

# 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.

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- Go to the town’s website subscription page: [www.enfield.nh.us/subscribe](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.enfield.nh.us) and [Facebook](#)!



## A Message from Enfield's Town Manager

I can't believe another year is coming to a close. I hope everyone has had a good holiday season and has had the opportunities to spend time with their loved ones. 2023 has been a good year for the Town with many projects taking place or being planned for 2024. The Town Offices and Library are settling into their new locations at the former La Salette property at 410 Route 4A. Now that the move is over the focus in the Town Offices are the upcoming primary, budget and Town Meeting.

2024 looks as if it will be a great year for the Town. We expect to have a lot of projects underway and a few wrapping up. In January, the Methodist Hill Property Use Committee will be presenting their recommendation to the Select Board and the Town Manager will be presenting the final Strategic Plan for review and adoption. We expect the Whitney Hall project to begin any time now, and the Public Safety Building to begin in the spring. Sometime in early 2024 we also look forward to the final demolition of the Shedd Street property which will then be prepared for sale. In the late spring/early summer we plan to start the construction of a new parking area and walking trail at Lakeside Park, which will be followed by some plantings and landscape work. There will be a lot happening around Town this year and we look forward to all the changes.



I would like to take a moment to thank Jeremy Clay and Jim Taylor from the Department of Public Works for their work on the Clean Deisel Grant Project. Because of their efforts, the Town of Enfield has been awarded \$180,000 towards the purchase of a new plow truck to replace our old 2006 truck. This represents 80% of the cost, leaving the Town to only pay the \$45,000 difference. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the Town of Enfield.

Ed Morris,  
Town Manager

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## Special News Items

### Holiday Hours

**The Town Offices will be closed**

**Monday, January 1st for New Year's Day, and**

**Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day / Civil Rights Day**



## Important Dates

What	When & Where
<a href="#">Supervisors of the Checklist meeting for additions and corrections to the voter checklist</a> See <a href="#">meeting posting</a> for a list of documents you'll need to provide.  If you intend to file for Local elected Office you must be a registered voter of the Town.	Tuesday, January 16, 7:00 PM – 7:30 PM Town Offices, 410 NH Route 4A, Bldg. 2
<a href="#">NH Presidential Primary</a> Visit the Town's <a href="#">Voter Registration / Elections</a> web page for an Absentee Ballot Request Form and Sample Ballots	Tuesday, January 23 Enfield Community Building, 308 US Route 4 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM
<a href="#">First Day to Declare Candidacy for Local Elected Office</a> . File with the Enfield Town Clerk during regular office hours.  Watch the Enfield Listserv and Town Website after the first of the year for information on available local elected positions.	Wednesday, January 24 Town Clerk's Office, 410 NH Route 4A, Bldg. 2
<a href="#">Last Day to Declare Candidacy for Local Elected Office</a> . File with the Enfield Town Clerk.	Friday, February 2 until 5:00 PM Town Clerk's Office, 410 NH Route 4A, Bldg. 2

<p><a href="#">Last Day to Petition for an Article on the Town Meeting Warrant</a> – submit petitions to the Town Clerk for signature verification.</p> <p>You'll find helpful information on how to draft a petitioned article on the Town's website <a href="#">Annual Town Meeting page</a>.</p> <p>If you need further assistance drafting your petition, contact the Enfield Town Manager's Office at 603-632-5026 or <a href="mailto:abonnette@enfield.nh.us">abonnette@enfield.nh.us</a>.</p> <p><i>We're here to help.</i></p>	<p>Tuesday, February 6 Town Clerk's Office, 410 NH Route 4A, Bldg. 2</p>
<p><a href="#">Public Budget Hearing</a> The Budget Committee will hold a public budget hearing on the proposed 2024 budget.</p>	<p>Wednesday, February 7, 7:00 PM <i>Thursday, February 8, 7:00 PM (Snow Date)</i> Public Works Facility &amp; <a href="#">via Teams</a></p>

## We've Moved!

Many hands make light work. Thank you to our dedicated staff in ALL departments who pitched in to make the move far smoother than expected! Often doing tasks far outside their job description. We got it done with hardly a hiccup.

The Town Offices and Enfield Public Library are now operating out of our temporary quarters at the former LaSalette property. We'll be at this location until the completion of the Whitney Hall renovation and expansion project.

The Town Office mailing address remains PO Box 373, Enfield NH 03748, but the physical address is now 410 NH Route 4A, Building 2, Enfield NH 03748. This is the former cafeteria building.

The Enfield Public Library will be opening January 2<sup>nd</sup> in the former LaSalette gift shop.

The Library mailing address remains PO Box 1030, Enfield NH 03748, but the physical address is now 410 NH Route 4A, Building 1, Enfield NH 03748.

### Meeting Location Changes

Meetings that were typically scheduled to take place in the Town Office conference room or the Enfield Public Library are being 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.

## Committee Vacancies

We have positions available on various committees. If you're interested in volunteering your time to any of these important committees please submit an [Application for Committee/Board Membership](#)

### Select Board Appointed Positions

Applications should be sent to [abonnette@enfield.nh.us](mailto:abonnette@enfield.nh.us) If your application is received by January 3<sup>rd</sup>, it will be brought to the Select Board for consideration at their January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

- Conservation Commission
- Heritage Commission
- Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee
- Capital Improvement Program Committee
- Recreation Commission
- Old Home Days Committee
- Mascoma River Local Advisory Committee – Town appointment, but not a Town Committee
- Enfield Shaker Village Scenic Byway Advisory Board – Town appointment, but not a Town Committee

### Supervisor of the Checklist Appointed Position

There will be a vacancy in the position of Supervisor of the Checklist as of January 19, 2024. Supervisor of the Checklist is an elected position, therefore, appointment by the remaining Supervisors of the Checklist will be from January 20<sup>th</sup> through the March 2024 Town Meeting. Applications should be sent to [abonnette@enfield.nh.us](mailto:abonnette@enfield.nh.us) for presentation to the Supervisors of the Checklist.

