

TOWN OF ENFIELD E-NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2019

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 have begun producing 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 raylesworth@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.

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=====LATEST NEWS=====

2019 TOWN MEETING WARRANT ARTICLES AND WARRANT ARTICLE NARRATIVES

Town Meeting is fast approaching. March 12, 2019 there will be voting by ballot for the Election of Town Officers and proposed amendments to the Town of Enfield Zoning Ordinance. Voting will take place in the Whitney Hall Auditorium, 23 Main Street from 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM. If you want to vote by absentee ballot submit an Application for Town and School District Absentee Ballots to the Town Clerk. The Business Meeting or Second Session of Town Meeting will be held March 16, 2019 at the Enfield Village School, 271 US Route 4, beginning at 9:00 AM. At the second session of Town Meeting the voters will be presented, discuss and act upon the remaining articles on the warrant.

We've included information for you on our website's 2019 Annual Town Meeting page here:

<https://www.enfield.nh.us/administration-town-manager/pages/2019-annual-town-meeting>

Here you'll find:

- 2019 Town Meeting Notice
- 2019 Town Meeting Warrant
- 2019 Town Warrant Narrative
- 2019 Proposed Budget (MS-737)
- 2019 Candidates for Elected Office
- 2019 Town Meeting Sample Ballot – Town
- 2019 Town Meeting Sample Ballot – School

The Town Meeting Warrant includes all of the questions before the voters. The Warrant Narrative explains the purpose of each article. The **Narrative is a MUST READ** full of important information about the subjects before the Town.

VOTING INFORMATION - TOWN MEETING

Election and voter information for the upcoming Town Meeting (March 12 and 16) has been posted on the Town Clerk's page:

<https://www.enfield.nh.us/.../pa.../voter-registration-elections>

On this page you'll find:

- Application for Town and School District Absentee Ballots
- Elections
- State of NH Voter Information: Sample Ballot and Absentee Ballot Look-up - Party - Polling Place
- Voter Registration
- Enfield Results - November 6, 2018 General Election
- 2019 Town Meeting Sample Ballot – Town
- 2019 Town Meeting Sample Ballot - School

If you have any questions regarding elections or voter registration contact the Town Clerk at townclerk@enfield.nh.us or 603-632-5001.

ENFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT – ONGOING DEVELOPMENTS

Actions over the last couple of weeks have understandably led to much public confusion and concern as it relates to the current status of the Enfield Fire Department. As I am sure everyone can appreciate, this is a somewhat complicated situation with a lot of moving parts. This is not the right forum to attempt to explain what has transpired within the Fire Department in recent days. The reality is that many of the recent events are not fully understood by me or the members of the Board of Selectmen due to the fact that the Enfield Fire Department acts somewhat autonomously within our municipal government because it is governed by a board of three elected firewards.

A considerable amount of thoughtful deliberation has taken place over a series of months that ultimately led to the proposed changes in Fire Department governance that the Board of Selectmen has included on the warrant for our upcoming Town Meeting. This evaluation has benefitted from the professional assistance from multiple independent organizations, including the Center for Strategic Governance and Municipal Resources, Inc. (MRI). It should be noted that MRI has decades of professional experience doing operational assessments in the field of public safety. We are actively considering additional ways to effectively share pertinent information and gather public input on this important topic between now and Town Meeting. This will likely include a public forum prior to Town Meeting, and additional details will be shared soon. We hope you will come to Town Meeting to consider the rationales for what is proposed and participate in the decision-making process. When it comes to information about this article and other articles being presented to the voters at Town Meeting, I would strongly encourage residents to review the warrant article narratives that we have posted to the Town's official website:

https://www.enfield.nh.us/sites/enfieldnh/files/uploads/2019_warrant_narrative_final2_0.pdf

Having said all of this, I want to publicly state that our Fire Department is comprised of many dedicated volunteers. Several of these individuals in particular have demonstrated incredible commitment by responding to consecutive calls at late hours of the night. Although there may be some tensions and disagreements that are regrettably playing out in public view, I want everyone to know that our community continues to be safe. In addition to those members of our own volunteer Fire Department who stand ready to provide help whenever and wherever it is needed, Enfield receives fire/EMS support from surrounding communities as part of our mutual aid agreements. Neighbors continue to help neighbors. As Assistant Chief John Pellerin said in a recent message to all members of the Fire Department, "We took an oath to protect life, property, and the environment for the citizens of Enfield, and the surrounding towns. We have a duty to act." I hope such conviction – which I know is shared among many members of our Fire Department – will help reassure all residents during these difficult times that help will continue to arrive if you need it.

Very respectfully,

Ryan J. Aylesworth
Town Manager

2018 ANNUAL REPORT NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE!

Our 2018 Annual Report is now online at the following
URL: <https://www.enfield.nh.us/board-selectmen/pages/annual-reports>

We'd like to offer a quick reminder that the Town will not be mailing the Annual Report to all property owners as we've done in past years. This is resulting in a savings of over \$6,000! A limited number of printed reports will be available at the Town Offices and at Town Meeting.

MASCOMA LAKESIDE PARK – CLOSING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 4 AND PROGRESS ON PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS

We are excited to report that the Town is scheduled to close on the sale of the Mascoma Lakeside Park property from NH DOT on March 4 (Monday). This milestone has been made possible by the commitment and dedication of many volunteers comprising the Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee, and of course the residents, businesses, charitable foundations, and other

interested parties that have made monetary donations to this project. It is an enormous achievement to be able to acquire this property exclusively with privately raised funds and manage it as a public park in perpetuity.



Once the sale is finalized, our focus will be squarely on amenities for the park. This past fall we have actively solicited public input through a series of meetings with local organizations, town committees, and a well-attended public forum held at the Community Building. The top priority for all stakeholders is that the natural

beauty of the site be preserved and not over-developed. Some improvements are also needed and desired. They include removing and replacing brush and trash trees with native shrubs and trees; creating trails and educational signage to enhance recreational use of the property; constructing rainwater gardens and a new retaining wall to protect the water quality of the lake; installing a children's wading/swimming area; improved parking; installing grill boxes, and; building a shelter or pavilion (which may include a fire pit) that can serve as a gathering place and an educational facility.

As has been previously reported, the Town of Enfield was recently awarded a Northern Borders Regional Commission grant in the amount of roughly \$135,000 to help fund improvements to the park property. This federal grant is a "match" grant, and the total project budget is approximately \$270,000. We have until July 2019 to raise \$135,000 in matching funds, at which point we will receive whatever portion of the \$135,000 we have matched. Our fundraising tally is approximately \$228,000. This leaves us with approximately \$100,000 of our \$135,000 goal to fund planned improvements once the \$128,600 sale price is deducted. So, we are well on our way to achieving our \$135,000 goal, but **we still have to raise approximately \$35,000 over the next few months to secure 100% of the federal matching grant.** Your generous support is needed!

