person on last day of filing period.

We'll announce the list of candidates running for local elected office in our March Newsletter.

Department & Committee Reports

Building Inspector/Health Officer

Now that we have finally had significant snowfall, some residents might be concerned about the risk of snow weight on their roofs. It is very important that snow removed from roofs does not block building exits, fire escapes, heating system venting, or equipment such as heat pumps. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has a lot of information available on their website that presents their expertise regarding risks and responses to destructive natural events. FEMA has published a Snow Load Safety Guide, [FEMA P-957, Snow Load Safety Guide \(2013\)](#), and the following information is based on that publication:

Most buildings are not at risk of snow induced failure, according to FEMA. They say that, more often than not, attempting to remove snow from a roof is more hazardous than beneficial and creates a risk to both personnel and the roofing structure. However, it is acknowledged that snow accumulation in excess of building design criteria can result in structural failure. Current NH building code requires new construction to withstand 85 pounds per square foot (psf) of snow load in Enfield. Heavy wet snow is calculated by FEMA to weigh 21 psf; therefore slightly more than four feet of heavy, wet snow on a roof is assumed to be the maximum snow depth a code-compliant roof can withstand. Light, powdery snow weighs 3 psf, and thus could accumulate to deeper depths before the roof design criteria is exceeded; however, as many of us are aware, roof snow exposed to sunlight can soften, become denser and heavier, and then harden when the temperature drops back below freezing.

Structural failure due to roof snow loads may be linked to several possible causes, including:

- Actual snow load significantly exceeds design snow load. This occurs usually after a series of big storms in close time proximity, or after a short period of rain saturates existing snow. (Long periods of rain will reduce the risk of structural failure by effectively washing away existing snow accumulations.)
- Unbalanced accumulation on one side or location on a roof due to sliding snow or wind drifted snow.
- Deficient workmanship.
- Insufficient design, especially in older buildings constructed prior to building code adoption in the 1970s, and especially with roofs having long rafter spans. Truss roof systems and metal buildings that were not designed to meet Enfield's 85 psf snow load are also at risk of overloading.
- Ice buildup on a roof. A twelve inch thickness of ice buildup on a roof will weigh 57 psf, and this is why it is particularly important to prevent ice buildup on flat or low sloped roofs. Ice dams on steep sloped roofs create the separate hazard of water leaking inside the building.

According to NH building code, only agricultural buildings and sheds are permitted to be designed to a lower life-safety importance factor than occupied buildings. However, it is important to be aware that older secondary structures such as porches, carports, and detached garages were often not built to the

same design standards as the primary home, and these secondary structures often do not hold up heavy snow loads as well as the primary home.

The following snow overloading warning signs will occur in both wood and metal buildings, and if they occur it is recommended that a NH licensed structural engineer be consulted for remedy:

- Popping, cracking, and creaking noises.
- Sagging roof members, including plywood sheathing or metal decking.
- Sagging ceilings and cracked sheetrock on ceilings.
- Bowing bottom chords on roof trusses.
- Cracked or split wood roof framing members.
- Doors and windows that can no longer be opened or closed.

Even if snow accumulation on a roof approaches but does not surpass the threshold of building safety, removal of snow from the roof may still be a wise decision made in anticipation of additional snowfall. FEMA recommends leaving a couple inches of snow on the roof to ensure roofing materials are not damaged during snow removal, and they discourage the use of sharp tools such as axes and steel shovels. They also caution property owners to alert contractors to the presence of skylights likely to be hidden under the snow coverage. As noted earlier, unbalanced snow accumulations add additional structural risk and FEMA recommends removing snow drifts first. They recommend roofs be cleared from top to bottom in individual sections to prevent unbalanced loading, and they provide the following diagram as a suggested sequence of snow removal:

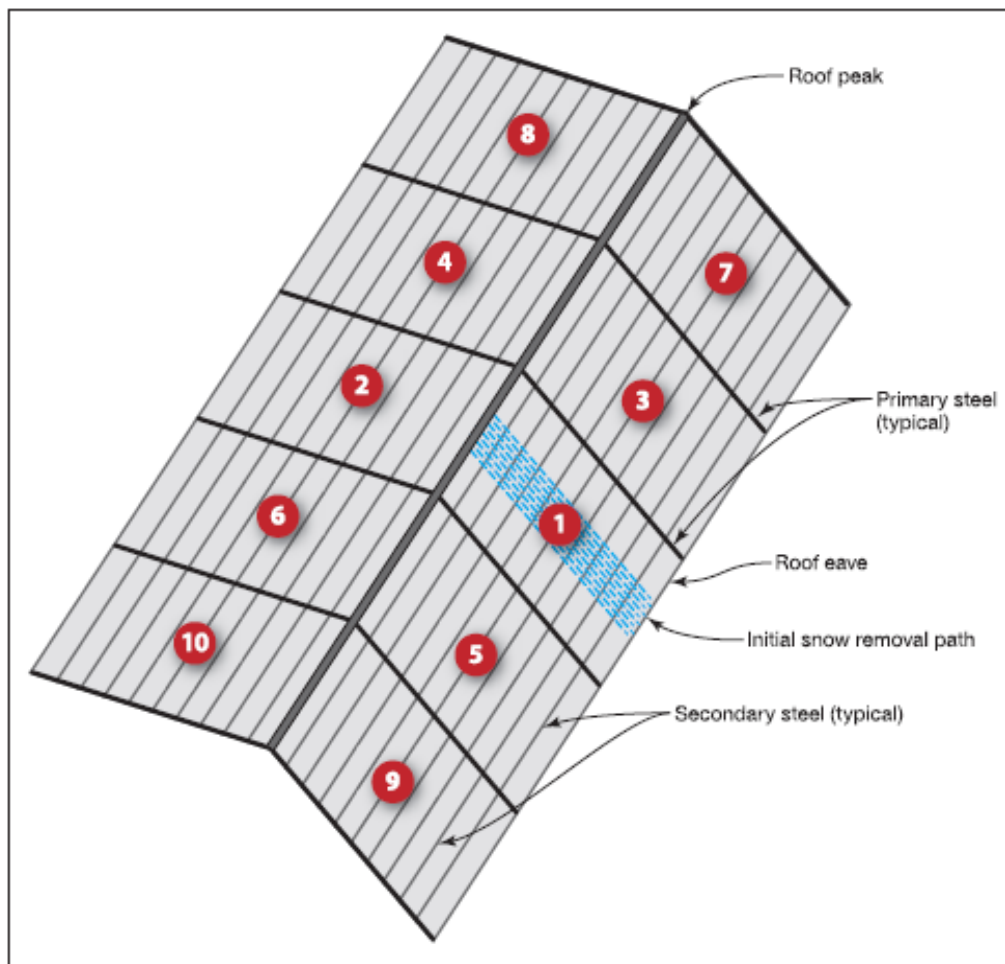


Figure 5. Snow Removal Diagram

Cemetery Department

The Trustees next meeting will be on May 11th, 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>

Something a little different there will be a little history on each cemetery during these quieter winter months. Next up:

Adams Cemetery

Adams Cemetery is a small private cemetery, only 24 square feet, on George Hill Rd. It is surrounded by an iron grille fence, set in stone curbing, with a gate. It contains one central monument with thirteen names on it, with no additional headstones or footstones.

Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission of Enfield wishes to inform the Citizens of Enfield of the following:

1). At the March Town meeting there will be two Warrant Articles submitted by petition from the CC. One will be for the creation of a Town Forest on a one hundred acre parcel of land, located on Methodist Hill (tax map 2, Lot 29). This property was acquired by the Town for failure to pay property tax. If passed, it will provide recreation and wildlife habitat in perpetuity for the Citizens of Enfield. Hunting is allowed on Town Property and the forest will be Managed by the Conservation Commission at no cost to the Citizens of Enfield. The delinquent taxes amounted to Approximately 27,000 dollars, which amounts to \$6.06/citizen (27,000/4465). This will be the First Town Forest created in Enfield. It was logged some 20 years ago and offers the opportunity to create diverse habitats for hiking, picnicking and in season hunting. It contains many stone walls, wetlands, and views. This is a chance to preserve a large piece of property for the enjoyment of all Citizens now and for the future. Voting for this Warrant article will occur at the Saturday Town Meeting, March 18, 2023.

The second Warrant Article will be to provide the Conservation Fund 10% of the Current Use fees up to 5,000 dollars per year to be deposited into the Conservation Fund to provide support for the maintenance of trails in Enfield, so safe hiking is provided for all. This will facilitate the recreation component of the Master Plan. This Warrant Article will also be presented, discussed and voted on at the Saturday Town Meeting, March 18, 2023.

2). The CC will sponsor an informational talk on the value of Prime Wetlands for the protection of ground water purity, essential to all Citizens of Enfield, at the Shaker Museum on February 16, 2023 from 7:00 – 9:00 PM. This is an opportunity to learn about the significance of the five Prime Wetlands in Enfield and Wetlands in general.

Community Power is coming!

Hanover, Lebanon, Enfield and Plainfield are launching programs to lower electric rates for residents and give our residents greater choice over our energy futures.

As part of the statewide Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire, the nonprofit power agency established for our towns and cities, we have the tools to build a more prosperous and sustainable Granite State energy economy.

Keep an eye out for the mailer we'll be sending to all residential electric customers in early March with more information on how to participate in Enfield Community Power!

Enfield Public Library



Enfield Public Library

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

February 2023 at the library.

PROGRAMS

Tiny Art Show Open House!

Tuesday, February 7, come by the library during open hours (9 am – 7 pm) to see the wonderful things people have created with their 3x3" canvases. We'll have treats!

Questions? [Let us know.](#)



February Crafternoon: Card Making
Wednesday, February 8, 3:30-4:30 pm

Make a card for someone special and one to give to someone in need, like a hospitalized child.



Jumpstart Your Creativity: A Prompt Workshop
Thursday, February 16, 12:30-2:00 pm

In this workshop led by Joni B. Cole, author of *Good Naked: How to Write More, Write Better, and Be Happier*, write from a prompt and share if you wish. Who knows what you'll discover on the page—a memory, a riff, some interesting wordplay? Joni will also share 5 insights on how to make the most of your own creative process in any endeavor. Sponsored by the Evelyn J. Crate Library Fund.



Knitters' Group

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



Postcarding With **POSTCROSSING**

Join us to talk about and write postcards for the international swapping site, [PostCrossing](#)! At the library on the first **Tuesday of the month, January 3, 6:00-7:00 pm**



Storytime at the Library

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



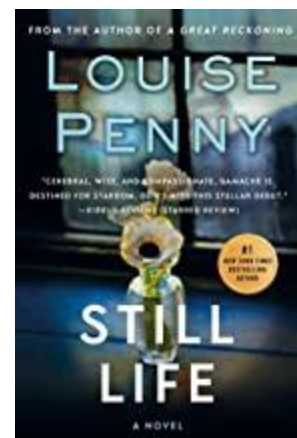
LEGOs!

The LEGOs come out **every Thursday** afternoon at 3:30 pm. What will you build?



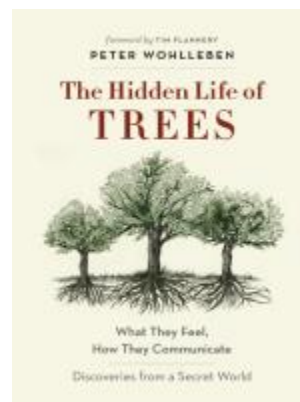
Mystery Lovers' Group

We're reading [*Still Life*](#) by Louise Penny. Join the discussion on the **second Thursday of the month, February 9**, at 2 pm or 6 pm (choose your "sitting").



Enfield Public Library Book group

We're reading [The Hidden Life of Trees](#) by Peter Wohlleben. Join us on the fourth Thursday of the month, February 23, at 6 pm.



LibTech Help

Got **questions about Libby, Hoopla, Kanopy, interlibrary loan...any library technology?** Stop by or make an appointment for an-person help session. Call 603-632-7145 or email.library@enfield.nh.us.

Bring your questions, devices, and passwords!



ABOUT EPL

What's New

Browse [New Fiction](#), [New Non-Fiction](#), the [Best Books of 2022](#), 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.

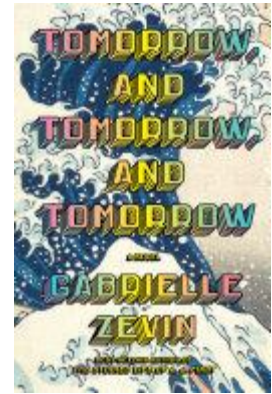
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Recommended Reading

[Tomorrow, and tomorrow, and tomorrow](#) by Gabrielle Zevin

"A modern love story about two childhood friends, Sam, raised by an actress mother in LA's Koreatown, and Sadie, from the wealthy Jewish enclave of Beverly Hills, who reunite as adults to create video games, finding an intimacy in digital worlds that eludes them in their real lives, from the *New York Times* best-selling author of *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry*."

I loved *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* so much, I had to read this, Gabrielle Zevin's latest book. Be forewarned: it is about people who create computer games. But an understanding of such games is not necessary to enjoy this book. It is delightful. -- Nancy



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

2022 proved to be very busy for the department. We responded to a total of 273 calls for service. While most calls were typical, some have required us to think differently and expand our training.

Given the warmer weather so far, we have spent more time training for water rescue and preparing equipment. Everyone needs to use caution venturing out on our lakes and ponds for winter recreation, be sure of the ice conditions.

Hiking trails in town have a lot of ice on them and people will need boot cleats to navigate safely and should always go with a partner. Tell others where your headed in case of an accident so their able to give first responders your direction of travel. Prepare a pack to bring along with a few essentials such as a cell phone with an extra battery pack, flashlight, whistle, extra clothing and snacks.

