

TOWN OF ENFIELD E-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 a 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 below page on the town’s website:
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- Enter your email address in the “Your Email” field
- Check the box for “Town News & Announcements” Check the “I am not a robot” box and follow the prompts
- Click the “Subscribe me” navigation button at the bottom of the page

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

Find us at www.enfield.nh.us and [Facebook](#)!



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LATEST NEWS

A MESSAGE FROM ENFIELD'S TOWN MANAGER

Welcome to summer! The Town of Enfield has been buzzing with the activities surrounding the Enfield Family Fair and the Shaker 7, both of which were held over the same weekend. In addition to these activities, we had warm weather, which brought many boaters and outdoor enthusiasts to town. Personally, I was able to attend the Enfield Family Fair on Friday evening, but the rest of the weekend was taken with my wife and I's relocation from Claremont to Enfield. Though it was a busy and exhausting weekend, it is nice to now be an Enfield resident.

In the office, I have been busy working on financing for the public safety building and Whitney Hall renovation project. The Select Board authorized the financing of the public safety building through Mascoma Bank, who gave the town a great rate. We were able to lock in a 30 year loan at 3.15% interest, which ended up approximately 1/2% below what we could have received from the bond bank. This interest rate savings equals about \$1,000,000 over the life of the loan. For Whitney Hall, I am working with USDA to finalize financing and hope to secure an interest rate between 3 and 4 percent later this year. In addition to the financing of these projects, the town staff and library trustees continue to look for grants and private funds to help minimize the tax impact.

Ed Morris
Town Manager

INDEPENDENCE DAY WEEKEND - HOLIDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS



**The Enfield Town Offices &
Enfield Public Library will be closed
Monday, July 4th
to celebrate
Independence Day.**

There will be **NO FIREWORKS** at Mascoma Lake this year.

But there will be a

MASCOMA LAKE BOAT PARADE!
Saturday, July 2 (rain date July 3) at 3:00

Decorate your boat and join in—or watch from your boat or from shore. Prize for the “best boat”!

To participate, meet near the rope swing/rail trail in the north section of the lake, and line up to follow the leader in a parade along the shorelines. We'll circle the north end first, then through the bridge to circle the south end.

Organized by the Mascoma Lake Association

CONDOLENCES TO THE CRATE FAMILY

Donald J. Crate, Sr., affectionately known to those in Town as Donnie Crate, passed away in early June following a brief illness.

Donnie served as Selectmen for the Town of Enfield for 40 years between 1978 and 2016! As Selectman he was involved in numerous important projects in Town, including the grand opening of the new Shaker Bridge in 2012, pictured below. He cared deeply about this town and its people. He will be sorely missed.



Don Crate with Executive Councilor Ray Burton and Selectman John Kluge, awaiting their turn to address the audience at the grand opening of the new Shaker Bridge (2012)



Selectman Don Crate with Selectman John Kluge performing the official ribbon cutting at the grand opening of the new Shaker Bridge (2012)



NEWS FROM THE ENFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Exciting news has been received from E-One the manufacturer of our new pumper-engine. It has arrived in New York from Florida to be finished, and then on to St. Albans for final details. We should see delivery to Enfield during July.



Des and Clean-Harbors have continued to work on the cleanup of the site of a dump truck accident in June. Containment booms continue to remain in place to assure that all contaminants are gathered. DES has been the lead on this project and are confident that they will be completed soon.

The annual Enfield Family Fair was again a success, thank you to all that attend and support the Enfield Firefighters Association. Special thanks are given to Tony Felix for organizing the event, along with all the association members, families and sponsors that donated their time and efforts in so many ways. **THANK YOU ALL.**



TOWN CLERK / TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

Greetings all! We seem to be emerging from the Covid insolation, yay! I would like to thank everyone that has taken advantage of paying their tax bills, water/sewer bills, betterment bills and motor vehicle registration renewals online during the past two plus years. Although we love to see people face-to-face once again, continuing to utilize the online payment option helps to relieve congestion in the lobby. Of course, if your transaction can not be done online, we're happy to help in office.

We are still sending out Motor Vehicle Renewal notices monthly, however it has been brought to our attention that many are not receiving these notices. Mail delivery is out of the Town's control. Please remember that whether you receive the notice or not, your vehicle(s) is typically renewed in the primary driver's birth month. Renewals may be made online using your plate number and last four digits of your Vehicle's Identification Number or email me and we will be happy to email you a copy of the letter sent.

On the Tax side, the first issue tax bills were mailed out mid/late May and are **due on Friday, July 1st**. The second quarter water/sewer bills will be processed early July with a mid-August due date. Don't forget that we do offer paperless billing which gets an emailed bill to you at least 10 days earlier than a paper bill. With paperless, after the initial bill is emailed, a second email will be sent if the bill remains unpaid 2 weeks prior to the due date and a third and final email will be sent if the bill remains unpaid 2 days prior to the due date.