### Zoning Board of Adjustment Appointed Position

There is currently a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA). Members of the ZBA are elected, therefore appointment to this position will be through the March 2024 Town Meeting. Applications for the Zoning Board of Adjustment should be sent to [planning@enfield.nh.us](mailto:planning@enfield.nh.us) for consideration by the ZBA.

If you wish to run for these elected offices, or any other open local elected positions, you may do so during the filing period for Declaration of Candidacy, January 24 – February 2, 2024. Please look for notice of the available elected positions sometime later in the month of January.

## 2024 Municipal Calendar Correction



We all know everyone makes mistakes, but it can still be embarrassing when it happens. So is the case with the newly issued 2024 Municipal Calendar. The curbside rubbish & recycling collection weeks beginning in the month of March 2024 are incorrectly identified.

Below is an image of the Casella magnet, with the CORRECT collection schedule, which will be made available at the Transfer Station at 39 Lockehaven Road, Public Works Facility (on the door) at 74 Lockehaven Road and at the Town Offices location at 410 NH Route 4A.

Our sincerest apologies for the inconvenience.



# 2024 CURBSIDE COLLECTION CALENDAR

- If your service day falls on a holiday, there will be a one day delay in service. All subsequent collection days that week will also be delayed one day. To view the holiday schedule, visit [casella.com/holidayschedule](https://casella.com/holidayschedule).
- Place containers at the curb the night before pickup.
- For bulk waste collection including excess cardboard, please call **800-CASELLA**.



## Department & Committee Reports

### Assessing Department

#### Revaluation in Enfield 2024

The Town of Enfield has commenced the 5-year constitutionally mandated revaluation. The last time this was done was in 2019. Norm Bernaiche, our assessor for the past 36 years, will once again be tasked with completing this project. Norm has successfully completed all revaluations in the Town of Enfield since 1987. With that said, it is always a large undertaking.

The process looks at all sales over the last few years and an assessment model is built to replicate what has taken place in the market such as changes in neighborhoods or locations, popularity of style of home, size of homes and other criteria the market assigns value to. The last two years of sales are the backbone for placing values on all non-sale property within a community. A revaluation is market driven and has nothing at all to do with local or school budgets. It is simply a means to distribute the burden as fairly as possible across the taxpayers of a community based on property value. It is true that values have sky-rocketed over the last few years with lakefront more than doubling and non-lakefront at least doubling in most cases.

The Town of Enfield uses Avitar software which is a NH based company with over 150 installs statewide. The values are still being generated by an experienced assessment professional who is intimately familiar with the Enfield community. Please review the town website from time to time as we will be providing updated progress reports and other useful information about the process.

You will see both Norm Bernaiche and his assistant, Adrienne Summers, driving around through your neighborhood to make sure things are fair. We are in the initial phase of gathering all the sales data, verifying the data, reviewing recent costs and updating these tables to reflect current conditions. This spring we will be completing the building permit work for the first billing in 2024. Those values (based on 2019 assessment data) will be used for that bill and then, your

second bill will incorporate the 2024 analysis and current values. What this means is, if you completed improvements to your property over the last year or so you will see your assessment change twice, once in the spring and once in the fall. If you have completed new construction in the past few years Adrienne will be reaching out to you for some level of verification of what those costs represented. This helps us establish a baseline in the assessment model.

We will generate new values for all properties and provide notice to all taxpayers of their new values. Along with this notice will be many reports and back-up data to support the analysis which will be posted on the Town's website on the [Assessing Department Page](#). The Select Board will have an opportunity to review and approve the methodology prior to notices going out to taxpayers.

Upon request, the taxpayers will have the opportunity to meet with the Assessors to discuss the new values during an informal process. Each taxpayer will be given approximately 20 minutes to discuss their concerns. It is expected the new values will be available no later than early August so we can hold the informal hearings, process the changes and allow for ample time to submit the information to the State of New Hampshire for approval and setting of the 2024 tax rate.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Julie Huntley in the Assessing Office for help. Julie can be reached at 603-442-5006, [jahuntley@enfield.nh.us](mailto:jahuntley@enfield.nh.us) or by stopping by the Town Offices at 410 NH Route 4A, Building 2, during regular office hours.

## Building Inspector/Health Officer

'Tis the holiday season, and while at this time there is already inordinate attention given to our chimneys the Building Inspector recommends property owners make a list and check the functionality of their chimneys and carbon monoxide detectors twice. Carbon Monoxide has been called the "silent killer" because it is a tasteless and odorless gas and is only detectable by electronic devices. Building codes require the installation of carbon monoxide detectors in dwellings; sleeping units such as hotels and motels; and classrooms that are heated by oil, gas, or wood. Dwellings, sleeping units and classrooms that are in a building with an attached garage are also required by building codes to have carbon monoxide detectors installed. The following information about carbon monoxide is copied from material produced by the Chimney Safety Institute of America:

### **Avoiding Carbon Monoxide Hazards**

Every year, when the weather turns cold, homeowners reach for household thermostats and set the temperature to 68 or 70 degrees. Most people give little thought to whether the furnace exhaust system – the chimney and connector pipe – is ready to provide safe, effective service.

Consumer confidence in the convenience and safety of today's home heating systems is usually well-placed. The oil and gas heating industries have achieved impressive safety records. Nonetheless, over 200 people across the nation are known to die each year from carbon monoxide poisoning caused by problems in the venting – out of their homes – of toxic gases produced by their heating systems. This is according to statistics compiled by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. Other agencies estimate actual numbers at between 2,000 and 4,000.

