## TOWN OF ENFIELD E-NEWSLETTER JUNE 2020

#### TOWN MANAGER WELCOME MESSAGE

#### Greetings!

Municipal officials and staff in the Town of Enfield are dedicated to promoting a high-functioning and close-knit community that appeals to all our residents and visitors. To this end, we are committed to providing accurate information and quality services to members of our community at all times. In the interest of helping to keep residents informed of important "goings on" in town, we produce a town-wide newsletter that is disseminated by email on a monthly basis to all



individuals who subscribe to the mailing list. Our hope is that the number of recipients on this list will continue to grow over time to ensure that most households receive these important updates.

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

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

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

Thank you for being a part of our community. We hope you find this and future newsletters both informative and enjoyable. Please don't hesitate to contact Ryan Aylesworth, Town Manager, at 603-442-5405 or <a href="mailto:raylesworth@enfield.nh.us">raylesworth@enfield.nh.us</a>, 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.

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#### **COVID-19 & YOUR TOWN GOVERNMENT**

We continue to provide news, notices and other updates on COVID-19 and your Town government at <a href="https://www.enfield.nh.us/covid-19-your-town-government">https://www.enfield.nh.us/covid-19-your-town-government</a>. We will continue to add new information from the Governor's Office as well as news and announcements affecting our residents, community and municipal operations.

You can sign up to receive email notices of updated content by going to <a href="https://www.enfield.nh.us/subscribe">https://www.enfield.nh.us/subscribe</a>, enter your email address and check those items you want notices of. We have three options for COVID-19 information: Urgent Alerts, News & Announcements and Upload File. Upload File will let you know when a new Emergency Order or State update has been uploaded to this page. Be sure to check the 'I am not a robot' checkbox (and follow any prompts you may receive) and click on Subscribe Me.

#### STAY AT HOME ORDER EXTENDED TO JUNE 15

On May 29, the Governor announced the release of Executive Order 49, which extends the existing State At Home Order through June 15. The order can be reviewed in detail here:

https://www.enfield.nh.us/sites/enfieldnh/files/uploads/governor\_emergency-order-49.pdf

More parts of the economy are being permitted to reopen, and the Governor announced new guidelines to let houses of worship open more broadly. The Governor said they will be limited to 40% capacity, and families must remain at least 6 feet apart. Places of worship are encouraged to continue conducting services online to allow those at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 to take part from home. Shared cups, books or plates should be avoided under the new guidance.

New rules were also announced about hotels and lodging. Sununu said hotels, motels and B&Bs can start taking reservations immediately from in-state residents for lodging beginning June 5. Anyone traveling from out of state must sign a document affirming that they have remained in their home for at least 14 days before arriving in New Hampshire. Facilities with 20 rooms or less may rent at full capacity, while larger facilities must limit capacity to 50%. Any business with outdoor entrances to rooms can book at full capacity, because

they don't have the same common areas as other hotels, such as indoor hallways.

#### COVID-19 - POLICE CHIEF MESSAGE ON FACE MASK REQUIREMENTS

Hello Enfield,

I know there has been some concern and questions raised on the Listserv and social media about compliance with the Governor's Emergency Order #40 and the Stay At Home 2.0. To clarify, Exhibit C of the Order (<a href="https://www.governor.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt336/files/documents/emergency-order-40-c.pdf">https://www.governor.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt336/files/documents/emergency-order-40-c.pdf</a>) requires all employees of certain businesses (retail, restaurants, etc.) to wear a cloth facemask at all times when they do/can have contact with customers.

I want to reassure everyone that the Town is taking appropriate action regarding reported violations of the order. The Police Department is working closely with the Town's Health Inspector in following up on violation reports. Violations are being documented and we are in contact with the Attorney General's office.

There have been questions about why the Police Department and not the Health Inspector has been carrying out enforcement of these complaints. This is because it is a criminal violation to not adhere to a Governor emergency order (RSA 21-P:47), and as such needs to be handled by law enforcement. The Attorney General's office has set up a specific process for handling the violations. The process is being followed and businesses that continue to violate the order can be issued fines up to \$20,000 by the AG's office.

If you observe a violation of the order and want to report it the AG's office, you can do so by contacting the following: email <u>EO40issues@dos.nh.gov</u> or call 603-271-1225

Thank you, and we hope everyone continues to adhere to any and all applicable laws and public health guidelines to promote health and safety.

Roy Holland Chief of Police

#### **TOWN MEETING & 2020 BUDGET**

The Town of Enfield has secured the Mascoma Valley Regional High School Auditorium for the rescheduled Town Meeting (now July 11), but we want to note that this is a fluid situation and it remains a high likelihood that these plans (i.e., timing and/or location) may change. In early-May, the Town Moderator formed a Town Meeting "logistics team" that has been actively exploring and evaluating the steps that can be taken to reduce risks to public health and safety should a Town Meeting ultimately take place. Along these lines, there has recently been discussion about the merits of convening the Town Meeting in the DPW Facility highway garage bay to allow for improved air circulation while avoiding issues that can arise from residents having to sit in fixed rows (which impede freedom of movement without violating social distancing guidelines).

The Town of Enfield has joined with the NH Municipal Association and many other towns across the state in advocating to the Governor for authorization to pursue alternatives to a traditional town meeting. This includes the ability for the Town's governing body (Board of Selectmen) to adopt a "default" operating budget (maintaining a bottom-line equivalent to the 2019 budget) and organize a special Town Meeting in the fall to act on warrant articles pertaining to loans/borrowing. We continue to wait for the Governor to render a final decision in this regard.

As was previously reported, the Town Manager (in close consultation with Department Heads) completed a thorough re-examination of the Town's proposed 2020 operating budget and 6-year Capital Improvement Plan to determine appropriate adjustments as a result of the financial and economic impacts stemming from COVID-19. Some of the more significant concerns pertain to projected losses in revenue, particularly from state sources (i.e., Meals & Rooms Tax revenue sharing). To this end, in late-April the Town Manager transmitted a detailed analysis of the present financial forecast and proposed numerous adjustments spanning all departments that could be made to the 2020 operating budget with the goal of identifying areas of expenditure reduction, stabilizing the Town portion of the property tax rate (\$7.33/\$1,000 in assessed value as of 2019), and simultaneously maintaining high-quality municipal services. The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee subsequently convened a joint meeting on May 19 to discuss the current state of affairs and move toward consensus with respect to desired adjustments in the 2020 operating budget.

#### **ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING**

Holding Town board and committee meetings using the Zoom video conferencing app has proven to be fairly successful. To join a Zoom meeting simply go to the Town's website at <a href="www.enfield.nh.us">www.enfield.nh.us</a>, find the meeting you want to attend on the calendar on the home page, click on the meeting heading and it will open up with all of the details. Simply click on the Zoom meeting

link and it will open a video window. (You may need to download the Zoom app, but it won't take long.) You can also join with audio only by calling one of the numbers provided. Join us at one of our upcoming Zoom meetings listed below. Those meetings highlighted in blue are already set up in Zoom and linked to meeting details. When a meeting begins, if you have problems connecting simply call the local number provided for assistance.

#### TOWN OFFICES RE-OPENING TO THE PUBLIC - EFFECTIVE JUNE 15

Beginning in late-March, due to the continued risk of COVID-19, the Enfield Town Offices began functioning under adjusted hours of operation to limit interpersonal contact among staff members and the general public. Since that time, the Town Offices have remained closed to the public, except by appointment for those services which require in-person transactions, such as new car registrations or marriage licenses. Most all transactions and other forms of business are currently being completed online or by phone.