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 raylesworth@enfield.nh.us if you have related questions or interest in lending your support to this important community project.

VOTE FOR THE ENFIELD TOWN FLOWER (March 1-17)

The Enfield Conservation Commission voted to establish a Town Flower for 2019. The Commission members researched several local flowers and narrowed their list down to five flowers for residents to vote on. In researching the flowers, the Commission developed criteria including the historical value, length of bloom, medicinal value, grown in town (but not necessarily native), wildlife support, overall significance, and how common is the plant to Enfield.

Everyone's vote counts, so please vote on your favorite!

To vote, stop by the Enfield Public Library, The Town Office or Town Meeting.

Votes can be cast from March 1 through March 17!



MUNICIPAL FACILITIES OPTIMIZATION STUDY

As has been previously reported, beginning in the fall of 2018 the Town of Enfield began working with an experienced architect (Barrett Architecture) and engineering firm (Schaal Engineering) to perform a comprehensive assessment of our existing municipal buildings and conduct a space needs analysis to help inform future decisions related to long-term planning, operations and capital investments. The goal of this effort is to develop a comprehensive facilities plan for both short- and long-term planning. The project involves an evaluation of our existing municipal buildings (including the likely costs of maintaining and renovating them in the longer-term) and conducting a thorough analysis of alternative approaches that might prove to be more cost-effective as well as enable Town departments to provide an enhanced level of service to residents.



Barrett Architecture has evaluated numerous sites for the possible construction of a public safety complex (which would house Police, Fire, and Ambulance departments) and has also examined several alternatives for improving Enfield's Town Offices and Public Library. We anticipate that this preliminary analysis and design phase will be completed within the next few weeks. At that time, it is our intention to convene a public forum for any and all interested residents to attend and provide feedback on the full range of options that have been examined thus far. The Board of Selectmen and Town administration very much value resident input and are striving to develop a plan for improving municipal facilities that has broad-based support from members of the community.

It goes without saying that any significant capital investments proposed will be thoroughly deliberated and dissected by municipal officials and pertinent boards/committees moving forward, and public feedback will help ensure that we consider all the appropriate angles. We have been very candid with Barrett Architecture and Schaal Engineering about the fiscal constraints we face, and have impressed upon them the importance of developing cost-effective strategies that will meet our needs in both the mid- and long-term while still allowing the Town to live within its financial means and remain affordable to working individuals and families.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Punch Cards for Transfer Station Fees

The Town is working on establishment of a punch card system for Transfer Station fees. The new system should reduce wait times for residents. Punch cards will be available at the Public Works building payable by check only. Punch cards will also be available at the Enfield Town Offices, payable by cash or check. Look for an announcement on our website at www.enfield.nh.us

2019 Transfer Station Stickers Available

The 2019 Transfer Station window stickers are available, free of charge, at the Town Office and the Transfer Station. Proof of residency or property ownership is required. An Enfield vehicle permit sticker must be affixed to the side window of your vehicle behind the front passenger's seat, or with regular cab pick-ups in the lower corner of the rear window behind the passenger.

Enfield permit stickers also permit you to use the Town's upper beach parking lot on Mascoma Lake.

Road Postings

The Town of Enfield will be posting roads in early March. The State of New Hampshire will be posting Shaker Hill Road and Main Street. Limited permission for access will be available on a case by case basis with factors such as weather, truck size, time of day, etc., being taken into consideration. Please contact the Highway Supervisor at (603) 632-7301 ext. 5418 or the DPW Director at 603-632-4605 or jtaylor@enfield.nh.us with any questions. Those wishing to access Main Street or Shaker Hill Road should call the NH DOT District 2 office at 448-2654.

Freezing and Bursting Pipes

If you are interested in learning more about how pipes freeze and burst, and what to do to prevent this sort of damage in your own home or business, please visit the below resource published by the Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety: http://disastersafety.org/wp-content/uploads/Freezing-Bursting-Pipes_IBHS-White.pdf

Meter Reading

The Enfield Water/Sewer Department will be reading meters beginning March 18 for first quarter 2019 billing. Please have touch pad locations shoveled out and sanded for access.

Driveway Snow Placement

A reminder that it is unlawful to plow snow across any and all Town roads or to deposit snow within the traveled portion of a Town road pursuant to RSA 236:20, Paragraph VII, and RSA 41:11.



Driveway Sand

Driveway sand is available at the DPW during their business hours (Monday-Friday from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM) and is located at the top of the driveway in the bin on the right. It is open to Enfield residents with a current Transfer Station Sticker. It is not intended for commercial applicators or to be taken in commercial volumes. Salt, ledge sand and materials in the shed, and sand from the large pile to the left of Public Works building, are NOT available.

Winter Parking Ban

The Enfield Board of Selectmen wishes to remind citizens of Enfield that the Winter Parking Ban is in effect from November 1 through April 1. No vehicle shall at any time be parked on any public or publicly maintained street, alley, roadway or way open to the public, in a manner that hinders in any fashion the maintenance of the way.

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 2019 Collection Schedule

Household Hazardous Waste 2019 COLLECTION DAYS

NEW Friday
Collection

WHEN

All collections are 9:00 am—Noon

Sat, May 4—Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street (off Route 120)

Sat, June 8—Newport Highway Garage, 449 South Main Street (Rt 10 S)

Fri, July 12—Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street (off Route 120)

Sat, August 10—New London Highway Garage, 184 South Pleasant St

Sat, October 5—Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover St (off Route 120)

FREE to residents from Claremont, Cornish, Enfield, Goshen, Hanover, Lebanon, Lempster, Lyme, New London, Newbury, Newport, Orford, Piermont, Plainfield, Springfield, Sunapee, Unity, and Wilmot. Others residents and businesses welcome for a fee.

ANYONE with 25 gallons or more or any business must pre-register.

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.uvlsrc.org>



For
information
contact the

Upper Valley Lake Sunapee
Regional Planning Commission
at (603) 448-1680 or
vdavis@uvlsrc.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 take may take CFLs (spiral bulbs), not tubes.

Latex paint: Use kitty litter, sawdust, or shredded paper to dry out latex paint, then 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. See

www.nh.gov/medsafety. Can drop off at Lebanon Police Station.

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 (NRRRA 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.uvlsrc.org>

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Spring is right around the corner and will be here before you know it. The Department would like to remind our walkers and bikers to be safe and wear reflective clothing and carry lights when out after dark.

The Department will be participating in the career fair at the Mascoma Valley Regional High School this month. If you have a child who might be interested in a career in law enforcement, please stop by and see us. Members of the Department will also be hosting a RAD (Rape Aggression Defense) class free to the public. This class will include three sessions held at the Ilene Reed conference room located within DPW facility (74 Lockehaven Road). Please watch our Facebook and webpage for the signups coming out soon.

