

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
- Enter your email address in the “Your Email” field.
- Check the box for “Town News & Announcements” Check the “I am not a robot” box and follow the prompts
- Click the “Subscribe me” navigation button at the bottom of the page

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

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



A Message from Enfield's Town Manager

With the celebration of Memorial Day weekend, we are officially entering the summer season. I hope everyone had a chance to get outside and enjoy the beautiful weather we had. I would like to thank the Enfield Police Department for organizing a great Memorial Day parade and ceremonies and all the volunteers who participated and helped make the parade a success. Many people turned out to pay their respect for those military veterans who paid the ultimate sacrifice to protect the freedoms that we all enjoy.

As you may know, there are many projects going on around Town. DPW continues to work with our contractor and engineers to complete the new water line project and the video scoping of the sewer line system. We are also working on test wells to locate areas where we can install a new well to increase water capacity. We have also bid out and awarded, and are in preparation for this year's paving projects.

In addition to DPW projects, the Town continues to work on the two building projects and are finishing final design and preparing bid documents for the mechanical, electrical, plumbing and fire protection systems for both the public safety building and Whitney Hall projects. I am also working with our engineers to complete the site design and subdivision plans for the purchase of the public safety building lot.

On the planning front, we have a few projects in the works as well. The Select Board has started their strategic planning work, to help set long term goals and guidance for town operations. We plan to have a couple workshops throughout the summer and use the recently adopted Master Plan for guidance for creating these strategic objectives, that will guide projects and budgeting over the next several years. We have also started our compensation study that will help us understand how our pay compares to other towns and jobs in our area and around the state. This study will also complete an update of our job descriptions, the creation of a long-term compensation plan, a benefits comparison, and will analyze employee satisfaction. We look forward to the outcomes of this study so we fully understand how we compare as an employer to our peers.

Besides projects, summer recreation is starting soon with summer camp beginning at the end of the month, the Enfield Farmers Market is in full swing, and we look forward to many events throughout the summer months. I look forward to seeing everyone out and about.

Ed Morris,
Town Manager



Introducing New Enfield Logo

On March 21, 2023, the Select Board established an ad-hoc committee consisting of the Town Manager and representatives from Enfield Village Association, the Heritage Commission, the Recreation Commission, the Select Board and town staff, for the purposes of creating a logo for the Town of Enfield and presenting the logo and its meaning back to the Select Board for final approval.

I am happy to present to you the newly adopted Town of Enfield logo!



The committee started by brainstorming ideas that represent the Town of Enfield with the Shaker heritage, outdoor resources, and outdoor recreation being the primary focal points. There was also emphasis put on Whitney Hall and its prominence in Town. These primary focal points align with what the Master Planning Task Force found in the extensive public input campaign and is documented in the Town's Master Plan. On page 9 of the Master Plan it shows the guiding principles of the plan is that Enfield would be a Town that:

- **Protects its natural resources.**
- **Honors their Unique History**
- **Reinforces traditional New England Settlement**
- **Supports the rural Character while embracing technology.**
- **Maintain and enhance public recreation.**
- **Provides safe transportation, including trails, paths, sidewalks and bike lanes.**
- Expands Housing options

The logo encompasses all the primary focal points of the branding committee and represents many of the aspects discovered throughout the master planning process. The three waves at the bottom of the logo signify the water and rolling hills that make up Enfield's natural resources and create the rural character we find so special. The waves also embody the outdoor recreation that is such a significant part of our town. The grey wave on top mimics the Queen Anne style roof structure of Whitney Hall and is similarly shaped to the Shaker ladder back chair. Whitney Hall is a prominent symbol of our history including the traditional New England settlement pattern with our downtown focused around the mills that used the river and railroad. As we know now the rail trail is a cornerstone of outdoor recreation opportunities and provides a safe easy way to traverse along the lake shore through the village and commercial areas of town, and connects Enfield with surrounding communities through an alternative transportation corridor. The symbolism of the ladderback chair pulls in the Shaker heritage.



Though not purposeful, I feel the clean simple nature of the logo also symbolizes the simple nature of the town's Shaker heritage with the clean blocky letters and the overall simplicity of the design. Another member of the committee thought the word ENFIELD with the grey wave coming off the D looked like steam coming out of a train that embodies the significance of the railroad in the development of our community and embraces the rail trail which is a gem of our outdoor recreation assets. Again, this was not planned, but it is fun to see all the things people pull from the logo.

At the branding committee meeting on April 6th the committee, with one member absent, unanimously recommended this logo be presented to the Select Board for approval. On May 1 the Select Board voted unanimously to adopt the design presented as the Town's new official logo.

