

WELCOME MESSAGE

Greetings!

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



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

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

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

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

Find us at www.enfield.nh.us and Facebook!



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LATEST NEWS

MUNICIPAL OFFICES RE-OPENED JUNE 21, 2021

We, as a community, have worked hard to protect the health and safety of our fellow residents. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation during this difficult time. Now that vaccines are available and the COVID-19 pandemic is easing, all Town municipal offices reopened to the public for in-person transactions, effective Monday, June 21st. Our municipal offices re-opening coincides with the lifting of Enfield mask restrictions.

Upon expiration of the Enfield Ordinance Relative to Face Coverings, the Board of Selectmen wished to be clear that:

- 1. Vaccinated individuals may go about their business without restriction and without the need for face coverings.
- 2. No masks are necessary outdoors for anyone; vaccinated or not.
- 3. Non-vaccinated individuals are strongly encouraged to continue to wear masks indoors in public settings.
- 4. Business owners and other entities, including the public library, may make face covering rules suitable for their establishments at their own discretion even after the Ordinance expiration on June 18th at 9:00 PM.

In addition to the guidance provided by the Board of Selectmen, we also ask that if you're not feeling well, please do not visit our offices. If you are not feeling well or are simply not comfortable doing in-person transactions, our online options for vehicle registration renewals, tax payments and more are still available at https://www.enfield.nh.us/home/pages/online-payments. Many transactions can also be done my mail. Please contact the appropriate Town department for more information on available services. Contact information for each department can be found at www.enfield.nh.us.

ENFIELD TOWN OFFICES

Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Town Manager Offices

At the Enfield Town Offices, masks will not be required, but are encouraged for non-vaccinated individuals. We ask visitors to our offices to limit the number of individuals in the lobby at one time to 4 individuals (excluding children under the age of 12).

Lobby foot traffic will continue to be one-way only – entering at the main entrance and exiting through the side entrance.

These operations will be subject to change. Please read the notices posted at the entrance for guidance.

While supplies last, masks and hand sanitizer will continue to be available for visitors who wish to use them.

ENFIELD PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY

Building & Health, Land Use & Community Development, Public Works, & Welfare Offices At the Public Works Facility, masks will not be required, but are encouraged for non-vaccinated individuals.

Appointments are encouraged, but not required.

Please continue to call ahead to be sure DPW staff is available to check brush and yard waste loads on the days the Transfer Station is closed.

These operations will be subject to change. Please read the notices posted at the entrance for guidance.

While supplies last, masks and hand sanitizer will continue to be available for visitors who wish to use them.

ENFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Out of consideration for the Library's more vulnerable patrons, especially children under 12 years old, the Library is encouraging visitors to continue wearing masks.

The Library is open by appointment and is being flexible with available times. Staff are in the building Mon, Tue, Wed, and Fri 8:00am-4:00pm and Thu 11:00am-7:00pm. Please call or email to schedule a time to come in. The Library will continue to offer porch pick-up until 7:00pm during the week as well.

These operations will be subject to change. Changes to operations will be posted on the Town website, listserv, Facebook and at the entrance.

ENFIELD COMMUNITY BUILDING USE

Effective June 18, 2021, at 9:00 PM, the Enfield Community Building use and rental will resume according to pre-pandemic rules.

Information and application forms are available online at <u>https://www.enfield.nh.us/administration-town-manager/pages/community-building-rental</u>

PROPERTY TAXES DUE TODAY! July 1

Just a quick reminder that if you haven't paid your 2021 first issue property tax bill it's due today, July 1!

- Payment can be
- Mailed by US Mail, but must be postmarked by July 1.
- Paid online at https://www.enfield.nh.us/home/pages/online-payments
- Delivered to the Tax Collector's Office today until 3:30 PM.

If payment is in the outside drop box when the office opens the morning of July 2, it will be considered as having arrived by the July 1 due date.

Contact the Tax Collector at <u>whuntley@enfield.nh.us</u> or 603-632-4201 if you have any questions.

INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY

The Transfer Station will be closed Sunday, July 4th and the Enfield Municipal Offices and the Enfield Public Library will be closed Monday, July 5th in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

Because the holiday falls on an off week for curbside rubbish & recycling collection the holiday does not affect the July collection schedule. We still have Collection Schedule refrigerator magnets available at the Town Offices! We keep some on the side of the drop box outside, on the shelf in the vestibule and in the lobby – help yourself – one per household please.



OLD HOME DAYS CELEBRATION

We are back!

The Enfield Old Home Days Committee is thrilled to be back after having to shelve the 2020 celebration due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In the interest of continued caution, our 2021 celebration will be ONE DAY ONLY – Saturday, July 24.

This year's Old Home Day will focus on getting the Enfield community back together in a way that allows for social distancing. One of the great things about Enfield is that its size really lends itself to this endeavor!





A sampling of the programming includes:

- Town-Wide Scavenger Hunt
- Community Picnic at Mascoma Lakeside Park with music by Cardigan Mountain Tradition
- Ice Cream Social at the Library
- Fishing Derby

Stay tuned in early July for our full schedule on posters in area businesses, on Facebook, Instagram, the Enfield Listserv, and the Valley News.

Anyone with questions can reach out to us at <u>oldhomedays@enfield.nh.us</u>.

Find us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/EnfieldOldHomeDays/events

Looking forward to getting the community back together!

NEW ENFIELD FIRE CHIEF APPOINTED

The Interim Town Manager and the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Enfield are pleased to announce the appointment of Philip Neily as the new Fire Chief for the Town of Enfield. This appointment is a result of a search that began months ago that yielded several qualified applicants. An appointment panel of experts was assembled to review the applications and conduct interviews of the applicants. The Town is grateful for the work done on this appointment panel by the Fire Chiefs from Lebanon, Hanover, New London, Canaan and Hartford as well as participation from longtime Enfield Fire Department members Chris Morrison and Dick Chase. The appointment panel also included the Emergency Management Director/Enfield Police Chief Roy Holland.