Should you need to contact the Town Clerk's office, you may call 603-632-5001 or email me at whuntley@enfield.nh.us or Patty Pierce, Deputy Town Clerk at Clerk2@enfield.nh.us.

Should you need to contact the Tax Collector's office, you may call 603-632-4201 or email me at whuntley@enfield.nh.us or Jerusha Howard, Deputy Tax Collector at Tax2@enfield.nh.us.

Have a happy and safe summah!

POLICE DEPARTMENT

First, the Police Department would like to congratulate all the recent High School Graduates.

Unfortunately, the June Movie in Park was postponed due to weather. The new date will be July 16th. The movie for this event will be Monsters Inc.. Please come out and join the Department with our new extra-large screen and enjoy a movie at Huse Park.

July is always a busy month for the Enfield Police Department. We would like to remind everyone that the parking in the lower lot at Main Street and Route 4-A is for vehicles with trailers and the upper parking lot is for people using the beach. The Mascoma Lakeside Park has a non-motor boat launch and parking for those using boats such as canoes, kayaks and sailboats.

The department continues to increase speed and distracted driving patrols in Enfield. Please slow down, put your phone away and arrive to your destination safely.

As we start the month of July, the Police Department would like to remind everyone of the Town Ordinance regarding fireworks. In Enfield, fireworks can only set off on Friday and Saturday

night until 10:30 PM and on specific holidays (4th of July). Here is the link to the ordinance: [fireworksdisplayb.pdf \(enfield.nh.us\)](https://www.enfield.nh.us/fireworksdisplayb.pdf)

Last but not least, if you see something say something. The Enfield Police Department is here to help. You can reach an officer by calling the station at 603-632-7501 or thru Hanover Dispatch at 603-643-2222

Roy Holland, Chief of Police

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Paving

The Town of Enfield will be paving the following streets later this summer:

Depot, Union, Pillsbury, Flanders, Mill, McConnell, Birch, and Poplar.

Streets may be added or subtracted based on the price of mix and budget constraints. These streets will receive a 1.25" overlay.

Road Grading

The Town Highway crew will be grading of 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.

Water/Sewer Billing

Water and sewer bills will be out in early July and will be due in the middle of August 2022.

Roadside Mowing

The Enfield Highway Department will be mowing roadsides and easement areas beginning in August. This helps keep drainage areas open for flowing water and allows for snow storage. It also improves site distances making roads safer. Please use caution when approaching and passing the mower tractors as debris sometimes flies out from the mower heads and operator focus is on the ditch lines being mowed. Residents should mark shrubs and plants near the road that they do not want cut.

Brush and Yard Waste

Due to an unfortunate breakdown of the Town's chipper caused by metal hidden in brush brought to the Transfer Station last weekend the Town cannot accept brush at either location until further notice. Leaf and garden waste can still be brought to both DPW and the Transfer Station. Loads are required to be checked by Town Staff. Brush and limbs can be brought to the Lebanon Landfill or to Hammond's on US Route 4 just outside of Canaan Village. Fees may apply. The Town cannot take any invasive plant species. **Residents wishing to use the facility must have all loads checked by Town staff.** The facility does not take commercial volumes.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

Did time get away from you this spring? Well, there's still time -- with three more hazardous waste collection days this season -- to safely dispose of your household hazardous waste! The next collection is

July 15 @ Lebanon High School.

Due to a conflict with a morning parade in New London, the August collection has been rescheduled for a later time. (see flyer below)

Household Hazardous Waste

2022 COLLECTION DAYS



All collections are 9:00 am—Noon

Sat, May 7—Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street
Sat, June 4 —Claremont Highway Garage, 8 Grandview Street
Fri, July 15 —Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street (off Rt 120)
Sat, August 6—New London Highway Garage, 184 South Pleasant
TIME CHANGE in New London—NOW Noon—3:00 PM
Sat, October 1—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://hww.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 (NRRRA takes from towns).
Fluorescent lights: May be taken at your town facility. Check with your town. Food Co-ops and Home Depot may take CFLs (spiral bulbs), not tubes.
Latex paint: Use kitty litter, sawdust, or shredded paper to dry out latex paint; throw in your trash. Empty, dry metal cans may be recycled as scrap metal at your recycling facility. If it says "clean up with soap and water," it's latex.
Medical sharps: Place in a rigid container (e.g. detergent bottle), seal cap with duct tape, and label container with marker, "Sharps, not for recycling." Dispose of with regular trash by handing to a waste collector—can become a projectile if compacted in trash. *Lebanon Police Station accepts some sharps.*
Medicine: See www.twinstatesafemeds.com for police stations taking meds.
Propane or helium tanks: Propane/helium tanks can be exchanged/refilled at a distributor; or contact town transfer station about empty tanks.
Used motor oil: Take to town transfer station or a service station for recycling.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO: <http://hww.uvlsrpc.org>



