

# Town Newsletter

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## *Welcome Message*

Greetings!

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

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

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

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

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

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



## A Message from Enfield's Town Manager

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Wow, what a wet start to summer! All this water has been good for the lawns, gardens, and lake water levels, but it has made it difficult to get outside. Many events are still taking place and I was able to visit the Enfield Family Fair hosted by the Lions Club and Enfield Fire Association, Mascoma Lake Association's Summer Kickoff Party, and the Shaker 7 Road Race coordinated by the Enfield Village Association. Even with the weather, each of these events was well attended. I appreciate the work and commitment to the Town of Enfield, and our residents, by all the volunteers and organizations that support the Town. Thank you for all that you do!



The Town continues to work on many projects this time of year. DPW continues to oversee the water line replacement project on Maple Street, the scoping of the sewer lines which are about complete, road paving, and the Oak Hill Road Bridge which is in the process of being replaced. The two building projects continue to move forward with both buildings in the Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing and Fire Protection design phase. Currently, Whitney Hall is scheduled to start construction in December of 2023 and the Public Safety Building is planned for Spring of 2024. I have been working with the library and Town staff on the logistics of moving and where to house each of the employees during the construction process.

I have been working with the State of New Hampshire and many partners and landowners to solidify approvals and right of ways for the "Walk a Mile in their Shoes Project." This project is the mile long trail along Route 4A to the Shaker Museum property, for which we received federal byways grant funding to build.

I would like to wish each and every one a happy Fourth of July holiday.

Ed Morris,  
Town Manager

## Special News Items

### Independence Day Holiday



All Town Offices & the Enfield Public Library will be **CLOSED July 4<sup>th</sup>** in celebration of Independence Day.

Due to the holiday, the Select Board meeting scheduled for July 3<sup>rd</sup> has been **cancelled**.

Enjoy a safe and fun Independence Day Holiday!

### Special State Election

As you may have seen posted on social media, the Town will be holding a Special State Election on Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is due to a vacancy in the representation of Grafton County State Representative District No. 16. On June 15<sup>th</sup> the Town Clerk received notice that the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, has ordered a special election for filling the vacancy.



The filing period for declaration of candidacy was held in June.

The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet for Corrections & Additions to the Voter Checklist on

Saturday, August 12, 2023  
10:00 – 11:00 AM  
Enfield Town Hall  
Conference Room  
23 Main Street

This will be the last day to register to vote prior to this election.

Please bring your Driver's license (with your Enfield physical address on it or proof of residency) AND either your passport or birth certificate. Should you miss the deadline, you may also register at the polls on the day of the elections. Please provide the same documents as listed.

Because there are only two candidates – one democrat and one republican – there will be no Primary, just the Special Election.

The special election will be held for

**State Representative**  
Tuesday, August 22, 2023  
8:00 AM – 7:00 PM  
Enfield Community Building  
308 US Route 4

[More Information on Voter Registration](#)

## Employment Opportunity – Deputy Town Clerk

The Town of Enfield, NH, is searching for an enthusiastic employee that has a passion for helping others and making a difference in their community. Our office team has a current opening for a full-time (40 hours/week) position of Deputy Town Clerk, which offers a great opportunity to move forward in an excellent working environment.

Enfield is a community of approximately 4,600 permanent residents (the population increases substantially with seasonal residents during the summer months), situated in the Upper Valley Region approximately 10-20 minutes from the population centers of Lebanon and Hanover. Enfield is an attractive community with a wide range of local businesses, a proud Shaker cultural heritage, two large scenic lakes, and an abundance of open space.

The Deputy Town Clerk is responsible for helping the public with motor vehicle registrations, boat registrations, vital statistics, dog licenses and elections. The Deputy Town Clerk also provides support to the Town Clerk in certifying the actions of the Board of Selectmen and other Town Officials, making official reports, and collecting fees. Acts as deputy for all Town Clerk duties and is therefore subject to statutory requirements.

Starting compensation is \$20.00 to \$22.00 per hour depending on qualifications and experience. The Town of Enfield offers an excellent benefits package, including a no-deductible health plan, dental insurance, New Hampshire Retirement System, supplemental deferred compensation plan, short-term disability, generous paid leave, and more.

Minimum Qualifications: Per New Hampshire State law, only Enfield residents may serve as Deputy Town Clerk. Applicants who are not Enfield residents will be considered for an Assistant Town Clerk position. High School diploma or equivalent is required. Preference will be given to those with a bachelor's degree. One year of professional experience in the field of finance, government, non-profit management, accounting, banking, or related field. Any equivalent combination of education and experience which demonstrates possession of the desired knowledge, skills, or abilities.

The successful candidate will possess the following:

- Capable of understanding or knowledge of the State Law as pertaining to the conduct of Town clerks for Towns and Cities and its applicability.
- The ability to understand accounting principles and mathematical concepts.
- General computer literacy, including proficiency with Microsoft Office suite and previous exposure to financial/accounting software
- The ability to explain and instruct the general public, employees, and Town officials in town clerk matters.
- The ability to communicate well both orally and in writing and possess a high degree of organizational skill.
- The ability to establish and maintain working relationships with departmental employees, Town Officials, State Agencies, and the general public.

Interested parties should send cover letter, resume, and contact information for at least three professional references to the Enfield Town Manager's Office by mail, (Town of Enfield, PO Box 373, Enfield, NH 03748), by night drop at Town Hall, (23 Main Street, Enfield, NH), or by email ([abonnette@enfield.nh.us](mailto:abonnette@enfield.nh.us)). We will begin review of applications on July 10, 2023.

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

## Department & Committee Reports

### Building Inspector/Health Officer

Copied below are two recent press releases from New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services that residents might find interesting and beneficial:

#### Consider Necessary State Approvals During Building Permitting Process

Before issuing municipal or local building permits, please note that property owners must also ensure that they have the proper septic system permits to utilize their properties as intended. It is a common problem for buyers of properties to learn – after they’ve received all the municipal approvals they need – that their property lacks applicable state approvals, and their business plan is no longer achievable. One very common example is when food service establishments are purchased, with the new owner developing a business plan based on the existing number of seats. To get a food service license, the owner must have proof of an operationally approved septic system, as applicable, for the existing or proposed use. Many times, it is at this point that the buyer realizes they can no longer go forward with their business plan. Approvals from other programs within NHDES including, but not limited to: Wetlands, Shoreland, Alteration of Terrain and Drinking Water, may also be necessary for existing uses or proposed development. It is therefore imperative that, before the issuance of any municipal or local building permits for new structures or the expansion of use of existing structures, the applicant submit verification that all applicable state permits and approvals have been obtained. For more information, visit our [Wetlands](#) or [Septic Systems](#) webpages, or call [\(603\) 271-2147](#) and ask to speak with someone within the applicable program.