Chief Neily was Deputy Chief for the Town of Canaan, has a nearly 20-year long career in the fire service as a Firefighter I, Firefighter II, Incident Safety Officer and Public Information Officer, among other qualifications. The Selectmen and the Interim Town Manager have established some goals for the incoming Chief to enhance training opportunities, recruitment and retention, firefighter certification and other initiatives to strengthen the role of the department in the region. In accepting the appointment, Chief Neily stated that "training and the continuance of training has been one of my primary focuses during my time in the fire service and I look forward to helping the Enfield Fire Department achieve new goals and help with the future planning of the fire department."

The Interim Town Manager and Selectmen would also like to recognize Jeremy Ford and John Pellerin for their cooperation and management of the department during this process. Each of them worked diligently to make certain that the department ran smoothly through the period of time of the vacancy.

TOWN MANGER SEARCH UPDATE

In non-public session on June 7, 2021, the Board of Selectmen agreed to put the Town Manager search on hold until mid-September. To date, a suitable candidate has not been found, and with summer having arrived and people going on vacations, it was agreed the temporary hold on the search will aid in finding the best possible person for the Town Manager position.

BOSTON POST CANE – A DECADES OLD TRADITION

In the time-honored tradition, the Boston Post Cane will be presented to the next oldest living resident of Enfield. In this day and age we don't have the same methods for determining who that might be. We know of one resident who is 100 years old, but there may be others in Town. Please, if you have a friend or family member who may be eligible to accept this honor, please reach out to Marjorie Carr at <u>mcarr@enfield.nh.us</u> or Alisa Bonnette at <u>abonnette@enfield.nh.us</u> or 603-442-5401 by July 6th.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

Do you want to volunteer to serve on a Board or Committee? Our Application for Committee Membership can be found here: https://www.enfield.nh.us/board-selectmen/files/appointment-application.

Send your completed application to <u>abonnette@enfield.nh.us</u>, leave it in the drop box outside the Town Office door, or mail it to Town Manager's Office, PO Box 373, Enfield NH 03748.

The Enfield Budget Committee has two openings.

Early in the budget season, budgetary goals are set by the Budget Committee and relayed to Town departments as guidance in their budget preparation. The Budget Committee later receives budget requests for the coming year, deliberates and approves a budget to be put before the voters at Town Meeting each year.

The Budget Committee meets approximately once a month off-season. During Budget season (November – February) the Committee meets 2-4 times per month with one Saturday morning meeting typically held in early December.

The term of these appointed positions expires as of Town Meeting, March 8, 2022. If the appointed individuals wish to continue to serve on the Budget Committee beyond that date, they will have to declare their candidacy to run for elected office during the sign-up period in January 2022 (specific dates to be announced).

Applicants should provide a written expression of interest, complete an application (online here: <u>https://www.enfield.nh.us/board-selectmen/files/appointment-application</u>) and submit it no later than <u>August 4, 2021</u> by email to <u>abonnette@enfield.nh.us</u>, drop it off in person during office hours, or leave it in the night drop box at the Town Manager's Office, Attn: Alisa Bonnette.

Applicants will be considered for appointment by the Budget Committee at their next meeting on August 12, 2021. This will be a hybrid in-person/Zoom meeting. Meeting information can be found here: <u>https://www.enfield.nh.us/budget-committee/events/51191</u>.

Do you enjoy financial planning and fiscal responsibility? The **Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Committee** has a vacancy on its seven-member committee. This committee meets for a short period in the early fall to review the CIP Plan, proposed expenditures from the CIP Capital Reserve Fund in the coming year, and plans for the future capital needs of the Town. This is an advisory committee, providing its recommendations to the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

Do your interests lie in economic development? Then the **Tax Increment Finance District Advisory Committee** may be for you. There are two openings on this five-member committee. The majority of members must live within the Enfield TIF District or immediately adjacent to it or own a business in the TIF District, the minority of members can live anywhere in town. This committee, advisory to the Board of Selectmen, is charged with maintenance and implementation of the TIF District Plan. The TIF Committee meets on an as needed basis.

Release your inner party planner! Join our **Old Home Days Committee**! Many hands make light work! This group organizes our annual Old Home Days Celebration which takes place the last full weekend of July. The Old Home Days Committee meets the first Wednesday of each month from February – July at 5:30 PM, with a couple of additional meetings in June and July as needed to prepare for the festivities.

The Committee is currently planning events for a 2021 celebration! Regrettably the 2020 celebrations were canceled due to COVID-19, but 2019 was a successful weekend of Old Home Days! Check out the events held in 2019: <u>https://www.enfield.nh.us/sites/enfieldnh/files/uploads/ohdflyer2019.pdf</u>

And check out the Enfield Old Home Days Facebook page! <u>https://www.facebook.com/EnfieldOldHomeDays/</u>

Are you interested in protecting our natural resources? Perhaps you'd like to serve on the **Conservation Commission!** The Commission currently has one vacancy.

The **Energy Committee** also has one vacancy! The Energy Committee's charge is to identify energy saving opportunities for the Town and residents of Enfield. Check out the latest project spearheaded by the Energy Committee in our <u>May 2021 Newsletter</u>!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

We still have openings to fill! Applications and complete job descriptions are available on the Town's website at <u>https://www.enfield.nh.us/administration-town-manager/pages/employment-information</u>

The Town of Enfield is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Provider.

Light Equipment Operator

The Town of Enfield, NH, is accepting applications for the full-time position of Light Equipment Operator within the Highway Division of the Department of Public Works. Responsible for the

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skilled and safe operation of and routine preventative maintenance of assigned light duty trucks, light construction equipment, and hand and power tools used in the construction and maintenance of roads and other public works projects. Starting pay rate will be \$17.00-\$19.50/hour depending on experience. Additional overtime compensation is available with supervisor authorization. The Town of Enfield offers an excellent benefits package.