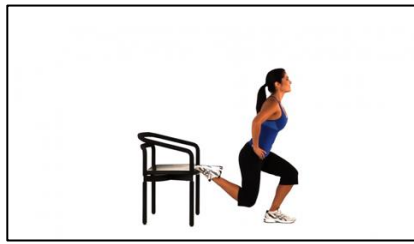
Although spring is around the corner, we would like to remind motorists that it is your responsibility to clean off all snow and ice from your vehicles. We recently had a crash here in Enfield caused by ice smashing into a following vehicle, this can be dangerous and if you are stopped may cost you \$250.

The Enfield Police Department is sad to announce the passing of Jon Cattabriga. Jon was a long-time resident and worked with the Department for over 15 years as an assistant, crossing guard and animal control officer. Jon was like family to the members of the Department and will be greatly missed.

As always, if you see something, say something. Please do not hesitate to contact the Enfield Police Department at any time at 603-632-7501 or through Hanover dispatch at 603-643-2222.

RECREATION

Enfield Recreation



Chair Yoga & Exercise **Weekly on M, W, F**

The Enfield Recreation Department continues to offer the highly attended Chair Yoga and Exercise classes on Mondays 9:30 – 10:30, Wednesdays 9:00 – 10:00, and Fridays 9:30 – 10:30 at The Enfield Community Building.

These classes are low impact and focus on stretching, balance, strength, and meditation. The classes are only \$3.00 and open to ALL levels. No RSVP required.



Family Game Night
Friday, March 8, 2019
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Join us for Family Game Night at the Enfield Community Building! Black Moon Games of Lebanon, NH, will be bringing along many exciting and fun games for all ages to enjoy! \$3.00 per person, \$10 max per family. Light snacks and refreshments provided.



Annual Enfield Father – Daughter Dance
Saturday, March 30, 2019
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

The Enfield Recreation Department will be hosting the 2nd Annual Enfield Father-Daughter Dance. This dance is for all lads (e.g., Dads, Step-Dads, Uncles, Big Brothers, Grandfathers, etc.) and that special young lady in their life. This year's theme will be Cowboys & Tiaras!

Your ticket includes refreshments and a tiara for the young lady! We will also have the opportunity for you to pose for a keepsake photograph in front of our themed backdrop.

Advanced purchase of dance tickets is required; Please visit the link below:
<https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Program/Detail?programId=159>



Fun for the whole Family! Youth are encouraged to enter a project into the Community Science Fair with the opportunity to earn a ribbon and maybe even a prize! All entries will be available to view beginning at 10:00 AM. There will be an exceptional performance by Science Tellers at 11:00 AM. Hands-on activities will be open for exploration throughout the event. Food options will be available at the Concession stand from 11:30 AM-1:30 PM



The Egg dash will be held at Huse Memorial Park, and all children in 4th grade and younger are welcome to participate. The Egg Dash will begin promptly at 10:30 AM!



Mother & Son Dance
Mother's Day Weekend 2019

We are looking to put together a fantastic Mother-Son Dance on/around Mother's Day weekend this year. Be on the lookout for further details as it gets closer to May! If you would like to join the planning group, please do let me know!

To stay up to date on all Enfield Recreation Happenings, follow us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/EnfieldNHRecreation/>

If you have questions, or are interested in these events, have other ideas, or would like to be involved, please email recreation@enfield.nh.us.

Kindly,
Joel King
Director, Parks & Recreation Department
recreation@enfield.nh.us

P.S. Would you like to help with future Enfield Recreation events? Do you have a passion, skill, talent, or craft you would like to share? Would you like to become a member of the Recreation Commission? Do you have a Recreation related idea? I'd love to hear from you (recreation@enfield.nh.us)!

Mascoma Valley Parks & Recreation

Both the Ski & Ride and Youth Cross Country Ski Programs have come to an end, but we couldn't have asked for better conditions. Thank you to all our wonderful instructors and volunteers who help make these programs possible! Look for both of these programs to return in 2020 and for registration to open in early December 2019.



MVPR Ski & Ride 2019

Our first woodworking class with professional furniture maker, wood turner and finisher, Gary Wood begins on March 5th. Gary will be instructing a “Candle Stand Workshop” in March and participants will learn to make an *Early American* or *Shaker Style* Candle Stand table in six separate sessions. Materials are included in the registration fee and participants will leave with their completed Candle Stand. The class is taking place at Mascoma High School in the school’s wood shop, where Gary has been a visiting instructor for the last few years. If you missed the opportunity to register for this class, or the dates did not work with your schedule, do not worry! We hope to continue our partnership with Gary and offer additional classes in the future.



Candle Stands – March 2019 Class



Coming soon...

Summer Camp registration information! Look for details on our area summer camps to be published soon.

- Enfield Rec Camp (Huse Park, Enfield)
- Canaan Rec Camp (Canaan Elementary School)
- Camp X (Indian River School)

Line Dancing continues on Mondays at MVRHS and on Thursdays at the Enfield Community Building. Bring a friend and drop-in to one or both of these great classes. Participants will learn to line dance to all types of music – country, pop, Irish and more!

Registration remains open for painting classes in March, and look for more classes coming in May! Our instructor is also available for private events – contact mvalleyrec@gmail.com to arrange a private group class (minimum of 3).

For the painting classes, please follow and like our events on Facebook to see all the painting options for March and any upcoming classes in May. Please let us know what you want to paint!

<https://www.facebook.com/mvalleyrec>



***Bob Ross Style Painting Classes
Northern Lights and Geraniums***

MVPR Board Game Afternoons for adults continues on Friday afternoons. Join other members of the community on Fridays from 3:30-5:30pm at the Enfield Community Building. The cost is only \$3 and participants are encouraged to BYO Board Game!

Save time and paper with online registration for our various programs. If you have not already created an account with Mascoma Valley Parks & Recreation, please check out our new site and make an account for you and your family.

Recreation Website: <https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Home>



Upcoming & Ongoing Recreation Events, Programs and Activities:

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

- *Candle Stand Workshop (registration closed – look for future classes coming soon!)*
 - Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 5 – 21, 2019 in the MVRHS Wood Shop Classroom
 - \$290/person; all materials provided and participants leave with a completed Candle Stand
 - Register Online:
<https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Home>
- *Il Circolo Italiano – Italian Conversation Club*
 - Saturdays at 10am at Mickey's Roadside Café
 - Breakfast is not provided, but attendees are welcome to purchase food at their own expense
- *Mascoma Valley Guitar Orchestra*, weekly rehearsals on Sundays at the Department of Public Works starting at 6:30pm. \$3/session (Registration not required)
- *Adult Volleyball*, on Sundays from 6pm-8pm at MVRHS (Contact mvalleyrec@gmail.com for more details)
- *Adult Basketball*, on Sundays from 10am-12pm through June 2019 at MVRHS