It is our present assessment that Town Offices can be reopened on June 15, with the following modified procedures in place:

- Town Hall has been cleaned, and will continue to be thoroughly cleaned every evening.
- Hand sanitizer stations have been established throughout the building, and members of the public are asked to use such hand sanitizer prior to entering any Department.
- Plexiglass guards have been installed at the Town Clerk & Tax Collector customer service counters.
- Prior to reporting back to work, employees will let supervisors know if they need a cloth mask, and cloth masks will be provided to employees that need them.
- When possible, workstations will be separated by at least six feet. Wherever needed, 6' demarcations will be added to areas where people often wait for service.
- To the extent possible, we will maintain only one public entrance to Town Hall (via the rear parking lot), where masks and hand sanitizer will be available to the public.
- The back stairwell will be used as an exit to allow for one-way foot traffic.
- Access to the Offices beyond the lobby will be by appointment only.
- All visitors to Town Hall must wear masks. Signage for the public entrance will be posted which includes the following information:

#### ATTENTION ALL VISITORS:

For your health and the health of others, we require that you *use HAND SANITIZER AND WEAR A CLOTH FACE COVERING OR* 

DISPOSABLE MASK - COVERING BOTH YOUR MOUTH AND NOSE - while in the building. If you do not have a face covering, a mask will be provided to you. Visitors without face coverings will not receive service from Town employees. We want all Town employees and visitors to feel as safe as possible.

Occupancy is LIMITED so wait times may be longer than usual.

**ONE WAY** traffic – follow arrows.

Only **ONE** person in the vestibule at a time. Please wait until vestibule is empty before entering.

Only **TWO** individuals in the lobby at a time. Please wait until there is one or fewer individuals in the lobby before entering. Please maintain 6' social distancing at all times.

If you are not feeling well, we ask that you refrain from entering the building and instead make use of our online services which can be found at www.enfield.nh.us or call 632-5026 for assistance.

Thank you, in advance, for your patience and cooperation.

Please also remember that most transactions and other business you need to conduct at the Town Offices can be completed online via the Town's official website: <a href="https://www.enfield.nh.us">https://www.enfield.nh.us</a>

We thank you for your patience. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us:

- Town Clerk 603-632-5001 or townclerk@enfield.nh.us
- Tax Collector 603-632-4201 or whuntley@enfield.nh.us
- Assessing Administrator 603-442-5406 or jahuntley@enfield.nh.us
- Town Manager's Office 603-632-5026 or abonnette@enfield.nh.us

#### FIRST RESPONDER COVID-19 STIPENDS

In early-May, the Governor announced the establishment of the First Responder COVID-19 Stipend Program

(https://prd.blogs.nh.gov/dos/hsem/?page\_id=8466). The program, which is being funded from the \$1.25 billion in CARES Act funding that the State of NH received from the federal government, allocates stipends to first responders in the following way:

- o FT Police Officer \$300/week
- o FT Firefighter \$300/week

- o FT EMS Technician \$300/week
- o PT/Call Police Officer \$150/week
- o PT/Call EMS Technician \$150/week
- o PT Firefighter/EMS Technician (cross-trained) \$150/week
- o PT/Call Firefighter \$50/week

The eligibility period for this program is May 4 to June 30, 2020. In order to be eligible for the stipend, a member of the Police, Fire, or Ambulance departments must be in good standing and "active" (where active is defined as ready and willing to respond to calls involving interactions with the public).

#### JOB ANNOUNCEMENT - LIGHT EQUIPMENT OPERATOR

The Town of Enfield is accepting applications for the full-time position of Light Equipment Operator. The LE Operator works under the general supervision of the Highway Supervisor. Responsible for the skilled and safe operation of and routine preventative maintenance of assigned light duty trucks, light construction equipment, and hand and power tools used in the construction and maintenance of roads and other public works projects. The successful candidate will be required to live within a 30-minute response time to the Town. High school diploma or equivalent, plus at least one year of experience in road, bridge and sidewalk construction and maintenance work, and the operation of related light equipment. Strong preference for applicants already possessing a NH CDL Class B, but candidates willing to commit to obtaining their CDL Class B upon hire will be considered. Must be willing and able to work long and unpredictable hours as needed during periods of inclement weather (particularly during the winter months).

Interested parties should apply by June 12.

A detailed job announcement and application guidance can be found here:

https://www.enfield.nh.us/administration-town-manager/pages/employment-information

#### HISTORIC ENFIELD VILLAGE - MAIN STREET WALKING TOUR

COVID-19 has impacted our daily lives in a number of ways, including limiting many leisure activities that residents commonly engage in. If you are looking for an activity that is both fun and informative, we encourage you to complete a Main Street walking tour as outlined in this brochure produced by the Enfield Village Association:

https://www.enfield.nh.us/sites/enfieldnh/files/uploads/downtown enfield w

alking\_tour\_brochure.pdf

#### HIGH-SPEED/FIBER OPTIC CABLE INTERNET ACCESS

In recent weeks, an ad hoc committee comprised of local residents with interest and expertise in the telecommunications industry has been formed to identify and advance ways in which access to high-speed internet can be improved in the Town of Enfield. The Land Use & Community Development Administrator is serving as the staff lead on this effort. Although the NH FastRoads initiative resulted in a major build-out of



"middle mile" fiber optic cable throughout a majority of public roads in Enfield several years ago, the current owner of the fiber optic infrastructure (FirstLight) has signaled a lack of interest or willingness to connect new residential customers. Improving residential access to high-speed internet is essential for the Town of Enfield as it will help us attract and retain residents. The working group is exploring a variety of possible solutions, some of which may involve state or federal legislative active.

Interested in learning more about this effort? Contact Rob Taylor, Land Use & Community Development Administrator, at 603-442-5427 or planning@enfield.nh.us.

#### MUNICIPAL FACILITIES EVALUATION PROJECT UPDATES

The Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee (MFAC) last met on May 28 and will be meeting again on June 11. The conceptual designs/layouts for a renovated and expanded Whitney Hall and new public safety facility are very nearly complete, and the Committee and Bread Loaf (architecture firm) have engaged in many discussions centered around adjustments that could be made to the conceptual designs to manage costs without sacrificing value, and enhance the usability of the facility in the event of future pandemics.

It is the MFAC's goal to wrap up this stage of the project with Bread Loaf during the month of June and arrange for a meeting to present recommendations shortly thereafter. Members of the committee continue to be very mindful of the projected financial impacts of COVID-19, and fully recognize that the condition of the local, regional and national economy will

have implications for when (and if) the Board of Selectmen determines the time is appropriate to move forward on the committee's final recommendations.

It should also be noted that the Town of Enfield has submitted an "Intent to Apply" form relative to an LCHIP grant for rehabilitating Whitney Hall. The Town will be pursuing a grant in the amount of \$390,000. A full application will be prepared with assistance from Bread Loaf and submitted in late-June.

As a reminder, MFAC meetings are open to the public and meeting minutes are posted online (<a href="https://www.enfield.nh.us/municipal-facilities-advisory-committee">https://www.enfield.nh.us/municipal-facilities-advisory-committee</a>).

#### MASCOMA LAKESIDE PARK - PAVILION CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Members of the Mascoma Lakeside Committee would like to extend their appreciation to local architect Paul Mirski, who has been graciously providing pro bono design services and consultation in support of the Town's efforts to construct an open air pavilion at Mascoma Lakeside Park (reminder: the pavilion is being funded exclusively from a combination of private donations and a \$135,000 matching grant from the Northern Border Regional Commission). The committee will continue working closely with Mr. Mirski and others to ensure that the park is ultimately designed and developed in a manner that is consistent with the needs and values of our residents and visitors.

The deadline for contractors to submit proposals related to the construction of the open-air pavilion was May 15, and a subcommittee (including the Town's Building Inspector, who will serve as the Owner's Rep on the project) has been carefully reviewing the proposals and arranging for follow-up meetings with the contractors to help determine which direction the Town will go from here. The goal is to have the pavilion fully constructed and the project finalized by November 2020.

Although the committee has officially raised the additional \$135,000 in private funds needed to match (dollar for a dollar) a \$135,000 matching grant from the Northern Borders Regional Commission to help fund improvements to the park property (which is a major achievement), private fundraising efforts are still needed to ensure that we have



the financing required to complete all the planned improvements.