Seasonal Buildings & Grounds Maintainer

The Town of Enfield, NH, is seeking a full-time seasonal Buildings and Grounds Maintainer (B&G Maintainer). The Seasonal B&G Maintainer position is 40 hours per week and is available immediately. Duties primarily include the mowing, maintenance, and upkeep of town buildings, grounds, parks, and cemeteries. On occasion, duties will involve assisting other public works divisions including highways, water/sewer and solid waste and recycling. Starting pay rate will be \$15-\$17.00/hour depending on experience. Qualified candidates interested in part-time work (<35 hours per week) will also be considered.

Summer Waterfront Jobs - Lifeguards and Swim Instructors

Enfield Recreation Department is accepting applications for summer employment at Shakoma Beach in Enfield. Contact Ed Winters recreation@enfield.nh.us for greater details.

Waterfront Lifeguards

Looking for FT and PT summer lifeguards. Must be 16+ years old. Certified Lifeguard (or willing to become certified before the summer, partial course reimbursement from the town after completing full season)

Swim Instructors

Must be Red Cross Water Safety Instructor certified (or willing to become certified before the summer, partial course reimbursement from the town after completing full season)

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT

The Assessing Department has the responsibility and mandate to conduct a revaluation of property every 5 years (our next one is scheduled for 2024). Part of the process that has worked very well for the Town has been to inspect approximately 1/5 of the Town a year, and in the final year, a sales analysis is done and all values are brought anew. Last year, due to the pandemic, the Town did not inspect those properties. This year we will be starting our inspections no earlier than August 1st and we expect this process to last for several weeks. No property values will change in 2021 as a result of the inspections. If your property is on the list to be reviewed you will receive a postcard, notifying you of our intent and giving information about the process and scheduling appointments if necessary. If you have any questions please direct them to Julie Huntley, Assessing Administrator at 603-442-5406 or e-mail at jahuntley@enfield.nh.us

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Happy Independence Day to all our residents. The police department has had a very busy start to the summer. With the warmer summer weather, many people are out enjoying our parks, recreation areas and roads. Speed and distracted driving have caused issues and safety hazards. The police department will continue to have extra patrols to target excessive speed and distracted driving such as texting or handheld use of phones. As you drive, remember that we all need to share the road, be cautious of motorcycles, walkers/runners and those on bicycles.

A reminder that the lower parking lot at the Mascoma Lake boat launch is for vehicles with boat trailers only. The upper parking lot is for beach users. If using the Mascoma Lakeside Park please stay outside the construction fencing. This is for your safety.

Thank you to all who came out for Movie in the Park. We had over 50 people attend the showing of Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. We are planning for a second movie in the park for August prior to school being back in session and again around Halloween.

This summer has already been hot. Remember that it is dangerous to leave children or animals in your vehicle in the heat. It can take only a couple minutes before it gets very hot and can cause death.

As always if you see something say something. You can reach an officer at 603-632-7501 or thru Hanover Dispatch at 603-643-2222

LAND USE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

We are happy to report that all land use boards and committees have returned to "in-person" meetings at the DPW Facility (74 Lockehaven Road) effective June 19th. We will still offer a Zoom meeting option for those that would prefer to stay at home and/or socially distance themselves. The Zoom meeting login information for Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment and Master Planning Task Force meetings will continue to be posted online (www.enfield.nh.us). Look for the monthly calendar and click on a meeting date for the respective details.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) held one hearing in June. This was for Enfield Land Use Case # Z21-06-01 where an applicant requested a variance to Enfield's Zoning Ordinance (Article IV, Section 401.1) to operate an automobile repair business in the "R1" Residential District (zone) at 89 Shaker Hill Road (Tax Map 34, Lot 99). After a presentation by the applicant, input from abutters and a lengthy discussion among board members, the ZBA declined the variance by a vote of 4-1. You can find the meeting minutes on the ZBA section of the Town's website at: https://www.enfield.nh.us/zoning-board-adjustment. You can also find the agenda for July 13th ZBA meeting where the board will hear an application (Land Use Case # Z21-07-01) from Dean and Rachelle Vanier, who are seeking a variance to Enfield's Zoning Ordinance article IV, section 408.2 to install an internally lit sign with multi-colored LED technology/bulbs (such as blue, red and yellow). The subject property is owned by NARJE, LLC (Dean and Rachelle Vanier) and is located at 492 US Route 4 (map 15, lot 8) in the Route 4 zoning district.

The Planning Board (PB) and the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) held a joint meeting on June 9th at 7:00 pm via the Zoom web meetings platform. This was a long overdue idea to bring the two land use boards together for discussion of their common land use issues. A wide-ranging conversation took place, the details of which are available in the meeting minutes available on the Planning Board section of the Town's website at: https://www.enfield.nh.us/planning-board.

At their June 23rd meeting, the Planning Board reviewed their rules of procedure and discussed takeaways from their joint meeting with the ZBA. The board decided that it was a good idea to regularly and periodically meet together with the ZBA, especially as they prepare for the annual year end Zoning Ordinance change recommendations.



The Town's Master Planning Task Force, continuing their diligent work, met twice in the month of June (on the second and fourth Mondays). The priorities for this group continue to be the following:

- 1. Sub-committee work (visioning, land use, economic development, transportation and housing),
- 2. Preparation for the hiring of a professional firm to assist with Master Planning,
- 3. Preparing a community wide survey for data gathering and
- 4. Preparation for a big Community Workshop on November 6th.

As usual all Task Force meetings are open to the public and minutes and agendas are made available on the Town's dedicated Master Planning website: http://www.enfield-leaps.org If you have an idea for your property, such as a subdivision, lot merger, line adjustment or a concept for a new business, please reach out to the Town's Land Use and Community Development Administrator, Rob Taylor, Monday to Friday at 603-442-5427 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm or by email at: <u>planning@enfield.nh.us</u>. You may also drop by the office at the DPW facility at 74 Lockehaven Road. We always recommend calling ahead first to be sure someone is available to help you. Happy summer to everyone!

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Transfer Station Closed July 4th

The Enfield Transfer Station will be close Sunday, July 4, 2021 in observance of Independence Day.