- *Line Dancing*, on Thursdays at the Enfield Community Building from 5:00-6:00pm and Mondays in the CPL Room at MVRHS from 4:30-5:30pm. Drop-ins allowed, no advance registration required.
- *Painting Classes* – Classes are Fridays, Saturdays or Sundays at the Enfield Community Building.
 - 2019 Dates are now online!
<https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Home>
 - Landscapes, florals and wildlife
 - Classes are \$45 and all materials are included; you will leave with a completed painting at the end of the class
- *MVPR Board Game Club* – contact mvalleyrec@gmail.com to be added to the email roster!
 - Fridays in January and February from 3:30-5:30pm
 - \$3/night (adults only please)
 - BYO Board Game
- *Challenger Multi-Sports Camp*
 - June 17-21, 2019 at Shaker Recreation Field on Route 4A in Enfield
 - <https://challenger.configio.com/pd/188432/mascoma-valley-parks-and-recreation-sports-ca?m=0&zip=03748&zipdis=30&cid=750&returncom=productlist&source=search>
- *Shooter's Gold Basketball Camp*
 - June 24-27, 2019 at IRS and MVRHS; for boys and girls
 - Grades 1-4 at IRS from 1pm-3pm
 - Grades 5-8 at MVRHS from 1pm-5pm
 - Register Online: www.hogancamps.com
- *Challenger Sports Soccer Camps*
 - July 15-19, 2019 at Shaker Recreation Field on Route 4A in Enfield
 - <https://challenger.configio.com/pd/188516/mascoma-valley-parks-and-recreation-internati?m=0&zip=03748&zipdis=30&cid=750&returncom=productlist&source=search>

BUILDING AND FIRE INSPECTOR

Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors do provide an early warning, helping to prevent a potential disaster. Batteries should never be removed from the unit for any reason and, if the alarm sounds, we must take advantage of the time it is giving us to vacate the building. They are our early warning system, do not second guess them. **Call 911 immediately.**

Detectors generally have a 10-year life expectancy before they need to be replaced. Batteries should be changed twice a year, change the clock, change the battery.

All fire departments within the Mascoma School District carry Smoke and C/O Detectors that can be left with homeowners in the event that a faulty unit is found during a call, no one should be left unprotected. These units have been generously provided free of charge to the departments by the Assembly of God Church in Canaan. Other donors are always needed, as to date we have given out over 120 units. If anyone is interested in participating or has further questions about Smoke and C/O Detectors do not hesitate to contact this office.

For questions about fire safety, please do not hesitate to contact to Town's building and fire inspector at 603-632-4343 or pneily@enfield.nh.us.

PLANNING & ZONING OFFICES

The Enfield Planning Board met on January 9 to review potential zoning ordinance changes and prepare for a public hearing on the topic. On January 21, the Planning Board held a public hearing on the zoning ordinance changes and voted them to town meeting. The February 13 meeting was canceled.

The Planning Board's February 27 meeting included three conceptual meetings to talk informally to Chris McGrody about a potential subdivision, to Jeff Reed about a potential subdivision, and to Tom Hersey to discuss his heavy equipment storage. They do not currently have applications scheduled for review in March (but that could change).

The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) met on January 8 to review a variance request for illuminated signs for the new Jake's. They did not have any hearings in February. On March 12, they will review a variance request for a duplex in Enfield Center.

All information is public and available at the Planning and Zoning Office in the DPW building at 74 Lockhaven Road.

If you have any questions about planning or zoning activities, please don't hesitate to contact our interim Planning & Zoning Administrator, Vickie Davis (planning@enfield.nh.us or 603-632-4067). Her office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

ENFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

March: the month that we all start to get a little more hopeful that winter may in fact end at some point. Despite the weather, February was a good month for us. So far, 29 kids have completed our scavenger hunt for Take Your Child to the Library Month. In other programming news, seven kids made robot hands the week of winter break and we had 25 people attend our “Cruising New Hampshire History” talk with Michael Bruno. The Library owns a copy of his book if you want to know more and couldn’t make the event.

Save the Date: Author Dan Szczesny will be coming to the Enfield Community Building **Wednesday May 1st at 7:00pm** to talk about his books. His most recent book, *White Mountain*, explores the history, culture, and allure of Mount Washington.

Happening in March:

- **Make It Take It Monday** will happen on March 4th. We’ll be experimenting with static electricity by making a butterfly that flutters its wings. Drop in anytime between 3:30 and 5:00pm, all ages welcome!
- **Saturday My First Story Time:** March 16th at 9:30am. Babies to age 2½ on a caregiver’s lap will enjoy books, songs, and rhymes supporting early literacy, lots of movement, and socializing.
- Our **book group** will be reading *Cannery Row* by John Steinbeck. The discussion will be held Thursday March 28th at 6:30pm.

What happened in February:

- We circulated 1,852 items and had 22 programs with 267 participants.

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

OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK & TAX COLLECTOR

Town Clerk

Just a quick reminder. Your dog/dogs need to be licensed by April 30, 2019.

Please make sure they are up to date on their rabies shots, fees are as follows:

- Spayed/Neutered \$7.50
- Unaltered \$10.00

- Residents over 65 \$3.00-First dog only, additional dogs are full price
- Group license \$25.00-5 or more dogs

Town meeting is March 12, 2019. Last day to register to vote is Saturday, March 2, 2019 from 11:00 to 11:30 am at Whitney Hall, 23 Main Street. New registrations will also be taken on election day.

Items needed for quick registering:

- Birth Certificate or Passport
- Driver's License or other photo I.D.
- Mail, utility bill, auto registration or pay-stub with present street address (you only need to provide one of these if your government-issued photo ID does NOT display your current address)

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.

Tax Collector

Greetings all! Federal Income tax filing time is fast approaching so I would like to remind you that information on the amount of property taxes paid in 2018 is available on the Town's website! www.enfield.nh.us. 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 give me a call!

As a reminder, payments for taxes or utilities over the counter may be made by cash or check only.

Think spring and remember to "spring-forward" with your clocks on March 10!

Please don't hesitate to contact the Tax Collector at 603-632-4201 Ext. 5404 or by email (whuntley@enfield.nh.us) with any questions about your property tax bills, water/sewer bills, betterment assessments or other taxes and fees collected by the Tax Collector.

ENERGY COMMITTEE

This winter, 80 residents have signed up to participate in the Weatherize Enfield & Canaan effort. The program, led by the Enfield and Canaan Energy Committees and supported by local nonprofit Vital Communities, connects participants with qualified contractors to complete home energy upgrades. Residents can sign up and request their \$100 energy audit any time before March 15. Volunteers will be at the Enfield Town Library every Saturday from 10 am until noon through March 9 to help others get involved in the program. Learn more and get started anytime online at: VitalCommunities.org/Weatherize.