Ed Morris
Town Manager

Non-Native Invasive Plant Management Plan

The May 6th Invasive Plant Identification & Removal Workshop was a big success with about 20 individuals attending. For those who were unable to attend you can find online the

- [Final Non-Native Invasive Plant Management Plan](#)
- [Video presentation](#) of the plan, made to the Select Board on April 17th. The presentation begins at about the 15:08 minute mark.

Cardigan Mountain School CORE Project

Cardigan Mountain School has an outdoor spring sports option known as CORE - Cardigan Outdoor Recreational Experiences. Over the past couple of years, they have hiked the Harris Brook Trail around the Enfield Reservoir and crossed the bridge where the water exits the lake over a dam. The group of seven middle school boys and two adults took it upon themselves to strengthen the bridge by adding new pressure treated beams to the underside of the existing bridge. The repairs have made the bridge significantly stronger and added to the safety and longevity of the bridge.



"Before" photo - before we removed the bridge from its location and set it on the shore to make the repairs.



Installing timber screws to attach the double 4 x 4s together.



Plywood "gussets" were installed on either side of the double 4 x 4s to splint them together



Reconstructed, stronger bridge.

The Town would like to thank the Cardigan Mountain School CORE boys and volunteer adults for this worthwhile and well done project!

Department & Committee Reports

Building Inspector/Health Officer

Recently there have been news reports of a lack of home care workers for older people, and it is well known that for many retirees the cost of nursing homes is daunting. According to the U.S. Census Bureau older Americans overwhelmingly want to stay in their homes and “age in place.” However, only 6.7% of homes in New England, and 10% nationwide are built to accommodate age in place arrangements.

Over the next 10 years, the size of the American population 65 years and older is projected to grow by 17 million people and is estimated to comprise 25% of the population by that time. The design, function and layout of homes is paramount to the ability of older people to live safely at home. More than a quarter of all households with an adult 65 years or older reported trouble using some feature of their existing home, and that figure doubles for adults over 85.

Steps and stairways are the most common problem areas of the home. Nearly 11 million older Americans have serious difficulty walking or climbing stairs. Nearly 4 million have difficulty bathing or dressing themselves. Bathrooms also pose considerable risks for slip and fall hazards. More than half of bathroom injuries are directly related to using the shower and getting into or out of the bathtub.

A home is considered to be ready to accommodate an age in place arrangement when it has a step-free entry, a bedroom and full bathroom on the first floor, grab bars at the toilet and shower/tub, and a shower seat for full sized showers.

This month the building inspector/health officer attended training on the Fair Housing Act (FHA) which applies to new apartment housing. By federal law the features in apartments required by the FHA are intended to prevent discrimination against persons with disabilities. However, many of these same features would also apply in a practical way to age in place single-family homes.

Residents who are considering new home construction or remodeling projects are urged to review FHA guidelines during the planning process. [Fair Housing Act Design Manual | HUD USER](#)

The FHA guidelines have six requirements that will translate directly to a single-family home construction or remodeling project:

1. Accessible building entrance on an accessible route.
2. Usable doors.
3. Accessible route into and through the dwelling.
4. Light switches, electrical outlets, and thermostat locations.
5. Reinforced walls for grab bar installation.
6. Usable kitchen and bathrooms.

These six FHA requirements, as translated to single-family homes, can be summarized succinctly as follows: Install 3 foot wide doors at the house entry and at all interior doors; use lever hardware instead of doorknobs; install all light switches and outlets no higher than 44 inches above the floor; ensure a 30 inch by 48 inch floor space is available on both sides of all doors; make sure all hallways are at least 3 feet wide; install wood blocking between studs at the toilet and shower locations; and if a fiberglass shower is used make sure it is one of the models that has integral blocking for future grab bar installations.

The building codes have requirements for stair construction and clearances around toilets and showers. I would also suggest adding blocking on both sides of stairways for handrails, even though residential code only requires

handrails on one side in most situations. And a hand-held shower head is also very useful and allows a person to sit or stand still instead of rotating under the wall mounted shower head.

Cemetery Department

A big, Thank You, to our Boy Scout Troop 44 for helping to replace our veterans flags throughout our cemeteries.