Brush and Yard Waste

The Enfield Brush and Yard Waste Facility will be open during the business hours of the Transfer Station Wednesday and Saturday. Due to COVID-19 concerns deliveries on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday will be by appointment. Please call the DPW at 632-4605 to make arrangements for delivery. The facility is closed on Sundays. The facility can take clean brush and limbs up to 8" and leaves and yard waste. The Town cannot take any invasive plant species, stumps or dimensional lumber. Residents wishing to use the facility must have all loads checked by Town staff. The facility does not take commercial volumes.

Water/Sewer Billing

The Town of Enfield Water/Sewer Department is finishing up reading meters this week. Bills will be out in early July and will be due in the middle of August 2021.

Road Grading

The Town Highway crew will be grading gravel roads throughout the summer. Motorists are urged to use caution when driving through these moving work zones often with three or four working pieces of equipment.

Paving

The Town of Enfield will be paving on several streets and street sections this summer including Bud-Mil Rd., Warren Rd., Shaker Blvd., Livingstone Lodge Rd., Sloan Rd., and Algonquin Rd. Most of these streets will be receiving a 1.25" overlay. This work is scheduled for early to mid-July, weather permitting.

Culvert Replacements on Kluge Road

The Enfield DPW will be replacing several culverts crossing Kluge Road and the road will be closed to through traffic at times during the first week of July.

Lebanon Landfill Registration

Beginning in September anyone wishing to use the Lebanon Landfill or dispose of items that the Enfield Transfer Station does not accept will be required to obtain a Lebanon Landfill permit. This is in addition to the punch card system already in use. The permits will be available at no charge on the Lebanon NH website in the coming weeks.

Water Conservation

Water Conservation is always a good thing! Please do your part and practice voluntary water conservation! Read about some of the benefits of water conservation at <u>https://www.thebalancesmb.com/conservation-efforts-why-should-we-save-water-3157877</u> and try some of the water conservation tips on the Town's website at <u>https://www.enfield.nh.us/water-sewer/files/water-saving-tips-conservation-efficiency-information</u>. If you're on the municipal water system these tips can also save you money!

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

The third Household Hazardous Waste collection day of the 2021 season is Friday, July 16th from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM at the Lebanon High School.

For more information about household hazardous waste and educational information visit the <u>Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission's Household Hazardous Waste</u> website.

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All collections are 9:00 am—Noon

Sat, May 1—Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street
Sat, June 5 — Newport Highway Garage, 449 S Main Street (Rt 10S)
Fri, July 16 — Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street (off Rt 120)
Sat, August 7—Sunapee Highway Garage, 621 Route 11
Sat, October 2—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.uvlsrpc.org



For information contact the

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

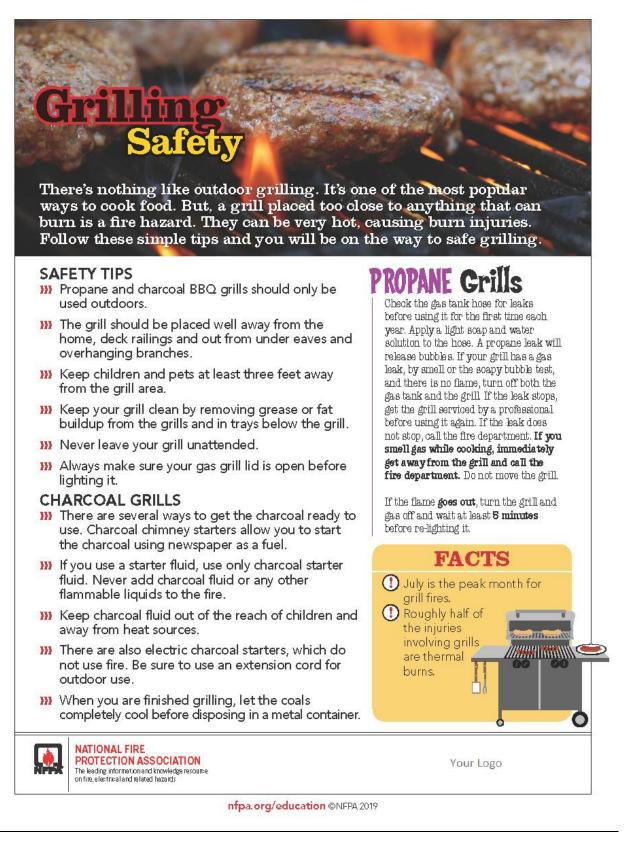
Batteries, alkaline: Most non-rechargeable batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, and 9-volt) are trash in NH. If in doubt, just bring to collection. Tape 9-volt terminals before disposal to avoid fire in your trash!

Batteries, automotive: Take to parts store for cash or your transfer station Fire extinguishers: Recycle empty extinguishers (NRRA 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 <u>may</u> 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.uvisrpc.org

FIRE DEPARTMENT



BUILDING INSPECTOR/HEALTH OFFICER

Lead poisoning is especially hazardous to children under age 6 and pregnant women. Recently the Building Inspector/Health Officer received training in the hazards of lead-based paint. The webinar was instructed by the director of the Lead Hazard Control Program of Sullivan County and an inspector from the New England office of the Environmental Protection Agency.

How do you know if a home contains lead paint?

If a home was built after 1978 one shouldn't have to worry about it. Lead-based paint was banned in 1978, and the education and awareness processes were initiated years sooner to accommodate a smooth product phase out. If a home was built between 1940-1960 there's a 50/50 chance your home has lead paint. After World War II, the price of lead increased and cheaper alternative paint additives were developed, so lead-based paint after the 1940's was most commonly used in high end homes. By that time period it was typically reserved for exterior use and high impact/high friction areas such as window frames, doors, painted stairs and painted floors, baseboard, window and door casing, cabinets, and built-in shelving. If a home was built prior to 1940 and has not undergone extensive remodeling, you should definitely assume lead paint is present in the house's interior and exterior. The EPA estimates that 87% of homes built prior to 1940 were painted with lead-based paint.