***Around 10,-000 cases of carbon monoxide-related "injuries" are reported each year, but an annual chimney inspection can help prevent these incidents.***

### **What Carbon Monoxide Does to You**

Too much carbon monoxide in your blood will kill you. Most of us know to try to avoid this. Less well known is the fact that low-level exposure to this gas also endangers your health. The side-effects that can result from this low-level

exposure include permanent organ and brain damage. Infants and the elderly are more susceptible than healthy adults, as are those with anemia or heart disease.

The symptoms of low-level carbon monoxide poisoning are so easily mistaken for those of the common cold, flu or exhaustion, delaying proper diagnosis. Be sure to see your physician about persistent, flu-like symptoms, chronic fatigue or generalized depression. Meanwhile, it makes good sense to put heating system inspection and maintenance on your annual get-ready-for winter list. Prevention is the best cure.

### **Causes of Heating System Problems**

Why is poisoning from carbon monoxide on the rise? And why does it stem primarily from home heating systems that – at first glance – seem the same as those that have been used safely for years?

***Modern homes are more air-tight. Homeowners are aware of the cost of heating drafty homes and have taken steps to seal up windows, doors and other areas of air infiltration. As a consequence, less fresh air can enter the home and less polluted and stale air can exit. When furnaces and boilers are starved of the oxygen needed to burn fuels completely, carbon monoxide is produced.***

Manufacturers are now designing heating appliances whose greater efficiency reduces cost, conserves natural resources and decreases environmental pollution. This new breed of high-efficiency gas and oil furnaces – when vented into existing chimney flues – often do not perform at an optimal level. The differences in performance increase the chances that toxic gases will enter home living spaces.

The above conditions point out many older, ongoing problems that still need detection and correction to prevent toxic gases from filtering into the house. These include damaged or deteriorating flue liners, soot build-up, debris-clogged passageways, and animal or bird nests obstructing chimney flues.

### **Caring for Your Chimneys & Flues**

When gas and oil burned for heat, the dangerous fumes produced range from soot (particulate matter), to nitrogen dioxide (also toxic), to acidic water vapors formed when moisture condenses. None of these pollutants should be allowed to leak from the chimney into your living space.

Besides carrying off toxic gases, chimneys also create the draft (flow of air) that provides the proper air and fuel mixture for efficient operation of the heating appliance. Unfortunately, many chimneys in homes throughout the country either are improperly sized or have conditions that make them unable to perform their intended function.

### **Chimney Problems to Avoid**

Oil and gas furnaces have distinct burning characteristics and produce different combustion by-products. However, the chimneys and connector pipes that serve them are both subject to weathering, animal invasions, deterioration, and the accumulation of nest materials and debris. And both need regular care and maintenance.

You should have your oil flue inspected annually because deposits of soot may build up on the interior wall of the chimney liner. Excessive soot can cause chimney fires, flue deterioration, and chimney blockages that direct toxic fumes back into the house and cause inefficient furnace operation.

Natural gas is a clean-burning fuel, but today's high-efficiency gas furnaces produce fumes that contain high levels of water vapor. Since these vapors also contain chlorides picked up from house-supplied combustion air, the flues are subjected to more corrosive conditions than before. Even worse, many gas appliances use chimneys that once served oil furnaces. Terracotta (clay) chimney liners can flake off under corrosive conditions producing debris that can block the chimney.



These issues may also force carbon monoxide, fumes and soot into the living spaces of your home. They may cause a one-time, high-level exposure situation or release smaller amounts over a longer period. You should never ignore these problems.

### **Preventing Problems**

Many government agencies in the United States now recognize the importance of annual heating system inspection and maintenance in preventing carbon monoxide poisoning. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the National Fire Protection Association, and the American Lung Association all encourage the regular maintenance of home heating systems and their chimneys to keep “the silent killer” at bay.

A well-tuned furnace or boiler will operate efficiently and produce a warm and comfortable home. An overlooked heating system can produce death and heartbreak. The benefits of a well maintained heating system outweigh the risks of neglect. It is wise to schedule an annual chimney inspection by a CSIA Certified Chimney Sweep® and swept or repaired as needed. This can keep illness or death from carbon monoxide poisoning from claiming you or those you love.

## **Cemetery Department**

The burial season has passed and all decorations and potted plants should already be removed from all cemeteries until spring.

Welcome to our new Cemetery Trustee, Sarah Jeror!

A big thank you to Alan’s Signs for the work done on our new cemetery signs. All but two have been put up, thank you to Rick on our Grounds team. The last two signs will be put up in the spring.

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

## **Community Nursing Project**

### **Community Nursing Committee**

We’d like to thank the many individuals who submitted applications to serve on this truly essential committee. We’d like to welcome those appointed by the Select Board:

Stephen Powell  
Affrille Degoma  
Cynthia Loring  
Parker Hinshaw  
Dawna Pidgeon  
Sheila Bessette  
Emily Curtis

More information about the Community Nursing Program visit <https://www.enfield.nh.us/community-nursing-program>



## January 2024

### **MOVED!**

We did it! The library is now housed at the former LaSalette gift shop at 410 NH Route 4A, Building. 1. Come see us – as of January 2, we will be open our regular hours.



### **ADULT PROGRAMS**

#### **Enfield Public Library Book Group**

Now meeting the 2nd Thursday of the month and incorporating both general and mystery reads.

- January 11, 6 pm - [The Midnight Library](#)
- **SAVE THE DATE:** February 8, 6 pm - Facilitated discussion led by NH Humanities' Carrie Brown of [The Women with Silver Wings: The Inspiring True Story of the Women Airforce Service Pilots of World War II](#) (copies of the book that you can keep will be provided)

These meetings will take place at our new location! [RSVP requested if you plan to attend.](#)

#### **Cookbook Chat & Recipe Swap**

- Currently in the planning stages for early February. Stay tuned!