Thank you to Neal Meagher for his service as a Cemetery Trustee. We wish him well on his next adventure. Neal's resignation from the Board of Cemetery Trustees leaves a vacancy to be filled. If you're interested in serving on this board simply complete an [Application for Board/Committee Membership](#) and email it abonnette@enfield.nh.us. If you have questions about what the position entails, contact Bridget at cemetery@enfield.nh.us

Please remember that all items placed at gravestones need to be on or flush to the stone base, secured so they do not blow away and only potted plants. This allows our grounds team to efficiently care for our cemetery grounds. All items need to be removed by November 1st.

The Trustees next meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2023. As always please contact Bridget with any questions at cemetery@enfield.nh.us

Burials can take place between April 15th and November 15th with considerations around the weather and how soft/wet the ground is. Please contact Bridget to schedule burials. You can also find general information on the rules and regulations of the cemeteries here: <https://www.enfield.nh.us/cemetery-department/files/rules-regulations>

Energy Committee

Remember, Community Power launched throughout the state in May. For most people in Enfield, the electric bill you receive in June will be the first month with energy from Enfield Community Power!

The bill we receive is for electricity we used the previous month. The meter reading done in May will be for electricity used during mid-April through mid-May. That bill will be due in June. The following billing cycle will be include the lower rates of Enfield Community Power. Meter reading done mid-June for electricity used during mid-May to mid-June. You will receive this bill in June. These will be Community Power rates

Whichever option you chose will be in effect for electricity use in May, June and July. Electricity bills due in July, August and September will be this rate. Granite Basic rate of 15.8 c/kWh will be the default option. New rates will be announced at the end of July.





JUNE 2023 at ENFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

IT'S SUMMER READING TIME!

This year's **Summer Reading** theme is "**All Together Now**," a celebration of kindness and community. **Kick off is June 26!**

How to Participate

Help us build our **Kindness Chain!**

- Kids: Fill out the bingo card you received at school
- Everyone: Bring in a food item for the local food pantry. Items in high demand in the summer include **condiments**, such as ketchup and mayo, and **side dishes** (rice or pasta sides, etc.)
- Tell us an act of kindness you performed
- Read a book about kindness or community



Each week we'll have a new craft: Friendship cards, friendship bracelets, clothespin butterflies, and more!

Prizes!

- All kids receive a prize for participating
- Teens and adults will be entered in a raffle for a King Arthur Baking gift basket (first prize), and gift cards for local businesses (2nd and 3rd prize)

REGULAR PROGRAMS

MORE Basics of Altered Books

June 6, 1:00 pm

So much to learn, we're doing a continuation. Join us at the library for more basics of how to turn old books into art. Supplies and tools included. Please RSVP.

Poet Tea

Join us **Friday, June 16**, for tea, poems, and cookies! Read your own poetry or another poet's, or just come to listen and enjoy.

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. See you in September!

LibTech Help By Appointment

If you need help accessing digital materials (Libby, Hoopla, Kanopy), let us know!

Mystery Lovers' Book Group

Thursday, June 11, at 8 pm and 6 pm

[Blackwater Falls](#) by Ausma Zehanat Khan

Enfield Public Library Book Group

Thursday, June 22, at 6 pm

[Why Fish Don't Exist](#) by Lulu Miller

Recommended Reading

[Victory City](#) by Salman Rushdie

"Completed before he was attacked last year, Rushdie's magic realist epic about a 15th-century Indian empire has an infectious sense of fun." – *The Guardian*

Both engrossing and entertaining! Try it to add some magic to your summer reading. -- 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

The Enfield Fire Department along with Canaan and Springfield Fire Departments, NH State Forestry Ranger Nate Blanchard and Fish and Game Sargent Heidi Murphy were able to locate and extinguish a brush fire located on Shaker Mountain the morning of May 17. The fire was located directly above the La Salette Shrine at the top of the mountain. Due to the terrain and time of day access was difficult, once able to pinpoint the fire was extinguished quickly. Thank you to everyone for your help.

Saturday June 3rd. we will be at Huse Park 9-3 for an Activity Day. We will have ongoing activities during the day which will include, Auto Extrication Demonstration, Grill Safety and Firefighter down CPR Demonstration. Look forward to seeing you there.

ENFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY DAY

Saturday June 3, 2023
9am-3pm
@ Huse Park



Gas grill safety demonstration @ 10am
Firefighter down CPR demonstration @11am
Hot dogs, chips, and water @ noon!
Auto extrication demonstration @1pm

Ongoing activities throughout the day!



- water throw bags
- thermal imager scavenger hunt
- knock over the cups with a fire extinguisher
- hose roll
- bucket brigade
- firefighter rescue drag



QUESTIONS? REACH OUT TO CHIEF NEILY:
FIRECHIEF@ENFIELD.NH.US

Phil Neily
For the Enfield Fire Department

“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](#)!