===== **MEETINGS & EVENTS** =====

UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS (SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

- March 4 @ 6:00 PM (DPW Building) – Board of Selectmen
- March 5 @ 3:30 PM (Town Hall) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee
- March 5 @ 6:00 PM (DPW Building) – CIP Committee
- March 6 @ 4:00 PM (Town Hall) – Scenic Byway Committee
- March 6 @ 5:30 PM (Town Hall) – Old Home Days Committee
- March 7 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) – Conservation Commission
- March 11 @ 6:00 PM (Town Hall) – Library Trustees
- March 12, Polls open 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM, Town Meeting Elections and voting by ballot on amendments to the Zoning Ordinance (Whitney Hall Auditorium – top floor of Town Hall)
- March 12 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) – Zoning Board of Adjustment
- March 13 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) – Planning Board (tentative)
- March 16 @ 9:00 AM (Enfield Village School Gym, 271 US Route 4) – Second session of Town Meeting with discussion and voting on all remaining articles on the Town Warrant
- March 18 @ 6:00 PM (DPW Building) – Board of Selectmen
- March 19 @ 3:30 PM (Town Hall) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee
- March 19 @ 6:00 PM (Town Hall) – Recreation Commission
- March 27 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) – Planning Board
- March 28 @ 4:30 PM (Town Hall) – Heritage Commission
- April 1 @ 6:00 PM (DPW Building) – Board of Selectmen
- April 2 @ 3:30 PM (Town Hall) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee
- April 3 @ 5:30 PM (Town Hall) – Old Home Days Committee
- April 4 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) – Conservation Commission
- April 8 @ 6:00 PM (Town Hall) – Library Trustees
- April 9 @ 5:15 PM (Town Hall) – Energy Committee

- April 9 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) – Zoning Board of Adjustment (tentative)
- April 10 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) – Planning Board (tentative)

===== **COMMUNITY EVENTS** =====

In lieu of the Community Bulletin Board on the Town's website we are now using a Community & Business Calendar of Events which you'll find on the Community & Business main page: <https://www.enfield.nh.us/community-businesses>. Previous posts on the Community Bulletin Board that were informational in nature, but not events, can be found under the appropriate department page. For instance, Friends of Mascoma Food Pantry information can be found on the Human Services page under Food Assistance and information on how to recycle those hard to recycle items can be found on the Public Works Department, Solid Waste & Recycling page.

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

===== **RECENT NEWS FROM PAST ISSUES** =====

PUBLIC WORKS COLLEGE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The Town of Enfield, NH, Department of Public Works is offering an internship program to an advanced undergraduate or graduate student that involves assisting the Public Works Director with several important infrastructure planning, asset management, and geospatial data collection projects. The primary project will be developing a town-wide road plan that includes collecting data on surface condition, culverts and drainage structures, vegetative cover, and signage. This inventory will be used in a work management system and for short- and long-term budgeting and capital planning. Other projects include assisting with asset management projects for both the water and sewer systems that are currently



underway. The intern will also gain valuable knowledge by actively collaborating with our Public Works staff, other municipal departments, and consulting engineers in the course of completing the project. The intern will be exposed to a number of different data collection techniques and analytical tools in the course of the project. As time allows, the intern may also provide direct support to the Planning and Zoning Offices in fulfilling additional community objectives (i.e., master planning). Candidates must be self-motivated and able to work independently and as part of a team. This is a 12-week paid summer internship (rate of pay will be based on the experience of the selected applicant) and the Town is also willing to work with students who are able to achieve college credit for internship work that continues into the fall semester.

2019 WATER & SEWER RATES AND ONGOING STUDIES

In December 2018, the Enfield Water & Sewer Commissioners (Board of Selectmen) voted to adjust water and sewer rates in accordance with the formal recommendations offered by the Town Manager and Public Works Director. The new rates became effective January 1, 2019 and will appear in the first quarter bills arriving in your mailbox the first week in April 2019. The adopted increases include for following:

Water Rates

- Fixed charge increased \$2 per quarter for usage under 10,000 gallon per quarter
- Fixed charge increased \$7 per quarter for usage 10,000 gallons and over per quarter
- Consumption charges have been increased 5% for both usage levels

Sewer Rates

- No change to fixed charges
- Consumption charges have been increased 8% on both usage levels
2.5% increase on the deficit reduction fee (which is consumption based)

The changes in the rates were approved to ensure that the amount of revenue collected is adequate to cover the annual operating and capital costs associated with these systems. As is widely known, over the course of several years the Town of Enfield's Sewer Fund began operating in a deficit. This was effectively the result of user fees failing to keep pace with rising operating costs. Unfortunately, significant changes in the rate structure had to be made beginning in 2018 to start remedying this problem and thus improve financial strength/integrity of the Sewer Fund and municipal financial position overall. The adopted changes in the sewer rates in 2019 were

necessary to ensure that we remain on a trajectory to eliminate the deficit within the next several years.

Although it is true that the Water Fund does enjoy a healthy surplus, a 5% increase in the consumption rates (and roughly equivalent increases in fixed costs) was needed in order to ensure that the revenue collected in 2019 kept pace with projected operating costs in the same budget year. Although inflation across all segments of the economy (as measured by instruments like the Consumer Price Index) might be +/- 2% in a given year, the reality is that rates of inflation in sectors of the economy related to construction and infrastructure have been appreciably higher (5-7% in many cases). As a result, maintaining the municipal water system at its current level will result in the Town incurring additional expense. Furthermore, given what transpired over time with the Sewer Fund, we must be cognizant of how a surplus in a given fund can erode to a deficit relatively quickly if user fees fail to keep pace with the true costs of operating and maintaining the system.

It is also important to note that multiple projects are presently underway that are helping us better understand the current state of our municipal water and sewer infrastructure, and this information will be of critical importance when it comes to establishing a baseline, undertaking longer-term capital planning, and setting usage rates. One of the projects will include a thorough evaluation of alternative methods of treating Enfield's wastewater and help us evaluate the feasibility (including the financial feasibility) of constructing our own wastewater treatment plant in the interest of reducing operating costs in the long-term. These projects are being completed with funding support from the NH Department of Environmental Services.

The Water & Sewer Commissioners, Town Manager, and Department of Public Works are committed to keeping the Water and Sewer Departments financially sustainable while delivering quality water and sewer services into the future.

MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM - LEVEL OF SERVICE PUBLIC FORUM

Enfield officials and representatives from Horizons Engineering held a public forum/workshop on February 21 in the Enfield Community Building to provide the public information about the current condition of the municipal water system (including likely upcoming capital improvement needs) and obtain resident feedback that will help inform the goals and objectives we set regarding desired levels of service moving forward. We want to thank those residents (and users of the water system in particular) who attended the session to convey your valued input.

PUBLIC MEETING WITH CASELLA (WASTE MANAGEMENT)

A public forum with representatives from Casella was held in the Enfield Community Building on February 11 (Monday). The purpose of this informational session was to provide Casella representatives an opportunity to share important information about their curbside rubbish and recyclables collection practices, and also give Enfield residents an opportunity to pose questions or concerns that could help Casella improve the quality of their service to our community. The meeting was well-attended and we appreciate the amount of input provided by residents. A follow-up survey is being considered. The Town is committed to providing high-quality services and meeting the needs and expectations of Enfield residents. If you have any questions or concerns about our curbside rubbish collection and ZeroSort recycling programs, please do not hesitate to contact Jim Taylor, Public Works Director, at 603-632-4605 or jtaylor@enfield.nh.us.