[Email Nancy](#) to be added to the book group newsletter.

### **PROGRAMS FOR KIDS**

#### **Indoor Storytime**

Mondays, 10 a.m.

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



## LEGO Thursdays Are Back!

Come by for free-building fun every Thursday afternoon.



## RECOMMENDED READING

[Wool](#) by Hugh Howey

"The first book in the acclaimed, New York Times best-selling trilogy, *Wool* is the story of a community living in an underground silo completely unaware of the fate of the outside world. When the silo's sheriff asks to leave the silo, a series of events unravels the very fabric of their fragile lives. In a world where all commodities are precious and running out, truth and hope may be the most rare ... and the most needed"--Provided by publisher.

*Wool* is the basis for the Apple TV series *Silo*. Both are compelling, but the book is extra interesting. It has a lot of pages, but the chapters are short, and it is a propulsive read with an intriguing premise.

—Nancy

## ABOUT EPL

### What's New

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Wowbrary

### 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

### Location & Contact

410 NH Route 4A, Bldg. 1

P.O. Box 1030

Enfield, NH 03748

[Directions](#)

Phone: 603-632-7145

Email: [library@enfield.nh.us](mailto:library@enfield.nh.us)

## Fire Department News

Enfield Fire Department wishes everyone a Happy New Year, we hope that 2024 is safe and healthy for all.

The warm weather has been great for our heating bills, but this can cause issues for those burning wood. Wood units in many cases may not be fired very hot which can cause creosote buildup in the chimney. Check your stove pipe and chimney regularly to prevent chimney fires.

We have had numerous calls for C/O detector activations, most have been low batteries or old detectors. The battery in all detectors should be changed 2 times a year and the unit replaced if over 10 years old.

As a reminder the weather has not been cold enough to make any ice and people must stay off until there is a cold spell for a period to make safe ice. Yes, we have had people venturing onto Mascoma Lake. The current water temperatures around the state are about 36 F, much too cold for a swim. The chart below shows ice thickness recommended for safe use.

For the Enfield Fire Department,  
Phil Neily, Chief



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## Heritage Commission

“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!](#)

### A New Chapter at the Heritage Commission

Enfield’s Heritage Commission faces the resignation of longtime chair, Meredith Smith with great sadness.

Meredith’s commitment to historic preservation dates from long before she and husband Doug Smith moved to Enfield in 2000. Growing up in Rhode Island, she was surrounded by family and friends who changed the face of Providence.

Upon moving north, Meredith and Doug immediately understood the value of Enfield’s historic buildings and how they could restore Enfield’s vitality. Barely a year after settling into the former Livingstone Lodge, the Smiths joined other Enfield residents to create the Enfield Village Association; Doug became EVA’s first president. They were also instrumental in getting Enfield recognition by NH Main Street, a program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, whose mission is restoring economic vitality and celebrating the historic character of America’s downtowns. On learning how a heritage commission could improve Enfield’s chances for Main Street recognition, the Smiths wrote a petitioned warrant article to create a Heritage Commission and got the necessary signatures for its inclusion in town meeting. The commission was voted in at the 2001 town meeting.

Since the successful bid to join the Main Street program, the Heritage Commission has been one of the town’s three land use boards. Smith has been the commission’s chair for that entire time.

Enfield can thank Meredith for leadership that brought significant grants to Enfield. Together with New Hampshire's Department of Transportation and EVA, the Heritage Commission has installed several historic markers. Successful grant applications written by Meredith for New Hampshire's Conservation License Plates—"Mooseplate Grants"—have paid for the restoration of the grand drape for Whitney Hall and as well as stabilizing the Enfield Center Town House.

Smith was quick to grasp how a park on the site of a former motel could enhance Enfield. Mascoma Lakeside Park was a direct outgrowth of the Heritage Commission's mission to protect and promote historic and esthetic resources that are significant to our community, be they natural, built or cultural. Smith's tireless fundraising and coordination of the numerous agencies and stakeholders connected with the property made the park, which is now widely admired and used in the Upper Valley.

Smith's "biggest" accomplishment during her decades dedicated to Enfield's heritage is the creation of one of the largest National Historic Register Districts in NH, the Enfield Village district. In addition, Smith's leadership—and the work of Andrew Cushing—also led the Enfield Center Town House's listing on the register. Most recently, the passage of the Local Historic District for Enfield Center at last year's Town Meeting was another important Heritage Commission achievement.

Smith's tenure has had many challenges familiar to heritage preservation professionals everywhere. These include the need for constant education about how heritage commissions create community pride, upgrade property values, promote economic development through historic preservation, and preserve important historic buildings and sites. There is also the constant work of undoing persistent myths about the limits of preservation.

The Heritage Commission will continue Meredith's work with Enfield's Planning Board and administration to make the most of our town's historic assets.

As Smith says "The Enfield Shaker Museum's recent acquisition of the North Family property (La Salette) is a new opportunity for the town to work collectively with the Museum and Heritage Commission to ensure the Museum receives National Historic Landmark status.

This indeed will place Enfield on the map as an important tourism destination. Much work to be done!"