An online version of the pledge agreement can be accessed here:

http://www.enfield.nh.us/sites/enfieldnh/files/uploads/mlppledgeagreement.pdf

You may enclose a check with your completed pledge agreement, but if you'd rather pay later you may do that. Send in your donation when it's convenient, with the words "Mascoma Lakeside Park" clearly noted in the memo field. Or, you can choose to wait and a member of the Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee will contact you for payment on the date or dates you specify in your pledge. Thank you for your support! This is an incredibly important effort for our community.

#### ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

Please don't hesitate to contact the Town Manager at 603-632-5026 or <a href="mailto:raylesworth@enfield.nh.us">raylesworth@enfield.nh.us</a> if you have related questions or interest in lending your support to this important community project.

#### FIREFIGHTERS & EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL RECRUITMENT

If you are interested in helping to protect and care for people in your community, the Town of Enfield's Fire Department and Ambulance Service welcome the opportunity to talk with you. Both departments are "call" departments and participation requirements are flexible in recognition that members will be juggling other professional or personal obligations. Members are compensated on an hourly basis for time spent in training, responding to

calls, or other related activities. Relevant training and certifications (i.e., Firefighter I or II, EMR, EMT, AEMT, Paramedic, etc.) are highly desired, but formal training can be provided to individuals who are willing to make the commitment.

Crises like the COVID-19 pandemic serve as a sobering reminder of just how critically important first responders are, and we hope that you will seriously consider how you can help.

Interested parties should contact the Fire Chief (603-359-5206 or <a href="mailto:fcummings@enfield.nh.us">fcummings@enfield.nh.us</a>) or Ambulance Chief (603-304-9324 or <a href="mailto:efirefighter32@yahoo.com">efirefighter32@yahoo.com</a>). We hope to hear from you!

#### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

#### **Meter Reading**

The Town of Enfield Water/Sewer Department will be reading meters beginning June 22. Please clear obstacles and trim vegetation in front of the touch pads mounted on the side of building. Bills will be out the first week of July and will be due August 10, 2020. Bills can be monitored and paid using the online payment tool on the Town's Website.

https://www.enfield.nh.us/home/pages/online-payments

#### **Road Paving**

In early-May, the Town of Enfield published a request for proposals (RFP) relative to road paving (all of which is of course contingent on an approved 2020 operating budget that contains an appropriation for annual road paving). The bid submission deadline was May 20, 2020. The work includes the following:

- Reclaiming approximately 7,000' of pavement on four Enfield streets (Livingstone Lodge Road, Shaker Boulevard, Warren Road, and Bud Mill Road)
- Applying 2" base binder to approximately 7,000' on four Enfield streets (Livingstone Lodge Road, Shaker Boulevard, Warren Road, and Bud Mill Road)
- Machine shimming and placing 1.25" of one half inch top coat asphalt mix to overlay to one Enfield street (Livingstone Lodge Road) totaling approximately 3,600' in length.
- Providing up to 800 tons of top coat asphalt mix for the Town of Enfield to haul for grader shim and hand paving.

The Town received bids from four different vendors and is in the process of making a selection. Based on the available paving budget and the per unit prices quoted by the paving vendors, it is likely that the Town will elect to defer application of the 1.25" top coat on Livingstone Lodge Road until the summer of 2021. Putting the Livingstone Lodge overlay on hold for one year will also enable the DPW to direct funds toward asphalt repairs, crack sealing and grader shim for several streets that were recently resurfaced (these preventative maintenance actions significantly help extend the useful life of a paving project.

#### **Road Grading**

The Town Highway crew will be grading gravel roads throughout the summer. Motorists are urged to use caution when driving through these moving work

zones often with three or four working pieces of equipment.

#### **Brush and Yard Waste**

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

#### **Cemeteries**

Cemeteries are open. Please contact the new Cemetery Sexton, Bridget Labrie at (802-332-5363) to schedule a burial or purchase a lot. Please keep all decorations in line with the headstones to allow mowing operations to take place.

#### 2020 Transfer Station Stickers Available

2020 Transfer Station window stickers are available, free of charge, at the Enfield Transfer Station & Recycling Center or Enfield Town Offices. Proof of residency or property ownership is required. An Enfield vehicle permit sticker must be affixed to the window of your car or truck on the side window behind the front passenger's seat, or with regular cab pick-ups in the lower corner of the rear window behind the passenger.

Enfield Transfer Station stickers also permit you to use the Town beach parking lot on Mascoma Lake (on Route 4A opposite the beach and boat launch) and access to the driveway sand located at the DPW.

#### **Enfield Transfer Station Punch Cards**

In an effort to make the Transfer Station more efficient and also respond to deficiencies noted by the New Hampshire Department of Labor the Town of Enfield has implemented a punch card system that will take the place of all transactions by cash or check. Residents can purchase punch cards at the Town Office to be used to pay fees at the Transfer Station. Cards have a face value of \$25.00 and attendants have a hole punch tool that is used to punch the cards for the corresponding amount of the item being disposed of. Each card is broken up into five \$5.00 sections and all of the fee items listed below are also in \$5.00 increments. The Transfer Station attendants accepted cash

through the month of October, but this practice was discontinued in November. Checks will continue to be accepted for a period of time to give residents time to get to the Town Office to purchase the punch cards.

### ENFIELD TRANSFER STATION FEE SCHEDULE

(Effective June 3, 2019)

| CFC's (refrigerators, freezers, etc) | \$20 | Tires—14" and under, off rim (includes car, lawn tractor, light trailer and wheel barrow tires) | Two for \$5 |
|--------------------------------------|------|---|-------------|
| Computer Component                   | \$10 | Tires—Car/Light Truck, 15"-19", off rim   | \$5         |
| Computer Monitor, CPU, Printer       | \$20 | Tires—Truck, 20" and up, off rim  | \$10        |
| Fire Extinguisher                    | \$10 | Tires—Tractor/Equipment, off rim  | \$30        |
| Microwave                            | \$10 | Television—Small  | \$10        |
| Propane Tank 20#                     | \$10 | Television—Medium   | \$15        |
| Stereo Equipment/VCR/DVD Players     | \$5  | Television—Large or Console   | \$25        |

#### Please Use Curbside Trash and Recycling Services

In light of the current pandemic the Town encourages the use of the curbside trash and recycling services. By doing this it reduces contact with Town staff and others at the Transfer Station and handling of bag and receptacle surfaces is reduced. If is necessary to use the Transfer Station please unload as quickly as possible and exit. If possible, keep fee recycling items at home until the pandemic is over to limit the face to face contact needed to transact a fee charged recycling item.

Trash and Zero Sort recycling collected at the Transfer Station cost the Town of Enfield significantly more per ton than trash and recycling collected curbside due to extra hauling charges. Trash collected at the Transfer Station costs approximately \$30 per ton more than material collected curbside (when Transfer Station transportation fees are included). Zero-Sort recycling collected at the Transfer Station costs the Town over \$80 per ton more than recycling collected at curbside due to the extra hauling fees (when Transfer Station transportation fees are included).

Please do your part to <u>help keep our solid waste expenses down and reduce</u> possible exposure to COVID-19 in the process)!

#### **Hydrant Flushing**

Hydrant flushing will continue into early-June. The Town routinely flushes

water from the system to improve water quality and test emergency fire hydrant readiness. If you experience a loss of pressure it should only be temporary. Please wait 30 minutes before contacting the Town. This does not pertain to properties on NH Route 4A and in Shaker Village that are serviced by sewer only.

#### **Household Hazardous Waste**

See the flyer below for dates and item accepted (services are resuming June 6). There will be some new rules for drop off in light of the COVID-19 pandemic:

- Put waste in trunk or truck bed
- Stay in vehicle; do NOT get out for any reason
- Only people from participating towns; we will not be collecting money at the collection from anyone
- No waste containers returned
- Wear mask when near people with window on vehicle down
- The survey will be "what town are you from?" only; nothing will be handed out

Please do not hesitate to contact the Department of Public Works at 603-632-4605 or jtaylor@enfield.nh.us with any questions or concerns.