#### Citizen Air Monitoring Program (CAMP) for Particulate Matter

NHDES has a new, [citizen scientist program](#) designed to connect private PurpleAir fine particulate matter sensor owners with air pollution experts at NHDES. This is a voluntary and free program that aids in PurpleAir sensor installation, maintenance and data quality.

#### Sheds to Beds

New Hampshire lakefront projects that add plumbing, change building uses, or expand footprints often require multiple permits from the state as well as your local city or town. Converting sheds to bunkhouses, for example – adding bedrooms – requires an “Individual Sewage Disposal System” application and approval before expansion. This helps prevent water pollution. For more resources or questions about waterfront development or septic systems, visit the [NHDES website](#), email us at [irm@des.nh.gov](mailto:irm@des.nh.gov), or call [\(603\) 271-3501](#) and ask for either the Inspector of the Day or the Reviewer of the Day.

#### Introduction to Protected Shoreland

Get a [10-minute overview](#) of jurisdictional areas, limits, setbacks and other aspects of proposed work in protected shoreland areas of New Hampshire. To propose projects within these jurisdictional areas, see [10 minutes of top tips](#) (and learn the most commonly missing proposal components) to help reduce your risk of unnecessary delays.

#### New Resources for Docks: Save Time and Money

In cities and towns across the Granite State, many dock owners are benefiting from a new voluntary registration process. Voluntary registration is an alternative to getting a permit for every repair or replacement of existing non-tidal permanent docking structures. In addition, it offers an easier way to prove compliance with certain state statutes and rules, whenever you buy or sell properties that include these structures. It is easier and less expensive than other existing wetlands permit options. See a [map of currently registered docks](#). To register your dock, use our [Non-Tidal Docking Structures Registration Form](#).

### Get the Lead Out of Drinking Water Program

NHDES has created the Get the Lead Out of Drinking Water program to support schools and child care facilities in completing their required lead in drinking water testing. All facilities can receive technical support, and public schools and licensed child care facilities can receive free sample analyses. For more information and to view testing results, visit [www.gettheleadoutnh.org](http://www.gettheleadoutnh.org).

### Stream Crossings and Culverts

The Granite State features at least 17,000 stream crossings. The NHDES Culvert Maintainer Certification program in partnership with UNH Extension, helps support critical infrastructure and mitigate risks of flooding. For more details on this and other initiatives, visit the [stream crossings section of our website](#).

### Water Resources and the Value of Volunteers

The Lake Sunapee Protective Association's Center for Lake Studies hosted the annual [Volunteer Lake Association Program](#) workshop earlier in May. NHDES outreach program staff provided partners with updates on lake water quality monitoring, cyanobacteria tracking, shoreland protection and permitting, Soak Up the Rain resources, aquatic invasive species identification, and watershed management planning. In a state with more than 800 public lakes and ponds, water quality monitoring and watershed management are made possible in part by the valuable contributions of volunteers.

To receive press releases and other publications of the NH Department of Environmental Services via email, please sign up [on our newsletter subscription page](#).

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### Boaters - Help Protect New Hampshire Water Bodies from Aquatic Invasive Species Infestations

Concord, NH – As the 2023 boating season is beginning in earnest, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) reminds boaters of state laws intended to prevent additional aquatic invasive species infestations. Specifically, it is illegal to transport any aquatic plants on recreational gear and related trailers. Further, boaters are required to drain any water-containing devices on vessels, and to only trailer vessels in the open drain position. Violators could face fines ranging from \$50-\$200. This law is enforced by New Hampshire Marine Patrol, conservation officers, and other peace officers.

Freshwater aquatic invasive plants and animals are those that are not naturally found in New Hampshire's lakes, ponds, and rivers. Because they are not native, they have no predators or diseases, allowing them to grow quickly and dominate the freshwater systems and impact the native plants, fish, and aquatic insects already present. Aquatic invasive species can lead to reduced shorefront property values, water quality impairments, and problems with the aesthetic and recreational values of waterbodies.

According to Amy Smagula, the NHDES Exotic Species Program Coordinator, "New Hampshire now has a total of 80 lakes and 11 rivers infested with aquatic invasive species. Most of these waterbodies contain variable milfoil as the primary invasive plant, while others have fanwort, Eurasian water milfoil, and water chestnut, among other common species. Dozens of waterbodies also have established populations of the Chinese mystery snail, an aquatic invasive animal; and, the Asian clam, another aquatic invasive animal, has been identified in nearly a dozen waterbodies." A new invasive plant, water violet, was recently found in some of the state's largest lakes, and it is spreading in the Lakes Region, where it can pose a risk to other nearby waterbodies, and downstream waters like the Winnepesaukee, Pemigewasset, and Merrimack Rivers.

Boaters are reminded to:

**CLEAN** off any plants, animals and algae found on boats, trailers, and other recreational gear, and dispose of it away from a waterbody.



**DRAIN** your boat, bait buckets, bilges, and other equipment away from the waterbody, leaving your boat's drain in the open position during transport.

**DRY** anything that comes into contact with the water.

Also, if your vessel is registered in a state other than New Hampshire, you are required to purchase and display an out of state boater decal, which can be purchased for [\\$20 online](#).

The Department of Environmental Services urges lake and river residents and visitors to routinely monitor for aquatic invasive species and report new infestations of anything suspicious early. Look for plants or animals that are growing or increasing in number quickly, and that do not appear to be part of the native aquatic community. For more information or to report a potential new infestation (emailed photos are welcome), please contact the Exotic Species Program Coordinator at [Amy.Smagula@des.nh.gov](mailto:Amy.Smagula@des.nh.gov) or 603-271-2248.

## Cemetery Department

The Cemetery Board of Trustees still has a vacancy. Contrary to what you might imagine, this is a fun board on which to serve. The Board meets just once a month from May through October, so it isn't an overwhelming time commitment, but the Board performs an important function with the invaluable assistance of Cemetery Sexton, Bridget Labrie.

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

The Trustees next meeting is scheduled for [July 13, 2023](#) at the Town Hall at 6:00 PM. If you're interested in what the Board does this meeting is open to the public so feel free to attend!

The Cemetery Trustees recently voted changes to the [Cemetery Rules & Regulations](#). Please contact Bridget Labrie at [cemetery@enfield.nh.us](mailto:cemetery@enfield.nh.us) or (802) 332-5363 to schedule burials or if you have any questions.

## Conservation Commission

### Enfield Conservation Commission – Trail Maintenance Volunteer Questionnaire

*The Enfield Conservation Commission hopes to launch a collaborative, community effort to help maintain our trails. Work is currently underway to design a program and develop relationships to help us maintain and improve Enfield's many trails. Please complete the form below to give us an idea of what your interest and ability level might be.*



### [Trail Maintenance Volunteer Questionnaire](#)

## Enter the NH Association of Conservation Commissions Photo Contest for a chance to win \$250



### Get outside this summer and take photos

If you like to capture nature's beauty, please share your amazing photos with NHACC as part of our Water, Wetlands, and Wildlife in the Natural World photo contest. We are primarily looking for photographs that inspire the preservation of our natural environment. Winners in each category will receive \$250, and Honorable Mentions will receive \$50. You are encouraged to take photographs on conserved lands in or near your town, but they also may be made in other places such as your own backyard.