Livingstone Lodge

The following is taken from a history of Livingstone Lodge, written by the son of Alfred Livingstone for the current owners.

“Around 1997, in order to conform to the 911 emergency call system, the town of Enfield renamed Old Shaker Hill Road Livingstone Lodge Road. The new name remembered a once popular summer resort that operated for over fifty years until its sale in 1983. Overlooking the lake and high on the hill, Livingstone Lodge’s dark-stained siding and bright red trim made it a prominent landmark that also brought minor but important commerce to the community.

The Lodge began as a business venture of Alfred and Nellie Louise Livingstone. It offered an ideal summer retreat where the founders could enjoy summers at Mascoma Lake with family and friends. ,

The Livingstones’ original wish and intent was to open a summer boys' camp for which he was immensely qualified. Livingstone was director of physical education at a New Jersey high school and acclaimed in New Jersey sport circles. Nellie was an accomplished painter and sculptor, who used clay she took from Mascoma Lake.

It was a family labor of love. However our daily desire to swim, fish or romp through the woods was often preempted by painting, mowing and cutting firewood for the never-dying fireplace. With thirteen structures, forty-two acres and 2,280’ of lake-front, the Lodge kept three young lads pretty busy.

The 1930s depression and social hardships altered the plan, so the Livingstones catered to business and professional folks seeking a quiet and peaceful vacation in the mountains. The Lodge improved its facilities each year and offered an affordable retreat to friends and guests.

The Lodge also acquired a valuable collection of early New England antiques. Guests were in awe of the thousands of items hanging from walls and ceilings. The Old Shaker furniture, handmade tools, brass antique pots, hand forged hinges and a spinning wheel or two created a museum ambiance.

Summering in Enfield was not always happy. Two weeks before opening in 1935, the Lodge was struck by lightning and burned to the ground. The original 1859 site was destroyed along with more recent renovations and improvements. The Lodge opened anyway, operating from its game-room. The 1938 hurricane took off a few of our cabin roofs and blighted the landscape. Repair was done in time for the 1939 summer season.

The years before World War II were the height of the Lodge’s operations. At full occupancy, there could be up to forty guests. Such a crowd would relegate my brothers and me to cots in the open-air tool shed. The camp-out we enjoyed; the mosquitoes we did not.

During the boom years, there was complete dining room service under the head chef, who came every year from a major hotel in Boston. His assistant and three Dartmouth student waiters made dining at the Lodge a gourmet’s treat. Staff was billeted in a three-unit employee cabin behind the kitchen. Housekeeping was provided by mostly local residents with excellent results.

World War II caused an almost a total shut-down of the resort. Although Dad, then a licensed pilot, attempted to enlist in any air service, he was denied due to his age. He reopened the Lodge in the summer of 1942, although with reduced services.

The years after World War II permitted only a minor rebirth of the pre-war boom. The cabins acquired cooking facilities and there was a light breakfast/brunch on a modified American plan for overnight transient guests. Enfield's Sarah Littlefield served for many years as chef and house mother to this teenager. I also remember her husband Walter, who could cuss up a storm.

Over the many years of operations, thousands of past guests and friends have enjoyed the view from the Lodge. They came from all quarters of the globe, from many varied professions and academia, among them many famous and important people. They were unknown on your streets or in your shops but were guests of your town and of Enfield's environs. They will remember."

Land Use & Community Development

Planning Board- The Enfield Planning Board (PB) met twice in May, on the 10th and the 14th. The exciting news from the PB is the award of an InvestNH Municipal Planning & Zoning Grant. Enfield's request of \$62,344 in funding was approved as a Housing Opportunity Planning (HOP) Grant (Phase 3: Regulatory Development). This grant is funded by the NH Department of Business and Economic Affairs (BEA) as part of the \$100 million InvestNH Initiative with ARPA State Fiscal Recovery funds. This award will be administered jointly by NH Housing, Plan NH, and UNH Cooperative Extension. The Planning Board will use these funds to hire a contractor to help rewrite the Enfield Zoning ordinance and Site Plan Review regulations. FYI, Enfield's Zoning Ordinance was originally adopted in 1990 and has been amended 25 times since.

Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA)- The ZBA met on May 9th to hear an application for a variance. Land Use Case # Z23-105-01, Brian and Faith Goodness were seeking variance relief from the Enfield Zoning Ordinance, Article IV, section 401.1, paragraphs L&M to construct a storage shed within the prescribed setbacks to the street and a river. The subject parcel is 3.3 acres and is located at 1120 NH Route 4A (Tax Map 40, Lot 14) in the "R1" Residential zoning district. The subject parcel is owned by Brian and Faith Goodness. This application and hearing were continued to the June 13th meeting to allow the applicants to gather more information for the board.