# Household Hazardous Waste 2020 COLLECTION DAYS



#### All collections are 9:00 am—Noon

Sat, May 2 - Lebanon High School CANCELED DUE TO COVID-19

Sat, June 6 —Claremont Highway Garage, 8 Grandview Street

Fri, July 17 and Sat, July 18— miss Friday? come Saturday!— Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street (off Route 120)

Sat, August 8—Newbury Highway Garage, 50 South Road (tricky location—watch for signs: Rt 103→Village Rd→South Rd)

Sat, October 3—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. Others residents and businesses welcome for a fee. ANYONE with 25 gallons or more or any business must pre-register by calling number below.

#### WHAT TO BRING:

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

...And much more...give a call or visit http://hhw.uvlsrpc.org



For information contact the

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



Alkaline batteries: 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.

Ammunition and explosives: State Police at 271-3636.

Asbestos: Get a licensed asbestos specialist. Asbestos is

hazardous to your health—don't even think about removing it yourself! Automotive batteries: Take to parts store for cash back or your transfer station Empty aerosol cans: Can be recycled with scrap metal. Talk to your town. 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. Medicine: See www.twinstatesafemeds.com for police stations taking meds. 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. Propane or helium tanks and fire extinguishers: Propane/helium tanks can be exchanged/refilled at a distributor; or contact town transfer station about empty tanks. Empty fire extinguishers can be recycled (NRRA takes from towns). Used motor oil: Take to town transfer station or a service station for recycling.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO: http://hhw.uvlsrpc.org

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT

June is here, along with the great summer weather as we finished out the month of May.

I know it has been difficult with the fight against COVID-19, but I wanted to let you know that we have been doing great as a community adhering to the Governor's orders and, because of that, Enfield is helping control the curve. On the subject of COVID-19, I want to pass on some information to our seasonal citizens. First, if you are coming to Enfield from out-of-state (whether for a brief stay or for the summer season) you need to self-isolate for 14 days, so please bring adequate food and other provisions to remain in quarantine for that entire time period. If you get here and you find you did not prepare well enough, please contact the Police Department and we will assist with what we can. Per the Governor's executive orders, if you travel out-of-state for more than 24 hours and have contact with people during your time away, you are also subject to the 14-day isolation guidelines. Please keep these guidelines in mind of you are making property you own available to use by others. If you have any questions about NH and the response to COVID-19 the Executive orders can be found on the Town's website (https://www.enfield.nh.us/covid-19-your-town-government) or by visiting: https://www.covidguidance.nh.gov/. The Town had been following the state guidelines on safety and social distancing when it comes to municipal operations. Signs have been placed at all parks, the beach and other areas to ensure residents and visitors are complying with current rules. If you have a question, please do not hesitate to call the station or the town office for clarification.

The Department has received several complaints recently regarding trash receptacles being left curbside after Casella has completed their pick-ups. Town ordinance allows rubbish and recycling toters to be placed out the night prior and requires that they be retrieved in the same day as pickup. <a href="https://www.enfield.nh.us/sites/enfieldnh/files/uploads/swordinance.pdf">https://www.enfield.nh.us/sites/enfieldnh/files/uploads/swordinance.pdf</a>. Please adhere to this requirement and remember that if an animal gets into your trash YOU are responsible for cleaning it up, not just on your lawn but wherever the debris has been deposited.

As the weather has gotten better, we have received increased complaints regarding speed and distracted driving. Speeding and distracted driving are our Town's leading cause of motor vehicle crashes. During June you will see officers doing dedicated patrols to combat this issue. Please be safe, put the phone down and slow down for your safety. The speed sign will continue to move around town to collect data on road speeds and car counts. If you would like to see it in your area please email Officer Crate at <a href="mailto:mcrate@enfield.nh.us">mcrate@enfield.nh.us</a>

Last, but not least, we want to congratulate all the Mascoma Regional High School graduates of 2020. We know the current situation has not allowed for the usual gatherings of family and friends, but we thank you for being socially responsible and good luck in your future endeavors. We would like to announce that the recipient of the first Enfield Police Benevolent Association scholarship is Hawk Shawn who will be pursuing a degree in Paramedic Science. The Enfield Police Benevolent Association is holding a golf tournament at our very own Montcalm Golf Club on July 27th. If you would like to sign up please contact Lieutenant Frye at <a href="mailto:lfrye@enfield.nh.us">lfrye@enfield.nh.us</a>. Proceeds will be used to advance the mission of the Enfield Police Department and to give back to members of the community.

Please call if you see something suspicious, we are here to serve you at all times of day or night. You can reach an officer by calling 603-632-7501 or through Hanover dispatch at 603-643-2222.

#### RECREATION

#### **Enfield Recreation**



**Enfield Recreation Camp** 

The Enfield Parks & Recreation Department has made a very difficult decision to DELAY all of our summer camp and swim lessons programming until Monday, July 6th at the earliest. Our unique summer camp settings do not allow for us to effectively adhere to the current social distancing guidelines with a gathering of nine people or fewer at this time, and we of course do not want to put the participants (staff, campers or anyone else involved) at risk.

Many factors were considered when making this decision. The issue that we faced in every scenario was how we can offer these programs safely. We felt it was in everyone's best interest to DELAY rather than cancel so we can explore options going forward after the State of NH issues new guidance with respect to parks and day camps. If we reach a point where a delayed start is not feasible and cancellation is warranted, we will, of course, announce that as soon as possible.

The Town of Enfield anticipates that it will make a final determination regarding the 2020 summer camp within the next week. Clearly, ensuring the safety of our camp staff and campers is our utmost priority. In addition to the benefits that summer camp experiences bestow to our youth, we fully recognize the value that summer camp provides parents who may otherwise find it logistically very challenging to reenter the workforce in the absence of a summer camp. Should the Town elect to operate its summer camp this season, we will be doing so in accordance with the guidelines established by the state:

https://www.covidguidance.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt381/files/inline-documents/2020-05/guidance-day-camps.pdf

In lieu of June Summer Camp we are planning to have a physical activity or mental challenge each day for youth, Monday through Friday, and will be posting them on our Parks & Recreation Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/EnfieldNHRecreation).

The Town of Enfield has parks, trails, and open spaces that provide opportunities for physical activity while also providing opportunities for health and wellness. Individuals are encouraged to use our parks, trails, and open spaces as safely as they are able while following current guidance to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

#### Town Parks and Shakoma Beach

Although Shakoma Beach and Town parks (Huse Park, Mascoma Lakeside Park and Shaker Athletic Fields) are open for passive recreational use, please take note of the signage that has been posted at these locations and be aware that organized group activities are still prohibited. It should be noted that the prohibition on using the Huse Park playground equipment also applies to the swings.

At present, Shakoma Beach is unstaffed (no lifeguards on duty) and swimming is completely at your own risk. It is possible that lifeguards will be deployed as we progress in the summer season. Social distancing guidelines are in effect.

Information and Registration for Enfield Recreation opportunities can be found at <a href="https://www.mvpr.recdesk.com">www.mvpr.recdesk.com</a>

Any questions about Enfield Recreation, please contact Ed Winters, Enfield Recreation Director, at <a href="mailto:recreation@enfield.nh.us">recreation@enfield.nh.us</a>

#### Mascoma Valley Parks & Recreation

The weather is warming up, so please remember to stay hydrated if you are

participating in physical activity. We encourage our community members to get outside and go for a walk, run or take a bike ride – use the Northern Rail Trail or any of the local hiking/walking trails in the Mascoma Valley. Please follow the social distancing recommendations from the CDC to keep you and other members of the community safe (they are listed at the end of this Regional Recreation update). Stay active, stay safe and stay healthy!

Challenger Sports Soccer Camp:

Our July camp is still on! Register early for camp and get all sorts of free stuff – like a soccer jersey, camp T-shirt and soccer ball! Challenger's International Soccer Camp is the combination of the most popular training sessions from the world's top soccer nations: Brazil, England, France, Spain, and the U.S.