For information contact the
Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission
at (603) 448-1680 or
vdavis@uvlsrpc.org

LAND USE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT NEWS

Hello and happy July Enfield! The Town of Enfield, NH, through a Master Planning Task Force (MPTF), is continuing the process of developing a new community Master Plan. The Master Planning Task Force has been working since December of 2020 to spearhead these efforts. Now, to complete the next phase/ chapters of this important work, we are looking for new members to help with this effort. For this phase we will be focusing on Energy, Recreation, Heritage, and Conservation. We are specifically looking for individuals with experience and/or interest in these topics.

The following survey was developed to assist the Planning Board and Master Planning Task Force with fielding a diverse group of engaged volunteers. Please take a moment to tell us about yourself and your unique perspectives. Task Force members should expect to attend 2 meetings a month for the next year and there may be additional events as the Master Plan is finalized. We appreciate your interest and willingness to step forward. Here is the survey link:

<https://forms.gle/perTXSvyxFg6XM8q6> More information about the entire master planning concept and project can be found at www.enfield-leaps.org

There's exciting news at Mascoma Lakeside Park (MLP)! The new retaining wall, being installed by contractor Mike Burns, is nearing completion (see photo below). This wall is replacing an old railroad tie wall that had been failing by rotting and exposing several sharp spikes. The MLP Committee has worked hard to facilitate the replacement of this wall along the shore of the lake. The necessary permits were secured with the State of NH- Department of Environmental Services (DES) and competitive bids were obtained for the installation work. This job included the careful removal and disposal of the old materials, set-up of the wall forms, pouring of a special mix of concrete, and the texturization of the concrete and the final staining/colorization of the end product. All of this needed to be done while not interrupting the busy water front's usage.



The Enfield Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) met on June 14th for two scheduled hearings. The first hearing for Land Use Case # Z22-03-02. This was for Peter and Teri Tabur who were seeking a special exception to Enfield's Zoning Ordinance, as provided in Article 406.1 (Section D), to construct a driveway that crosses wetlands areas. Owned by Peter and Teri Tabur, the subject property's address is 84 George Hill Road (Tax Map 9A, Lot 6) and is 130.5 acres in size. It is located in the Rural Residential-Agricultural (R5) zoning district. Pathways Consulting LLC of Lebanon represented the Taburs in this matter. After hearing from the applicant, who requested an additional continuation due to uncertainty from the State of NH-DES, the ZBA asked that the application be withdrawn and a new application be submitted when there is clarity from the NH-DES in this matter.

Next up was Land Use Case # Z22-06-01, where Miles Clark, Elissa Crosby and Brandon Crosby were seeking variance relief from the Enfield Zoning Ordinance Article IV, section 401.4(P) to construct a single-family home within the prescribed setbacks to the street and side lot boundaries. The subject parcel is 0.10 acres and is located on Flanders Street (Tax Map 33, Lot 29) in the "Community Business District or "CB" zoning district and is owned by Miles Clark and Elissa Crosby. This application was substantially different from a previous application

(May) in that it rotated the house's proposed location, to increase the side lot/ neighboring property setbacks. The ZBA voted 4-1 to approve this variance request.

The Planning Board met once in June on the 22nd. The discussion at this meeting centered around the master planning project and the resulting need to update the current Enfield Zoning Ordinance. As the Master Plan comes into focus, there will surely be changes necessary to meet the wishes and desires of the Enfield Community outlined in the plan.

The Planning Board has 3 upcoming hearings scheduled for July 13th at 7:00 pm. Here they are below:

P22-06-01, Craig and Ellen Lewis have applied for voluntary lot merger approval for their two lots located at 174 Shaker Boulevard. The first lot is 0.244 acres (Map 27, Lot 8 and the second lot is 0.253 acres (Map 27, Lot 8-1).

P22-07-01, Conkey Enterprises LLC of Canaan NH has applied for a Gravel Pit Permit to reopen a gravel pit located on Bog Road, formerly operated by Green Links Construction Company of New London, NH. The parcel in question is in the "R5" Residential/ -Agricultural Zoning District and is 95 acres (Tax Map1, Lot 10).

P22-07-02, Mickeys 603, LLC (dba- Mickey's Roadside Café) has applied for minor site plan review approval to relocate and expand an outdoor dining patio area. The business is within the Community Business (CB) Zoning District and the lot is 0.58 acres in size. The business and parcel are owned by Mickeys 603, LLC (Nicholas Yager and Maria Liman, proprietors).