## Land Use & Community Development

**Planning Board (PB)-** The Planning Board met twice in December, once on the 13<sup>th</sup> and again on the 27<sup>th</sup>. At their second meeting, a "kick-off" discussion was held for our NH-HOP grant funded project to revise the Enfield Zoning Ordinance. Our newly hired contractor team of Steve Whitman of Resilience Planning and Design, LLC in Plymouth, and Mark Fougere of Mark Fougere Planning and Development, LLC in Milford had a highly productive discussion with the Planning Board. Introductions were made and a lot of back and forth questions were answered. The plan is to begin with a regulatory audit, reviewing our current regulations top to bottom. In February, we will hold a "stakeholders" meeting to receive comments from a wide range of people that have input to give. Keep an eye out for community feedback sessions as well. The Planning Board wishes to gather as much of the community's input as possible. Any and all new regulations are to reflect the wishes of the Town. The NH HOP grant funds are received from the InvestNH Municipal Planning & Zoning Grant Program, funded by the NH Department of Business and Economic Affairs as part of the \$100 million InvestNH Initiative with ARPA State Fiscal Recovery funds. This award will be administered jointly by NH Housing, Plan NH, and UNH Cooperative Extension.

**Land Use and Community Development-** The second phase of the Master Planning Project will be kicking off in January of 2024. You will remember that the first five chapters were adopted almost exactly a year ago. Those chapters were as follows: land use, housing, transportation, economic development, and community visioning. The next five chapters to



be developed will be: preservation, conservation, energy, recreation, and Town services/facilities. The second phase of our Master Plan will be handled by the same contractor handling the NH Hop Grant (see above). We are going to be fielding a new Master Planning Task Force (MPTF) to spearhead this effort. If you are interested in serving on this important committee, please contact the Land Use Office.

**Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA)**- The ZBA did not meet in December, however there is some news to share from this board. We were informed by member Tim Lenihan that he has resigned from the ZBA effective immediately. This means there is now a vacancy that will need to be filled at the next Town election in March. If you are or know of someone who may be interested in running for a seat on the ZBA, please contact the Land Use Office for more information or better yet visit the Town Clerk's office to file for candidacy. The ZBA is a "quasi-judicial" board that hears zoning related appeals, such as special exceptions and variances. They are scheduled to meet once a month (on the second Tuesdays), but only if there is business to conduct.

**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](mailto: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 happy new year!

## Parks & Recreation

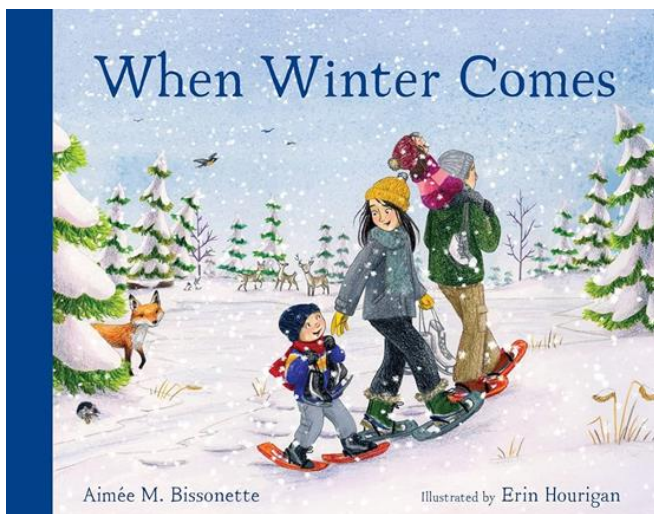
### Program listing and Registration

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](mailto:recreation@enfield.nh.us) \*\***



### NEW STORYWALK BOOK

Just before Christmas the Enfield Public Library put out their new story of the season with the book, *When Winter Comes* by Aimée M. Bissonette. The story will be up all winter long so grab some rain boots, snowshoes or snow boots and get out and active all while reading a great book on what happens when winter comes!

## 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!** Registration will close January 5th. 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](mailto: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](https://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](mailto:Sonyayoga2007@gmail.com) or [Jeanbd123@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:recreation@enfield.nh.us)  
[Online Registration](#)



## Follow us!



With the start of a new year, we hope everyone had a happy holiday season and are looking forward to 2024. Winter is upon us and with it will be that dreaded white four-letter word SNOW. The state of NH requires that snow and ice be removed from the roof of any vehicle prior to traveling. Failure to remove the snow and ice from your vehicle can result in a fine (Jessicas Law). With snow also comes snow removal and plowing of our roads. The Town of Enfield has a winter parking ban in effect. Please follow the parking ban and do not park in areas that can prevent the plowing of roads and town parking lots. While we are talking about snow and plowing, each year the department receives several complaints of plowing across roads and onto other property. NH rules prevent plowing across state and town owned roads and if you are going to plow snow onto another property you need to have prior permission. If you have questions or concerns, please call the station at 603-632-7501

The members of the department wanted to thank the two "Secret Santa's" that enlisted the department to help them this past holiday season. With the help of the Secret Santa's the Enfield Police Department was able to help 9 families and individuals.

Last but not least, with the start of a new year we always see a large increase in scams and scam attempts. Please remember that no federal or state entity will call and demand payment over the phone. Do not give your information to anyone over the phone that you might have questions about and when in doubt hang up and call the police department and speak with an officer. Last year Enfield residence lost more than \$100,000 to scam and fraud. Our goal is to significantly reduce that number in 2024. Please when in doubt ask someone, you can always reach an officer by calling 603-632-7501.

Roy Holland, Chief of Police

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✓  
***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](mailto: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](mailto:lfrye@enfield.nh.us)**

### **Christmas Tree Recycling**

Natural Christmas trees can be recycled at the Public Works Facility. Please leave trees free of all decorations in the marked area to the right of the driveway next to the sand bin before the salt shed. A reminder to residents that wrapping paper and glossy gift bags are not recyclable.

### **Water/Sewer Rate Changes**

Effective January 1, 2024, the water and sewer user charges will be increased. The water usage rate has increased by 7%. On the sewer side the consumption charges have been increased by 7%. The complete rate chart will be available on the Town website at <https://www.enfield.nh.us/water-sewer>.