Sessions will be led by a team of experienced International coaches and will be integrated with Challenger's iChallenge training app, which will help players develop skills and creativity.

#### Camp Week - July 20th -24th

https://challenger.configio.com/pd/212361

Tiny Tykes: 8:15am-9am (ages 2-5) Half Day: 9am-12pm (ages 6-16) Full Day: 9am-4:00pm (ages 7-16)

#### Challenger Virtual Soccer Camps Available in June

Starting June 1<sup>st</sup> Challenger will be offering Virtual Camps. They are hosted through a Zoom webinar with professional coaches. Enter "VieiraVIRTUAL" for a discount. All registrations will go

through https://www.challengersports.com/virtual/

These camps are professionally planned, filmed, and edited!



#### Community Health & Well Being During COVID-19:

Even though we are not offering in-person programs, we want to support the health and well-being of our community in any way we can during the COVID-19 outbreak. Here are some online resources that you might find helpful during a stressful or frustrating time.

#### **Workouts & Activities for Kids:**

Fitness Blender Kids Workout:

https://youtu.be/McD6\_oOWs-M

Indoor Activities & Games:

https://whatmomslove.com/kids/active-indoor-games-activities-for-kids-to-burn-energy/

The OT Toolbox:

https://www.theottoolbox.com/

#### Online Meditation Classes & Stress Management Resources:

Ten Percent Happier is offering a free Coronavirus Sanity Guide, designed to help you cope with this moment of uncertainty and anxiety-https://www.tenpercent.com/coronavirussanityguide

#### Yoga & Meditation Classes Online:

Zoom Yoga Class with Erin McCabe, Professional Yoga Therapist – Mondays at 5:30pm. Sign up here:

https://springschedule.as.me/?appointmentType=13737946

Ekhart Yoga is offering 12 free yoga and meditation classes, specifically designed to help relieve stress and anxiety-

https://relief.ekhartyoga.com/

Down Under Yoga Library: <a href="https://www.downunderyoga.com/online-yoga-library">https://www.downunderyoga.com/online-yoga-library</a>

#### YouTube:

HOME – A 30 Day Yoga Journey (Yoga with Adriene) <a href="https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLui6Eyny-UzzFFfpiil94CUrWKVMaqmkm">https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLui6Eyny-UzzFFfpiil94CUrWKVMaqmkm</a>

DEDICATE – A 30 Day Yoga Journey (Yoga with Adriene)

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLui6Eyny-UzzkcCfrpXcgUS0wfEGA-kej

Gentle Yoga for All Ages offered by Ekhart Yogahttps://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8y8cdkEPf0JBYjCwtu-43-XJDBHbuVM3

Ekhart Yoga YouTube Channel - <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFYsO0t3zj0eJ\_NcOlowTSA">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFYsO0t3zj0eJ\_NcOlowTSA</a>

#### **DHMC Aging Resource Center - Virtual Classes**

The Dartmouth-Hitchcock Aging Resource Center provides older adults, families, and community members with information, education, and support to help them live healthier and more informed lives. Now they are offering virtual classes on a number of topics. Follow the link for more detail!

https://www.dartmouthhitchcock.org/aging\_resource\_center/community\_classes\_and\_events.html

MVPR also has a virtual yoga group on Facebook to help encourage our community members to stay active and continue their yoga practices at home! Like and follow our event to join in. We have a 9am and 4pm virtual yoga class planned each day!

#### Virtual Yoga Class – MVPR Facebook Event:

Like and follow the MVPR Virtual Yoga Facebook Event and make a commitment to practice yoga in your home while our in-person classes are not being offered. Encourage a friend to join you! We will post new links in the discussion section and welcome others to share classes they've enjoyed – <a href="https://www.facebook.com/events/215966032845563/">https://www.facebook.com/events/215966032845563/</a>

#### Youth Theater Camp:

Registration for our youth theater camp is open and at this time we are still optimistic that we will be able to hold our annual camp! The camp is scheduled to take place August 3<sup>rd</sup> through August 8<sup>th</sup>.

No payment is due at the time of registration, so there is no risk of losing your money! Our online registration system is "invoice only"; therefore you will not need to pay for the program at the time of registration. If we are able to hold the camp, full payment will be due before the first day of camp (Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>).

#### https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Program/Detail?programId=252

#### Register before July to get the discounted registration fees.

This year, the Theater Camp will end the week with two performances of "The Emperor's New Clothes". These performances are free and open to the public. We hope to see you at the Mascoma Community Auditorium on Friday and/or Saturday for the shows!

Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 2pm and/or Saturday, August. 8<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in the Mascoma Community Auditorium

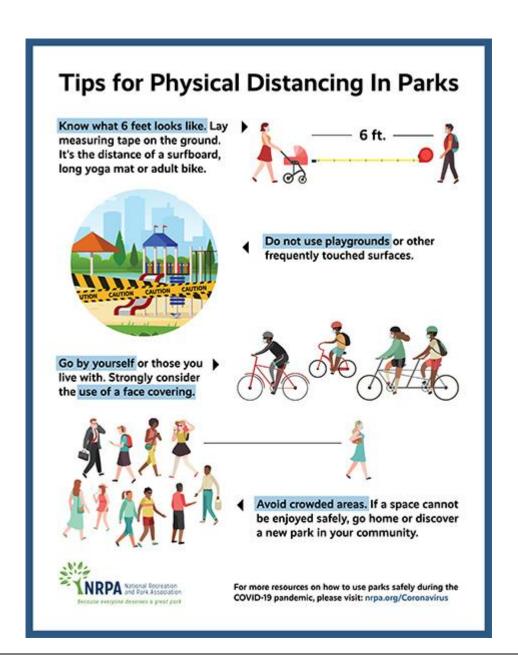


In addition to yoga & meditation to help relieve anxiety and stress, we also want to encourage our community members to remain active and get outside when the weather permits. Go for a walk along the Rail Trail or just meander around your back yard – whatever you are comfortable with!

If you do decide to head to a public park or go for a walk/bike/run on a public trail, please follow the recommendations from the National Recreation & Parks Association to help keep you safe on our public trails and in our public parks. Recommendations for trail users on observing social distancing minimums:

- Follow CDC's guidance on personal hygiene prior to heading to trails wash hands, carry hand sanitizer, do not use trails if you have symptoms, cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing, etc.
- Observe at all times CDC's minimum recommended social distancing of six feet from other people. Practice it and know what it looks like. Keep it as you walk, bike or hike.

- Warn other trail users of your presence and as you pass to allow proper distance and step off trails to allow others to pass, keeping minimum recommended distances at all times. Signal your presence with your voice, bell or horn.
- Note that trail and park users may find public restrooms closed be prepared before you leave and time outings so that you are not dependent on public restrooms.
- Bring water or drinks public drinking fountains may be disabled and should not be used, even if operable.
- Bring a suitable trash bag. Leave no trash, take everything out to protect park workers



Stay active, stay safe and stay healthy!

#### Follow MVPR on Facebook

If you are not already following the Mascoma Valley Parks & Recreation Facebook page, please consider checking it out. We post details about recreation programs and events, as well as pictures and updates for our events. Check out our page <a href="here">here</a>!



#### Upcoming & Ongoing Recreation Events, Programs and Activities:

For details about programs listed below and/or to register, please go to: <a href="https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Home">https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Home</a>

- Challenger Sports Soccer Camps
  - June Virtual Camps
    - www.challengersports.com/virtual
  - Week 2 July 20th -24th
    - https://challenger.configio.com/pd/212361
- MVPR Theater Camp Registration for theater camp opens on April 1st
  - o For students in Kindergarten 12th grade
  - o For details and to register online please click here

The programs listed below are postponed until further notice:

- Il Circolo Italiano Italian Conversation Club
- 30+ Adult Basketball
- Adult Volleyball
- Mascoma Valley Guitar Orchestra
- Line Dancing
- Bob Ross Style Painting Classes
- Enfield Market
- Tap & Primary Dance Club

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT

The members of the Enfield Fire Department wish all of you a great summer. Please follow all recommendations and guidelines from the State and Town to make sure you stay safe while we continue to navigate COVID-19.

