

Winter Walk on Northern Rail Trail by Maria Yamburenko

#### WELCOME MESSAGE

#### Greetings!

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



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

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- Go to the below page on the town's website: <u>www.enfield.nh.us/subscribe</u>
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- 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.

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## LATEST NEWS

#### A MESSAGE FROM ENFIELD'S TOWN MANAGER

**To build or not to build, that is the question** that will be asked of voters this year at the second session of town meeting which will be held on April 30, 2022, at Huse Park. As many know, there are two bond articles that have been placed on the warrant for town meeting, one to renovate and expand Whitney Hall and the other for the construction of a public safety facility. The Town held two informational meetings in January, to introduce both projects, and a public hearing for the Whitney Hall renovation and expansion in February, before voting to place the articles on the warrant. Another public hearing for both projects has been scheduled for April 4, 2022, at 6:00 PM at the DPW meeting room at 74 Lockehaven Road.

There has been some concern about how fast these projects have been moved forward. To help people understand all the work that has been put into the Town's facility needs, I would like to take some time to revisit the history of these projects. The Town has been studying the needs of town facilities for many years. The study leading to these proposed projects started in 2018 when the Town hired Jay Barrett of Barrett Architecture, PC to complete a Municipal Facility Optimization Study. This study was presented publicly to the Town in March of 2019, and the final report was delivered in April 2019 (which can be found on the town website at <a href="https://www.enfield.nh.us/home/pages/municipal-facilities-optimization-study-facilities-planning">https://www.enfield.nh.us/home/pages/municipal-facilities-optimization-study-facilities-planning</a>). The information from this report brought about the creation of a Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee (MFAC), in April of 2019, which was charged with analyzing the 12 Town Facilities, holding multiple public meetings to receive public comment, and recommending future facility plans to the Town Manager and Selectboard. In September of 2020, the MFAC committee reported back to the Selectboard and Town Manager the following classifications of buildings (presentation slides can be found at

https://www.enfield.nh.us/home/pages/municipal-facilities-optimization-study-facilities-planning):

Satisfactory Facilities

- Enfield Center Fire Station
- Enfield Community Building
- Huse Park Pavilion
- Transfer Station
- Department of Public Works Facility

Disposable Facilities (Facilities to tear down)

• Shedd Street Garages (former DPW Facility)

Special Consideration Facilities

• Enfield Center Town House (Historic Town Hall; est. 1845)



Inadequate space in EMS Building

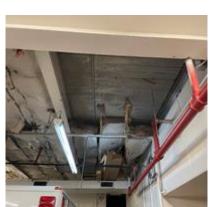
**Unsatisfactory Facilities** 

- Whitney Hall Building in poor condition and supplying inadequate space for both town offices and library.
- Police Station Inadequate square footage for police station, heating/cooling system does not work properly despite many attempts to repair. Roof is not properly designed for snow load.
- Union Street Fire Station Old building not designed to be a fire station, needs much repair, inadequate size, unsafe for firefighters.
- Depot Street Ambulance Building Small and inadequate building that poses health concerns for responders because of inadequate area for post call decontamination.



Water coming through walls

Whitney Hall



Poorly insulated and inefficient buildings Union Street Fire Station



Insufficient space

Police Station

The MFAC also recommended the expansion and renovation of Whitney Hall to house a larger library and improved town offices and recommended the purchase of property and construction of a public safety facility to house the police, fire and ambulance under one roof. As part of the MFAC project, BreadLoaf (a planning, architecture and building solutions corporation) was contracted to complete conceptual drawings and estimates for both recommended projects. In September 2020 BreadLoaf supplied the final report and conceptual drawings (which can be found on the town website at <a href="https://www.enfield.nh.us/home/pages/municipal-facilities-optimization-study-facilities-planning">https://www.enfield.nh.us/home/pages/municipal-facilities-optimization-study-facilities-planning</a>).

Soon after the release of the BreadLoaf report, the Town entered into a transitionary phase with the departure of the Town Manager Ryan Aylesworth. This transition took longer than many anticipated, but the Interim Town Manager, Jack Wozmak, and Selectboard decided, near the end of 2021, to host information sessions to receive public input on these projects. The town produced and mailed a pamphlet to all postal patrons in Enfield and Enfield Center showing the conceptual drawings, estimated costs as presented in 2020 and information on the upcoming meetings. During the informational session, BreadLoaf presented updated costs estimates of \$5,802,150 for a complete renovation and expansion of Whiney Hall and \$7,259,066 for the construction of a Public Safety Facility.