If you are contemplating a property subdivision, a lot merger, a boundary line adjustment or have a conceptual idea for a new business or land use concept, please contact me, Rob Taylor, at the Land Use office from Monday to Friday at 603-442-5427 or by email at: planning@enfield.nh.us You may also drop by the office at the DPW facility at 74 Lockehaven Road. We always recommend calling ahead first to be sure we are available to help you. Have a great July!

MASTER PLANNING TASK FORCE: MASTER PLAN UPDATE – SUMMER 2022

The Enfield Master Planning Task Force will be releasing a draft Master Plan for public review and comment this summer.

During the past year, the Task Force has received input from residents, property and business owners and other stakeholders. The Task Force engaged the public in the following ways:

- 3 Community Visioning Workshops: ~ 60 people total
- 4 Educational Workshops: 72 people sign-up
- 8 Questions of the Week: 450 total responses
- 333 Comprehensive Surveys completed
- 10 Farmers' Markets - countless interactions.
- 4 Focus Groups reviewed first draft of chapters

As of the beginning of June, four focus groups have reviewed first drafts of individual chapters and the Planning Board has reviewed and commented on all chapters. Our professional planning consultant is in the process of incorporating the comments of the focus groups and Planning Board into a final draft. In addition, she is working on making the digital version of the

plan interactive by adding links to data sources and other sections of the plan document, and developing an implementation section which will detail how and when the Master Plan's recommendations will be implemented. The consultant and task force are also working to obtain additional photographs.

We expect to have a polished draft document ready to release to the general public in the late July--early August timeframe. This document will be available for viewing and download on the Enfield-Leaps.Org website. A limited number of paper copies will be available upon request. The Task Force will schedule a public meeting at which time we will accept comments from residents, property owners and other stakeholders to insure that the document is an accurate representation of the majority of the views of those who have participated in the process. We will announce the posting of the draft document and the date of the public meeting through a town-wide mailing, on the Enfield-Leaps.Org and Enfield.NH.US websites, social media and through the deployment of roadside yard signs.

Following the public meeting, revisions will be made, if needed. and the Planning Board will warn and hold the public hearing required prior to formal adoption of the Master Plan. We expect the plan will be adopted by the Planning Board early in the fourth quarter of this year.

Following adoption of the initial chapters of the Master Plan, the Task Force will begin working on the next five chapters of the Master Plan by obtaining input from the following established town committees:

- Energy
- Recreation
- Culture/Heritage
- Town Facilities and Services
- Conservation

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<https://forms.gle/perTXSvyxFg6XM8q6>



BUILDING INSPECTOR/HEALTH OFFICER

As many are likely aware, a cyanobacteria advisory was declared by the state's Department of Environmental Services for Mascoma Lake on June 3. It is suspected that the potentially toxic algae bloom resulted from excess nutrients entering Mascoma Lake due to fertilizer washed into the lake by stormwater runoff. The following information was provided by NHDES:

Please Don't Fertilize Our Lakes!

The vestiges of winter have disappeared and mud season has dried up – now we see what’s growing up all around us, and sometimes it’s not pretty. This is the time of year when many homeowners are cleaning up their yards, fixing up their flower beds and pepping up their lawns. Some lawns need a little more TLC than others, and many people tend to turn to fertilizer to help them along.

If you plan to fertilize your lawn, keep in mind that the type of fertilizer you use and how and when you apply it can have a big impact on the environment around you. Fertilizer contains nutrients that plants need, such as nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium. If not applied properly, those nutrients can be carried away by stormwater runoff and washed into lakes and ponds. Those nutrients are causing too much plant growth in our surface water, which can cause real damage. Some areas of New Hampshire, such as the Great Bay, are grappling with issues of excess nitrogen and other popular lakes and ponds are seeing excess phosphorus.

Excess plant growth in lakes and ponds can:

- Stimulate algae blooms including cyanobacteria, which has been proven toxic for humans and animals.
- Reduce oxygen levels for fish.
- Fill in lakes or ponds over time.

It’s important to note that there are alternatives to using fertilizer; for example, you can get a similar effect by leaving lawn clippings and leaf litter on your lawn. The nutrients grass use to grow are trapped in the blades. Leaving grass clippings to break down in your lawn returns those nutrients to the soil to be used again. (Good news! Leaving clippings does not contribute to thatch.) You are feeding your lawn and saving yourself the work of emptying a mower bag. If you do want to use fertilizer, though, you can help to protect our lakes and ponds, whether you live near them or not, by following some general application guidelines.