Enjoy our many forms of recreation in Enfield but please use caution and be prepared.

For the Enfield Fire Department

Phil Neily
Fire Chief

"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](#)!

<https://www.visitnh.gov/things-to-do/scenic-drives>

Enfield and the Scenic Byway

Back in this newsletter's June issue, we described the various benefits of having a [heritage commission in Enfield](#). Some of these are obvious, given the commission's name, such as preserving our town's story. Enfield's Heritage Commission has brought some tangible benefits enjoyed daily by Enfield and Upper Valley residents, such as Mascoma Lakeside Park. Now, let's look at the benefit of economic development and one way the Heritage Commission is promoting it, through its work on behalf of the Scenic Byway program.

The National Scenic Byways Program was created in 1991 by the passage of Public Law No. 116-57, *The Reviving America's Scenic Byways Act*. The program was sponsored by a bi-partisan group of legislators (including Maine's Senator Susan Collins) as a way of "bringing new jobs, tourism, and other benefits to communities, which are often located in parts of the country where such resources are desperately needed and harder to come by."

Three of the National Scenic Byways are in New Hampshire: the White Mountains Trail, Kancamagus Highway and the [Connecticut River Byway](#), which has waypoints and local itineraries in White River Junction and Windsor and Claremont.

The national program encouraged and offered financial support to states to create their own scenic byways, which New Hampshire did in 1992. RSA 238:19 provided "... the opportunity for residents and visitors to travel a system of byways which feature the scenic and cultural qualities of the state within the existing highway system, promote retention of rural and urban scenic byways, support the cultural, recreational and historic attributes along these byways, and expose the unique elements of the state's beauty, culture and history." The program is administered by the state's Department of Transportation and its Scenic and Cultural Byways Council.

The New Hampshire byways system has over [1000 miles of road](#), from the White Mountains to the seashore. In 1999, the state recognized our beautiful area with [The Enfield Shaker Village Scenic Byway](#), which runs from the intersection of Routes 4 and 4A and ends at the Shaker Museum.

National figures attest to byways' economic power. The Blue Ridge Parkway generated \$1.4 billion in economic output and supported 16,300 jobs in North Carolina and Virginia in 2019, while the Natchez Trace Scenic Parkway brought \$13.1 million to Alabama, Tennessee, and Mississippi along with 161 jobs. According to Gov. Chris Sununu, New Hampshire's fall 2021 tourism season alone brought 4.3 million visitors, whose spending reached nearly \$2 billion.

A byway can literally drive some of this revenue and visitors directly to Enfield businesses. And this added revenue has the potential to stimulate a virtuous cycle of disposable income, rising real estate values and tax revenues. In addition, byways show off recreational and business opportunities that attract permanent residents.

At no local cost, Enfield piggybacks on New Hampshire's budget for tourism via the [websites](#), brochures and trade shows that feature the state's Scenic Byways Program.

Byways also drive grant money and improvements. Thanks to an application prepared by Enfield's Heritage Commission, the Enfield Shaker Village Scenic Byway Committee and the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission, Enfield's byway was chosen out of New Hampshire's 22 byways to get a share of \$22 million of Federal Highway Administration funds allocated in December 2022. Enfield's share of these funds (final decision is pending) will pay for creating a pedestrian and cyclist corridor on Route 4A, signage directing tourists to Enfield and more.

The Heritage Commission is also working on the Enfield Shaker Village Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan to complement the Enfield Shaker Village Byway along with the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission, the town of Lebanon, the Shrine of La Salette and the Upper Valley Land Trust. The planned byway would follow Route 4 from Coburn Park in downtown Lebanon and include Sunset Rock, the Shaker Bridge, Enfield's Main Street and Shaker Hill Road.

The Corridor Management plan also calls for creating an app and brochures that would highlight local food and hospitality attractions, as well as natural conservation sites such as the Smith Pond area.

This would funnel even more visitors to the Enfield Shaker Village Scenic Byway and bring it closer to the even larger pool of visitors visiting the Connecticut River byway.

Land Use & Community Development

Land Use- The Land Use and Community Development Department has stayed busy this winter with several reported zoning violations in Town. These are properties that are not adhering to the terms of the Enfield Zoning Ordinance. The process for these complaints works as follows: a complaint is made by someone (usually a neighbor or other concerned party) and these are received either in writing or by someone calling the Land Use Administrator. The complaint is investigated and evidence is gathered (such as photos and maps). The property owner in question may be interviewed for their side of the story. Next, the Land Use Administrator will make a determination of whether or not there is an actual zoning violation (also known as an administrative decision). From here a letter will go to the property owner (as well as the complainant) stating the determination and the necessary prescribed next steps, if any. All decisions of the Land Use Administrator are appealable within 30 days to the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA). If there is a clear zoning violation, a land owner will have a period in which to become compliant. If this is not done, a violator may face legal action taken by the Town with penalties imposed by the courts. We try very hard for a local resolution where a property can become compliant without intervention by other parties. Sometimes this will involve an "after the fact" application for zoning/planning approvals. Please call this office at 603-442-5427 or email me at: planning@enfield.nh.us with questions or complaints.

Speaking of difficult issues, we have been getting lots of calls lately about cigarette butts and dog waste on along Main Street and the Rail Trail and elsewhere. Please clean up after yourself and/or your dogs! Cigarettes should be disposed of properly either in an approved smoking receptacle or by using the "field stripping" method, whereby the filters are removed and properly disposed of. It is important to note that cigarette filters are not biodegradable and are therefore extremely harmful to the environment. Dog excrement should be picked up and bagged. The bagged waste must be placed in a trash receptacle for proper disposal. It is baffling to us at the Town when people bag their dog's waste and then leave it on the trail. A little respect for your fellow residents will go a long way!

Planning Board (PB)- The Planning Board held a formal hearing on January 11th for proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments for the 2023 Town Meeting Warrant. These amendments will be decided on by the voters who attend the Town Meeting balloting on Tuesday, March 14th. The list of proposed Zoning Amendments includes:

- An increase in the number of allowed Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) to 2 units per residential property (currently only one ADU is allowed by NH State Law)
- An increase in R1 Lot Density to ¼ Acre in Size for lots where Municipal Sewer is available (currently ½ acre is the maximum density allowed where municipal sewer and water are used)
- Removal of the “One Dwelling” Language in the “R1” district section “U”.
- An increase to a 100’ Setback for Enfield’s Prime Wetlands (requested by the Enfield Conservation Commission)
- Updates to Enfield’s Floodplain Regulations (requested by the State of NH Office of Planning and Development)
- The creation of a Local Historic District, encompassing three buildings in Enfield Center (requested by the Enfield Heritage Commission). This district would consist of the Enfield Center Town House (built 1843), the Enfield Center, the Schoolhouse Museum (built 1851), and the Union Church of Enfield Center (built 1836).

Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA)- Land Use Case # Z22-12-01- A hearing was held on January 10th for Matthew McIntyre who was seeking a variance from the Enfield Zoning Ordinance, Article IV, section 401.1(L) to construct a single family residence within the prescribed setback to a side lot boundary. The subject parcel is 0.248 acres and is located at 398 Shaker Blvd. (Tax Map 24, Lot 18) in the “R1” Residential zoning district. The subject parcel is owned by Matthew McIntyre. The ZBA voted unanimously to grant this variance.

Land Use and Community Development Office- Please contact me, Rob Taylor, at the Land Use office with any questions or ideas between Monday and Friday at 603-442-5427 or by email at: 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 February!

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

Continuing 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.

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*

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](#)

Follow us!



Police Department

January was a busy month for members of the Police Department. With several large snowstorms and wind storms that caused power outages and bad road conditions we would like to remind our community to be prepared. If you are a resident or have someone who lives with you who uses oxygen that requires power, or any other medical device that would like to be placed on our emergency outage welfare check list please contact the Public Safety Administrative Coordinator Emily to be added. psac@enfield.nh.us or 603-632-7501.

With the winter continuing into February, we would also like to remind everyone to plan ahead. Leave plenty of time to get to your destination when the road conditions are not good. Jessica's Law requires that you remove all snow and ice from your vehicle prior to driving. Failure to remove all the snow and ice is Negligent Driving and fines range from \$250 to \$500 for a first offense.

The department has also noticed a large amount of residential trash containers left along the side of the road on non-pickup days. The Enfield Town Ordinance requires that trash receptacles be removed the same day as trash pickup. Failure to remove the receptacles slows down and hinders snow plowing and sidewalk plowing.

The department will soon be accepting applications for our annual college scholarship award. The scholarship is open to any Enfield resident entering into college seeking a degree in a public service field. If you have any questions about the scholarship, you can contact Lt. Frye at lfrye@enfield.nh.us

Tax season is also upon us. With the tax season will be a large influx of scam attempts. Please remember that the IRS does not conduct businesses on the phone and will never demand payment via credit card or gift cards. The IRS or any other federal/state agency will never require you to "keep quiet" or "don't tell anybody" regarding the issue. When in doubt do not give any information, hang up the phone and call the Police Department.

Roy Holland
Chief of Police

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

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 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 any and all Town or State roads or to deposit snow within the traveled portion of a Town road pursuant to RSA 236:20, Paragraph VII, and RSA 41:11.

Fire Hydrants Clearing

The Town of Enfield would like to thank the people who have taken it upon themselves to shovel and clear out snow from the fire hydrants at or near their properties.

Snow Plowing Frequently Asked Questions:

Why can't you plow my street now?

We wish we had enough snowplows and drivers to take care of every street right away, but our resources are limited and so we must adhere to a carefully laid out system for clearing the streets. If we allowed our plows to be diverted each time a special request was made, our system would be destroyed, and it would take far longer to get all the streets in the City cleared. To keep our snow removal operations as effective and efficient as possible, plows are not permitted to deviate from their assigned routes.

The plow left some snow at the end of my driveway. Can you send someone to come and plow it out?

There are approximately 5,700+ driveways in Claremont. If we used all our plows and spent just 60 seconds per driveway, it would take 95 hours to clean driveways alone. One thing you can do to minimize the problem is to pile snow that has been shoveled from the driveway on the downstream side of the driveway. Then if the snowplow hits the pile, it will be moved onto the grass or sidewalk, not back into your driveway. The plow crews do not come back and plow out any driveways.

Can you tell me exactly when my street will be plowed?

Under ideal circumstances, we can predict fairly accurately when we will have streets in various sections of the Town plowed. As weather conditions change, we often must alter our snow-fighting strategy in the midst of the snow removal operations in order to control drifting snow, ice or other special problems. We cannot give you an estimate of when your street will be cleared due to ever-changing weather conditions.

Why don't the trucks plow and salt on the way to their routes?

Each snowplow has an assigned route. If the trucks spread salt on the way to their destination, then they wouldn't have enough to spread along their own route. Plowing along the way would mean it would be just that much longer until the truck reached its assigned route.

Is there a reason why you can't pile the snow on the medians instead of putting it on the sidewalks?

As we plow from curb to curb to provide for safe vehicular flow and mail delivery, snow may inadvertently fall onto the sidewalk. Unfortunately, there are a number of locations in the city where the park area is very narrow and the plowed snow covers the sidewalks. Some have suggested that the plows should go through these areas at a slower speed so the snow will not be thrown onto the sidewalks. However, the plows must maintain a certain speed in order to keep the snow from sticking onto the blades of the plow. We do not store the snow on medians because the snow can cause sight problems for traffic.

Why do you sometimes salt instead of plow, or plow instead of salt?

Different types of storms require the use of different snow-fighting techniques. The decision whether to salt or plow depends upon the expected weather conditions. For example, if the temperature is below 20 degrees and not expected to rise, salt will not be effective. But if the sun is shining and the temperature is 20 degrees or more and expected to remain steady or to rise, then salt would be more effective. The decision whether to plow or salt is made with great consideration and based on the latest weather information available. Plowing under the wrong conditions can create a polished street surface, resulting in dangerous glare ice. The decisions made by an experienced crew and supervisory personnel are critical.

Why hasn't my street been cleared?

It takes between 3 & 4 hours to complete each snow route. Depending on time of day or day of the week, the order in which each route is plowed may vary. Some streets will be skipped until cars are moved so that plows can safely maneuver.

Bus routes and arterial streets have priority for snow plowing. Residential streets with hills of 2 percent or more grade are second priority. The remainder of the streets are then plowed.

Other streets near the downtown area are posted for no parking 72 hours in advance for cleaning. Any vehicles remaining on the streets after the 72 hours' notice will be towed. There is a general prohibition against parking a vehicle on-street for 48 or more hours without moving the vehicle. Vehicles may be ticketed more frequently during winter months to ensure that plows are able to plow streets adequately. Anyone leaving town for an extended time (holidays, Spring break) should find suitable off-street parking to avoid ticketing and towing.

During a declared [snow emergency](#), parking is restricted to alternate side of street corresponding to odd/even dates of the calendar.

Driveway Sand

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

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

New Transfer Station Fee Schedule Adopted

With the increase in recycling charges and trucking for the for fee items collected at the Transfer Station the Board of Selectmen adopted a new fee schedule. Several items remain unchanged, other have been increased, and there are some new fees for items that are collected and have become too expensive to process including florescent bulbs and solar panels.