Also coming up on June 13th are two new applications, both for variances. First is Land Use Case # Z23-06-01, where Rick and Sharon Moots are 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.

Second is Land Use Case # Z23-06-02, where the Welikit Trust (Paul C. French) is 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.

Land Use and Community Development Office- Please contact me, Rob Taylor, at 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 You may also drop by my office at the DPW facility at 74 Lockhaven Road. It is always recommended to call ahead first to be sure I am available or to schedule a meeting. I hope you have a great month of June!



OLD COVERED BRIDGE, ENFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Enfield Covered Bridge, 1950

Photo Credit: An antique postcard from Rob Taylor's collection, printed at the Reporter Press, Canaan, NH

Mascoma Lakeside Park

Master Gardener and gold star volunteer Pattie Fried has organized several workdays at the park and there will be many more throughout the summer. Many thanks go to all who participated, especially the Liberty Utilities crew and volunteers from Mascoma Bank. Thanks also to the DPW crew who hauled away the invasives that volunteers pulled out and delivered mulch for the garden beds. A word of warning to anyone who might venture along the shoreline; it is infested with poison ivy as Pattie Fried can testify! The plans for the revamped lake friendly parking and walking trails are currently with Pathways Engineering in preparation for the permitting process. The parking and trail system work is funded by the Land and Water Conservation Grant and must be completed by September of 2024.

As many of you know, Paul Mirski passed away in February. Paul worked tirelessly in designing the pavilion and overall layout of the park, all pro bono. He will be sorely missed but has left an enduring legacy to Enfield. In his honor, the Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee has voted to create a memorial to Paul, planting a grove of native trees with a bench inscribed with his name. Anyone wishing to donate to Paul's memorial grove can send a check to the Town of Enfield, payable to the "Mascoma Lakeside Park Fund", with "Paul Mirski Memorial" in the memo field.

Lakeside Park can always use volunteers. The work of removing invasives is on-going and a BIG job! Many hands make light work so come and join one of our fun volunteer work days over the summer months. Check the kiosk at the park for dates and times.

From Pattie Fried:

Many hands make light work at a recent volunteer workday at Mascoma Lakeside Park. This very efficient team cleared non-native invasive honeysuckle, Japanese Multiflora Rose and invasive Black Locust enabling native plants and trees to grow and creating habitats for birds and pollinators.

A special thank you to Liberty Utilities and Mascoma Bank for sharing your great staff with us. We couldn't do this work without your support.



Old Home Days – Coming July 14, 15 & 16

The Old Home Days Committee is excited about plans for this year's celebration.

Things kick off on Friday night at Huse Park with Wicked Awesome Barbeque food truck and surprise music TBA.

Saturday in Huse Park there will be two bounce houses for kids from little ones to teens. Next door at Whitney Hall, the annual Library Ice Cream Social with stories and face painting from 1 to 3 PM.

At Lakeside Park, the music group Never Too Late will be at the pavilion from 11 AM to 2 PM. Enfield House of Pizza there with their yummy box lunches or bring your own for the community picnic while enjoying the music. The Mascoma Sailing Club will offer free community sailing for those over 12 who want to try their hand with the sails.

In Enfield Center, come and tour the three historic buildings that make up Enfield's Local Historic District (Union Church, Center Schoolhouse, and Center Town Hall) and learn more about Enfield's rich history. Union Church will also be offering arts and crafts and a bake sale.



As the sun goes down, come and feast on lobster at the Enfield Shaker Museum's lobster bake and then dance the night away at the Stone Mill with music by the band Shaker.

Sunday will offer a hike sponsored by the Conservation Commission and a Makers' Fair on the grounds of the Stone Mill. The Lockhaven Schoolhouse will also be open for tours from 2 to 4 PM.

The Old Home Days Committee is hard at work and may be adding more events as we get closer to the BIG weekend. Look for the printed program to be available towards the end of June!

Parks & Recreation

Program listing and Registration

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

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

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

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

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 14th and July 17th, 19th and 21st. 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 for more information.

Enfield Recreation is Now Hiring Lifeguards

You can get an application on the town website, Email Recreation@enfield.nh.us, or stop in and see Kevin at Town Hall for a physical application or for any questions about the positions!