Picking the Right Fertilizer

No two fertilizers, or lawns, are necessarily equal. You will see that fertilizer packaging comes with a number code, such as “33-0-4” and “5-10-15,” corresponding with an N-P-K. These numbers tell us how much of a nutrient is in the fertilizer: the first number is N (nitrogen), then P (phosphorus) and lastly K (potassium).

The amount of certain nutrients you will need in your fertilizer depends on what your soil is lacking. Most established lawns in New Hampshire do not need a lot of phosphorus. New Hampshire soils naturally contain the phosphorus most lawns need to grow. Leaving your lawn clippings can also provide phosphorus for your lawn.

You don’t want to apply more nutrients than the plants can take up – that wastes your money and labor and causes pollution. Look for N-P-K that are 10 or lower – these are generally organic (natural) sources that are naturally slow release. Look for the [OMRI label](#). In addition to slow-release, look for water-insoluble nitrogen. A water insoluble choice will help decrease the number of applications needed.

Soil tests will always be the best way to see what nutrients your lawn needs. You can find soil testing facilities across the state, including the [UNH Cooperative Extension](#) and the [Natural Resources Conservation Service in New Hampshire](#).

Applying fertilizer

Maybe the biggest cause of excess nutrients finding their way into our surface waters is over-application of fertilizers. It is important to know your lawn’s square footage to determine how

much is needed. You can typically cut the recommended amount of fertilizer found on the packaging by about one-half to one-third.

You can also reduce the amount of fertilizer you need by choosing the right type of grass seed, leaving your lawn clippings, mowing at least three inches high and avoiding any over-watering.

Important: It is illegal to apply fertilizer within 25 feet of a lake or pond over 10 acres in size and many streams and rivers that are protected under the New Hampshire Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act. It is a great idea to treat all water bodies in the same way. If you do end up with leftover fertilizer, you can save it and use it next year. When storing fertilizer, it's important to make sure to store it in a dry place and close the bag with a clip, so there isn't a danger of nutrients leaking from the bag.

When to fertilize

The best times to fertilize your lawn are in the spring – between April and mid-June – and fall – between Labor Day and Oct. 1.

Mid-May is a great time to apply fertilizer to your lawn as the grass is just starting to wake up and grow. Fall is an even better time because it allows the plants to store nutrients for the next year. It is also best to plant new lawns in early fall because there are less weeds at that time, and the grass will have a chance to grow before it gets too cold.

Never fertilize in July and August since grass grows less in the heat. Since the grass is growing less, it isn't able to take in as much of the fertilizer, which can then easily be picked up by rainwater and washed into lakes and ponds. Check the weather forecast before application too, and be sure to apply it before a small to medium rain event, but not before a big storm that could cause it to all be washed away.

If you're going to apply fertilizer to your lawn, a little forethought and planning can help you grow a healthy lawn and protect the water quality of our ponds and lakes.

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ENERGY COMMITTEE

With electricity rates rising dramatically in August, here are some reminders you can do to reduce electricity use.

Turn off lights when not in use. Use LED bulbs. They use less electricity and last longer.

UNPLUG appliances and electronics when not in use. Many electric devices continue to draw electricity even when turned off.

When possible, use a fan instead of an air conditioner. Replace AC filters frequently.

Use blinds/shades/drapes on windows to block heat from the sunlight in summer.

Pay attention to your daily use of water such as not running water when brushing your teeth. Take shorter showers.

Turn down the temperature on water heater.

Wash clothes in cold water. Run full loads. Run washer and dryer early morning or late evening.

Check seals on windows, doors, and appliances for leaks.

Reduce use of oven in summer. Use microwave. Cook outside on grill. Defrost food in refrigerator.

If we start making some changes now, it might help reduce the impact of the upcoming higher electric bills.

NEWS FROM THE ENFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY



Enfield Public Library

23 Main Street / Enfield, New Hampshire 03748 / 603-632-7145

July Means Summer Reading!



This year's theme is "Oceans of Possibilities." We have reading logs for kids and adults. **Return them by August 5** to be entered into a **drawing for prizes**.

In the library, we have book displays and a **community jigsaw puzzle**! If it's hot, come in and beat the heat with reading and puzzling.

Summer Programs for Kids

We have things for the kiddos to do during Summer Reading:

- **Take It/Make It crafts** at 3 pm on **Tuesdays at the library**
- **Story Time** at 10 am on **Wednesdays at the Community Building**
- **Lego Free Build** at 1:30 pm on **Thursdays at the library**

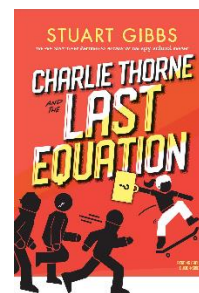
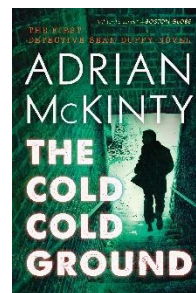
You can pick up a copy of the schedule at the library.