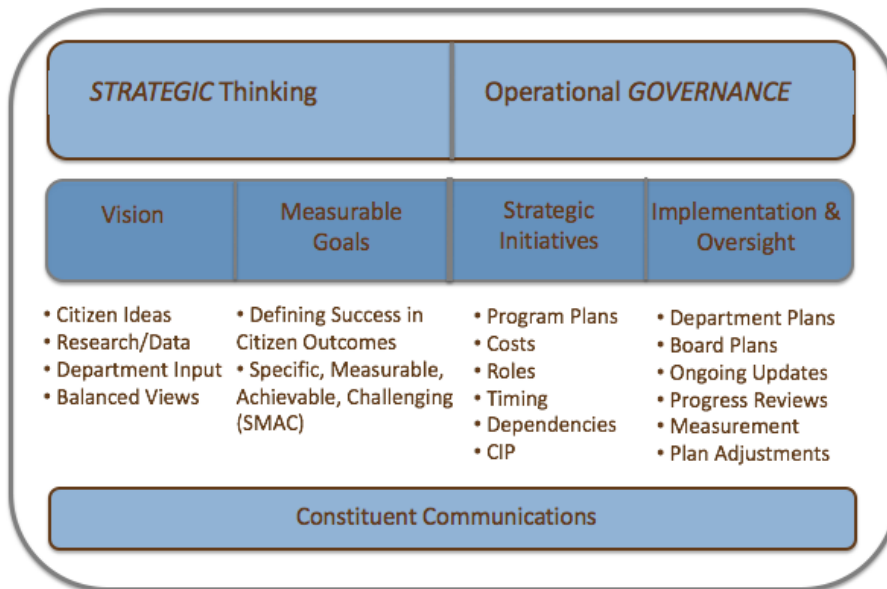
STRATEGIC PLANNING & GOVERNANCE

In March 2018, with strong community support, Enfield town officials began working with the Center for Strategic Governance (www.strat-gov.com) to adopt strategic governance to help leaders and residents create a desired future.

Strategic governance consists of two related ongoing efforts. The first engages residents and officials in deciding what matters most to their community and in envisioning a desired future that achieves those outcomes. This is strategic thinking; it helps people decide *what* to achieve. The second involves making that vision a reality by achieving strategic initiatives while managing day-to-day operations. This is operational governance; it focuses on *how* to achieve desired outcomes.

A Framework for Strategic Governance

Engaging Citizens to Envision and Achieve a Desired Future



A Proposed Vision:

Retain Enfield's town character, sense of community, environment, and heritage, because residents generally like the town as it is.

Priorities

Improve the following aspects that shape our quality of life:

1. **Financial Condition/Affordability** – Strengthen Enfield’s finances (build reserves, eliminate operating deficits, smooth tax rates; improve cash flow, release more TIF District funds for TIF projects; secure \$1million by 2022 in external grant funding, and increase the amount of non-property tax revenue (NPTR) by at least 2% annually through 2023.
2. **Public Health & Safety** – Fire and EMS are not functioning as effectively or efficiently as they should or could. Issues seem to fall under the categories of staffing and management. Explore whether Enfield might benefit from a merger of the two into a Fire-Rescue department.
3. **Infrastructure, Facilities and Technology**
 - a. *Buildings/Facilities* – Most departments cite that substandard buildings/facilities limit fulfilling their mission. They have asked for \$296,500 in upgrades over the next five years that still won’t create truly effective space. Through a Municipal Facilities Optimization Study to be completed soon, we are identifying costs for either building a new municipal complex with enough shared space to serve all departments or completing major designs and renovations to existing Town buildings.
 - b. *Water System* – A Water Asset Planning/Management Study funded with a DES matching grant will tell us in the coming months whether DPW will need to rebuild some or all of the 10-mile long water supply system originally built in 1903. The effort could cost \$3 million in today’s dollars. We’re also analyzing the existing water rate structure to ensure that the Town’s fees are fair, equitable, and financially sustainable.
 - c. *Wastewater System* – We are launching an analysis of our wastewater assets (including ways to reduce stormwater/groundwater infiltration), a rate study to ensure that user fees are promoting financial sustainability within the Sewer Fund, and a feasibility analysis of constructing and operating our own municipal wastewater treatment plant. This should be completed by Spring 2019.
4. **Community/Economic Development and Housing** – Enfield has been slow to create or adequately explore the viability of many community/economic development ideas that have been raised over the past years. The Community/Economic Development function needs to provide leadership at the municipal level; engage the Enfield Village Association and others interested in making progress; and increase the level of effective support for the Planning Board as it works on the Master Plan and any proposed updates to the Town’s Zoning Ordinance.

Starting in November, we began engaging with residents to shape Enfield's goals and related investments thru 2023. Learn more about strategic governance, the state-of-the-town, proposed departmental plans, etc. at: www.enfield.nh.us/strategic-governance-enfield.

For more information on Enfield's strategic planning and governance efforts, please contact the Town Manager at 603-442-5405 or raylesworth@enfield.nh.us.

HUMAN SERVICES

It's the time of year for increased activities in the office, community and surrounding agencies.

With the upcoming busy season, donations of supermarket gift cards would be greatly appreciated. Drop by the Town Office or feel free to use the drop box.

Want to Donate to the Town's Fuel Assistance Fund?

The Town of Enfield's Human Services Department provides financial support for fuel to Enfield residents in need. The funds we redistribute come from private donations made to a dedicated trust fund set up for this specific purpose. Our ability to help needy families with their fuel needs is, in large part, dependent on the monies available in the fuel fund. We strongly encourage residents to consider making a donation to the fuel fund to help others in the community. Donations are tax deductible! For more information, please contact Diane Heed, Human Services Director, at 603-442-5429 or dheed@enfield.nh.us.



Tri-County Fuel, Electrical and Weatherization Assistance Programs:

These are now open and you can contact the Ashland office at 603-968-3560 for your application. Weekly appointments are available in Lebanon, NH.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Human Services Director any time at 603-442-5429 or dheed@enfield.nh.us.

2019 TOWN MEETING SCHEDULE - IMPORTANT DEADLINES

The Town Elections and Second Session for the 2019 Town Meeting will be held on March 12 (Tuesday) and March 16 (Saturday), respectively. The following are important filing deadlines pertaining to this year's Town Meeting.