Enfield Farmers Market

The Enfield Market will run the same schedule as last year and be the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month. In June we will have one market on June 10th! 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 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 Classes are \$12 for drop-in, \$10 for students and seniors, space is limited. Be sure to email Sonya if you would like to attend and to keep up with the schedule.

Chair Yoga & Strength Class

The Enfield Recreation 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

[Online Registration](#)

Follow us!



Police Department

May was a busy month for the Enfield Police Department. Officers of the department have seen a sharp rise in mental health related calls. If you or someone you know is experiencing a mental health crisis or are having suicidal thoughts, you can call 988.

With the better weather we have also seen an increase in pedestrian use of the trails, roadways and parks. Please make sure to read and understand the rules for each of the amenities that are available to our Enfield residents. Please be courteous to each other and share the spaces. Be cautious and share the road with all users to include vehicles, bicyclists, horse riders and motorcycle drivers. We all have a part in making the roads safe for everyone. If you have a question about what the rules are, stop into the station and get a copy of our share the road pamphlet.

As we move into June, we want to congratulate all the Mascoma High School class of 2023 graduates. Good luck and good fortune as you move into your future plans. The last day of school will be June 22nd, please continue to be aware of our school age children walking and riding to Enfield Village School. Plan ahead for traffic, slow down, put the phone away and pay attention.

Finally, if you see something say something. Officers of the department can be reached at any time by calling dispatch at 603-643-2222. The lobby is open from 8am-4pm Monday – Friday. If you have any unused prescription drugs you can drop them into the collection box during those times. This year the department has already collected over 80lbs of Rx, lets continue to add to that.

Roy Holland
Chief of Police

Hydrant Flushing

Hydrant flushing will begin in 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 Rte. 4A and in Shaker Village that are serviced by sewer only.



Water/Sewer Billing

The Town of Enfield Water/Sewer Department will be reading meters at the end of June. Bills will be out in early July and will be due in the middle of August 2023. [Pool and outdoor use credit forms](#) are available on the Town Website and are due **June 28, 2023** for credit on second quarter bills.

Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)

The annual Consumer Confidence Report for the Enfield Village Water system is available at the link below. The CCR gives water system consumers information regarding the monitored levels of contaminants and water system activities over the previous calendar year. <https://www.enfield.nh.us/water-sewer/files/2023-water-quality-report>

Brush and Yard Waste

The Enfield Brush and Yard Waste Recycling Facility reopened on May 3, 2023. Material can be brought to the Transfer Station during their regular hours Wednesdays 11-6 and Saturdays and Sunday 8-4. On other days material can be brought to the Public Works Facility. The facility can take clean brush and limbs up to 8" and leaves and yard waste. The Town cannot take any invasive plant species, stumps, or dimensional lumber. Residents wishing to use the facility must stop at the DPW office or the Transfer Station to have all loads checked by Town staff. The facility cannot take commercial volumes.

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.

Project Updates

Oak Hill Road Bridge: The Town and Hansen Bridge Company will be starting this project on **Monday, June 5, 2023**. Oak Hill Road will be closed at the bridge location for the duration of the project of approximately four weeks while the old culvert is removed, concrete poured and cured, and the new deck and railings installed.

Maple Street Water Main Replacement: L & M Construction from Orford, NH was awarded the project to replace the water main beginning at US Route 4 and ending at the Marsh Well site in Canaan. The project began on April 17, 2023. With a project this large there will be some inconveniences for water users especially in May and Maple Streets as the old line is decommissioned, new line is installed, and Maple Street residences are connected to the new line.

Summer Paving: Paving is scheduled for early summer with Blaktop Inc. paving the following streets: Lockehaven Road east of Potato Road, George Hill from NH Route 4A to Palmer, and Fitzgerald Drive. Please use caution when going through the rolling work zones. Once complete the highway crew will be adding shoulder gravel and will add material to driveways to match the level of the new pavement.

Ditching Material Request

As we enter the summer maintenance season the Highway Department would like to establish sites to dump material that is removed from our roadside ditches. These sites need to be pre-approved through a site visit, signed waiver of liability, and approval from the Highway Department. If you would like to request being added to our list or have any questions, please call the Highway Department @ (603) 442-5418.

Second Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

The second of five Household Hazardous waste collection day will be held at the Newport NH Highway Garage on **Saturday, June 3, 2023** and will run from 9:00am till Noon. The Newport Highway Garage is located at 449 South Main St. (NH Rte. 10S) roughly two miles south of the Newport Common. 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>

Household Hazardous Waste 2023 COLLECTION DAYS

One Friday
Collection

WHEN

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.uvlsrpc.org>



For
information
contact the

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



Aerosol cans, empty: Recycle with scrap metal. Talk to your town. (Bring cans with product in them to collection.)