ENFIELD TRANSFER STATION

FEE SCHEDULE

(Effective January 10, 2023)

Tires- 14" and under, off the rim (includes car, lawn tractor, light trailer and wheel barrow tires)	Two for \$5
Tires- Car/Light Truck, 15"-19", off rim	\$5
Tires- Truck, 20" and up, off rim	\$10
Tires- Tractor/Equipment, off rim	\$30
Television- Small	\$10
Television- Medium	\$15
Television- Large or Console	\$25

CFC's (Refrigerators, Freezers, Etc)	\$20
Computer Components	\$10
Computer Monitor, CPU, Printer	\$20
Fire Extinguisher	\$10
Microwave	\$10
Propane Tank 20#	\$12
Stereo Equipment/VCR/DVD Players	\$5
Small Pressure Cylinders	\$1
Fluorescent Tube Bulbs	\$0.10/ft
Compact Fluorescent Bulbs	\$0.50 each

2023 Household Hazardous Waste Dates Announced

Sat, May 6—Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street

Sat, June 3 —Newport Highway Garage, 8 Grandview Street

Fri, July 14 —Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street (off Rt 120)

Sat, August 5—Newbury Highway Garage, 184 South Pleasant

Sat, September 30—Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street

Household Hazardous Waste 2023 COLLECTION DAYS



All collections are 9:00 am—Noon

Sat, May 6—Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street

Sat, June 3—Newport Highway Garage, 449 S. Main (Rt. 10 S)

Fri, July 14 —Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street (off Rt 120)

Sat, August 5—Newbury Highway Garage, 50 South Road
(Tricky location—watch for signs: Rt 103→Village Rd→South Rd)

Sat, September 30—Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street

FREE to residents from Claremont, Cornish, Enfield, Goshen, Hanover, Lebanon, Lempster, Lyme, New London, Newbury, Newport, Orford, Piermont, Plainfield, Springfield, Sunapee, Unity, Washington, and Wilmot. Other residents and businesses welcome for a fee. **ANYONE** with 25 gallons or more must pre-register by calling number below. Any Business 2-week pre-registration.

WHAT TO BRING:

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

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



For
information
contact the

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



Aerosol cans, empty: Recycle with scrap metal. Talk to your town. (Bring cans with product in them to collection.)

Ammunition and explosives: State Police at 271-3636.

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

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

Batteries, automotive: Take to parts store for cash or your transfer station

Fire extinguishers: Recycle empty extinguishers (NRRRA takes from towns).

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

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

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

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

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

Propane or helium tanks: Propane/helium tanks can be exchanged/refilled at a distributor; or contact town transfer station about empty tanks.

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

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

Freezing and Bursting Pipe Prevention

As the cold days continue it is important to take some precautions regarding the prevention of freezing pipes. These include leaving snow over water service lines, insulating around the base of mobile homes, sealing air leaks, and insulating around water lines located on exterior walls and in crawl spaces. For some, turning on a small trickle of water on the coldest nights can be the cheapest insurance against the costly repairs caused by burst pipes. If you are interested in learning more about how pipes freeze and burst, and what to do to prevent this sort of damage in your own home or business, please visit the below resource published by the Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety:

Freezing and Bursting Pipes

How pipes freeze and burst, and what to do to prevent damage.



When water freezes, it expands. That's why a can of soda explodes if it's put into a freezer to chill quickly and forgotten. When water freezes in a pipe, it expands the same way. If it expands enough, the pipe bursts, water escapes and serious damage results.

WHY PIPES BURST

Surprisingly, ice forming in a pipe does not typically cause a break where the ice blockage occurs. It's not the radial expansion of ice against the wall of the pipe that causes the break. Rather, following a complete ice blockage in a pipe, continued freezing and expansion inside the pipe causes water pressure to increase downstream -- between the ice blockage and a closed faucet at the end. It's this increase in water pressure that leads to pipe failure. Usually the pipe bursts where little or no ice has formed. Upstream from the ice blockage the water can always retreat back towards its source, so there is no pressure build-up to cause a break. Water has to freeze for ice blockages to occur. Pipes that are adequately protected along their entire length by placement within the building's insulation, insulation on the pipe itself, or heating, are safe.

REGIONAL DIFFERENCES

Generally, houses in northern climates are built with the water pipes located on the inside of the building insulation, which protects the pipes from subfreezing weather. However, extremely cold weather and holes in the building that allow a flow of cold air to come into contact with pipes can lead to freezing and bursting.

Water pipes in houses in southern climates often are more vulnerable to winter cold spells. The pipes are more likely to be located in unprotected areas outside of the building insulation, and homeowners tend to be less aware of freezing problems, which may occur only once or twice a season.

Pipes in attics, crawl spaces and outside walls are all vulnerable to freezing, especially if there are cracks or openings that allow cold, outside air to flow across the pipes. Research at the University of Illinois has shown that "wind chill," the cooling effect of air and wind that causes the human body to lose heat, can play a major role in accelerating ice blockage, and thus bursting, in water pipes.

Holes in an outside wall where television, cable or telephone lines enter can provide access for cold air to reach pipes. The size of pipes and their composition (e.g., copper or PVC) have some bearing on how fast ice forms, but they are relatively minor factors in pipe bursting compared with the absence of heat, pipe insulation and exposure to a flow of subfreezing air.

When is it Cold Enough to Freeze?

When should homeowners be alert to the danger of freezing pipes? That depends, but in southern states and other areas where freezing weather is the exception rather than the rule (and where houses often do not provide adequate built-in protection), the "temperature alert threshold" is 20 degrees F.

This threshold is based upon research conducted by the Building Research Council at the University of Illinois. Field tests of residential water systems subjected to winter temperatures demonstrated that, for un-insulated pipes installed in an unconditioned attic, the onset of freezing occurred when the outside temperature fell to 20 degrees F or below.

This finding was supported by a survey of 71 plumbers practicing in southern states, in which the consensus was that burst-pipe problems began to appear when temperatures fell into the teens. However, freezing incidents can occur when the temperature remains above 20 degrees F. Pipes exposed to cold air (especially flowing air, as on a windy day) because of cracks in an outside wall or lack of insulation are vulnerable to freezing at temperatures above the threshold. However, the 20 degrees F "temperature alert threshold" should address the majority of potential burst-pipe incidents in southern states.

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MITIGATING THE PROBLEM

Water freezes when heat in the water is transferred to subfreezing air. The best way to keep water in pipes from freezing is to slow or stop this transfer of heat.

Ideally, it is best not to expose water pipes to subfreezing temperatures, by placing them only in heated spaces and keeping them out of attics, crawl spaces and vulnerable outside walls. In new construction, proper placement can be designed into the building.

In existing houses, a plumber may be able to re route at-risk pipes to protected areas, although this may not be a practical solution. If the latter is the case, vulnerable pipes that are accessible should be fitted with insulation sleeves or wrapping (which slows the heat transfer), the more insulation the better. It is important not to leave gaps that expose the pipe to cold air. Hardware stores and home centers carry the necessary materials, usually in foam rubber or fiberglass sleeves. Better

yet, plumbing supply stores and insulation dealers carry pipe sleeves that feature extra-thick insulation, as much as 1 or 2 inches thick. The added protection is worth the extra cost.