The year has started off busy for us. For all of 2019, we did 139 calls. So far this year, we stand at nearly 90, and we still have seven months to go. There have been a wide variety of calls, including multiple structure fires. We want to remind you all to practice fire safety this summer. Be careful with backyard campfires - especially with it currently being so dry. You must contact a warden to obtain permits to burn brush. The only permit you can get online is for a campfire, and those permits are good all year. Please remember to call Hanover Dispatch before you light them at 603-643-2222. They will know if there is a burn ban in effect.

The Firefighters Association regretted having to cancel the Family Fair this year, but we have to do everything we can to make sure people are safe. We look forward to 2021 and making the fair better than ever.

Our main engine (Engine 5) garaged at the Union Street fire station will be going out of service for pump repair during the first couple weeks of June. During this time we have moved Engine 3 (our newest engine, which is normally garaged at the Enfield Center station) to the Union Street station and Engine 4 (the auxiliary engine typically housed at Union Street) to the Enfield Center station. The Department has made arrangements to have all of its hoses tested in July.

In late-summer or early-fall, we will be putting together a bid package for the replacement of Engine 4 and the existing rescue truck, combining them into one apparatus (fire-rescue pumper). The Town has applied for a federal grant for this vehicle. We hope to be successful.

Enjoy time with your families this summer. We will be here if you need us.

#### LAND USE & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Both of Enfield's land use boards (the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Adjustment) met earlier this month to discuss the COVID-19 crisis as it pertains to outdoor dining at area restaurants/food establishments as well as the use of campers and recreational vehicles for extra housing. The consensus from both boards was for the Town to show a little flexibility and latitude with regard to the enforcement of land use regulations in these areas. The members of both boards wish to be proactive during these very unprecedented times. We

understand the pressures that businesses and residents alike are experiencing. Simply put, if you have a restaurant, you can set up an outdoor dining area as prescribed by the governor's emergency order #40 without any Land Use repercussions for the duration of the emergency order. Of course, all health and liquor regulations remain in effect. If you have a camper or RV, you may use it during the pandemic for extra housing without observing the customary 3-week limitation normally prescribed for a lot with a residence on it. Provision still need to be made for the handling of septage and trash. These "relaxed limitations" will only be in effect while the COVID-19 emergency orders persist. Any questions regarding these issues may be directed to the Land Use Administrator, Rob Taylor, at 603-442-5427 or by emailing planning@enfield.nh.us

Due to the COVID19 pandemic, the Land Use and Community Development Office at the DPW facility is open only by appointments for visitors. Our front door is locked and the building and staff are practicing social distancing. We have successfully been able to work with people over the phone, by email, through in-person site visits (with proper PPE and distancing employed) and ZOOM online meetings. All hearings/ board meetings will continue using the ZOOM web meeting platform. Login information is always available on the Town website <a href="https://www.enfield.nh.us/">https://www.enfield.nh.us/</a>

Even though COVID19 has been influencing much of what we do, it appears as though a lot of "speculation" is happening in the real estate/development arena. Feel free to reach out to our office to discuss your idea, project or even your concerns. We are more than interested in helping you in any way we can. Remember, we are here to serve you and we work for you, the citizens Enfield. We hope you have a wonderful summer and that you stay safe!

As always, we are here to help. You may visit our offices (but by appointment please, for as long as we're navigating COVID-19!) at the DPW facility at 74 Lockehaven Road in person or call 603-632-4067. An email inquiry is possible as well, just send your note to <a href="mailto:planning@enfield.nh.us">planning@enfield.nh.us</a>. How can we be of service to you?

#### **ENFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Hello everyone, we hope that you are staying healthy. As we head into Week 12 of shut down, the question I am asked the most is "When is the library going to open?" The bad news is we probably won't be opening the physical building for a while. We are still following the Governor's stay-at-home order and I'm paying close attention to recommendations that inside gatherings should be avoided, especially in small areas.

So far, everyone has been very understanding and supportive of this. The next comment I hear is that what people really want is to return the items they've had out for months and get something new to read. Now I have some good news: we're working to get setup so that in the next few weeks we'll go back to offering porch pickup. We'll announce our plan on our website (<a href="https://www.enfield.nh.us/enfield-public-library">https://www.enfield.nh.us/enfield-public-library</a>), Facebook (<a href="https://www.facebook.com/Enfield-Town-Library-1633253913560565/">https://www.facebook.com/Enfield-Town-Library-1633253913560565/</a>), and the listsery, so keep an eye out.

We will also be announcing our Summer Reading plans soon. Like so much else in life right now, this will be a mostly virtual program. The State Library has purchased a program for tracking participation and we are attending training this week. We have also planned some non-screen activities for you to do at home.

In the mean time, enjoy the sunshine and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out. We love hearing from you and we so appreciate all the support we have gotten as we find our way through these unusual times.

Have questions about the public library? If so, please visit the library's website (<a href="https://www.enfield.nh.us/enfield-public-library">https://www.enfield.nh.us/enfield-public-library</a>) or contact the Library Director at 603-632-7145 or <a href="mailto:mhutson@enfield.nh.us">mhutson@enfield.nh.us</a> for assistance.

#### OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

I hope you and yours are healthy right now. It appears that things have slowly begun to get better, but we are not out of the woods yet.

We in the Town Clerk's Office are doing our best to meet your needs in the face of COVID-19. We had to make adjustments to our hours of operation, but we are open again on Wednesdays and are available during our customary hours of operation on Monday through Friday. Although Town Offices will be reopening in a couple of weeks, we are going to be instituting a number of procedures to help minimize people's exposure to one another. We are still strongly encouraging residents to take full advantage of the ability to complete many common transactions online. To review a list of the items you can process online, please visit here:

https://www.enfield.nh.us/home/pages/online-payments

We will also continue to transact certain business here in Town Hall that cannot be done electronically. This includes things like registering new motor vehicles and generating marriage licenses. All of this must be done **by appointment**, however.

Please don't hesitate to contact the Town Clerk at 603-632-5001 Ext. 5403 with any questions about motor vehicle registrations, boat registrations, voter registrations, dog licenses, marriage licenses, or other matters handled by the Town Clerk's office.

#### OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

Greetings all! A sure sign of the unofficial start to summer is that the first issue tax bills for the tax year 2020 are out, with a due date of July 1, 2020. Tax payments can be made online! The betterment assessment billings, water and sewer billings, gravel, timber and land use change taxes may also be made online. AND remember that paperless billing is also available! Payments made by electronic check on line have an additional flat fee of \$0.95. Payments by credit card have an additional fee of 2.95%. To make a payment online, from the home page, click on the online payments button and this will transfer to a new screen of options. Click on Tax Collector online payments and just follow the instructions from there. (Hint: when searching, use as few words as possible, such as house number and road name. Refrain from using St, Rd, Ave, Lane, etc.) Or just enter your last name and a list of possible answers will show on the right of the screen. If you need to be walked thru this process, please do not hesitate to contact me.

My email address is whuntley@enfield.nh.us or, to reach me by phone, call 603-632-4201 x 5404.

Currently, we are still only accepting payments by mail, online or placed in the night drop. As a reminder, when we do reopen the lobby, payments for taxes or utilities over the counter may be made by cash or check only. I hope everyone enjoys the summer, stay healthy and stay safe!

#### **BUILDING, FIRE & HEALTH INSPECTOR**

I hope all in the community are well. Our social distancing and face mask wearing practices are working. Thank you all for the continued efforts.

As a reminder to all undertaking projects while you are at home, the Building Department is conducting inspections as we can safely do so during this unusual time. The permit process is still in place, we are able to accept these by email or by the postal system. The time for approval has not increased dramatically; thank you for your patience.

Take time to check your smoke and carbon dioxide alarms, as we're home more the chances for an accident also increases. Stay safe.