Ammunition and explosives: State Police at 271-3636.

Asbestos: Get a licensed asbestos specialist. Asbestos is hazardous to your health—don't remove it yourself!

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

Batteries, automotive: Take to parts store for cash or your transfer station

Fire extinguishers: Recycle empty extinguishers (NRRRA takes from towns).

Fluorescent lights: May be taken at your town facility. Check with your town. Food Co-ops and Home Depot may take CFLs (spiral bulbs), not tubes.

Latex paint: Use kitty litter, sawdust, or shredded paper to dry out latex paint; throw in your trash. Empty, dry metal cans may be recycled as scrap metal at your recycling facility. If it says "clean up with soap and water," it's latex.

Medical sharps: Place in a rigid container (e.g. detergent bottle), seal cap with duct tape, and label container with marker, "Sharps, not for recycling."

Dispose of with regular trash by handing to a waste collector—can become a projectile if compacted in trash. *Lebanon Police Station accepts some sharps.*

Medicine: See www.twinstatesafemeds.com for police stations taking meds.

Propane or helium tanks: Propane/helium tanks can be exchanged/refilled at a distributor; or contact town transfer station about empty tanks.

Used motor oil: Take to town transfer station or a service station for recycling.

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

On the Clerk side.

DOGS: Registration late fees of \$1.00/month will be assessed beginning June 1, 2023.

BOATS: To renew, please know your bow number or if you have the boat renewal notice from the State, please bring that with you and remember that if you prefer to have us in the Town Clerk's office process your boat renewal, the payment needs to be made payable to The Town of Enfield and will be \$5.00 more than what is written on the state renewal form for each boat.

VOTER INFORMATION: I would like to encourage all residents that are not registered to vote in Enfield, to please come in and register. This will help to avoid lines as the 2024 Presidential election looms ever closer. It's fast and easy. Best practice is to bring your NH driver's license (with your current Enfield address on it) AND your birth certificate or passport. There is one form to complete with these documents and you're done! If you do not have the aforementioned documents, you may still register to vote with more paperwork.

If you would like to check what party you are registered as, please visit [Voter Information \(nh.gov\)](https://www.nh.gov/elections/voter-information). Should you need to make a change, you may do so by visiting the Town Clerk's Office.

With the recent resignation of State Representative Joshua Adjutant, a request has been made to the Governor's Office and Executive Council for a Special Election to be held later this year. Stay tuned! As we get more information, we will pass it along.

On the Tax side.

One of the unofficial starts to summer -- the first issue tax bills for the tax year 2023 are out, with a due date of July 3, 2023. So you don't have to lose a moment of being out in the sunshine, you may make your payment online at www.enfield.nh.us. Payments made by electronic check online have an additional flat fee of 95 cents. 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 myself by email whuntley@enfield.nh.us or Jerusha, Deputy Tax Collector tax@enfield.nh.us. To reach either of us by phone, call 603-632-4201. I hope everyone enjoys the summer. Stay healthy and safe!

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 in the specific meeting posting.

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

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

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](https://www.youtube.com) 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.

- [June 1 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Conservation Commission](#)
- [June 5 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Select Board](#)
- [June 6 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee](#)
- [June 7 @ 6:00 PM \(Town Hall\) – Old Home Days Committee](#)
- [June 8 @ 5:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Johnston Property Use Committee](#)
- [June 8 @ 6:00 PM \(Town Hall & Teams\) – Cemetery Trustees](#)
- [June 12 @ 5:30 PM \(Enfield Public Library\) – Library Trustees](#)
- [June 13 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee \(Design Team\)](#)
- [June 14 @ 6:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Planning Board](#)
- [June 19 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Select Board](#)
- [June 20 @ 6:30 PM \(Town Hall & Teams\) – Recreation Commission](#)
- [June 22 @ 4:30 PM \(Town Hall\) – Heritage Commission](#)
- [June 22 @ 5:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Johnston Property Use Committee](#)
- [June 27 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee \(Design Team\)](#)
- [June 27 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Energy Committee](#)
- [June 28 @ 6:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Planning Board](#)

- [July 3 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Select Board](#)
- [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 @ 5:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Johnston Property Use Committee](#)

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'll find here: <https://www.enfield.nh.us/community-businesses>.

Enfield Village Association

Shaker 7 Race & Fun Walk Sunday, June 25th at 9:00

Register at <https://www.enfieldvillageassociation.org/shaker-7-road-race>

We are also looking for volunteers for the Shaker 7.