- ~~Wednesday, December 12, 2018 Last day to accept petitions to amend zoning ordinance, historic district ordinance or building code for consideration at the 2019 town meeting. [RSA 675:4 90 days before town meeting]~~
- ~~Wednesday, January 23, 2019 First day for candidates in towns with non-partisan official ballot system to file declarations of candidacy with town clerk. [RSA 669:19; 652:20 seventh Wednesday before town meeting]~~
- ~~Friday, February 1, 2019 Last day for filing declarations of candidacy with town clerk in towns with non-partisan official ballot system. Town clerk's office must be open at least from 3 to 5 p.m. [RSA 669:19; 652:20 the Friday next following the first day for candidates to file declarations of candidacy on 1/23/19]~~
- ~~Tuesday, February 5, 2019 Last day for 25 or more voters or 2% of the total, whichever is less, but in no case fewer than 10 voters, to petition select board to include an article in the warrant. [RSA 39:3 fifth Tuesday before town meeting]~~
- Saturday, March 2, 2019
Last day for town clerk to accept voter registration applications for town meeting day (Voters may register on election day for all town elections). [RSA 64:8; RSA 654:27, deadline for town clerk to accept voter registration is the same date as the date for the last checklist session correction - the Saturday no less than 6 and no more than 13 days before town meeting]
- Saturday, March 2, 2019
Supervisors to hold session for correction of checklist prior to annual meeting for no fewer than 30 minutes. No corrections or additions may be made after this session until election day, except as provided in RSA 659:12. [RSA 654:27; 654:28; 669:5; 40:13, II-d, VII]
- Tuesday, March 5, 2019
Last day to submit zoning ordinance protest petition to require 2/3 vote at town meeting. [RSA 675:5- at least 7 days before town meeting]
- Monday, March 11, 2019
The town clerk's office shall be open to receive applications for absentee ballots, to provide voters the opportunity to complete absentee ballots, and to receive returned ballots on the Monday immediately prior to an election at a minimum from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00

p.m. The clerk may designate a deputy clerk or assistant to provide this service, provided the individual has taken the oath of office and has been trained in the requirements for using an absentee ballot and the procedures for issuing and receiving absentee ballots. [RSA 657:1, II (c)]

- Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Last day for town clerk to accept completed absentee ballots; clerk, or clerk's designee, must be available at least between 3 and 5 p.m. No absentee ballots may be accepted after 5 p.m. [RSA 669:29; 657:22; 652:20]

- Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Town Meeting Election of Local Officials and Voting on any Zoning amendments. Voting will take place in the Whitney Hall Auditorium, 23 Main Street, from 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM

- Friday, March 15, 2019

Last day for any person for whom a vote was cast to apply to town clerk for a recount (to be conducted not earlier than 5 nor later than 10 days after receipt of the application). Town clerk must be available at least between 3 and 5 p.m. to receive application, and must provide at least 3 days' notice of recount date to candidates for that office. [RSA 669:30-:31; 652:20 – Friday next following town meeting/election]

- Saturday, March 16, 2019

Second session of Town Meeting – All other articles will be presented, discussed and acted upon. The second session of Town Meeting takes place in the Enfield Village School Gymnasium, 271 US Route 4, beginning at 9:00 AM.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Toters

The trash and recycling toters are part of the Enfield trash and recycling collection program and must remain with the property upon a property transfer. The Town has had to replace many of these containers that people have taken with them after selling their properties.

Recycling Fees

The Town of Enfield charges fees for items that the Town gets charged for to dispose of including CFC units, tires, TVs, computers, tires, electronics, fire extinguishers, propane tanks and microwave ovens. Lately a number of people have been trying to “sneak” items into the Transfer Station to avoid paying these fees. It is very important to dispose of these items properly not only to the health of the Town budget but the safety of the operators and

people at the Transfer Station and down the trash and recycling streams. Many of these items contain hazardous materials which is the reason for the fee. Hiding hazardous materials in bags going into a compactor or placing them in the metal container that will be run through a grinder could result in a serious injury. Please follow link below for details.

<https://www.enfield.nh.us/solid-waste-recycling/files/solid-waste-recycling-program>

Enfield Vegetative Management Facility

The Enfield Vegetative Management Facility closed on November 3, 2018 and will reopen May 1, 2019. Clean brush and yard waste can be recycled at Hammond's Grinding and Recycling just East of Canaan Village on US Route 4. 603-523-4353 and the Lebanon Landfill will take brush and yard waste year-round.

Construction and Demolition Material (C & D)

The Enfield Transfer Station and Enfield Vegetative Management Facility do **NOT** accept any volumes of C & D at this time. These materials are accepted, for a fee, by the Lebanon Landfill 370 N Plainfield Rd, West Lebanon and Hammond's Grinding and Recycling just East of Canaan Village on US Route 4.

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 cheapest!

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 four-minute 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™ campaign.

It is Casella's stated goal to not only invest in recycling technology to improve its outbound materials, but to also educate our 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>

Please Use Curbside Trash and Recycling Services

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 help keep our solid waste expenses down (and keep property tax rates as low as possible in the process)!

PLANNING & ZONING OFFICES

The Planning Board held a public hearing on January 21 to finalize the proposed changes to the Town's Zoning Ordinance that will be voted on (official ballot) during the Town elections on March 12. The proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance are as follows:

Article 2: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 for the Town of Enfield Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend definition of "Setback" in Appendix A:

"The distance between a building or structure and the nearest property line, wetland, or sewage disposal system. **Setbacks are to be measured from the drip line and include but are not limited to decks, roof overhangs, fireplaces, and any bump-outs on the structure.**"

Article 3: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 for the Town of Enfield Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend Section 413 Non-Conforming Lots and Uses:

2. Any non-conforming uses existing on the effective date of this Ordinance shall be considered a lawful ~~lot~~ **use** and may be continued. Even though the lot **where the use is located** does not comply with the minimum lot size or frontage requirements, the ~~lot~~ **use** may be **continued** ~~built upon~~ provided all other standards of the district in which it is located are met.
4. Last two sentences: The replacement ~~uses (or buildings and structures, if applicable)~~ must be in the same location, and the

same **or less** dimensions as before the damage. **The dimensions include length, width, and height of the original structure.**

Article 4: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 for the Town of Enfield Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend the definition of “Accessory Dwelling Unit” in Appendix A: A single apartment of no more than 800 square feet, containing no more than ~~two~~ **one** bedrooms and one bathroom, ~~must be connected to a single family dwelling as defined in RSA 674:71-73 by enclosed weather-tight space with continuous roof and continuous foundation.~~ The apartment **accessory dwelling unit** and main dwelling are exempt from district acreage density requirements and must remain under one ownership.

Article 5: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 for the Town of Enfield Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend section 403 Special Exceptions to add “Kennels” to the following lists for provision of that use by special exception: Section 4. CB (Community Business District) and Section 6. Route 4 District.