### **Water/Sewer Bills**

Fourth quarter meter reading is complete and water and sewer bills will be mailed out in early January with payments due mid-February.

### **Frozen Pipe Prevention**

As we head into winter 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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Changes at the Lebanon Landfill Effective January 1, 2024**

The Lebanon Landfill has made some significant changes to their program that will be in effect beginning in 2024. The highlights include credit cards will be accepted and punch cards will no longer be accepted. Landfill permits will need to be renewed annually online and require a \$5 permit fee. Residential trash will only be accepted in Lebanon bags available for purchase at several Lebanon stores. See the flyer below for more details. Click on flyer to go to the Lebanon Solid Waste web page.



# LEBANON LANDFILL CHANGES:NON-LEBANON RESIDENTS

Effective January 1, 2024

## Bagged Trash

- Pre-Paid Trash Bags are required for all bagged trash.
- No punch cards will be accepted.
- Pre-Paid Bags are currently sold at Price Chopper, Hannafords, Shaw's, CVS and the Lebanon and Hanover CO-OPs.

## Credit Cards

- Credit cards required for all other items for disposal.
- Examples include-Furniture, mattress, TV's, Construction debris, etc.
- Credit Cards accepted as of October 20th, 2023.

## Permits

- A new permit is required starting January 1st, 2024, even if your old permit has not expired.
- Apply online now on our website at: [LebanonNH.gov/SolidWastePermit](https://LebanonNH.gov/SolidWastePermit).
- Permits cost \$5, including all fees.
- Create an account online for reminders to renew and access to reprint your permit.

## Recycling

We take a number of items for free!

Save money by recycling:

- Scrap metal
- Plastic Bags
- Clothing, shoes, towels, bedding, linens
- Aluminum cans, tin foil, pie plates
- Plastic bottle, jars and jugs
- Cardboard
- Food scraps
- Glass
- Grass and yard clippings
- And more!

## Good things to know!

- Permits are for your vehicle, 2 vehicles allowed per household.
- Rental vehicles, like U-Hauls are allowed as well with a valid permit.
- For permit assistance please contact your town.
- Hours of Operation Change: Starting January 1, 2024 we will be open from 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM during the week.
- Extended summer hours on Wednesdays: Memorial Day Weekend to Labor Day Weekend open until 5:00 PM.
- Saturday hours are not changing



For a complete list of items that can be recycled check out our webpage or the Betterbin App for more information visit:

[LebanonNH.gov/Betterbin](https://LebanonNH.gov/Betterbin)

370 Plainfield Road,  
West Lebanon, NH 03784

(603) 298-6486

[LebanonNH.gov/SolidWaste](https://LebanonNH.gov/SolidWaste)

[solid.waste@lebanonnh.gov](mailto:solid.waste@lebanonnh.gov)

## 2024 Household Hazardous Waste Dates Announced

Sat, May 4 — DHMC Lot 27, 52 Labombard Rd. Lebanon (New Location)  
Sat, June 1 — Claremont Highway Garage, 8 Grandview Street, Claremont  
Fri, July 12 — DHMC Lot 27, 52 Labombard Rd. Lebanon (New Location)  
Sat, August 3 — Sunapee Highway Garage, 621 Route 11, Sunapee  
Sat, September 28 — DHMC Lot 27, 52 Labombard Rd. Lebanon (New Location)  
More information and flyer to come in future newsletter

## Town Clerk / Tax Collector's Office

*A reminder to all – we've moved! You'll now find us at 410 NH Route 4A, Building 2.*

### NH Presidential Primary

Find [Voter Registration / Elections](#) information on our website. On this web page you'll find [Sample Ballots](#) for the



**2024 Presidential Primary**  
to be held  
**January 23, 2024**  
at the  
**Enfield Community Building, 308 US Route 4, Enfield**  
**Polls will be open from 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM**



If you need an Absentee Ballot please fill out an Application also found on our [Voter Registration / Elections](#) web page and return it to the Town Clerk

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to the Town Clerk's Office at 603-632-5001 or email the Town Clerk [townclerk@enfield.nh.us](mailto:townclerk@enfield.nh.us) or Deputy Town Clerk [clerk2@enfield.nh.us](mailto:clerk2@enfield.nh.us)

## 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](http://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](#) 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.

- [January 2, 2024 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee \(Design Team\)](#)
  - [January 3 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee](#)
  - [January 3 @ 5:30 PM \(Enfield Community Building\) – Old Home Days Committee](#)
  - [January 4 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Conservation Commission](#)
  - [January 8 @ 4:30 PM \(Enfield Public Library @ 410 NH Route 4A, Bldg. 1\) – Library Trustees](#)
  - [January 8 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Select Board](#)
  - [January 9 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee \(Design Team\)](#)
  - [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 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee \(Design Team\)](#)
  - [January 16 @ 6:30 PM \(Enfield Community Building\) – Recreation Commission](#)
  - [January 16 @ 7:00 – 7:30 PM \(Town Offices @ 410 NH Route 4A, Bldg. 2\) – Supervisors of the Checklist for Additions & Corrections to the Voter Checklist](#)
  - [January 22 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Select Board](#)
  - [January 23 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee \(Design Team\)](#)
  - [January 23 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Energy Committee](#)
  - [January 25 @ 4:30 PM \(Enfield Community Building\) – Heritage Commission](#)
  - [January 25 @ 6:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Budget Committee](#)
  - [January 30 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee \(Design Team\)](#)
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- [February 1 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Conservation Commission](#)
  - [February 6 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee \(Design Team\)](#)
  - [February 6 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Select Board, including Budget Committee presentation to the Select Board](#)
  - [February 7 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee](#)
  - [February 7 @ 5:30 PM \(Enfield Community Building\) – Old Home Days Committee](#)
  - [February 7 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Public Budget Hearing, Budget Committee Meeting & Select Board Meeting](#)
  - [February 8 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Public Budget Hearing \*Snow Date\*, Budget Committee Meeting & Select Board Meeting](#)
  - [February 12 @ 4:30 PM \(Enfield Public Library @ 410 NH Route 4A, Bldg. 1\) – Library Trustees](#)
  - [February 13 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee \(Design Team\)](#)
  - [February 13 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Zoning Board of Adjustment](#)
  - [February 14 @ 6:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Planning Board](#)