I understand the price tag of these two projects creates sticker shock when you first see them, but one thing we can be assured of is that the longer these projects are delayed, the higher the prices will be. Some people have stated that because of the increased prices from COVID, we should not start these projects, but the country has realized a constant increase of prices for much longer than the last few years and we do not foresee a drop in prices in the future. The Town will continue to work with our consultants and partners to find ways to reduce costs while meeting both the current and future needs of the Town. We will also be looking for ways to find outside funding that can reduce the impact on the taxpayers, but outside funding, such as grants, require additional funding sources to be identified, which will require voters' approval, before they can be applied for or awarded.

Over the next couple of months, the Town will continue releasing information to help residents understand the two projects being presented, and why we believe the projects are necessary. Please review the documents on the Town Website listed above. Feel free to reach out to me, Police Chief Holland, or others that have been involved in this planning process if you have questions. As John Kluge stated in the first information session, what we do now represents the future of Enfield. This decision is what we will leave for our children and grandchildren, and we would like them to look back with pride for what we have done.

Ed Morris Town Manager

#### ANNUAL TOWN MEETING INFORMATION

#### Town of Enfield, New Hampshire TOWN MEETING NOTICE

The 2022 Town Meeting will be held on two days, as follows:

#### Tuesday, March 8, 2022 8:00 am – 7:00 pm Enfield Community Building 308 US Route 4, Enfield

Voting by Ballot for the election of Town Officers and any other questions required to be voted by Ballot. Polls will be open at 8:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. There will be no opportunity to vote by ballot on Articles 1 - 6 at the second session of the Town Meeting. After the polls close at 7:00 p.m., the ballots will be counted.

#### Second Session / Business Meeting

#### Saturday, April 30, 2022 beginning at 9:00 am Huse Park 308 US Route 4, Enfield

Remaining articles (Articles 7-18) will be presented, discussed and acted upon beginning at 9:00 am.

The second session/business meeting will be held outdoors. There will be limited parking for those who wish to remain in their vehicles and listen to the meeting over the provided FM radio

signal. For those who wish to sit outside there will be one large tent set up. Dress appropriately for the weather. Please bring your own chair. Personal pop-up tents are permitted.

Please disregard the Enfield Municipal Calendar listing of the second session of Town Meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup>. While this is the traditional date for the second session of Town Meeting the second session / business meeting will be held on April 30<sup>th</sup> in Huse Park as noted above.

2022 Annual Town Meeting information is posted on the Town's website at <u>https://www.enfield.nh.us/administration-town-manager/pages/2022-annual-town-meeting-0</u>

On this page you'll find the most recent information available, including but not limited to:

- 2022 Proposed Budget Final version
- 2022 Town Meeting Warrant Final version
- Sample Ballots
- Meeting Notices and Announcements

#### CANDIDATES FOR ELECTED TOWN OFFICES

The following individuals are running for local elected office. Voting will take place on March 8, 2022 at the Enfield Community Building, 308 US Route 4, from 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM

One Budget Committee Member for 1 year

Daniel Kiley

**One Selectman for 3 years** Erik Russell

**One Town Clerk for 3 years** Wendy Huntley

**One Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years** Terri L. Crate

**One Cemetery Trustee for 3 years** Brian Degnan

**One Library Trustee for 3 years** Mike Diehn Dolores C. Struckhoff Susan E. Brown

Two Zoning Board of Adjustment Members for 3 years

Mike Diehn Madeleine Johnson

#### Three Budget Committee Members for 3 years

Shirley A. Green Tracy Young

**One Supervisor of the Checklist for 6 years** Susan E. Brown Shirley J. Ryea

A privately organized Candidates Forum will be held March 1<sup>st</sup>. Look <u>HERE</u> for more information.

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS ON BONDS OR NOTES OVER \$100,000

As part of the Town Meeting process, the Board of Selectmen is required to hold a public hearing on any bond or note over \$100,000 that is proposed at the Town Meeting. The hearings must be held fifteen to 30 days prior to the vote. Therefore, the Board of Selectmen will hold two public hearings, in succession, on

#### Monday, April 4, 2022 Beginning at 6:00 PM Public Works Facility, 74 Lockehaven Road, Enfield and via Zoom videoconference

These hearings are relative to Articles 7 & 8 on the 2022 Town Meeting Warrant for a vote on April 30, 2022.