A complete list of rules can be found on the [NHACC website](#).

### How to Enter:

We will be using an on-line platform called ArtCall <https://2023-nhacc-photo-contest.artcall.org/users/login> to host entries into the contest. The entry form will be open between June 1 and September 8, and details about how to use this tool will be released shortly. Contestants will be able to edit or change their entry any time before midnight on September 8. Start taking pictures now!



## Energy Committee

### Enfield Community Power

**NEW RATES for Electricity Supply** *Dependent on approval by the Board of Directors of Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire on June 30, 2023, these are the proposed new rates for electricity supply:*

CLEAN 100	15.2 cents per kilowatt hour
CLEAN 50	12.3 cents per kilowatt hour
Granite PLUS	11.3 cents per kilowatt hour
Granite BASIC	10.9 cents per kilowatt hour

If approved, these proposed rates will be in effect starting August 1, 2023 and continue through January 2024. Granite Basic is the default rate for Enfield.

For specific information on percentage of renewables in each option, visit the <https://www.communitypowernh.gov/enfield>

Jo-Ellen Courtney  
Enfield Energy Committee





JULY 2023 at ENFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

### SUMMER READING PROGRAM

This year's **theme** is "All Together Now," a celebration of kindness and community.

**Help Us Build Our Kindness Chain!** We'll add a link to the chain for every activity:

- Donate to our **Food Drive**  
Summer high demand items include **condiments** and **side dishes**
- Tell us about **acts of kindness**
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- **Kids:** Record reading and fill out the bingo card or coloring sheets. Return by **August 3**.



Kids who read 5 books earn 2 tickets to a **Fisher Cats Game!!**  
*Sponsored by Bank of New Hampshire.*

- Adults and teens: read ANY book **on** kindness, empathy, community, etc.

There's More, like **weekly CRAFTS!** Friendship cards, friendship bracelets, clothespin butterflies, and more!

**A Big Ending:** Join us for a puppetry and **storytelling performance** by Lindsay & Her Puppet Pals **on** August 9, 1-2 pm, in Huse Park!

**Plus Drawings for Prizes!** Including a **King Arthur Baking gift basket** for adults and teens

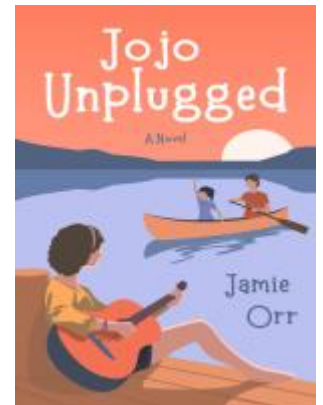


## **REGULAR PROGRAMS**

### **Self-Publishing Discussion with Jamie Orr**

Monday, July 10, 6 p.m.

Author Jamie Orr's self-published novel, *Jojo Unplugged*, won Best Romance at the 2023 National Indie Excellence Awards. In this program, he will talk about his favorite tools for giving your book a professional look and feel, compare royalties between traditionally and indie-published books, discuss the pros and cons of publishing exclusively on Amazon vs. "publishing wide," and welcome your questions.



### **Calligraphy Workshop**

Saturday, July 29, 9 a.m.

Laura Di Piazza will teach the basics of calligraphy. RSVP required, and space is limited.

### **Knitting Group**

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Join your neighbors for fiber fun.

### **Outdoor Storytime**

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

Story Time is back outside for the summer. Join Miss Kate at **Huse Park**.

**LEGOS** are available every **Thursday!**

### **PostCrossing**

The PostCrossing group is taking a break for the summer.

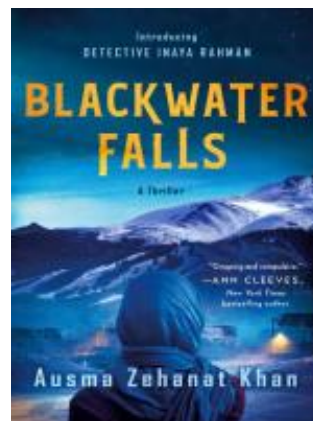
### **LibTech Help By Appointment**

If you need help accessing digital materials (Libby, Hoopla, Kanopy), or have questions about the catalog or the interlibrary loan system, set up an appointment at your convenience for some one-on-one instruction.

### **Mystery Lovers' Book Group**

Thursday, July 13, at 6 pm

[Blackwater Falls](#)



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

Thursday, July 27, at 6 pm

[Black Cake](#)

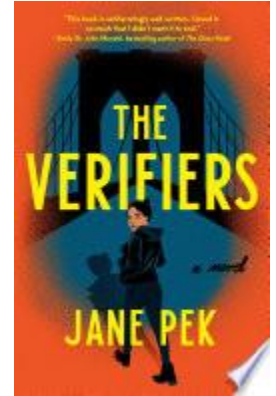


## Recommended Reading

### *The Verifiers* by Jane Pek

Summary: A lifelong mystery reader who wrote her senior thesis on Jane Austen, Claudia believes she's landed her ideal job at Veracity, a referrals-only, online-dating detective agency. But when a client goes missing, she breaks protocol to investigate and uncovers a maelstrom of personal and corporate deceit. Part literary mystery, part immigrant family story, *The Verifiers* is a clever and incisive examination of how technology shapes our choices, and the nature of romantic love in the digital age.

I LOVE this book! It's a self-aware mystery that is so well written, with plenty of humor, family pathos, and enough literary references to make an English major happy. --Nancy



## ABOUT EPL

### What's New

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



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

### Hours

We're open **Tuesdays until 7 pm**, like the town offices!

*Monday:* 9:00 am-5:00 pm

*Tuesday:* 9:00 am-7:00 pm

*Wednesday:* 9:00 am-5:00 pm

*Thursday:* 11:00 am-7:00 pm

*Friday:* closed

*Saturday:* 10:00 am-2:00 pm

*Sunday:* closed

## Fire Department News

The Enfield Firefighters Association and the Enfield Fire Department would like to express our thanks and appreciation to all who made the annual Enfield Family Fair a success. Without everyone's support, sponsorship and attendance it would not be possible. Profits from this event continue to make it possible for the Enfield Firefighters Association to help fund activities which include the annual gift card drive at Christmas, funding for those in need after a fire or catastrophic event and various community events. Thank you to all.

We will be holding an Auto Extrication Training July 15, 8-4 at the Enfield DPW, 74 Lockhaven Road. This training will include several of our mutual aid towns. The class will be taught by instructors from the NH Fire Academy and will be provided at no cost to all in attendance. All departments in the State are allowed 2 free-of-charge days per year utilizing academy staff and equipment. Our training program will continue to use this asset to further our expertise. The public is invited to attend on July 15 and observe.