Article 6: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 for the Town of Enfield Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend Section 408 Signs, paragraph C:

C. Signs shall refer only to a use, activity or business carried on the lot upon which they are situated, except that the Zoning ~~Administrator Board of Adjustment~~ **Administrator** may grant permission ~~as a Special Exception~~ for erection, off the premises, of a limited number of non-illuminated signs, providing the following conditions are met:

1. Each sign not exceeding three square feet.
2. Intended solely to give directional information.
- 3. No more than three signs for any one business townwide.**

The “Don’t” of Recycling



KEEP THESE ITEMS OUT OF ZERO-SORT® 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

FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FIRE INSPECTOR



GET READY!

Disasters can happen anywhere and at any time. By taking the time to create an emergency supplies kit, your family will be prepared in the event of a disaster. The kit also helps children feel more secure knowing it is there in case of an emergency.

The supplies can be kept in a plastic tub, small suitcase, trash can, backpack or other container. To learn what else you need in an emergency supplies kit, go to www.ready.gov.



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EMERGENCY SUPPLIES KIT:

- ☐ Water – one gallon per person per day for drinking and sanitation — store 3-day supply
- ☐ Ready-to-eat food, canned juices, comfort/stress foods — at least a 3-day supply
- ☐ Battery-powered or hand-cranked radio and a NOAA weather radio, and extra batteries for both
- ☐ Flashlights and extra batteries
- ☐ First aid kit
- ☐ Non-prescription drugs such as pain reliever, anti-diarrhea medication, antacid, laxative
- ☐ Prescription medications, contact lenses and supplies, denture needs
- ☐ Whistle to signal for help
- ☐ Infant formula and diapers, if you have an infant
- ☐ Water and pet food if you have pets
- ☐ Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- ☐ Dust mask or cotton t-shirt to filter the air
- ☐ Plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- ☐ Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- ☐ Can opener for food
- ☐ Aluminum foil
- ☐ A jacket or coat, hat and gloves
- ☐ A complete change of clothing including long pants, long sleeve shirt, and sturdy shoes stored in a waterproof container.
- ☐ Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person
- ☐ Rain gear
- ☐ Mess kits, paper cups, plates and plastic utensils
- ☐ Cash or traveler's checks, change
- ☐ Paper towels
- ☐ Tent
- ☐ Compass
- ☐ Matches in a waterproof container
- ☐ Signal flare
- ☐ Paper, pencil
- ☐ Personal hygiene items
- ☐ Soap
- ☐ Disinfectant and household chlorine bleach
- ☐ Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container. Remember to include emergency contact numbers.
- ☐ Passport, bank account numbers, credit card account numbers and companies
- ☐ Books, games puzzles, portable music device

NOTE: Replace food every six months. Re-think your kit and family needs once a year. Replace batteries and update clothes, etc.

My Personal Pack Checklist

Have children create their personal pack. Have them include things like their favorite book or stuffed animal. These familiar things will help keep them comfortable during an emergency.

- ✓ Change of clothes
- ✓ Blanket
- ✓ Books
- ✓ Favorite toy
- ✓ Paper, pencils and crayons



For more information, visit the National Fire Protection Association at www.nfpa.org/disaster.
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Heating Safety

There is something about the winter months and curling up with a good book by the fireplace. But did you know that heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths? With a few simple safety tips and precautions you can prevent most heating fires from happening.

BE WARM AND SAFE THIS WINTER!

- Keep anything that can burn at least three-feet (one metre) away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a three-foot (one metre) "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month.



Heating Equipment Smarts

Install wood burning stoves following manufacturer's instructions or have a professional do the installation. All fuel-burning equipment should be vented to the outside to avoid carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.

Install and maintain CO alarms to avoid the risk of CO poisoning. If you **smell** gas in your gas heater, do not light the appliance. Leave the home immediately and call your local fire department or gas company.



FACT

Half of home heating fires are reported during the months of **December, January, and February.**



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Electric Portable Space Heater Safety

When the weather turns cold, it can bring a chill into our homes. Portable space heaters have become a popular way to supplement central heating or heat one room. If you plan to use portable electric space heaters, make sure to follow these tips and recommendations:

HEATER CHECKLIST

- Purchase a heater with the seal of a qualified testing laboratory.
- Keep the heater at least 3 feet (1 metre) away from anything that can burn, including people.
- Choose a heater with a thermostat and overheat protection.
- Place the heater on a solid, flat surface.
- Make sure your heater has an auto shut-off to turn the heater off if it tips over.
- Keep space heaters out of the way of foot traffic. Never block an exit.
- Keep children away from the space heater.
- Plug the heater directly into the wall outlet. Never use an extension cord.
- Space heaters should be turned off and unplugged when you leave the room or go to bed.

Types of electric space heaters

Oil or water-filled radiator

Heated oil or water travels through the heater.

Fan-forced heater

A fan blows warm air over metal coils.

Ceramic heater

Air is warmed over a ceramic heating element.

Infrared heaters

Heat is created by infrared bulbs.

Fact

Two in five deaths in space heater fires involve portable electric space heaters.



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Smoke Alarms at Home

SMOKE ALARMS ARE A KEY PART of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.



SAFETY TIPS

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom. They should also be outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. Install alarms in the basement.
- Large homes may need extra smoke alarms.
- It is best to use interconnected smoke alarms. When one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound.
- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.
- Current alarms on the market employ different types of technology including multi-sensing, which could include smoke and carbon monoxide combined.
- Today's smoke alarms will be more technologically advanced to respond to a multitude of fire conditions, yet mitigate false alarms.
- A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high on a wall. Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen to reduce false alarms. They should be at least 10 feet (3 meters) from the stove.
- People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms. These alarms have strobe lights and bed shakers.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.

FACTS

- ❗ A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.
- ❗ Smoke alarms should be installed inside every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level. Smoke alarms should be connected so when one sounds, they all sound. Most homes do not have this level of protection.
- ❗ Roughly 3 out of 5 fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.



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The National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) "Heating Safety" fact sheet explains what is necessary to help prevent fires and safely operate heating equipment. This is accessible at:

<http://www.nfpa.org/public-education/by-topic/top-causes-of-fire/heating/heating-safety-tips>

PROPERTY RECORDS AND MAPS

Did you know that property assessment records and GIS maps with various layers, including wetlands, topography, etc., are available on our website? Simply go to the Assessing Department page at

<http://www.enfield.nh.us/assessing-department> 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 one opening. 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 in the Whitney Hall conference room in the Enfield Town Offices. Check our Town Calendar for meeting times as they are trying out a new earlier time – 6:00 PM! 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 and Zoning. They are both judicial bodies that have the responsibility to judge if new Subdivisions and business Site Plans meet the Town Zoning Ordinance. We have one opening for a **Planning Board alternate** and one opening for **Zoning Board of**

Adjustment (ZBA) alternates. The Planning Board's regular meeting schedule is the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, however they'll meet just once a month if there is not enough business to warrant two meetings. 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 January – July at 5:30 PM, with a couple of additional meetings in June and July as needed to prepare for the festivities. Check out the wide array of entertaining events held in 2018:

<http://www.enfield.nh.us/sites/enfieldnh/files/uploads/2018ohdevents.pdf>



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