We need help with parking, water stops, course attendants, and more!

Sign up to volunteer at:

<https://www.enfieldvillageassociation.org/volunteer>



Mascoma Community Health Center Needs Your Help



Mascoma Community Health Center in Canaan is now interviewing to restart and expand our dental practice in September. Our patients have been calling every month since last July asking when we would reopen. We are

looking forward to September. As we move towards September, we are once again partnering with NH Gives seeking donations to support our medical and dental health service. This year is a vital year as we seek to renew and expand. Please consider a donation this year. Every dollar that is given will be matched by several generous donors. Every gift of any amount will help us in this annual effort. It is a fundraising campaign that starts at 6 PM on June 6 and ends 24 hours later on June 7th. Mascoma Health Center is a 501c3 charitable organization. See what NH Gives is all about. Check out our profile on NH Gives HERE and give: <https://www.nhgives.org/organizations/mascoma-community-health-care-inc>

See the video on the Dental Clinic Re-Opening HERE: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sG7dFNw5UPE>

Friends of Mascoma

WE ARE BACK

Tuesday Mobile Pantry at Huse Park



Look for our Foodie
Van in Enfield each
Tuesday beginning
May 2nd



Tuesdays @ Huse Park in Enfield

Wednesdays @ 9 On the Common
in Canaan



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

Mascoma Lake Association



MLA Celebrates a Century

As the Mascoma Lake Association begins its 100th summer, we have some good news to share. First and most urgent: a pair of loons is nesting on the floating platform at the Lebanon end of the lake near the Rail Trail. Signs have been posted nearby to indicate the sanctuary area. The most important thing humans can do to support the loon family is to *stay far away*. If the adults are stressed, they will abandon the eggs, so boaters should use caution (and binoculars for a better view.) Terri Lynch, our resident Loon Lady and longtime advocate for protection of these wonderful birds, says this is probably our only chance to have a loon chick or two this year. Loons have suffered on Mascoma Lake in recent summers, so the prospect of baby birds raises new hope. They will only survive with our help, though, so please—let's leave them in peace.

One other way to protect loons is by eliminating lead fishing tackle. Lead poisoning from ingestion of tackle is by far the largest known killer of adult loons in New Hampshire. Although sale of new lead sinkers and lead-headed jigs (one ounce or less) stopped in 2016, older tackle can still endanger loons. We encourage people who fish to clean out their tackle boxes—and also to retrieve fishing line, as entanglement causes loon deaths as well. Contact Terri Lynch terri.m.lynch@gmail.com for information on the lead tackle buyback program. She'll also be organizing our annual Loon Census on July 15, and volunteers are welcome.

Speaking of volunteers, we're proud to share the news that Jim Martel, leader of the MLA water quality team, has received major recognition for his decades of service. In a surprise ceremony, Jim got the 2023 Secchi Disk Award, the highest honor given by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services to a member of its Volunteer Lake Assessment Program. The presentation noted Jim's longtime work with our water quality testing team; his many years as a milfoil control monitor, captain, and diver; and his latest initiative, developing a watershed



VLAP Coordinator Sara Steiner
with Jim Martel, May 12, 2023

management plan. That project will bring the MLA and the towns of Enfield and Lebanon into a comprehensive, multi-year effort to assess and protect the watershed, with particular attention to mitigating sources of cyanobacteria blooms. Everyone who loves Mascoma Lake can be grateful to Jim for his unflagging dedication to protecting and improving our water.

Loving Mascoma Lake will be the theme on June 24, when we host our second annual Summer Kickoff Party—back by popular demand! Join us at Mascoma Lakeside Park anytime between 11:30 and 2:00 on that Saturday. We'll have information about all our programs, with opportunities to volunteer and help keep our lake healthy. We'll also have MLA hats for sale, along with historical items such as vintage lake maps, postcards, and publications. There will be games for kids, and of course the beautiful park to enjoy.

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We'll provide pulled pork, hamburgers, veggie burgers, lemonade, iced tea—and ice cream from our friends at the Baited Hook. MLA members will contribute potluck dishes to share as well. We encourage carpooling but will have a parking crew and a shuttle service to other lots if needed. (The rain date will be Sunday, June 25; if we need to use that date, we'll coordinate with the EVA's annual Shaker 7 Race to make sure both events can run smoothly in succession.)

Lakeside Park is a public space, open to all in our community, so everyone will be welcome. Come celebrate the MLA's 100th birthday with us!



Recent News from Past Issues

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