For the Enfield Fire Department,  
Phil Neily

“Know your Town” is presented by the Enfield Heritage Commission. Each month we bring you a bit of insight into the origins of street names or places you see every day and more. Check out “Know your Town” features from [past issues!](#)



Mascoma Lake from the Head, Enfield, N. H.

1922

### **One Hundred Years of the Mascoma Lake Association**

In 1923, forty years had passed since the Shakers first permitted the construction of a simple camp on Mascoma Lake on what is now known as Point Comfort. Dozens of other camps and families spread from there around the eastern and southern shore of the lake until there was a community of regular visitors who met each summer to fish, swim, boat and attend dances at the Lakeview Hotel.

In 1923 forty-four founding members met at the Greendale Tea House and founded the Mascoma Lake Improvement Association for “the purpose of conditions around Mascoma Lake”. The association’s nine goals reveal both concerns and commitments. Foremost was preserving the lake’s beauty and tranquility. This included preventing the “erection of signs”, “eradicating unwarranted noise or nuisance”, providing police protection for the cottages and stopping “the dumping of rubbish into the lake and throwing same into the woods behind the cottages or on the roadsides”. The association also pledged to “prevent the lowering of the water level during the summer”, to study “pollution, natural feed for the fish and stocking the lake with fish”.

While the members were seasonal visitors, they also considered the surrounding towns, pledging to “share community interests with the townspeople of Enfield and Lebanon” and “to help promote a beach for the Enfield citizens”. For \$1, “All owners of property on the shores of Mascoma and all citizens of Enfield” as well as “others wishing to join” could enjoy the privileges (if not voting) of the association.

The association’s social calendar was busy, with “Dancing at the Pavilion, Tennis, Clambake, Sings and Card Parties”. There were also games of softball and fishing contests and performances by Shaker singers. The educational calendar was full too, with talks on developing recreational facilities (by a former senator), the Shakers, procedures for town meeting and pollution. The association also worked on mosquito and poison ivy control and fire protection. The MLA



contributed money to the Enfield Outing Club for its work on Shakoma Beach. It also stocked the lake with fish and organized regular (annual) garbage collection.

Now, one hundred years later, life on the lake has changed. Families no longer spend the entire summer on the lake in camps served only by boat. And they no longer need to create their own amusements. The Lakeview Hotel, formerly on Shaker Blvd., is gone. Cottages have changed hands as families died out or split up. Many of the camps are now year-round homes.

**What has not changed is the MLA's mission, which today is: "To protect Lake Mascoma and its environment, to promote the responsible and sustainable enjoyment of the Lake by all its users, and to educate the public on issues related to these objectives."**

Today, the MLA has an extensive water-quality program. Lakes across the US that do not have the MLA's milfoil collection and prevention program have seen their waters choked with the invasive plant, ruining the health of the lake and the value of property. Support of the MLA has been vital for loon protection. Likewise, MLA staffs the Lake Host Program, which educates boaters about invasive plants.

The MLA is still open to anyone who cares about the lake (dues are more than \$1!). Sign up via the [MLA website](#).

Please join one of the MLA's summer activities listed below and come along for another century of caring for one of Enfield's most precious resources.

**Annual Boat Parade:** Saturday July 1, 2023, 3:00 pm (Rain date: Sunday July 2, 3:00 pm).

**Loon Census:** Saturday – July 15, 2023 (rain or shine). 8:00 am – 9:00 am. Contact [terri.m.lynch@gmail.com](mailto:terri.m.lynch@gmail.com) for more information. Volunteers with boats needed.

**Annual Meeting** Saturday, July 29, 2023. 9:00 am – 11:00 am, Enfield Community Building

9:00 am – *Elections and business reports*

10:00 am – *Special Centennial Program* – Celebrate MLA's 100th anniversary with photos and stories.

**Annual MLA Clean Up:** Saturday August 19, 2023. Contact Bud Lynch: Phone: 632-4046 or email : <mailto:bud.lynch72@gmail.com>

## Land Use & Community Development

**Planning Board** - The Enfield Planning Board (PB) met once in June on the 28<sup>th</sup>. They held one hearing for Land Use Case # P23-06-02 where Timothy and Heidi Daley were seeking minor subdivision approval to create two lots from one they own on Jones Hill Road (Map 15, Lot 30-1). The existing parcel is 10.11 acres, and this request was to create one lot of 3.01 acres and another of 7.09 acres respectively. Scott Sanborn of Cardigan Mountain Land Surveys, LLC represented the Daleys in this matter. The Planning Board granted their approval for this subdivision.

**Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA)** - The ZBA met on June 13<sup>th</sup> for two variance applications/hearings. First was Land Use Case # Z23-06-01, where Rick and Sharon Moots were seeking variance relief from the Enfield Zoning Ordinance, Article IV, section 401.2, paragraph "L" to construct a three season porch and back deck within the prescribed setback to a lot boundary. The subject parcel is 0.45 acres and is located at 137 Algonquin Road (Tax Map 43, Lot 9) in the "R3" residential zoning district. The subject parcel is owned by Richard and Sharon Moots. The ZBA voted 5-0 in favor of granting this variance.



Second was Land Use Case # Z23-06-02, where the Welikit Trust (Paul C. French) was seeking variance relief from the Enfield Zoning Ordinance, Article IV, section 401.3, paragraph M to reconstruct a single family home within the prescribed setbacks to Spectacle Pond. The subject parcel is 14.45 acres and is located at 65 French Road (Tax Map 17, Lot 24) in the "R5" Residential zoning district. The subject parcel is owned by Paul C. French. The ZBA voted 5-0 in favor of granting this variance.

Coming up in July on the 11<sup>th</sup>, the ZBA will hear an application for a special exception. This will be for Land Use Case #Z23-07-01 where Cider Hill Development is seeking a special exception to allow for a residential use within 600 ft of Route 4. The property is at 488 US Route 4 (map 36, lot 11) and in the Route 4 zoning district. The subject parcel is 1.6 acres and is owned by Cider Hill Development, LLC.

Land Use and Community Development Office- We were pleased to present to the Upper Valley Board of Realtors (UVBOR) annual meeting on Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at the Enfield Community Building. Our presentation was centered around the recent updates to Enfield's zoning ordinance, including the increase in allowed accessory dwelling units (ADUs) to two and the increase in the R1 zoning district density allowances. The UVBOR is a membership organization for realtors and their affiliates. The Town of Enfield is a proud affiliate member in the UVBOR. There was general excitement from the membership related to Enfield's work in housing and other areas.

Please contact the Land Use office with any questions or ideas between Monday and Friday at 603-442-5427 or by email at: [planning@enfield.nh.us](mailto:planning@enfield.nh.us) You may also drop by the office at the DPW facility at 74 Lockehaven Road. It is always recommended to call ahead first to be sure we are available or to schedule a meeting. Hope you have a great July!