The presence of lead-based paint can be visible, such as paint chips, but it is just as likely to exist as unseen dust particles in the home or in soil around the home. The EPA has approved retail testing swabs and pads that change color to indicate the presence of lead. These are sold in home centers, hardware stores and paint stores, and are accurate when used as directed. There are also EPA certified testing inspectors who use lab analysis and portable x-ray fluorescence machines to check for lead. A telltale visual indication of old lead paint is the pattern of cracking that it undergoes as it weathers and dries. Because of its thickness and composition, it forms straight line segments of square and rectangular chips that are said to resemble alligator skin.

How do you make a home lead safe?

It was once a common belief that lead poisoning in children was caused by children eating paint chips due to the fact that lead salts in paint have a slightly sweet taste. However, it has since been learned that the dust from lead paint abrasion is the most likely source of direct ingestion and inhalation of lead. Windows, doors, and painted stairs are particular points of emphasis for lead safe homes because those features are subject to frequent friction and impact. Installing new windows and doors is typically the most labor intensive and costly step to making a home interior lead safe. Stairs are often covered by a lead-safe material such as carpeting. Lead-based paint is usually not a hazard if it is has been repainted and maintained, and if it is not on an impact or friction surface, or on chewable projections such as window sills or wainscotting located within 4 feet of the floor or ground.

The procedures for making homes lead safe are generally consistent with basic home improvements such as re-painting. The most important aspect of lead save remodeling is containing the work dust as it is created by using plastic sheeting and HEPA vacuums, daily cleaning of the work area, and thorough cleaning of affected surfaces using particular cleaning methods once the project is completed. While at the work site, wastes must be stored under containment to prevent dust from releasing out of the work area. Unlike asbestos containing substances, contractors may dispose of lead containing wastes at regular municipal solid waste landfills.

What does the law require?

As of April 22, 2010, all renovation, repair, and painting contractors who disturb paint as part of their work have been required to be RRP certified and follow the work practice standards established by the EPA. The purpose of RRP certification is to ensure that work is performed safely, not to make the home completely lead-free. In order to permanently eliminate all lead hazards in a home, a much more costly and intrusive lead abatement project is performed by licensed abatement contractors. Lead abatement is generally performed under state or federal order in response to a child with elevated blood lead levels, in response to a property with a lead violation imposed on it, or in housing receiving HUD financial assistance.

Federal law also requires homeowners, real estate agents, and landlords to disclose known information on lead-based paint hazards before selling a home or renting an apartment. New Hampshire first began prevention and control for childhood lead poisoning with the passage of RSA 130-A in 1979. In 2018 New Hampshire passed SB247. This new law requires all kids in the state to be tested twice for lead; once at age 1 and again at age 2. The law also requires public and private schools and day care centers to test for lead in their drinking water every 5 years. The threshold for lead contamination in dust was lowered to 5 ppb. And the law also requires the state to test for lead in other apartments within a building if a child tests positive for lead and lives in the building.

Landlords, owners of childcare facilities, and owners of single-family homes should know that SB247 establishes a state program for low-interest loans for lead hazard remediation projects. Federal grant monies are also available through HUD's Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program and their Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program.

LIBRARY

We are now almost a month into our being open by appointment experiment and it is going really well, it's been really wonderful seeing you all again! Here is what we've learned:

- You love having appointment times, especially families with small children
- Some of you still aren't ready to come in or just don't want to, and that's fine! Porch pickup is now a permanent service that we're offering.
- None of you really know when we're offering appointment times :-)

So: Library staff are in the building Mon, Tues, Wed, and Fri 8:00am-4:00pm, and Thu 11:00am-7:00pm. As long as there isn't a conflict, if you want an appointment during any of those times, we're happy to schedule one for you.

We hope to return to our regular evening and Saturday pre-Covid hours this fall.

Summer Reading Program Fun, June 28- August 13!

Register online at <u>http://enfieldpl.readsquared.com/</u> and start logging the books you read this summer to win a prize. Paper registration available at 632-7145 or <u>library@enfield.nh.us</u>.

Don't forget to request one of the following Summer Reading Program home activities:

*Get crafty this summer with a story time craft kit. Great for ages 3 to 6.

*Older kids can stay active this summer with our summer activity kit. Great for ages 7 to 12, supplies limited so reserve one soon!

*Reading BINGO for Teens and Adults. Last day to hand in your completed BINGO sheet is August 13, 2021.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

To the citizens of Enfield,

The Enfield Conservation Commission has completed the 2021 Natural Resources Inventory and will be delivering a copy to all resident households over the next month. We cannot place them in mailboxes so will be coming to your door with a copy. Please read the full report; the information should be of value in deciding the future of Enfield.

J.H. Theis, DVM, PhD Chair, Enfield Conservation Commission

RECREATION

Information and Registration for Enfield and Regional Recreation opportunities can be found at <u>https://mvpr.recdesk.com</u>

Enfield Recreation

Any questions about Enfield Recreation, please contact Ed Winters, Enfield Recreation Director, at <u>recreation@enfield.nh.us</u>

Reservations for Use of Town Parks & Fields

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

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

Line Dancing

Have you tried out our Thursday afternoon line dancing class yet? Grab a friend and join professional dance instructor Jamie Orr on Thursdays from 1:15-2:15pm at the Enfield Community Building. This is a fun and friendly class and they dance to ALL types of music.

Chair Yoga & Exercise

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

Please note the revised schedule - Wednesdays Only!

- July 7
- July 14
- July 28
- August 4
- August 11

Mascoma Valley Parks & Recreation

Come by the Enfield Market at Huse Park from 10-1 on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month (May 8th- October 9th). Our vendor list is still growing, including prepared food options, produce and live music! Follow the <u>Enfield Market</u> on Facebook. The July Market will take place along with Old Home Days celebrations on July 24th. Please email <u>mvalleyrec@gmail.com</u> for more information.