Book Groups

In addition to our traditional book group, which meets the last Thursday of the month, we now have a Mystery Lovers Book Group!

Mystery Lovers Book Group

- Book: [*The Cold, Cold Ground*](#) by Adrian McKinty
- Date & time: Jul14, 2 pm OR 6 pm (2 meetings, choose your time)

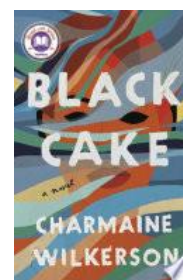


Enfield Library Book Group

- Book: [*Charlie Thorne and the Last Equation*](#) by Stuart Gibbs
- Date & time: July 28, 6:30 pm
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Recommended Reading

- This month, Nancy recommends [*Black Cake*](#) by Charmaine Wilkerson. "In this moving debut novel, two estranged siblings must set aside their differences to deal with their mother's death and her hidden past--a journey of discovery that takes them from the Caribbean to London to California and ends with her famous black cake." (--Publisher)



ENFIELD PARKS & RECREATION NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Before diving into programming information, an introduction is in order! Welcome Kevin Marker to the Enfield Parks & Recreation team as our new Enfield Recreation Director! Kevin hails from Omaha, Nebraska and brings a wealth of experience and knowledge, and a fresh perspective to Enfield!

Bridget Labrie has passed the torch, though she'll remain with the Town in other capacities, and will share her knowledge and assist Kevin as he gets settled into his new position.

Welcome Kevin!

News & Announcements

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>.

You can also see news and announcements of programs as well as a calendar on the town website's [Parks & Recreation](#) page and even sign up to get alerts for posted news and announcements.

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 before the program begins, 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 **

Enfield Market Find us on the second and fourth Saturday of the month at Huse Park from 10AM- 1PM! Still accepting market vendors, prepared food vendors, and live music as well. Please email recreation@enfield.nh.us to inquire. Follow Enfield Market on [Facebook](#)! We have two markets in the month of July, July 11th and July 25th. We hope to see you at the Market!

Youth Programs:

Mascoma Youth Sports League

For seasonal registration information or questions email MYSLBoard@gmail.com or take a look at: [Mascoma Youth Sports League](#) You can also follow them on [Facebook](#)!

Enfield Recreation Summer Camp

Camp has kicked off. The first week of Camp they visited V.I.N.S.(Vermont Institute of Natural Science)! <https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Home>



Challenger Soccer Camp has another weeklong camp this summer! Challenger Sports is excited to partner with Enfield Parks & Recreation this summer for our 2022 International Camps the week of July 11 - 15. With our International Coaches returning for the first time since 2019, registration is filling quickly, and we want you to join us! Click the link to register and confirm your spot: <https://challenger.configio.com/search?cid=423&txt=mascoma%20valley>

Shooter's Gold Basketball Camp will be returning this summer as well, July 18-21st! Register at: <https://hogancamps.com/>

Youth Volleyball Camp July 18-22nd

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

Adult & Family Opportunities/Events:

Adult Co-Ed Recreational Volleyball

Sundays 4-6pm at Shaker Recreation Field for the summer (when enough participants) email Kevin (recreation@enfield.nh.us) for more information or to join the email list.

Disc Golf

Fundraising for the course materials and second half of the baskets has started. Hole sponsorships for a term of 3 years (to begin next season when the course is fully open). Sponsorships are available at the \$1,000 and \$500 levels and are **100% tax-deductible!** If you or anyone you know has a business which might like to support this project – now is the time! Course building work has begun, and you can help! Reach out to Upper Valley Disc Golf about volunteer opportunities and to look at their page for projects happening including the one at Whaleback this year! <http://www.uvdga.com/> You can also follow them on [Facebook!](#)

Yoga with Sonya

The classes are all levels and beginners are always welcome. These classes are happening on Mondays at the Mascoma Community Health Center, in Canaan, from 5:45-6:45pm. For further information please contact Sonya at sonyayoga2007@gmail.com Classes are \$12 for drop-in, \$10 for students and seniors, space is limited, be sure to email Sonya if you would like to attend and to keep up with the schedule.

Chair Yoga & Strength Class

The Enfield Recreation Department continues to offer the highly attended Chair 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.

Schedule subject to change based on instructor availability & weather

Mondays (7/11, 7/18, 7/25)- 8:15-9:05AM with Nicole Carriere

Wednesdays (7/6, 7/13, 7/20, 7/27)- 9:30-10:30AM with Sonya Carter

Line Dancing

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

July Schedule: 7/7, 7/14, 7/21, 7/28

Bone Builders

Tuesdays & Fridays 9:30-10:30AM at the Enfield Community Building. Class is **FREE** to attend!