Photo Name: Smith Pond and Mascoma Lake - June 2023  
Photo Credit: Rob Taylor

### HISTORY OF OLD HOME DAYS TRADITION

Since its inception over 100 years ago, Old Home Day has continued to be faithfully observed in towns throughout the Granite State. These annual events, held in the summer or early fall, are organized by local volunteer committees, and often include parades, barbecues and potluck suppers, tours of historic homes and gardens, dances, games, and music.

Governor Frank Rollins developed the concept in 1899 to invite former residents of New Hampshire home at a time when the opening of the West, and lure of urban centers with industrial jobs had depleted New Hampshire's rural areas. "Towns that had had boasted as many as 2,000 were reduced to under 100, farmhouses were falling into ruin, fields were growing back to brush, and forests were being clear-cut," according to Tom Curran in his overview of Old House Days produced for the Preservation Alliance. It was a "family reunion at a grand, Victorian scale," he said.

"Old Home Day was originally envisioned as a celebration of the agrarian way of life and the renewal of old friendships," said Steve Taylor, former N.H. Commissioner of Agriculture, Markets & Food. "These days, it offers an important opportunity to celebrate community life and meet with your neighbors." At its height, over 120 communities celebrated Old Home Days.

Enfield revived their Old Home Days tradition twelve years ago under the auspices of Enfield Heritage Commission. The Old Home Days Committee hopes this annual celebration will continue to grow and thrive as an important part of our community.

#### MISSION OF ENFIELD OLD HOME DAYS

*The mission of Enfield Old Home Days is to organize an annual weekend of events which celebrate our community and honor our heritage.*

#### OLD HOME DAYS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Shirley Green  
Josh Adjutant  
Lisa Rinella  
Kevin Marker, Recreation Director  
Meredith Smith, Chair



#### THANK YOU!

Many thanks to all the volunteers and supporters who helped to make Old Home Days possible. Special thanks to Town employees who go above and beyond to help, and to the Enfield Shaker Museum for opening their historic buildings to the public and assisting with the many Old home Days events.

#### JOIN THE FUN!

We need **YOU!** This wonderful celebration cannot happen without the help of volunteers. Many hands make light work! Join us to make next year's Old Home Days even better than the last!

## OLD HOME DAYS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### FRIDAY, July 14, 2023

#### Huse Park 5 to 8 PM Barbeque and Music – 5 pm to 8 pm

Enjoy supper at Huse Park with Wicked\_Awesome Barbeque. Music by Enfield's own Jim Hollis playing your old favorites.

### SATURDAY, July 15, 2023

#### Community Lutheran Church Yard Sale and Luncheon - 9 am to 2 pm

Community Lutheran Church (CLC) will host a map for the Enfield Town-Wide Yard Sale. To be included on the map, complete the form (<https://forms.office.com/r/zpdxqGJPUG>) and mail a donation of \$10.00 by July 8th to: **CLC Women's Fellowship**, Attn: Jane Plumley, PO Box 450, Enfield, NH 03748

#### Bounce in the Park – 10 am to 4 pm

Bounce Houses in Huse Park. For children ages 3 to 12. Shoes must be removed before entering bounce houses. Adult supervision required.

#### Concert at Lakeside Park by Never Too Late 11 am to 2 pm

Come and enjoy music by **Never Too Late**, a folk band based in the Upper Valley playing songs from writers including Kate Wolf and Bob Dylan, along with original music by Hilde Ojibway.

#### Community Picnic 11 am to 2 pm

Bring a picnic or box lunches available from **Enfield House of Pizza**. Lunches can be pre ordered by calling **EHOP@** 603-632-5800 or as available at the park.

#### Ice Cream Social – 1 pm to 3 pm

Come and enjoy a **free ice cream sundae**, with toppings of your choice. Sponsored by the **Enfield Public Library**. Whitney Hall Parking lot. Face painting and crafts for the kids too!

#### Union Church Open House – 11 am to 2 pm

Open house at beautiful Enfield Center Union Church. Makers Art display and Bake Sale 11 AM till sold out.

#### Historic Enfield Center Town House – 11 am to 3 pm

Open House at Center Town House. Enfield's first Town Hall and center of social life. Listed on National Historic Register.

#### Enfield Center Schoolhouse Tours – 11 am to 2 pm

Come visit the last remaining two-story schoolhouse in New Hampshire.

#### Lobster Bake and Roll Box Dinner – 5 pm to 7 pm

Enjoy a baked lobster (\$40) with all the trimmings or a lobster roll (\$30). Reservations @ 603-632-4346 or first come, first served. Wine, beer, and soft drinks available for purchase at Enfield Shaker Museum Stone Mill Field.

#### Dance at the Stone Mill – 7 pm to 10 pm

Dance to the music of **SHAKER**, Enfield's own dance rock band playing 6 decades of hits. Featuring Mike Bailey, Ben Esquivel, Tim Lenihan, Holly Rowell, and Vince Brisson



*A community wide celebration!*



## SUNDAY, July 16, 2023

### Makers Fair at Stone Mill – 11 am – 4 pm

Local artists and craftspeople will display and sell their wares Demonstrations of various craft techniques. Frankfurter Truck with fresh squeezed lemonade.

### Enfield Shaker Museum Open House – 1 pm to 4 pm

Free tours of Enfield's historic Shaker Museum. Learn more about Enfield's Shaker history!

### Lockehaven Schoolhouse - 2 pm to 4 pm

Open house at Lockehaven Schoolhouse.

### Conservation Hike to Cole Pond – 2 pm

Meet at the Bog Road parking area for Cole Pond. Sponsored by Enfield Conservation Commission. Approximately 2 miles.

	<h2><i>Calling All Creators!</i></h2>
	
<p><b>Are you an artist or crafts person with wares to sell?</b></p> <p><b>Join us at Enfield Shaker Museum for a Makers Market and Crafts Demonstration on the grounds of the historic Stone Mill building, part of Enfield's "Shakers &amp; Makers" Old Home Days festivities!</b></p> <p><b><i>When: Sunday, July 16th</i></b></p> <p><b><i>11am-4pm</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Booth Rental Fee: \$20</i></b></p>	
<p><b><i>e-mail <a href="mailto:events@shakermuseum.org">events@shakermuseum.org</a></i></b> <b><i>to register for a spot today!</i></b></p>	<p><b>603 632 4346</b> <b><i>Ask for Lisa</i></b></p>

### Program listing and Registration

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

Follow Enfield Parks & Recreation on [Facebook](#) or Instagram [@enfieldnhrec](#)! Reminder- Electronic payments are now accepted through the recreation program registration site. \*There is a 3% non-refundable processing fee\*

(If you need to pay by check or cash all program payments should be made payable to "Town of Enfield" and mailed to: PO Box 373, Enfield, NH 03748 OR dropped off in the night drop box in an envelope marked Parks & Recreation and a note of what payment is for.)