Hearing #1: to discuss the expansion and renovation of Whitney Hall (Enfield Town Offices and Enfield Public Library) currently estimated at \$5,802,150 (gross budget).

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,802,150 for the expansion and renovation of Whitney Hall, Town Offices and Library, to authorize the issuance of not more than \$5,558,086 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$244,064 from the Library Building Capital Reserve Fund to be used to reduce the amount of borrowing.

Hearing #2: to discuss the construction of a public safety facility (Police, Fire & Ambulance) currently estimated at \$7,259,066 (gross budget).

Article 8: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,259,066 (gross budget) for the construction of a public safety facility, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$7,259,066 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon.

The public hearings will take place during the Board of Selectmen's regularly scheduled meeting. Zoom meeting information can be found online at <u>https://www.enfield.nh.us/board-selectmen/events/53216</u>. For audio only, call (929) 205-6099, Meeting ID: 839 0149 9467.

#### FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR MUNICIPAL PROJECTS

As many of you may be aware, there are a funds available to municipalities from State and Federal sources. We want you all to be aware that your appointed and elected officials of Enfield are working to obtain as much of the funds as possible for the benefit of our residents and taxpayers. Application for funding does not guarantee award of the funds to the Town, but we'll do everything we can to secure whatever becomes available. In addition, grant funds received will be used to the greatest financial advantage.

For instance, in early 2020 the Town received funding from a State Aid Grant (SAG) for the Route 4 Sewer and Water extension project. This project, located within the TIF District was funded through a loan with Mascoma Bank. The TIF District Fund is used to pay the principal and interest payments on this loan. The SAG amortization schedule received from the State indicates that we'll receive grant fund payments through 2047. Of course, whether we actually receive all of these funds is dependent upon State funding of the grant. In the meantime, when we receive the funds from the State each year we in turn make an additional payment to principal on the loan. This will shorten the life of the loan and reduce interest costs.

The same holds true with SAG funding we are now receiving for the NH Route 4A sewer extension project which currently serves Shaker Landing and Lakeview condominiums. When grant funds are received we make additional payments to principal. Due to the way additional payments are applied to the USDA loan we need to time our additional payments to principal in order to have the maximum amount of the payment go to principal versus principal and interest, but rest assured we are doing our best to maximize these funds.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding is also available for various project types. The Town is applying for \$950,000 in ARPA funding for the 2021 Town Meeting approved sewer infrastructure project. We are also currently working on a low interest loan from the State Revolving Fund (SRF). ARPA funding, if awarded, will be used to reduce the amount of borrowing and thus reduce the amount and cost of the loan. We're currently low on the list for ARPA funding but will make every effort to obtain these funds.

The Town has also already received the 1st tranche (portion of the total) award in the amount of \$237,174 out of an estimated award of \$474, 349 in ARPA funding. After receipt of these funds changes in the allowed uses came down from the US Treasury. We can now accept the full amount of these funds awarded as "lost revenue" and use this money to fund any legal municipal purpose. These funds must be obligated by the Board of Selectmen for a specific purpose by 2024 and expended by 2026. While the Board of Selectmen have not made a formal decision obligating these funds for a specific purpose, the funds could be used for paving projects, reduction of the cost of one or both of the proposed municipal facilities projects, if approved by the 2022 Town Meeting, or other municipal purposes.

There's another \$50,000 ARPA grant available for expenses related to COVID response. We are currently working on our application for these funds. Staff is compiling a list of qualifying expenditures and considering the best use of these funds, and will make a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen later this year. The plan is to look at projects that are already planned to see if these funds can be used to reduce the cost to taxpayers. We can look back to expenditures already made in 2021. While it seems prudent to expend the funds to reduce the cost of planned, future purchases, we will look back to recover funds from 2021 if necessary, so we don't leave any available funding on the table.

Rest assured, we are applying for any and all funding for which we are eligible and will work to make sound, financial decisions on behalf of our residents.

#### PERMANENT LIBRARY DIRECTOR/TOWN LIBRARIAN APPOINTED

In case you haven't heard....