Tai Ji Quan: Moving for Better Balance

Improved balance and strength 58% decrease in the incidence of falls in older adults 67% decrease in falls in people with Parkinson's disease 75% decrease in injurious falls TJQMBB CAN BE ADAPTED FOR VIRTUAL DELIVERY!

For more information about classes: call 603-653-3415 or email

Falls.Prevention@Hitchcock.org

Other Fun Items/Opportunities

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

Don't forget to check out other opportunities and programs Upper Valley Trail Alliance offers for all ages at <https://www.uvtrails.org>. Upper Valley High School Trail Corps application is now live: [Upper Valley High School Trail Corps – UVTA \(uvtrails.org\)](#)

Kevin Marker

Enfield Recreation Director

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[Online Registration](#)

Follow us!



“KNOW YOUR TOWN”

“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!](#)

In the June 2022 installment of “[Know Your Town](#)” in this newsletter, we mentioned Enfield’s application to become a “Certified Local Government” and the creation of the “Enfield Center Triangle” historic district. CLG status will make it possible for Enfield’s Heritage Commission to receive additional grants and federal funds for historic preservation.

In the next few issues of the Enfield newsletter, we will look at the three buildings that make up the Enfield Center Triangle: the Town House, Union Church and the Enfield Center Schoolhouse.

Today, Enfield Center has changed greatly since its busy days as the heart of Enfield’s commercial activity. While Proctor’s and the post office are linchpins in the lives of Enfield residents on that side of our town, for many people, Enfield Center is little more than a cluster of buildings they pass through on the way to somewhere else.

Yet three buildings in that cluster—the Enfield Center Triangle—are some of the most historically significant in our town. All are reminders of Enfield Center’s role in the early days of the town’s history. And all have roles to play in Enfield’s future.

Special thanks to John Carr for the following description.

The Union Church at Enfield Center

In the 1830s, three religious denominations in the Enfield Center community had the desire but not the finances to erect a church for their congregations. So, they joined together to raise funds for a new, shared building, which would be financed by selling pews. In this manner they raised \$2,088 and sold 52 pews.

The Congregational Society acquired one-half of the church's pews, enough to control the preaching; the Methodists owned one-quarter and the Universalists owned the remaining one-quarter. It is interesting to see such a joint effort, contrary to usual customs, made this early in history.

Building began on July 29, 1836 and the church was officially dedicated on February 16, 1837. Resident pastors conducted services and a choir sang old and established hymns.

In 1869, the building underwent some alterations and repairs. In addition to work on the cupola, subscriptions paid for a bell to be installed in the belfry and for lowering the choir loft to its current location. Upon completion of these repairs and alterations, it was decided to change the name of the church. During a regular meeting of church subscribers, Mrs. Smith Marston (whose husband had raised the subscriptions) made a motion, which was adopted by vote, to call the building the "Union Church of Enfield Center".

The building is a rectangular gable-roofed structure with clapboard walls and a field stone and concrete block foundation. The building measures about forty-five feet wide by fifty-six feet long with the gable end facing the road and treated as the façade of the church. The center of the façade is articulated by a gable-roofed pavilion. The church is one of only a few meeting houses or religious buildings in New Hampshire that retain the form and details popular in New England in the early 1800's.

The church seldom had a resident pastor. When available, ministers from other churches, would conduct services. Otherwise, local men would often lead the service. Once a year, subscribers held a meeting to schedule Sunday services for the coming year. Each denomination held the pulpit for a certain number of Sundays, which were scattered throughout the year. Although it was not considered necessary for one denomination to attend the services of another, attendance records suggest many parishioners regularly attended a variety of services.

On June 29, 1936, Union Church celebrated its 100th anniversary with a religious service and historical address. During the 1940s and early 1950s the parish provided an outlet for children and young adults of the community through a variety of programs. These ranged from social and recreational events to education and guidance activities.

The community again recognized a milestone in the church's history in 1986 when it celebrated 150 years of service. In recent years the church has undergone a transformation, including restoration of the interior and the addition of facilities in the basement areas. The church family continues to offer religious guidance to a congregation today.

John P. Carr 6-2022

MEETINGS & EVENTS

UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS (SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

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

As always,

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

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.