**\*\*Just a friendly reminder that all payments are due at the start of the program, a spot in the program will not be held without payment. Failure to make a payment may also lead to not being able to take part in future programs. If you need financial assistance, please email [recreation@enfield.nh.us](mailto:recreation@enfield.nh.us) \*\***

### Mascoma Sailing Club – Youth Sailing Program 2023

Registration is now open for the Youth Summer Sailing. We will have 2 weeks in July for lessons. July 10, 12 and 14<sup>th</sup> and July 17<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. All participants will need to show up early the first day to pass a pre lesson swimming test. Reach out to [Recreation@enfield.nh.us](mailto:Recreation@enfield.nh.us) for more information.

### Enfield Recreation is Now Hiring Lifeguards

You can get an application on the town [website](#), Email [Recreation@enfield.nh.us](mailto:Recreation@enfield.nh.us), or stop in and see Kevin at Town Hall for a physical application or for any questions about the position!

### NOW SHOWING at Enfield Movie in the Park!

Join us for this season's Movies in the Park presented by Enfield NH Police Department. The first showing is just a few weeks away on July 1st with the classic Top Gun! Then the following month make sure to catch the sequel Top Gun: Maverick, then in October fight off the ghost and goblins with a showing of the original Ghostbusters, and the final movie of the year for our Holiday movie we have Elf!

#### Show Dates:

Top Gun – July 1<sup>st</sup>

Top Gun: Maverick – August 26<sup>th</sup>

Ghostbuster – October 28<sup>th</sup>

Elf – December 23<sup>rd</sup>

### Enfield Farmers Market

The Enfield Market will run the same schedule as last year and be the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month. In June we will have one market on June 10<sup>th</sup>! We welcome all vendors but are in need of Produce Vendors and Food Vendors/Food Trucks! If you are interested in and have questions, please reach out to [Recreation@enfield.nh.us](mailto:Recreation@enfield.nh.us) for all inquiries.

### 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](mailto: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

Enfield Recreation continues to offer the highly attended Chair Yoga/Exercise classes at the Enfield Community Building. These classes are low impact and focus on stretching, balance, strength, and meditation. The classes are only **\$5.00** and **open to ALL** levels! No RSVP required. Classes are Monday 8:15-9:15am, Wednesday 9:30-10:30am, and **NEWLY ADDED Friday 12-1pm!** \*Schedule subject to change based on instructor availability & weather\*

### Line Dancing

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

### Bone Builders

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

### Other Fun Items/Opportunities

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

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

**Kevin Marker**

Enfield Recreation Director

[recreation@enfield.nh.us](mailto:recreation@enfield.nh.us)

[Online Registration](#)



Follow us!



## Police Department

Summer is here and the start of the Movie in the Park series will be July 1<sup>st</sup>. The first movie is Top Gun and will start at dusk in Huse Park.

With the warm weather we want to remind users of the beach that the upper beach parking is for beach goers and that the lower boat launch parking is for power boat trailers. Those who are loading or unloading a kayak or similar please use the non-motor launch located at Lakeside Park. Fireworks are always an explosive topic during the summer months. Please review the [town ordinances](#) regarding the use of fireworks. Due to the holiday being on a weekday, fireworks are permitted on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> of July. [fireworksdisplayb.pdf \(enfield.nh.us\)](#)

The department is still receiving complaints of wild animals, mostly bears, close to houses. This is caused by failure to remove food sources such as bird feeders and unsecured trash. Bears will take any easy meal they can find and will keep returning until they don't find it anymore. It is everyone's responsibility to do our best to secure our trash and not make it available for wild animals. If a bear or other wild animal does get into your trash, it is your responsibility to clean it up. If you have questions call the station at any time.

We understand summer can be a busy time of year.... But a town ordinance requires all trash cans to be put out no earlier than the night prior to scheduled pickup and brought back in same day as pickup. There has been a large increase in receptacles left on the ROW for several days or put out early.

July will also be the first round of Dog Registration follow up. If you have not registered your dog yet this year, expect to be visited by animal control in the near future. You can avoid this by going into town offices and registering your dog or by doing it online at: [Dog Licenses | Enfield NH](#)

Remember as the summer heats up that if you see something suspicious say something. You can reach an officer by calling 603-632-7501 or thru Dispatch at 603-643-2222, thank you and be safe.

Roy Holland  
Chief of Police

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

### Water/Sewer Billing

Enfield water/sewer bills will be out in early July and will be due in the middle of August 2023.

### Project Updates

Oak Hill Road Bridge: Oak Hill Road is currently closed at the bridge location and the old culvert has been removed. Concrete footings and abutments are being constructed. Once the concrete is cured, the new deck and railings will be installed.



**Photo: Oak Hill Road Bridge South Side Footing Ready for Concrete**

Maple Street Water Main Replacement: L & M Construction has completed the installation of the new Maple Street water main and is working on connecting individual service lines. They will continue to work on these and on the May Street and Marsh Well interconnections along with restoration through the month of July with a projected substantial completion date in early August. Customers on May and Maple Streets are understandably frustrated by the traffic, noise and service interruptions that occur when doing a project of this magnitude. The interruptions underscore the necessity of replacing these 120-year-old cast iron pipes. Most of the interruptions have been caused by large construction equipment encountering brittle pipes and service lines that were installed in hand dug trenches in 1903 that are well beyond their service life. When it was originally installed, locations were known and sketched, often with

measurements from long gone buildings or trees, by those the people that needed the fire protection a community system could provide. They had no conception of a diesel-powered hydraulic excavator, able to dig more in an hour that four men could dig in a week and how important it was going be to properly document the location of these pipes and pipe depths.

**DPW Storage Shed:** With the old highway garage buildings located on Shedd Street scheduled for demolition later this year, the DPW found themselves in need of storage space for the off-season equipment and infrequently used items. These have been stored at Shedd Street since the DPW moved to its current site over 20 years ago. Kudos to the DPW staff past and present who knew that a storage shed would be needed eventually at the DPW Facility and began salvaging materials and storing them for later use. The result of their forward thinking is under construction and is being built with very little out of pocket cost by DPW staff. Materials salvaged, collected, and found include posts, trusses, roofing metal, screws, T-111, rafters, purlins, and aggregates.

**Summer Paving:** Paving was completed by Blaktop Inc. last week on the all or part of the following streets: Lockhaven Road, George Hill Road, and Fitzgerald Drive. The Town may be doing more paving in October if the schedule allows.

### **Road Grading**

The Town Highway crew will be out grading gravel roads throughout the summer. Motorists are urged to use caution when driving through these moving work zones that often contain three or four working pieces of equipment. The Town is spraying Magnesium Chloride on the gravel road surface during the grading process which helps bond the aggregates together and controls dust. Doing this cuts down on the number of times the roads need to be graded and keeps the aggregate from blowing away in the wind. The Town also uses Calcium Chloride and is experimenting with both to determine which one gives the Town the best value.