Cracks and holes in outside walls and foundations near water pipes should be sealed with caulking to keep cold wind away from the pipes. Kitchen and bathroom cabinets can keep warm inside air from reaching pipes under sinks and in adjacent outside walls. It's a good idea to keep cabinet doors open during cold spells to let the warm air circulate around the pipes. Electric heating tapes and cables are available to run along pipes to keep the water from freezing. These must be used with extreme caution; follow the manufacturer's instructions carefully to avoid the risk of fire, and check to make sure the product conforms to UL 2049. Tapes and cables with a built-in thermostat will turn heat on when needed. Tapes without a thermostat have to be plugged in each time heat is needed, and may be forgotten.

LETTING THE WATER RUN

Letting a faucet drip during extreme cold weather can prevent a pipe from bursting. It's not that a small flow of water prevents freezing; this helps, but water can freeze even with a slow flow. Rather, opening a faucet will provide relief from the excessive pressure that builds between the faucet and the ice blockage when freezing occurs. If there is no excessive water pressure, there is no burst pipe, even if the water inside the pipe freezes. A dripping faucet wastes some water, so only pipes vulnerable to freezing (ones that run through an unheated or unprotected space) should be left with the water flowing. The drip can be very slight. Even the slowest drip at normal pressure will provide pressure relief when needed. Where both hot and cold lines serve a spigot, make sure each one contributes to the drip, since both are subjected to freezing. If the dripping stops, leave the faucet(s) open, since a pipe may have frozen and will still need pressure relief.

IF YOU SUSPECT A FROZEN PIPE

If you open a faucet and no water comes out, don't take any chances. Call a plumber. If a water pipe bursts, turn off the water at the main shut-off valve (usually at the water meter or where the main line enters the house); leave the faucet(s) open until repairs are completed. Don't try to thaw a frozen pipe with an open flame; as this will damage the pipe and may even start a building fire. You might be able to thaw a pipe with a hand-held hair dryer. Slowly apply heat, starting close to the faucet end of the pipe, with the faucet open. Work toward the coldest section. Don't use electrical appliances while standing in water; you could get electrocuted.

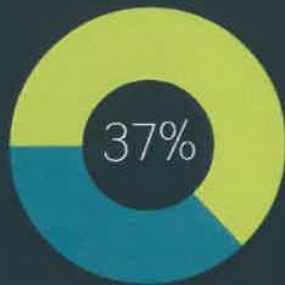
GOING ON A TRIP

When away from the house for an extended period during the winter, be careful how much you lower the heat. A lower temperature may save on the heating bill, but there could be a disaster if a cold spell strikes and pipes that normally would be safe, freeze and burst.

A solution is to drain the water system. This is the best safeguard. With no water in the pipes, there is no freezing. This remedy should be considered even when the homeowner is not leaving but is concerned about a serious overnight freeze. To drain the system, shut off the main valve and turn on every water fixture (both hot and cold lines) until water stops running. It's not necessary to leave the fixtures open, since the system is filled mostly with air at that point and not subject to freezing. When returning to the house, turn on the main valve and let each fixture run until the pipes are full again.

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Frozen Pipe Facts



The amount of all frozen pipe failures that occur in a basement.

Source: IBHS

Frozen pipes are one of the biggest risks of property damage when the temperature drops.



\$5,000

A frozen pipe can lead to pipes bursting, and result in more than \$5,000 in water damage.

Source: IBHS



.50 Cents

Pipe insulation can cost as little as .50 per linear foot, which can help prevent your pipes from freezing. Check your local hardware store.



32 Degrees

Freezing point for water. It's important to keep your home above this temperature.

Water Project Update

The Town opened bids for the replacement of the Maple Street water main from six contractors on January 19, 2023. They were competitive and within the approved project budget. The apparent low bid was L & M Construction, from Norwich VT, and it has been recommended that the Enfield Board of Selectmen award them the project slated for construction in the upcoming spring. Once formally awarded, materials can be ordered and construction planning and scheduling can begin.

Town Clerk / Tax Collector's Office

Greetings all! On the Town Clerk side, 2023 Dog Registrations have begun! Reminder that dog registration renewals may be done online from the Town's website, under the Town Clerk section and of course in person or payment left in the night drop.

Reminder - the deadline to declare your candidacy for an open Town Elected Position is Friday 2/3/2023 by 5pm and on the last day, must be in person. The ballot voting for Town Meeting is being held on 3/14/2023 at the Community Building from 8am – 7pm and the business meeting of Town Meeting is the following Saturday, 3/18/2023 at the Enfield Elementary School. If you haven't registered to vote, now is the time! Last day to register to vote before Town meeting will be Saturday March 4th, time to be determined by the Supervisors of the Checklist. Watch for postings. There is also same-day voter registration at the polls. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Patty Pierce, Assistant Town Clerk (Clerk2@enfield.nh.us) or Wendy Huntley, Town Clerk (whuntley@enfield.nh.us) directly – or by calling 603-632-5001.

On the Tax Collector side, things are quiet right now. The last quarter of 2022 Utility bills have been mailed and are due February 17th. Jerusha Howard, Deputy Tax Collector, and I are in the process of preparing delinquency notices on any balance due for a 2022 billing of Utility Usage, Tax or Betterment and we expect to have them in the mail by late February.

If anyone has any questions on outstanding balances due, please do not hesitate to contact our office. You may also review your accounts for Utilities and Taxes on-line thru the Town's website at www.enfield.nh.us. To make your payment securely, online by either credit card or ACH (electronic check) go to <https://nhtaxkiosk.com/?KIOSKID=ENFIELD>. We strongly encourage residents to utilize this highly convenient option. If you have any questions about how to make an online payment, please do not hesitate to contact Jerusha (Tax2@enfield.nh.us) or Wendy Huntley, Tax Collector (whuntley@enfield.nh.us) directly - or by calling 603-632-4201.

As a reminder, our regular business hours for both the Town Clerk and Tax Collector offices are Mon, Wed, Thurs, & Fri 8:30am to 3:30pm and Tuesdays 11am to 7pm.

Keep your fingers crossed that Punxsutawney Phil does not see his shadow on February 2nd and please note that all Town Offices will be CLOSED on Monday, February 20th in observance of Presidents' Day.

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](#) 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.

- [February 1 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works\) – Old Home Days Committee](#)
 - [February 2 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Conservation Commission](#)
 - [February 7 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee](#)
 - [February 7 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Select Board & Budget Committee](#)
 - [February 8 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Public Budget Hearing & Budget Committee Meeting and Select Board Meeting](#)
 - [February 8 @ 7:00 PM \(Location to be announced\) – Planning Board](#)
 - [February 9 @ 5:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Johnston Property Use Committee](#)
 - [February 9 @ February 9 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Public Budget Hearing & Budget Committee Meeting and Select Board Meeting \(Snow Date\)](#)
 - [February 13 @ 5:30 PM \(Library\) – Library Trustees](#)
 - [February 14 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee \(Design Team\)](#)
 - [February 14 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Zoning Board of Adjustment](#)
 - [February 21 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Selectboard](#)
 - [February 21 @ 6:30 PM \(Town Hall\) – Recreation Commission](#)
 - [February 22 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Planning Board](#)
 - [February 23 @ 5:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Johnston Property Use Committee](#)
 - [February 23 @ 4:30 PM \(Town Hall\) – Heritage Commission](#)
 - [February 28 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee \(Design Team\)](#)
 - [February 28 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Energy Committee](#)
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Community Events & Announcements

Community Bulletin Board

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

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

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

Mascoma Lake Association Celebrates a Century



This year the Mascoma Lake Association will mark its 100th anniversary. Founded in 1923, the organization's original purpose was "to promote neighborliness and to inspect lakefront properties in the winter months." In those days, lakefront properties consisted of summer "camps" owned by area residents, who checked each other's places in the winter and organized a few socials in the summer.