- [July 5 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Board of Selectmen](#)
- [July 6 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works\) – Old Home Days Committee](#)
- [July 7 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) Conservation Commission](#)
- [July 11 @ 5:30 PM \(Town Hall\) – Library Trustees](#)
- [July 12 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee](#)
- [July 12 @ 3:30 PM \(Community Building\) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee \(Design Team\)](#)
- [July 12 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Zoning Board of Adjustment](#)
- [July 13 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Planning Board](#)
- [July 14 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works\) – Cemetery Trustees](#)
- [July 18 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Board of Selectmen](#)
- [July 19 @ 6:30 PM \(Town Hall & Teams\) – Recreation Commission](#)
- [July 26 @ 3:30 PM \(Community Building\) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee \(Design Team\)](#)
- [July 26 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Energy Committee](#)
- [July 27 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Planning Board](#)
- [July 28 @ 4:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Heritage Commission](#)
- [August 1 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Board of Selectmen](#)
- [August 2 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee](#)
- [August 3 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works\) – Old Home Days Committee](#)
- [August 4 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Conservation Commission](#)
- [August 8 @ 5:30 PM \(Town Hall\) – Library Trustees](#)
- [August 9 @ 3:30 PM \(Community Building\) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee \(Design Team\)](#)
- [August 9 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Zoning Board of Adjustment](#)
- [August 10 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Planning Board](#)
- [August 11 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works\) – Cemetery Trustees](#)

COMMUNITY EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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: <https://www.enfield.nh.us/community-businesses>. 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 the particulars, and a digital photo or poster to abonnette@enfield.nh.us and we'll post it for you.

WHALEBACK EVENTS

Come visit Whaleback and enjoy a wide variety of events!

- July 2nd at 4pm is [Adam Ezra Group Concert](#)
- July 11-15 and July 18-22nd we are holding a [Summer Day Camp](#)
- Sept 11th we will be doing a 9/11 [Memorial Duathlon](#)
- Oct 1st is our [Family Camp Out](#)

We also have a [disc golf course](#) being built by the UVDGA!

2022 TOWN-WIDE YARD SALE CANCELED

Enfield-Mascoma Lioness Club 2022 Town-wide Yard Sale Cancelled



The Enfield-Mascoma Lioness regrettably must cancel the annual Town-wide Yard Sale they organize each July. Due to illness the club simply has not had enough hands to organize it this year. The Lioness do hope to be able to bring back this highly sought-after event in July 2023.

ENFIELD OUTING CLUB ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP

It's time to apply for Enfield Outing Club's Annual Scholarship!

Would you or someone you know benefit from a \$500 Scholarship?



Making a commitment to enter a Civil Service or Wildlife Management career in any capacity is an honorable and selfless endeavor that shows true dedication to community service and deserves to be recognized. The Enfield Outing Club (EOC) acknowledges that dedication.

Therefore, it would be our honor and privilege to award a \$500 scholarship to a 2022 high school graduate who is pursuing a degree in some form of Wildlife Management, Law Enforcement, or other Public Service career field (i.e. Forestry, Game Warden, Marine Biology, Law Enforcement, Firefighter, Medical field, etc.).

EOC will be accepting applications for consideration until August 1, 2022.

If you are interested in applying, please complete and return the [Application](#) to The Enfield Outing Club either by mail to PO Box 178, Enfield NH 03748, or email to Peg Howard at: eoc378.info@gmail.com, kblkbrd1@att.net

If you have any questions, please contact Peg at either email address listed above or via telephone at 603-523-7677.

FRIENDS OF MASCOMA

Summer Pantry Days and Hours will be Tuesdays from 3pm to 5:30pm at Huse Memorial Park and Wednesdays from 3pm-5:30pm at the FOM headquarters behind Canaan Hardware Store, 9 On The Common Way.

Our pantries are open to anyone in need of a 3-day supply of groceries that lives in one of the 5 Mascoma Valley Towns: Canaan, Dorchester, Grafton, Enfield, and Orange. Our public pantries are open to all residents in need. If your budget (or someone you know) is tight because of rising fuel costs or other expenses shopping with us can make a big difference. We have a great mixed selection of fresh produce, pantry staples, dairy, and bread items each week. We also have personal care items available.



RECENT NEWS FROM PAST ISSUES

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

WE NEED YOU! BOARD & COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Updated list! A number of appointments have been made, but we still have opportunities to join those supporting our community through volunteering. Please consider donating some of your time for the betterment of your community – you’ll make a difference! Simply complete an [Application for Committee/Board Membership](#) and email it to abonnette@enfield.nh.us or drop it off at the Enfield Town Manager’s Office and your application will be provided to the appointing authority.

If you’re a bit undecided, committee meetings are open to the public – [attend a meeting](#) to see what they’re all about!

Budget Committee
Capital Improvement Program Committee
Conservation Commission
Energy Committee
Planning Board
Tax Increment Finance District Advisory Committee
Zoning Board of Adjustment



And two local area committees:
Mascoma River Local Advisory Committee
Enfield Shaker Village Scenic Byway Advisory Board

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

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