### **Roadside Mowing**

The Enfield Highway Department will be mowing roadsides and easement areas beginning at the end of June. 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.

### **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day**

The next Household Hazardous waste collection day will be held at the Lebanon High School on **Friday, July 14, 2023,** and will run from 9:00 am till Noon.

### **What to Bring and What Not to Bring**

This collection is coordinated by the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission. Please see the link below for more information.

<https://www.enfield.nh.us/solid-waste-recycling/links/household-hazardous-waste-information>





Greetings all!

On the Tax side.

Hope summer is going well for everyone! The first issue taxes are due on Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. The second issue is not processed until sometime in October and usually due sometime after December 1<sup>st</sup>. The betterment billings are timed just about the same as the taxes. The second quarter water/sewer billings will be out early July and due early August. 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.

On the Clerk side.

After a full year of alerting the public, we are no longer mailing out courtesy motor vehicle renewal notices. We do offer email reminder notices. 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.

Reminder for the end of year snowbirds; You may renew your registrations up to 4 months in advance. This transaction is best done in person. Should you want to do this, please bring in the current, valid registration and we'll be happy to process the renewal for you. The cost will be the same as if you came in at the "usual" time.

As of the submission of this report for this newsletter (6/23), we have processed 3,473 "over the road" registrations and 297 boat registrations so far this calendar year.

As reported earlier in this newsletter, a special election for State Representative – District 16 will be held on Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Community Building from 8am – 7pm. Absentee ballot requests will be available at the Town Clerk's office soon. The last day to register to vote prior to this election will be at the Supervisors of the Checklist meeting scheduled for Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup> in the conference room at Whitney Hall from 10-11am. Please bring your Driver's license (with your Enfield physical address on it or proof of residency) AND either your passport or birth certificate. Should you miss the deadline, you may also register at the polls on the day of the elections. Please provide the same documents as listed.

I would like to thank Patty Piece for 15 months of service as the Assistant Town Clerk. Patty has decided to make a career change and will be leaving us as of June 30<sup>th</sup>. Please join me in wishing Patty well.

Again, I would like to thank everyone who has taken advantage of paying their tax bills, water/sewer bills, betterment bills and motor vehicle registration renewals online during the past three plus years. Although we love to see people face-to-face, continuing to utilize the online payment option helps to relieve congestion in the lobby. Of course, if your transaction cannot be done online, we're happy to help in office.

Should you need to contact the Town Clerk's office, you may call 603-632-5001 or email me at [whuntley@enfield.nh.us](mailto:whuntley@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](mailto:whuntley@enfield.nh.us) or Jerusha Howard, Deputy Tax Collector at [Tax2@enfield.nh.us](mailto:Tax2@enfield.nh.us).

Wendy Huntley  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

## Meetings & Events

### Upcoming Public Meetings (Schedule subject to change)

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

As always, *electronic or virtual attendance is provided as a courtesy only, with no guarantee of quality or ability to participate.*

**It attending a meeting online via Teams, please note that background noise can be disruptive. Please remain muted until called upon to speak. Thank you for your understanding.**

#### **Meeting videos for meetings with a Teams videoconference option are available online!**

Simply go to our website and click on the Videos tab for a list of available videos. Or go directly to [YouTube](#) where you can subscribe to our channel.

The meetings below are linked to the Town's website so you can easily access the most up-to-date information for that specific meeting.

- July 3 – Select Board - Cancelled
- [July 5 @ 5:30 PM \(Town Hall\) – Old Home Days Committee](#)
- [July 6 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Conservation Commission](#)
- [July 10 @ 5:30 PM \(Enfield Public Library\) – Library Trustees](#)
- [July 11 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee \(Design Team\)](#)
- [July 12 @ 6:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Planning Board](#)
- [July 13 @ 6:00 PM \(Town Hall & Teams\) – Cemetery Trustees](#)
- [July 17 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Select Board](#)
- [July 18 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee \(Design Team\)](#)
- [July 18 @ 6:30 PM \(Town Hall & Teams\) – Recreation Commission](#)
- [July 25 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee \(Design Team\)](#)
- [July 25 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Energy Committee](#)
- [July 26 @ 6:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Planning Board](#)
- [July 27 @ 4:30 PM \(Town Hall\) – Heritage Commission](#)
- [August 1 @ 3:30 PM \(Town Hall & Teams\) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee](#)
- [August 1 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee \(Design Team\)](#)
- [August 2 @ 5:30 PM \(Town Hall\) – Old Home Days Committee](#)
- [August 3 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Conservation Commission](#)
- [August 7 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Select Board](#)
- [August 8 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee \(Design Team\)](#)
- [August 9 @ 6:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Planning Board](#)
- [August 10 @ 6:00 PM \(Town Hall & Teams\) – Cemetery Trustees](#)
- [August 12 @ 10:00 – 11:00 AM \(Town Hall\) – Supervisors of the Checklist – Corrections & Additions to the Voter Checklist \(Last opportunity to register to vote before the August 22<sup>nd</sup> Special State Election](#)



## Community Events & Announcements

### Community Bulletin Board

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

Our Community Bulletin Board is an underutilized resource! Include a notice of your Community Event on our Community & Businesses Calendar of Events which you can find at <https://www.enfield.nh.us/community-businesses>.



### Enfield Town-Wide Yard Sale hosted by CLC

**July 15, 2023**  
**9 am to 2 pm**

Community Lutheran Church will host a map for Enfield Town-Wide Yard Sale for anyone who wishes to have a yard sale listed in Enfield.

**To be included on the map, complete the form below and mail a donation of \$10.00 by July 8<sup>th</sup> to:**

Community Lutheran Church  
Attn: Jane Plumley  
PO Box 450  
Enfield, NH 03748

FORM: <https://forms.office.com/r/zpdxqGJPUG>  
(form hosted by the Stewart Farm)

Printed maps will be available at CLC Yard Sale, 96 Main St., Enfield, NH on July 15th from 9 am - 2 pm, [online](#), and at locations around Enfield the prior week.

CLC's Annual Yard Sale will run from 9 am to 2 pm on Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup> and lunch will be available at CLC beginning at 11 am.