The MLA's role has changed considerably since then. These days it's an official non-profit organization with the mission "to protect Lake Mascoma and its environment, to promote the responsible and sustainable enjoyment of the Lake by all its users, and to educate the public on issues related to these objectives." Membership is open to all in the local community as well as those who visit Mascoma Lake for any form of activity during the year. The MLA continues to promote social gatherings—for example, the Summer Kickoff party, planned this year for Saturday, June 24 at Lakeside Park. MLA volunteers are also active in many other ways to promote the contemporary mission.

MLA History: That includes a new initiative to honor the centennial year. In 2023, we'll be collecting photos, video clips, scanned documents, stories, and other lake-related materials to archive, so we can continue to preserve the lake and Association's history. The MLA Annual Meeting on July 29 will feature a presentation highlighting these materials. Robin Legere is creating our digital archive, so if you have anything you'd like to share, you may send it to her via email: robinllegere@gmail.com or our regular MLA email: mla@mascomalakeassociation.org We know many families have wonderful records of their time on the lake, and we'll welcome all contributions.

Milfoil Control: Over the past 25 years, our work to locate and remove the aggressive aquatic weed infesting our lake has brought encouraging results. In 2015, the total plant harvest was 5,454. Last year, our customary diligent searching found many fewer plants; our trained diving crews pulled just 35. While we don't expect to eliminate milfoil, we are definitely reducing its presence—with benefits for fish, native plants, and all people who enjoy the waters of Mascoma Lake,

Lake Hosts: It's equally important to prevent new invasives from entering the lake. During the summer months, a combination of trained volunteers and hired temporary employees greet boaters at the lake's two boat ramps. They offer boat and trailer inspections to help prevent invasive plants and animals from entering the lake with the perennial advice: "Clean, Drain, and Dry!"

Shoreline invasive plants: The MLA's longstanding concern about land-based invasives took a new form last fall, as we joined the Town of Enfield to begin an inventory of Japanese knotweed along the lake shore. The MLA also works in partnership with the Lakeside Park Committee to reduce multiflora rose, purple loosestrife, and other pesky invasives.

Water quality: At multiple times during the year, our Water Quality Team takes water samples and measurements of the lake and/or tributaries, following EPA procedures to ensure quality control. We also

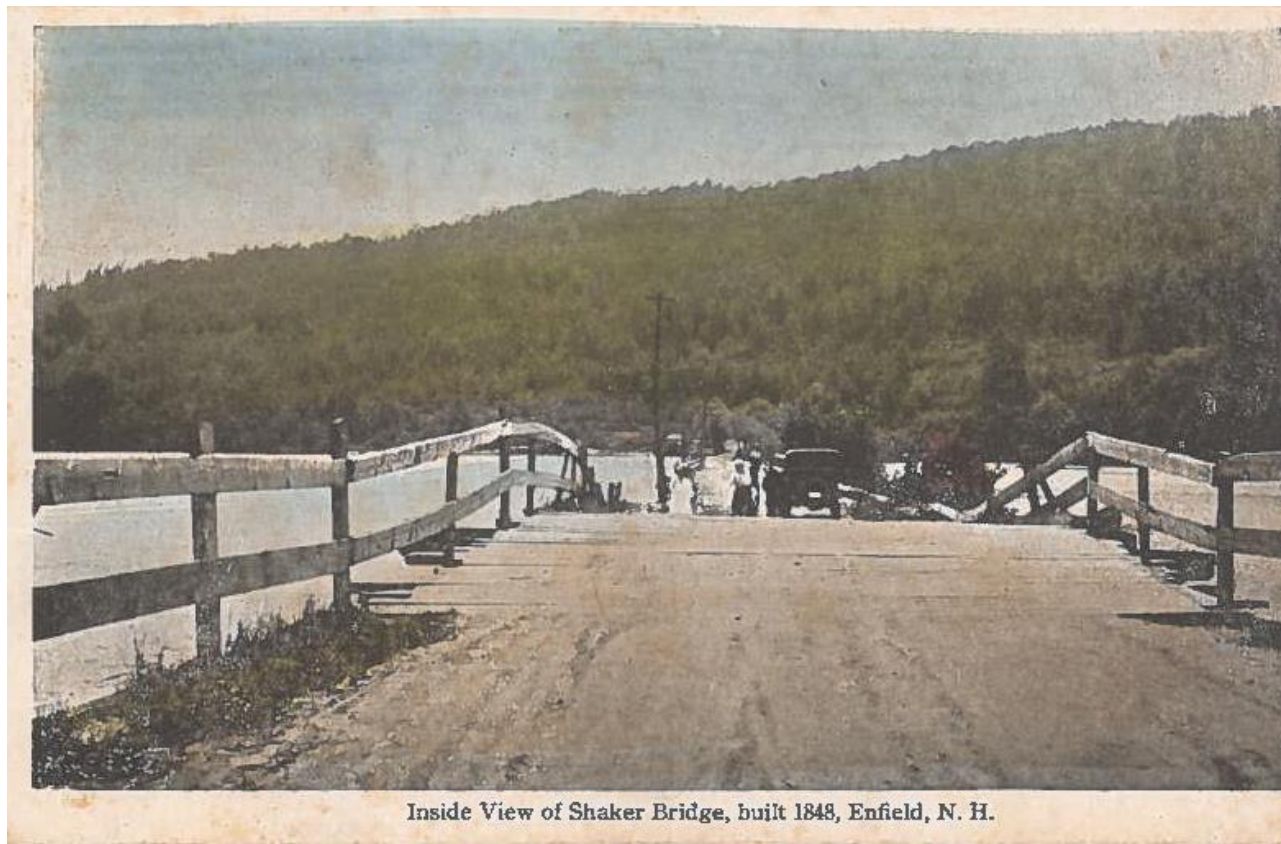
participate in monitoring and reporting cyanobacteria blooms, a problem that's increasing in lakes all over New Hampshire. In the coming year, we'll initiate an additional strategy: developing a multi-year watershed management plan with town governments and the state Department of Environmental Services.