# New Hampshire *Together*

## Upcoming Events

Join us as we host a series of community conversations throughout the state to build trust and discover common ground as we share “hot topics” – issues that people see as critical to our future as individuals, as communities, as a state.



Thursday, January 4 - Littleton



Thursday, January 8 - Lebanon



Thursday, January 30 - Nashua



additional events and details

<https://tinyurl.com/NHTogether>

Unique opportunity to be part of a citizen led, months long, collaborative process in which Granite Staters work together to select and solve an important issue that affects us all.

Open invitation to all Granite Staters from different backgrounds and beliefs to bring their voices to an initial small group conversation, then consider the ongoing opportunity to work together to fix things we broadly agree are broken.



For More Information  
[thepeople.org/newhampshire](https://thepeople.org/newhampshire)







To Our Valued Municipal Members,

On behalf of New Hampshire Electric Cooperative (NHEC), I'm proud to introduce NH Broadband, our new subsidiary that's providing fast, affordable, and reliable internet to NHEC members everywhere.

More than 80 years ago, NHEC brought light and power to the same towns that we're now connecting to fiber-optic internet. In 1939, we believed that everyone should have access to electricity regardless of where they live. In 2023, we feel just as strongly about this new essential service.

We look forward to connecting the NHEC members in your town to internet service and are committed to keeping you informed of our progress towards that goal. Please see the accompanying page for information about our plans to serve your town.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me. We are ready to work with you to make broadband internet available in your town as quickly as possible.

Thank you!

Alyssa Clemens Roberts  
NHEC President/CEO  
NH Broadband President/CEO



## BROADBAND FOR RURAL NEW HAMPSHIRE!

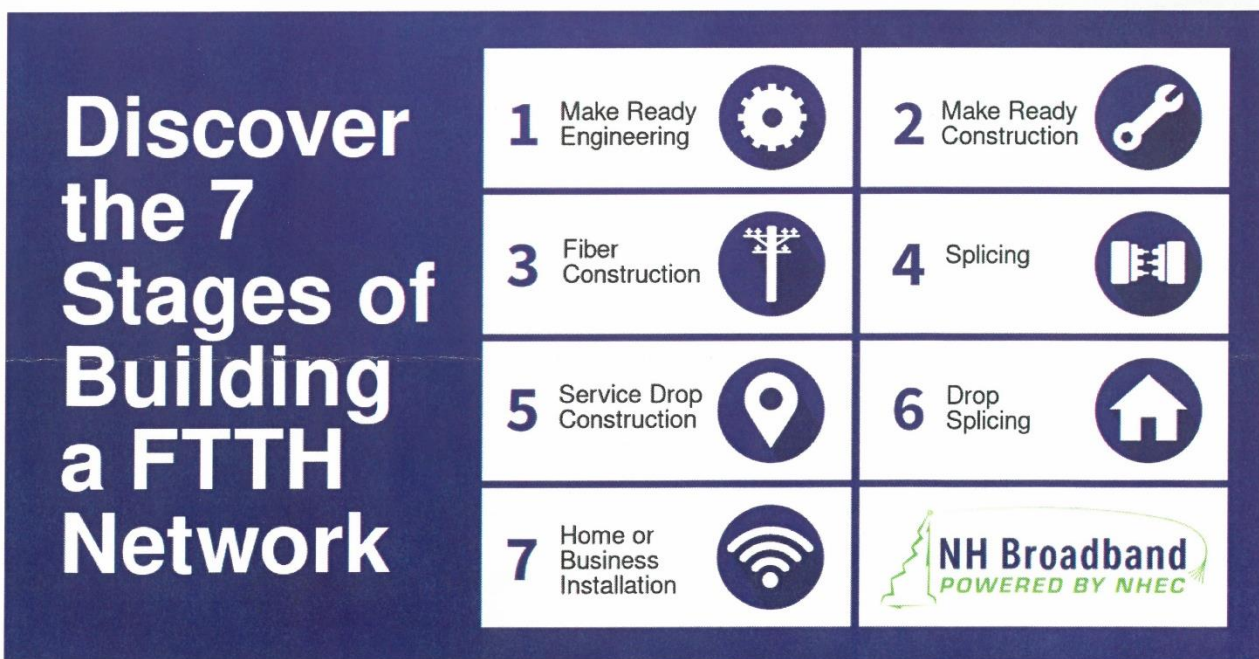
# WE'RE COMING TO YOUR TOWN...LET'S CONNECT!

More than 80 years after bringing light and power to small towns around the state, New Hampshire Electric Cooperative (NHEC) is providing the next essential service to those same towns: a fast, reliable internet connection.

Through our subsidiary, **NH Broadband**, NHEC is building fiber-optic networks that will deliver high-speed internet service (up to 2 Gig per second) in more than 70 towns, including yours!

We want to introduce you to **NH Broadband** and let you know what to expect as we work in your communities in the coming months and years.