Save these dates for outdoor Wednesday evening summer concerts -- free and open to the public:

<b>July 12</b>	<b>Brooks Hubbard</b>
<b>July 19</b>	<b>Cardigan Mountain Tradition</b>
<b>August 9</b>	<b>Footworks</b>
<b>August 30</b>	<b>Patrick Ross</b>



**Music 7:00 – 8:00 pm**

Food truck vending begins at 6:00 pm

Beer, wine, hard cider, soda and snacks for sale

Bring lawn chairs or blankets

For details visit [www.shakermuseum.org](http://www.shakermuseum.org)

THANK YOU TO OUR LOCAL BUSINESS SPONSORS

Mascoma Bank, Jake's Market & Deli, Gabbie Black Realtor at Coldwell Banker Lifestyles, Bar Harbor Bank & Trust, Defiance Electric, Vanessa Stone Real Estate, and Unique Media Systems

## Friends of Mascoma

# Food Pantry Summer Hours

Our friendly Friends Feeding Friends Food Pantry team is back at Huse Park each Tuesday for the warmer weather months.

### WEDNESDAYS IN CANAAN

9 On the Common  
behind Canaan Hardware

### TUESDAYS IN ENFIELD

Huse Park from 3-5:30 pm  
look for our Foodie Van

[LEARN MORE](#)

**TUESDAY, JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> – PANTRY CLOSED**

### Mascoma Lake: High Water Quality Requires High Vigilance

Maybe you've heard the stories about how it used to be:

"Our parents wouldn't let us swim in the water."

"You could tell what color they were using for dye that day at the Baltic Mill. The lake would be that same color."

"This lake used to be full of wood pulp, just choked with it."

It's different now. With changes in local industry, improvements in septic design and regulation, and growing awareness of the need to protect watersheds, Mascoma Lake has become healthier. We have the evidence. For decades now, the Mascoma Lake Association has sponsored regular water quality testing. Three times each summer, a crew sets out to sample the lake and tributaries, taking a variety of measurements. The team is led by Jim Martel (recent winner of the state's highest award for volunteer lake assessment services) and includes MLA board member Mark Manikian. Here are excerpts from Mark's report on the June 13 results:



"Our water quality continues oligotrophic, the highest of the three categories of purity. This is appropriate because Mascoma is the drinking water supply for the City of Lebanon. Most lakes in NH are mesotrophic, the middle category. Mascoma was classified mesotrophic until four or five years ago, when the efforts of the Water Quality Team resulted in achieving the higher classification. This is a highly unusual accomplishment and one of the reasons that Jim Martel was honored by NHDES this year. All test results were favorable and consistent with the past results. The water was exceptionally clear."

We welcome this news with gratitude for all our dedicated water quality volunteers. At the same time, we recognize that Mascoma Lake's pure water is still at risk. There may no longer be effluent from mills, but the warming climate encourages another threat: toxic cyanobacteria blooms. While blue-green algae occur naturally in the ecosystem, they can be harmful in high concentrations. Persistent algal blooms lead to warnings from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, advising people and pets to stay out of the water until the blooms recede. Many will recall the bright red warning signs on Mascoma beaches and boat launches for a week last June. We've escaped that status so far this year, although multiple reports of suspected blooms here led to "alert" status on June 1. Samples tested at that time showed a very low concentration of cyanobacteria along with a lot of pine pollen.

Even for experts, it can be hard to distinguish pollen from a harmful algal bloom. That's why we encourage anyone who suspects a bloom to make a report. It's easy to do via the new form on the NHDES website: [HAB Report NHDES](#). If possible, take photos and collect a sample. The DES site offers clear instructions. We also appreciate knowing via the MLA email address that you've made a report; contact the MLA at [mla@mascomalakeassociation.org](mailto:mla@mascomalakeassociation.org). Our volunteers can sometimes visit the lakeshore site in person and help direct DES scientists when they come to take samples for testing. Cyanobacteria management, like every other lake protection activity, is best accomplished through volunteer community monitoring with

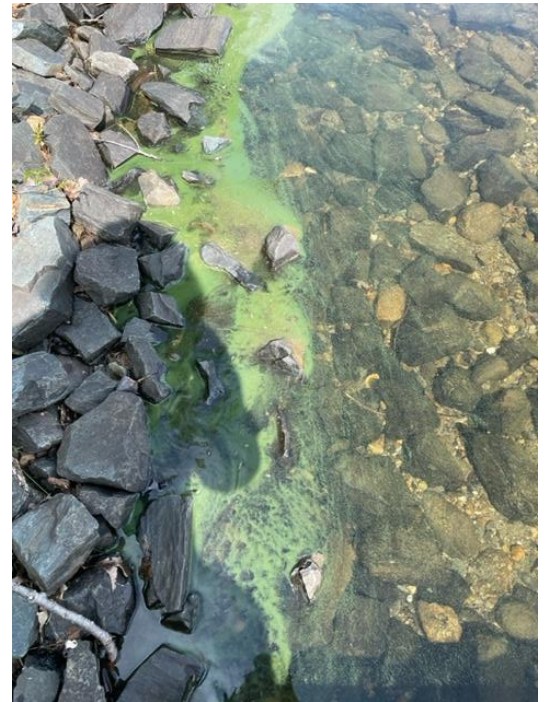


guidance from professionals in state environmental agencies. We should all stay alert to the appearance of the water and share any concerns we may have.

Mascoma Lake is certainly not alone in facing this challenge. Harmful algal blooms are on the rise in lakes all over New Hampshire. Fortunately, the legislature is taking steps to address the issue. Our state Senator Suzanne Prentiss co-sponsored a bill last year that required the NH Department of Environmental Services to develop a plan; this year there was work to establish a Cyanobacteria Mitigation Fund to ensure that statewide plan will have the resources it needs. On the local level, the MLA has joined with the towns of Enfield and Lebanon to begin the process of comprehensive watershed planning, a multi-year effort that should lead to strategies for reducing the problem here.

Meanwhile, we're grateful to the people in recent weeks who've reported funny-looking stuff in the lake. We should all keep an eye out, but until further notice, enjoy our oligotrophic water and have a great summer! NHDES issued a Cyanobacteria Alert for Mascoma on June 1 on the basis of visuals and sampling. The Alert designation means to be watchful. Testing established a concentration of 4.4K cells/ml in the sample. The DES threshold for issuing a Warning (the new term)/Advisory telling people and animals to avoid water contact is 70K. The bloom quickly dissipated, and the Alert was removed. At the time there were 10 NH lakes with the Warning designation.

Since then, there have been several (I count 6) reports from lake residents of suspected blooms. Only 2 pictorially look like cyanobacteria but they were transient and quickly dissipated before samples could be taken. One appeared on 2 consecutive days. The remaining 4 reports turned out to be pine pollen. All reports were from around the southern end of the lake (from near Martha's around to Shaker Village) and were concentrated in shallow water and in or near tributaries. This is a logical sequela to the influx of nutrients from the tributaries fostering algal growth, especially exacerbated by the heavy rains of late.





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# Household Hazardous Waste 2023 COLLECTION DAYS



**All collections are 9:00 am—Noon**

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

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

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

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

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

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

### WHAT TO BRING:

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

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



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Regional Planning Commission**  
at (603) 448-1680 or  
[vdavis@uvlsrc.org](mailto:vdavis@uvlsrc.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](http://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.

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