Keep up to date with our current program registrations here (please note, outside organization's programs may have their own registration page): <u>https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Home</u>

Youth Programs Coming back this summer:

Flag Football Camp - Royals flag football camps will provide basic skills, fundamentals, and exciting team play. Mascoma football staff and players encourage grades 6-8 to come out and join us! Week #1 Date: July 12,14,15 Week # 2 (if enough interest) Date: July 19, 21, 22- 5:00-6:00 @ Huse Park. **All events are free. Donations welcome. For a registration form or any questions regarding registration please contact head coach, Coach Kyle Colburn - kcolburn@mvrsd.org or mvalleyrec@gmail.com

Challenger Sports Soccer Camp! Click on the link below to register for Mascoma Valley Parks & Recreation's Challenger Sports Soccer Camp returning for another week (7/12-7/16) this summer! Registration is open: <u>https://challenger.configio.com/pd/223346/mascoma-valley-parks-recreation</u>

Paul Hogan Basketball Camp - <u>www.hogancamps.com</u> July 12-15th - Session I 8AM-10 AM (Grades 1-4), Session II 10AM- 12PM (Grades 5-8).

Volleyball Skills Clinic - Register <u>here</u>! For students entering 6th - 9th grade. July 19th-23rd from 3PM-6PM

Theatre Camp - Register <u>here</u>! Children's Stage Adventures returns to help our children put on The Fisherman and His Wife. July 19th- 23rd from 9AM-4PM and July 24th from 12:30PM-3PM. Looking for actors, stage assistants and camp counselors!

Mascoma Youth Sports League - Fall Registration for Soccer (grades K-6) & Field Hockey (grades 3-6) is open. Register <u>here</u>. Email <u>MYSLBoard@gmail.com</u> for questions. Also looking for coaches or volunteers.

Adult & Family Opportunities:

Adult Co-Ed Recreational Volleyball - Shaker Recreation Field - more information to come, keep an eye out on the <u>calendar</u> or email Bridget for more information.

Adult Co-Ed Softball League (Rubberball League) - for more information email <u>canaancoedsoftball@gmail.com</u> or check out their <u>Facebook</u> page.

Disc Golf - We are working to add a disc golf course to our community. Come be part of the discussions and see how you could potentially help. Check out the <u>Mascoma Disc Golf</u> Facebook page or contact Bridget for more info.

Beginner Yoga - The classes are all levels and beginners are always welcome. For further information please contact Sonya at <u>sonyayoga2007@gmail.com</u>. 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.

For any of our running enthusiasts, registration is now open for the 2021 Upper Valley Running Series! If you enjoy running or are looking to get into the sport, then this is the perfect series for you. The Upper Valley Running Series consists of 7 local races taking place everywhere from Enfield to Sharon, one of the races even benefits the Cross Country and Track Programs at Indian River School. Signing up for the whole series gives you an overall discount of 25% compared to the early registration fees for each race individually. Information about the Series <u>can be found here</u> and registration <u>can be found here</u>.

Canaan Fireworks - July 5th @ dark at Williams Field.

Grafton Independence Day Celebration - Independence Day celebrations on July 10th will begin at 8:00 am when the flea market opens, a parade at 10:00 am, they will be having other events throughout the day. Miss On Shin will be giving hatchet and knife throwing and will offer three throws, your choice, for \$1.00. Bring the children down to see the farm animals, including a llama, for face painting and as always there will be fried dough! To end the day at 9:00pm, come and see the BEST fireworks show around! Stay tuned with the event by the Recreation Committee of Grafton <u>here</u>.

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

UNH Extension is offering many workshops. Visit: <u>www.naturegroupie.org</u> for more information.

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

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

Follow MVPR on Facebook & Instagram!

"KNOW YOUR TOWN"

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

Shaker Boulevard

So far, we have talked about Enfield streets and roads connected to the town's industrial and agricultural past. Now, let's talk about one connected to the town's recreational past—and present; Shaker Boulevard, which serves the eastern and southern shores of Mascoma Lake.

Artifacts reveal that Native Americans camped at Mascoma Lake's head, near what is known as Crescent Beach and the mouth of the Knox River. The camp was apparently on a native trail between the seacoast and the west, making it the precursor of the section of road that meets 4A and disused Fuller Hill Road.¹

The Shakers owned most of the land around Mascoma Lake in the nineteenth century. The lake's eastern shoreline was the "back side" of farms along Shaker Hill road, which provided access to them. Farms on the south end of the lake were accessed from a road between the 4th Turnpike (now 4A) and the Fuller Hill road, which is barely visible today as it ascends from the tight curve where Shaker Boulevard turns to hug the lake's eastern shore.

In 1883 the Shakers gave Lebanon man, Frank Churchill, permission to build a cottage on Point Comfort, across from the current Shaker Museum. Several other cottages and a cookhouse soon followed. In 1885, W.A. Saunders opened the Lake View Hotel, located where that tight curve is. For \$2 per day (\$6-\$10 per week), guests at the Lake View could enjoy a bowling alley, tennis court and croquet ground. A "delightfully cool" atmosphere, "freedom from mosquitoes, or any other objectionable features, beautiful location and moderate charges, render it one of the most desirable resorts in New Hampshire".²

The farms around the Knox River were broken up and sold for cottages and eventually there was a boardwalk connecting the Lake View Hotel and this "cottage city".

More cottages began populating the eastern shore, but the only road remained a half-mile section created for the sawmill that made boards for the new buildings from nearby trees.³ Some homeowners added private sections that were used by other residents.

The principal form of communication was by boat. From 1877, regular service was provided by a former lumber scow called the "Sallie Anne"—and various successors. Docked on the Mascoma River, just below the railroad bridge, the boatman met passengers at the train depot with a wheelbarrow for luggage.⁴ The boat also did the mail run, with the boatman aiming perfectly to throw mail onto residents' docks. A white flag at the end of a dock signaled mail or passengers to pick up.

Building material was brought by boat from across the lake and several buildings were towed across the ice by "bees" of volunteers when the Shaker settlement closed in the 1920s.