Do not hesitate to contact the Town's Building, Fire & Health Inspector at 603-632-4343 or <a href="mailto:pneily@enfield.nh.us">pneily@enfield.nh.us</a> with any questions related to COVID-19 or other issues pertaining to public health.

#### **HUMAN SERVICES**

There are several new programs open to Enfield residents on the NH Department of Health & Human Services website along with the Employment Security Office. Related information can be found here:

#### DHHS (Establishes Emergency Child Care Collaborative)

https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/documents/emer-child-care.pdf

#### **New Hampshire Employment Security**

http://www.nhes.nh.gov

#### \*\*New Federal Unemployment Benefits\*\*

The Federal CARES Act was enacted March 27, 2020. This includes an additional \$600 per week in unemployment compensation (maximum of \$1,027 possible) for all individuals filing in New Hampshire until July 31st. It also provides an additional 13 weeks of eligibility on top of the existing 26 weeks. We expect these new benefits to be available very soon and have been working around the clock to implement as quickly as possible. Please continue to file your claims and check this website for updated information. There is nothing you need to do to access these new benefits other than continue to file your weekly claims.

If you have questions about financial assistance being offered as part of the larger state and national COVID-19 response, or questions about financial assistance availability in general, please don't hesitate to contact Diane Heed, Human Services Director, at <a href="mailto:dheed@enfield.nh.us">dheed@enfield.nh.us</a> or 603-442-5429

#### MASCOMA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

The Mascoma Community Health Center is now offering **on-demand testing** for COVID-19. If you are currently feeling sick and worried it might be COVID-19, please give us a call to set up an appointment for a test. **We will take care of you!** 

If you were previously sick and want to learn if you have developed antibodies against COVID-19, please give us a call to set up an appointment for a test. **We will take care of you!** 

The providers at Mascoma Community Health Center have been here throughout the COVID-19 crisis taking care of all your health-related needs.

Call 603-523-4343 - We Will Take Care of You!

#### **UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS (SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**

Not knowing whether social distancing due to the COVID-19 pandemic will continue or if there will be an opening up of restrictions on meeting in groups, we are assuming online meetings via Zoom video conference for the month of June. Meeting notices are included on the calendar on the Town's website at <a href="https://www.enfield.nh.us">www.enfield.nh.us</a> and specifics on location, including joining the meeting via Zoom if applicable, will be posted there. Once the need for social distancing has been lifted, meetings will once again be held at a physical location.

- June 1 @ 6:00 PM (via Zoom) Board of Selectmen
- June 2 @ 3:30 PM (via Zoom) Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee
- June 9 @ 7:00 PM (via Zoom) Zoning Board of Adjustment
- June 10 @ 7:00 PM (via Zoom) Planning Board
- June 11 @ 6:00 PM (via Zoom) Cemetery Trustees
- June 11 @ 6:30 PM (via Zoom) Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee
- June 15 @ 6:00 PM (via Zoom) Board of Selectmen
- June 16 @ 3:30 PM (via Zoom) Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee
- June 22 @ 6:30 PM (via Zoom) Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee
- June 23 @ 6:00 PM (via Zoom) Energy Committee
- June 24 @ 7:00 PM (via Zoom) Planning Board
- June 25 @ 4:30 PM (via Zoom) Heritage Commission
- July 6 @ 6:00 PM (Location to be announced) Board of Selectmen
- July 7 @ 3:30 PM (Location to be announced) Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee
- July 8 @ 7:00 PM (Location to be announced) Planning Board
- July 9 @ 6:00 PM (Location to be announced) Cemetery Trustees
- July 13 @ 6:30 PM (Location to be announced) Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee
- July 14 @ 7:00 PM (Location to be announced) Zoning Board of Adjustment

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In lieu of the Community Bulletin Board on the Town's website we now use a Community & Business Calendar of Events which you'll find on the Community & Business main page: <a href="https://www.enfield.nh.us/community-businesses">https://www.enfield.nh.us/community-businesses</a>. Previous posts on the Community Bulletin Board that were informational in nature, but not events, can be found under the appropriate department page. For instance, Friends of Mascoma Food Pantry information can be found on the Human Services page under Food Assistance.

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

#### =========RECENT NEWS FROM PAST ISSUES=========

#### FRIENDS OF MASCOMA

As was previously reported, the current health crisis has forced us to close our public food pantries in Enfield and Canaan. The MVRSD pantry located in the High School is also closed. The schools have done a wonderful job of continuing their food programs during this time.

To continue providing access to food FOM has partnered with our local law enforcement and other designated emergency response contacts in each of our five towns of Canaan, Dorchester, Enfield, Grafton and Orange. We can offer emergency food bags/boxes to residents in need once a week. Please be aware that this could change as new developments occur. There are volunteers "behind the scenes" that have been making this possible. Thanks to our wonderful caring community for being so responsive. We are overwhelmed by the financial support we have received in recent weeks and the continued support of our loyal volunteers during this time. We thank you and we will follow up when and if we need more volunteers. If interested, you can make a contribution on our website here: <a href="http://friendsofmascoma.org/donate">http://friendsofmascoma.org/donate</a>

We are still meeting our partners at Willing Hands every week and we are traveling to the New Hampshire Food Bank. Those partnerships allow us to distribute things like apples, bread, onions, eggs, and potatoes in addition to non-perishable items. Only with the support of local law enforcement and emergency services teams we have been able to distribute food via this new program. We could not do what we've been doing without their support! Thank you!

- To access our food weekly, you must pre-register by each Friday by 3:00 PM. Please send the requested information (see below) to Eula at <a href="mailto:Elkozma@friendsofmascoma.org">Elkozma@friendsofmascoma.org</a> with the subject heading BOX ORDER. You may also call Eula at 603.632.4542 and leave a detailed voice message.
- Please remember we are traditionally a three-day emergency food pantry system and agents of the New Hampshire Food Bank located in Manchester, NH. This is an entirely new system for us and will not be the same as our standard operations. We will do our best with what supplies we have available to us to pass on to those who are in need at this time.
- Food will be distributed every Tuesday at the following places from 4pm-6pm:
  - Canaan Fire Department, Enfield Police Station parking lot and the Grafton Police Department
  - Each site may have a procedure to have minimal personal contact.
     Please observe the setup. Your food bag/box will be denoted in some way.
- We will adjust and adapt these policies and procedures each week. The health and safety of our volunteers, shoppers and local law enforcement is our top priority. We will continue to offer this type of food distribution as long as we feel that we can do so while maintaining the health and safety of everyone involved. Please do not plan on delivering your form. We all need to limit our direct contacts with each other during this time. Be safe!

This is the information that we need:

| Emergency Food Box Form  |        |  |
|--------------------------|--------|--|
| Shopper Name:            |        |  |
| Shopper DOB:             |        |  |
| Shopper Address: STREET: |        |  |
| TOWN:                    | _ ZIP: |  |

| Shopper Email or Phone #:                |     |                |        |  |  |
|--|-----|----------------|--------|--|--|
| Size of Household: # of Adults Children: | s:  | _# of Seniors: | _ # of |  |  |
| PICK UP AT DESIGNATED SITE:              |     |                |        |  |  |
| NEEDS DELIVERY CIRCLE ONE:               | YES | NO             |        |  |  |
| QUARANTINED CIRCLE ONE:                  | YES | NO             |        |  |  |
| NOTES:                                   |     |                |        |  |  |

#### OFFICIAL TOWN WEBSITE - SUBSCRIBE TO NEWS & ALERTS

Many receiving this e-newsletter have already done so, but for those who get the link from other sources, we encourage you to subscribe to News & Alerts on our Town website. <a href="https://www.enfield.nh.us/subscribe">https://www.enfield.nh.us/subscribe</a>
Enter your email address. For general News & Announcements, which includes notice of this newsletter) check the box for **Town News & Announcements**. Check boxes for any other information you want to receive directly to your email address, such as meeting agendas or minutes. Check the box **I'm not a robot**, then click "Subscribe Me." It's as easy as that.