Wildlife preservation: Mascoma Lake is well known to fishermen both summer and winter. Many residents and visitors also treasure our resident eagles and loons. The MLA sponsors annual monitoring of the loon population and seeks to educate the public about reducing danger to nests, chicks, and adult loons.

Clean Up Days: An annual clean-up day, typically in August, brings people together along the shorelines and on the SS Milfoil boat to remove trash from the lakeshore and deeper water. There's some history down there in the water, too!

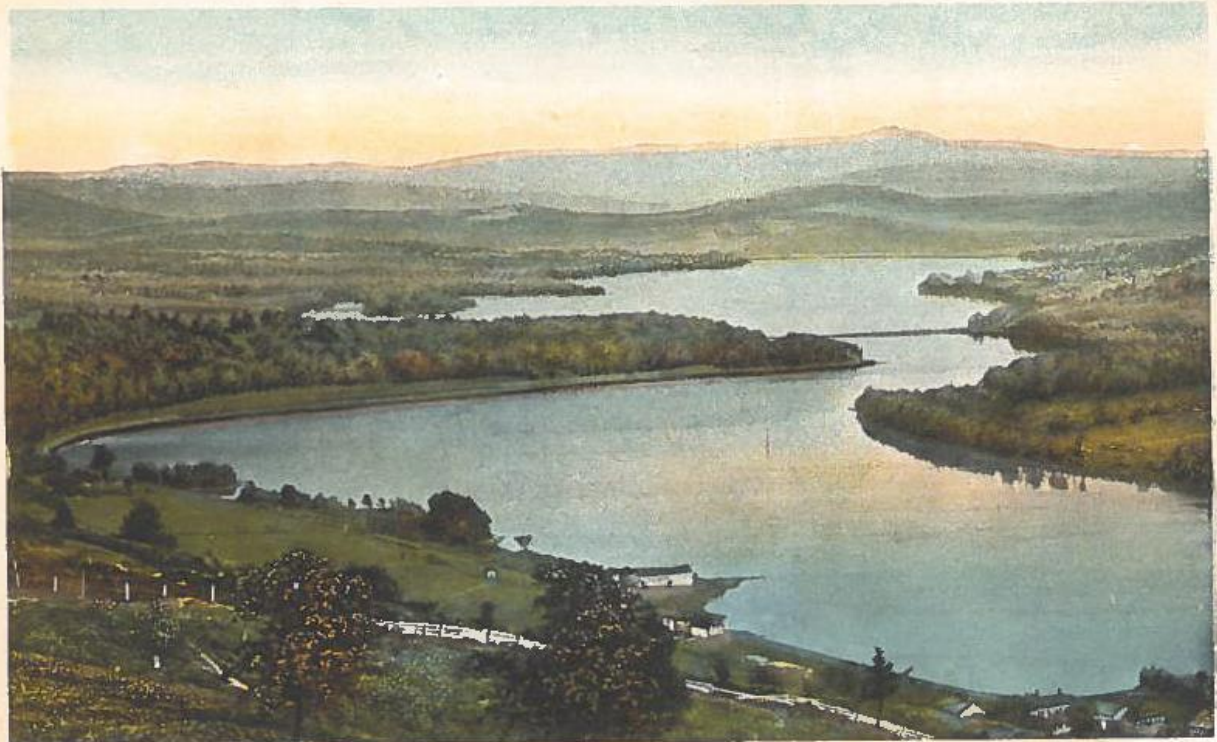
If reading this makes you long for summer, pull out those photo albums, recall your favorite stories, and let us know if you'd like to share your memories. We'll be glad to hear from you.

Martha Jane Rich
for the Mascoma Lake Association

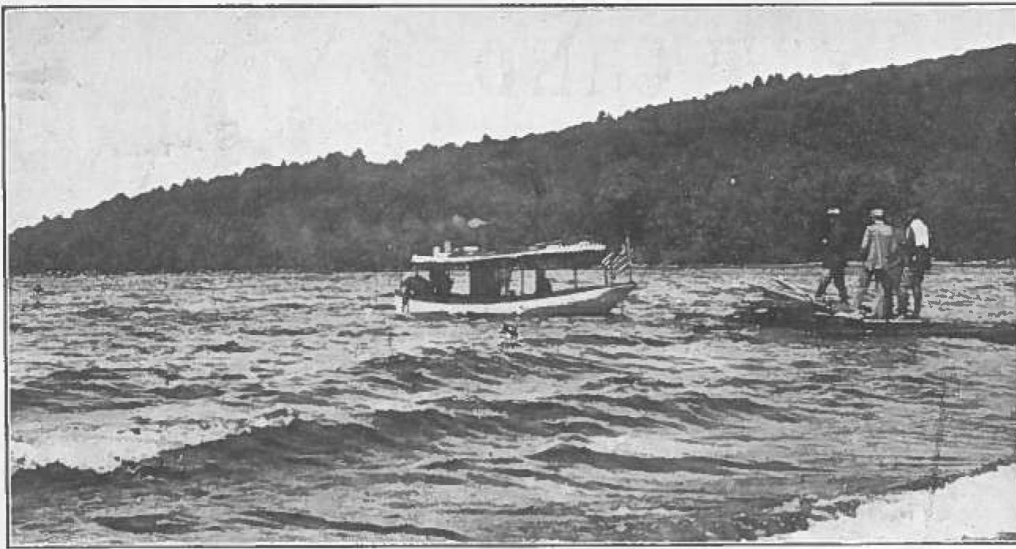




THE OLD SHAKER BRIDGE, MASCOMA LAKE, ENFIELD, N. H.



MASCOMA LAKE, LEBANON, N. H.



**A Summer Scene at Lake View, the Summer Settlement at the Head of
Mascoma Lake, Enfield, N. H.**

Bertha Steamship

Friends of Mascoma

Pennies for Change

The @Co-op Food Stores have a powerful program called Pennies for Change that benefits many local organizations. This program is a charitable giving program that provides a way for customers to donate their change to our community partners by rounding up their order to the next full dollar amount. Friends of Mascoma is excited to announce that we are one of the grateful recipients in FEBRUARY! When shopping at the Co-op Food Stores please consider telling your cashier to roundup your change. Easy as that.... and truly every penny adds up!

Attention Graduating Seniors: APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP NOW!

Learn about Scholarships for graduating seniors in the Mascoma Valley Regional School District. All applicants can only apply through the Friends of Mascoma site.

<https://friendsofmascoma.org/scholarship>

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



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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Shawn Phelps Eastman Charitable Foundation Scholarship

The Eastman Charitable Foundation is offering up to three \$2,000 scholarships to high school seniors living in Enfield, Grantham, or Springfield who will graduate this spring and will be attending a two or four-year college. The successful candidates will have demonstrated a strong interest in the environment, a record of academic and leadership excellence, and who will be majoring in environmental science, sustainability, or a related field. The 2023 application is available on our website ecfnh.org. The application and essay must be submitted electronically by April 1, 2023, or if mailed via USPS with a postmark deadline of April 1, 2023. We're looking forward to reading your applications.

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