## PHASE 1: NETWORK CONSTRUCTION



## PHASE 2: SERVICE AVAILABILITY

When the fiber-optic network has been built and tested, your town's residents can connect! Residents can order a speed package and schedule installation of their service by calling **(866) 431-1928**, or by ordering online at [www.nhbroadband.com](http://www.nhbroadband.com).

## CHECK OUT OUR THREE SPEED TIERS:



### ULTIMATE

**\$99.95/mo.**

**2 Gig\*\***

Includes Managed Wi-Fi and  
Safe & Secure Package



### PREMIER

**\$79.95/mo.**

**1 Gig**

NH Broadband wireless router is  
only included with a Managed  
Wi-Fi subscription



### BASIC

**\$49.95/mo.**

**100 Mbps**

NH Broadband wireless router is  
only included with a Managed  
Wi-Fi subscription

\*\*Ultimate offers download speeds of up to 2 gigabits per second; upload speeds are typically between 1 and 2 gigabits per second. 2 gigabit speeds can be obtained by directly connecting via ethernet cable to the ONT. The device conducting the speed test must be capable of sending and receiving data at a minimum of 2 gigabits of throughput.

Between now and the end of 2026, **NH Broadband** will be making high-speed internet service available to more than 23,000 homes, businesses, schools and municipal facilities. For updated estimates of service availability, please visit [www.nhbroadband.com](http://www.nhbroadband.com) and click 'Check Availability.'

We are also happy to hear from you directly!

## CONTACT US

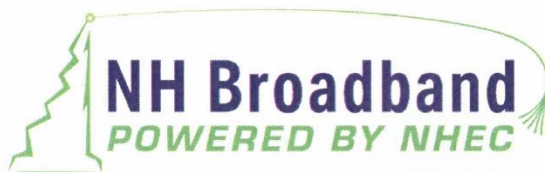
**Questions? Concerns? Please be in touch:**

Alyssa Clemens Roberts

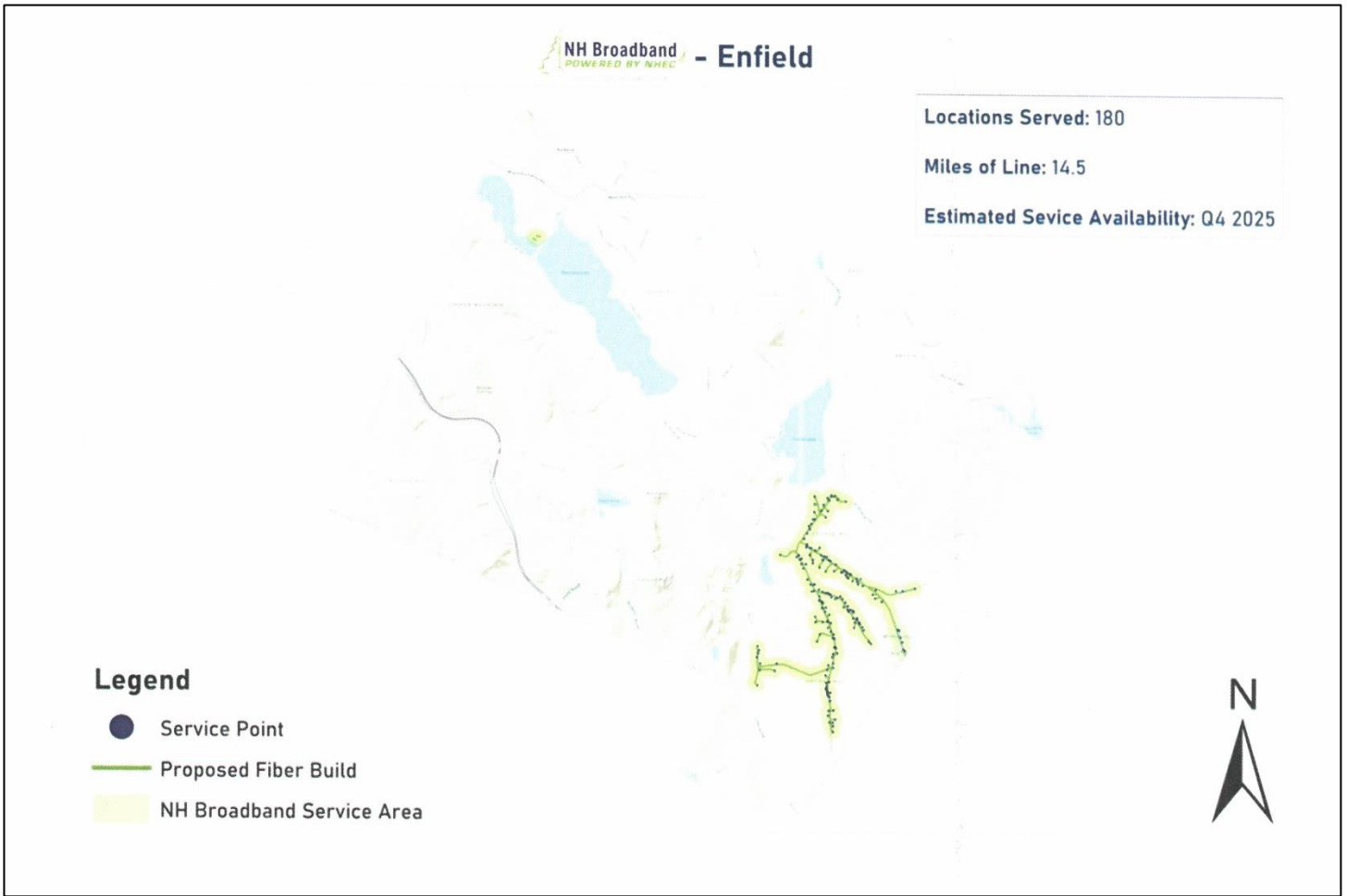
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Recent News from Past Issues

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



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