We plan during the coming year to more fully utilize the News & Announcements for various departments. This year we began with updates on the Assessing Department page of the progress of the full town-wide revaluation of property. Community news items appear on the Community & Businesses page – check it out!

#### ENFIELD COMMUNITY BUILDING TEMPORARILY CLOSED

Due to COVID-19 and our inability to sanitize the space before uses, for the

safety of our residents the Enfield Community Building has been closed for all events since March 17<sup>th</sup>. The building will continue to be closed to events until at least June 15. At that time we will reassess the situation and either lift the moratorium on rentals or extend it. Until such time no reservations of the space will be made.

Questions about the Community Building should be directed to Alisa Bonnette, Assistant Town Manager, at abonnette@enfield.nh.us or 603-632-5026.

#### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

#### Water Saving Tips to Help You Save Money on Your Next Water/Sewer Bill

- **1.** Check faucets and pipes for leaks. A small drip from a worn faucet washer can waste 20 gallons of water per day. Larger leaks can waste hundreds of gallons.
- **2.** Check your toilets for leaks. Put a little food coloring in your toilet tank. If, without flushing, the color begins to appear in the bowl within 30 minutes, you have a leak that should be repaired immediately. Most replacement parts are inexpensive and easy to install.
- **3.** Use your water meter to check for hidden water leaks. Read the house water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter does not read exactly the same, there is a leak.
- **4.** Install water-saving shower heads and low-flow faucet aerators. Inexpensive water-saving low-flow shower heads or restrictors are easy for the homeowner to install. Long, hot showers can use five to ten gallons every unneeded minute. "Low-flow" means it uses less than 2.5 gallons per minute (gpm). Also, all household faucets should be fit with low-flow aerators. 2.5 gpm may be needed in a kitchen sink but bathroom faucets and other water outlets should be 1.5 gpm or lower. Check gpm rating on packaging to be sure the advertised "low-flow" is at or below these levels. This single best home water conservation method is also the least expensive!
- **5.** *Insulate your water pipes.* It's easy and inexpensive to insulate your water pipes with pre-slit foam pipe insulation. You'll get hot water faster plus avoid wasting water while it heats up.
- **6.** *Take shorter showers.* One way to cut down on water use is to turn off the shower after soaping up, then turn it back on to rinse. A fourminute shower uses approximately 20 to 40 gallons of water. Limit your showers to the time it takes to soap up, wash down and rinse off.
- **7.** Turn off the water after you wet your toothbrush. There is no need to keep the water running while brushing your teeth. Just wet your brush and fill a glass for mouth rinsing.
- **8.** Rinse your razor in the sink. Fill the sink with a few inches of warm

- water. This will rinse your razor just as well as running water, with far less waste of water.
- **9.** Use your dishwasher and clothes washer for only full loads. Automatic dishwashers and clothes washers should be fully loaded for optimum water conservation. Most makers of dishwashing soap recommend not pre-rinsing dishes which is a big water savings. With clothes washers, avoid the permanent press cycle, which uses an added 20 liters (5 gallons) for the extra rinse. For partial loads, adjust water levels to match the size of the load. Replace old clothes washers. New Energy Star rated washers use 35 50% less water and 50% less energy per load. If you're in the market for a new clothes washer, consider buying a water-saving frontload washer.
- **10.** Keep a bottle of drinking water in the fridge. Running tap water to cool it off for drinking water is wasteful. Store drinking water in the fridge in a safe drinking bottle.

#### How to Improve Recycling

To improve the quality of materials that residents place in their recycling bins, Casella (the Town's contracted solid waste service provider) has created a new video for customers to watch. This video is just one component of a campaign centered on Casella's Recycle Better<sup>TM</sup> campaign.

It is Casella's stated goal to not only invest in recycling technology to improve its outbound materials, but to also educate its customers to do their part to ensure the sustainability of recycling. Consumers, businesses, and municipalities alike must learn to Recycle Better for cleaner, less contaminated material to be delivered to Casella facilities. We encourage you to share this video with your friends, family, and colleagues. The video can be accessed here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LdvboQQWUc8

#### The "Don't" of Recycling





NO Plastic Bags or Bagged Recycling (Take clean plastic bags to your

local retailer for recycling)



NO Coated Paper Items (Items with a plastic lining such as waxed coffee or soda cups & waxed paper plates)



NO Disposable Items
(Styrofoam'', napkins, paper towels, tissues,
plastic utensils, dirty recycling, register tape,
condiment packets, straws, stirrers & coffee pods)



NO Toys, Hangers, Clothes or Shoes (Gently used items can be donated)



NO Waste or Wood (Rope, twine, diapers, food, pet & yard waste)



NO Plastic Wrap, Films or Tarps (Food bags or wrappers, plastic or shrink wrap & tarps)



NO Hazardous Materials (Check for alternative recycling)



NO Rubber or Scrap Metal (Check for alternative recycling)



NO Medical Waste (Find safe and secure disposal near you)



NO Ceramics, Pots, Pans or Baking Glass (Gently used items can be donated)



NO Electronics, Lithium Batteries or Bulbs (Check for alternative recycling)

WHEN IN DOUBT, KEEP IT OUT! • For more information visit casella.com or call 800-CASELLA

#### PROPERTY RECORDS AND MAPS

Did you know that property records and GIS maps with various layers, including wetlands, topography, etc., are available on our website? Simply go the Assessing Department page at <a href="http://www.enfield.nh.us/assessing-department">http://www.enfield.nh.us/assessing-department</a> and click on GIS Maps & Property Record Cards link.

#### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!**

Do you want to become more involved in your community? Then you're in luck! Several volunteer positions are still open. You can access our Application for Committee Membership here:

http://www.enfield.nh.us/sites/enfieldnh/files/uploads/membershipapp\_0.pdf

Do you love our wide selection of recreation programs for children and adults alike? Then join our **Recreation Commission!** We currently have four openings. This group works with the Enfield Recreation Director to develop a wide variety of recreation programs for residents of all ages. The Recreation Commission meets the third Tuesday of each month (meetings typically take place in the Whitney Hall conference room in the Enfield Town Offices, but these meetings are being postponed due to COVID-19). You can see what the committee has been up to on their webpage here:

http://www.enfield.nh.us/parks-recreation

Do your interests lie in economic development? Then the **Tax Increment Finance District Advisory Committee** may be for you. This committee currently has three openings for a five-member committee. Applicants for this committee must live within the Enfield TIF District or immediately adjacent to it or own a business in the TIF District. This committee, advisory to the Board of Selectmen, is charged with maintenance and implementation of the District Plan. The TIF Committee meets on an as needed basis, generally less than once a month, at the convenience of its members.

Or perhaps your interests lean toward Planning or Zoning. The Planning Board reviews and makes determinations on site plans and the **Planning Board presently has openings for alternate members**. Meetings of the Planning Board are on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. The Zoning Board of Adjustment is a quasi-judicial body that has the responsibility for special exceptions and variances of the Town Zoning Ordinance. We have openings for **Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) alternates**. Meetings of the ZBA are the second Tuesday of each month (as needed).

Release your inner party planner! Join our **Old Home Days Committee!** Many hands make light work! This group organizes our annual Old Home Days Celebration which takes place the last full weekend of July. The Old

Home Days Committee meets the first Wednesday of each month from February – July at 5:30 PM, with a couple of additional meetings in June and July as needed to prepare for the festivities.

Regrettably, we have canceled 2020 acitivities due to COVID-19, but the Committee looks forward to planning events for a 2021 celebration.

2019 was a successful weekend of Old Home Days! Check out the events held in 2019:

https://www.enfield.nh.us/sites/enfieldnh/files/uploads/ohdflyer2019.pdf
And check out the Enfield Old Home Days Facebook page!
https://www.facebook.com/EnfieldOldHomeDays/



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- Check the box for "Town News" under the News & Announcements sub-section
- Click the "Send My Request" navigation button at the bottom of the page