For supplies, residents depended on boat deliveries from local shops or rowed across the lake to purchase produce from the Shakers. Shakers also came to homes to repair shoes and canoes. Visiting the Shaker settlement and the shop where they sold the boxes and other items they made was a favorite summer entertainment.

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Children and young people remembered the days before Shaker Boulevard was built, and brought cars with it, as "paradise".⁵ They could take the Sallie Anne to town for ice cream, roam the woods, visit other cottages and attend the numerous dances and activities at the hotel all by themselves.

An 1898 article in the "Lebanonian" said the "great needs" of the lake were "a highway on the east side, passing the depot to Point Comfort and a draw in the Shaker Bridge, allowing larger craft to pass".⁶ The bridge became passable soon after. Only in 1937 was a "town road" built, making a complete loop from the town end of the lake to 4A. The Works Progress Administration, one of Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal programs, carried out the work.⁷

The current road—part paved and part gravel—owes its grandiose name to the father of Lula Moody, who baptized it "Shaker Boulevard" in 1924.

Sources: Enfield Bicentennial Committee, Mascoma Lake, 1961; Sanborn, Nancy Blanchard, *Enfield New Hampshire 1761-2000. The History of a Town Influenced by the Shakers*, 2006.

1 MLIA 1961, p. 81 2 MLIA 1961, p. 25 3 MLIA 1961, p. 61. 4 MLIA 1961, p. 120 5 MLIA 1961, p. 28 6 MLIA 1961, p. 23 7 MLIA 1961, p. 118

MEETINGS & EVENTS

ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING

All public meetings are now being held *in person*.

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

While we had some quality issues at our first hybrid meeting on June 21st we have made some temporary improvements and hope to have a more permanent solution by the next Selectboard meeting. We appreciate your patience while we become accustomed to running the new hybrid format.

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

Please note: Zoom meeting attendees will be muted upon entry. To signal that you have a question or comment, you can virtually raise your hand during a Zoom meeting. To raise your hand in Zoom's desktop app, click the "Raise Hand" button in the "Participants" tab. The ability for attendees to unmute themselves will be restricted until such time as they are invited to speak by the Board. If a Zoom participant is invited to speak, the ability to unmute will be

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temporarily restored. After invited comments are made the ability to unmute will again be restricted. Procedures may change as we become accustomed to the new hybrid format.

UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS (SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

As of June 12, 2021, New Hampshire towns and cities were again required to hold in-person meetings.

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

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

- July 1 @ 7:00 PM (Public Works) Conservation Commission
- July 6 @ 3:30 PM (Mascoma Lakeside Park) Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee
- July 7 @ 5:30 PM (Town Hall) Old Home Days Committee
- July 8 @ 6:00 PM (Public Works) Cemetery Trustees
- July 12 @ 5:00 PM (Library) Library Trustees
- July 12 @ 6:00 PM (Public Works & Zoom) Board of Selectmen
- July 12 @ 6:00 PM (Community Building) Master Planning Task Force
- July 13 @ 7:00 PM (Public Works & Zoom) Zoning Board of Adjustment
- July 14 @ 5:30 PM (Town Hall) Old Home Days Committee
- July 14 @ 7:00 PM (Public Works & Zoom) Planning Board
- July 21 @ 6:00 PM (Town Hall) Recreation Commission
- July 22 @ 4:30 PM (Public Works) Heritage Commission
- July 26 @ 6:00 PM (Public Works & Zoom) Master Planning Task Force
- July 27 @ 6:00 PM (Town Hall) Energy Committee
- July 28 @ 7:00 PM (Public Works & Zoom) Planning Board
- August 2 @ 6:00 PM (Public Works & Zoom) Board of Selectmen
- August 3 @ 3:30 PM (Public Works) Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee
- August 5 @ 7:00 PM (Public Works) Conservation Commission
- <u>August 9 @ 5:00 PM (Library) Library Trustees</u>
- August 9 @ 6:00 PM (Public Works & Zoom) Master Planning Task Force
- <u>August 10 @ 7:00 PM (Public Works & Zoom) Zoning Board of Adjustment</u>
- August 11 @ 7:00 PM (Public Works & Zoom) Planning Board
- August 12 @ 6:00 PM (Town Hall) Cemetery Trustees
- August 12 @ 6:30 PM (Public Works & Zoom) Budget Committee
- <u>August 16 @ 6:00 PM (Public Works & Zoom) Board of Selectmen</u>
- August 18 @ 6:00 PM (Town Hall) Recreation Commission

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST – PUBLIC NOTICE

The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet at Enfield Town Hall, 23 Main Street, for additions and corrections to the voter checklist on Wednesday, July 21, 2021, from 7:00 to 7:30 pm.

People wishing to register to vote or change their party affiliation may do so at this time. Items needed for quick registering: Birth Certificate or passport AND Driver's license or, other photo I.D., AND mail, utility bill, auto registration or pay-stub with present street address.

Supervisors of the Checklist Nancy White, Susan Blain

COMMUNITY EVENTS

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

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

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Mascoma Sailing Club's Thursday Evening Community Sailing

The Mascoma Sailing Club is hosting Thursday evening community sailing starting July 1st, 2021. If you are interested in sailing and want to see what it's like, you are welcome to join us. You'll have an opportunity to trim the sails and even spend some time at the helm if you like.

Dates: Thursdays, July 1 through Labor Day (weather permitting) Meeting time: 4:30pm Location: Mascoma Lakeside Park

Details will be posted each week on the Enfield listserv and on the MSC website <u>https://sites.google.com/site/shakersailclub/</u>. **Please RSVP** by contacting Sally Sharp at <u>smsharp66@gmail.com</u> if you would like to join us. We have a limited number of spots (first come, first served); if we can't accommodate you this week we'll put you at the top of the list for next week.

- All participants should have completed their Covid 19 vaccinations.
- Life jackets will be provided if needed, but please bring your own if you have one.
- Water-friendly footwear is a good idea.
- Let us know if you have limited mobility.
- Vaccinated minors must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian and must be able to swim and be comfortable moving from a rowing dinghy to the sailboat.
- As safety is our first priority, we may not sail if there are high winds or if thunderstorms threaten.

Mascoma Lake Boat Parade - July 3rd (rain date July 4th)

Saturday, July 3, 2021 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Join the Mascoma Lake boat parade, Saturday, July 3rd at 3pm (raindate July 4th) - costumes and decorated boats encouraged!

If not boating, watch from the shorelines. Public viewing from the Shaker Bridge, the Mascoma Lakeside Park, Shakoma beach, the Baited Hook.

Boats should meet the lead boat and line up near the rail trail rope swing in the north end prior to 3pm, then follow in a procession around the whole lake.

All types of boats are welcome.

Contact Info: Rob Malz Mascoma Lake Association <u>mla@mascomalakeassociation.org</u> 603-304-7519

Enfield Outing Club Educational Scholarship

Are there any 2021 graduating seniors looking for an educational scholarship? The Enfield Outing Club has \$500.00 still up for grabs*! If you're pursuing an outdoor related major (conservation, biology, chemistry, oceanography, forestry, etc.) or law enforcement, and are interested in applying, simply send us a few paragraphs about yourself & why you would be a good candidate for the scholarship. Our Board of Directors will review all the applicants, make a decision and contact you...it's that simple. Thank you & good luck!

*Scholarship is available to an EOC Member's family, or an Upper Valley NH resident. Request can be submitted via email to <u>eoc378.info@gmail.com</u> or via mail to EOC PO Box 178 Enfield NH 03748. Information on the Enfield Outing Club can be found on the website: <u>eocnh.com</u>.



Enfield Town-Wide Yard Sale at Huse Park and all around town

Hosted by the Enfield-Mascoma Lioness Club

Saturday, July 17, 2021 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (rain or shine)

STEAMED HOT DOGS, SODA, WATER, AND MAPS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT HUSE PARK

Questions? Call Nancy at 603-523-9947 or 603-359-7321



Recycle Beyond the Bag

This is a local Girl Scouts initiative of collecting plastics to be recycled. Below you'll find both instructions and what types of plastics are being collected. Their goal is to collect 500 lbs of plastic in 6 months so they can donate a bench to Huse Park. There's a convenient drop off bin right in front of the Ostin's Kiddos house, conveniently located across from the Enfield Elementary School, as well as at the entrance to the Town Offices.

A short video on what you can recycle under this program: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZDNFXtMu6Mo</u>



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RECENT NEWS FROM PAST ISSUES

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

BOSTON POST CANE RECIPIENT VERNA DUNN

We were all saddened to hear of the passing of Verna Dunn at the age of 101. Verna was our oldest resident and the proud holder of the Boston Post Cane.

On Sunday afternoons during the summer, the Enfield Historical Society opens its Lockehaven school house to visitors. As she neared 100 years of age, Verna Dunn asked to host one of the events, perhaps because she had attended school there as a young girl. It was the best attended Society event of the season, as her family and relatives gathered to be with her. Verna sat in the old oak teacher's chair behind the matching desk and reminisced about life in one room schools, the teachers, and studies undertaken. In her reserved way she kept the audience spell-bound for more than two hours with first-hand recollections from school past: her life in Enfield and opinions on current events. The in-person account itself was an opportunity, but to cover a period of 100 years is unusual and something for which the Society is grateful.



Verna Dunn continued to work at the Methodist Church thrift shop up until just a few weeks ago – continuing to give to the community. She was a strong woman with a wealth of knowledge that she willingly shared. She will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

A Brief History of the Boston Post Cane

In the fiercely competitive publishing world of the early 1900s, *The Boston Post* was one of many Boston newspapers fighting for its very survival.

Its owner, editor, and publisher, Edwin Atkins Grozier, a man of unusual business acumen, produced many promotional schemes to increase the circulation of his newspaper. For thirty-two years he successfully captivated his readers with contests. With each contest the newspaper's circulation grew. By the 1920s, *The Boston Post* was recognized as one of the leading morning newspapers of the world.

Probably Grozier's most famous and longest lasting advertising promotion was the giveaway of the *Boston Post* canes. If the idea of the "cane" was not readily accepted by some other New England newspapers, it was enthusiastically received by the oldest men of New England. *The Boston Post* sent ebony gold-headed canes to each of 700 New England towns with the request that they be presented, with the compliments of the Post, to the oldest citizens of their respective communities.¹

The "Boston Post Cane," passed from hand to hand down the years in compliance with the inscribed directions on the gold head, became a New England salute to its Senior Citizens.²

Recent Enfield holders of the cane include:

Idella Sanders (8/24/1882-12/21/1985) Walter Morse (9/19/1887-11/2/1987) B. Wayne Campbell (3/1/1891-6/8/1991) Bernice Morse (3/31/1891-4/2/1996) Mazie Barker (6/30/1895-7/31/1998) Muriel Salman (7/24/1900-11/26/1998) Ernest A. Popple (1/6/1903-10/13/1999) Hennrietta A. Hayes (1/31/1904-10/27/1999) Ann Tarney (8/18/1904-7/19/2008) Leonard Johnston (4/7/1913-10/14/2011) Margaret Haskins (9/04/1916-6/25/2016) Verna Dunn (12/23/1919-5/19/2021)

¹ The Granite State's Boston Post Canes, A New England Tradition by Barbara Staples, Flemming Press, 725 Lynnfield Street, Lynn, MA 01904-1030

² Boston Post Cane, Concord Daily Monitor, 4/13/65 q.v.

In the time-honored tradition, the Boston Post Cane will be presented to the next oldest living resident of Enfield. In this day and age we don't have the same methods for determining who that might be. We know of one resident who is 100 years old, but there may be others in Town. Please, if you have a friend or family member who may be eligible to accept this honor, please reach out to Marjorie Carr at mcarr@enfield.nh.us or Alisa Bonnette at abonnette@enfield.nh.us or 603-442-5401 as soon as possible.

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We plan during the coming year to more fully utilize the News & Announcements for various departments. Community news items appear on the Community & Businesses page – check it out!

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