On February 17, 2022 the Enfield Board of Library Trustees made the following announcement:

Greetings Enfield Library Patrons and Enfield Citizens,

**The Enfield Public Library Trustees are delighted to announce that Kate Minshall has been appointed the Enfield Public Library's permanent Library Director/Town Librarian effective February 15, 2022.** Kate came to Enfield in January 2020 as Assistant Librarian with a focus on children and teen services from the Norwich VT, Public Library where she had been the Youth Services Librarian for 8 years. Kate received her master's in library science from the University of North Texas and has spent her entire career working in libraries, early childhood education, and childcare. Kate is well known for her story time: Many an Enfield child (and parent!) has watched *Miss Kate* read a story on the Library's YouTube channel with glee and joy! (see: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWo-DpcA-2d5ZamChN6TRPA/videoswith)

Kate was appointed interim Town Librarian in September of 2021 and under her leadership, the library has thrived with new energy and enthusiasm. New patrons have been welcomed, and programming planned and implemented, vacant positions were filled, and the new staff trained. Kate did this while continuing with her regular duties focusing on the needs of Enfield's children and teens. Supported by comments from patrons, the Trustees felt that Kate was the right candidate for Enfield as we look to a future that will continue to be more in-person, will hopefully involve a significant library facilities upgrade, and will include new and exciting programming that will engage young children through Enfield's seniors.

Initially, Kate was hesitant to be considered for the permanent job. As she became more engaged and saw the impact she was making in the library community, she reassessed being considered as the Town's permanent Librarian. The Trustees worked with Kate and ultimately determined to move from a search process to one that would validate that Kate was the best fit at this time. This "validation" process involved Kate interviewing with the 3 Library Trustees, Lebanon Library Director Sean Fleming, Enfield's Assistant Town Manager Alisa Bonnette, and Library Patron/Enfield Citizen Dolores Struckhoff. It also included the Trustees receiving informal feedback from the existing library team. At the completion of this process there was unanimous agreement that Kate has the skills, focus, energy, expertise, temperament, and drive to lead our Library into the future. The Trustees are thrilled to welcome Kate to the position of Library Director, and we look forward to working closely with her as she shapes a fresh and engaging vision for the Enfield Public Library. Kate has initiated a search for her replacement, and we are optimistic we will be back to full staff in March.

The Trustees want to extend sincere thanks Alisa Bonnette, Sean Fleming, and Dolores Struckhoff for their time and their expertise – this process was better thanks to the involvement of each of them.

If you have not been to the library, please stop by and introduce yourself to Kate and the team. We think you'll enjoy the experience, and it will be an opportunity for you to learn more about the proposed Library renovation and expansion that is on the April Town Meeting warrant.

Dominic C. Albanese Chair, Library Trustee

Shirley Green Treasurer, Library Trustee

Francine Lozeau Secretary, Library Trustee

Enfield Public Library https://www.enfield.nh.us/enfield-public-library

#### **EMPLOYMENT WITH THE TOWN OF ENFIELD**

The tide is turning. We are pleased to announce, after months of searching for the ideal candidates, we have filled three positions this past month – Library Director/Town Librarian, Deputy Town Clerk and Light Equipment Operator! We expect to have more positions filled in March!

We're still accepting applications for grounds workers!

Visit <u>Employment Information | Enfield NH</u> for more information and an employment application form.

#### **TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

Two quick announcements -

The Town Clerk's Office will be CLOSED on Election Day - March 8, 2022

**Dog license renewals are due by April 30**<sup>th</sup>. You can renew dog licenses online at https://www.enfield.nh.us/home/pages/online-payments

#### TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

The Tax Collector's Office will also be CLOSED on Election Day - March 8, 2022.

You may review your accounts for Utilities and Taxes on-line thru the Town's website at <u>www.enfield.nh.us</u>. To make your payment securely, online by either credit card or ACH (electronic check) go to <u>https://nhtaxkiosk.com/?KIOSKID=ENFIELD</u>. We strongly encourage residents to utilize this highly convenient option. If you have any questions about how to make an online payment, please do not hesitate to contact Jerusha (<u>Tax2@enfield.nh.us</u>) or me (<u>whuntley@enfield.nh.us</u>) directly - or by calling 603-632-4201.

As a reminder, our regular business hours are; Mon, Wed, Thurs, & Fri 8:30am to 3:30pm and Tuesdays 11am to 7pm.

#### LAND USE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Enfield Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) did not meet in February as there were no applications for appeals received. There will be a ZBA meeting in March on the 8<sup>th</sup> where two formal hearings will take place. First is Enfield Land Use Case #Z22-03-01 where Mark and Deborah Nylund will seek variance relief from the Enfield Zoning Ordinance to construct a single family home within prescribed setbacks to Depot Street, neighboring properties and to the Mascoma River. The subject parcel is 0.2 acres and is located at 9 Depot Street (Tax Map 34, Lot 44) and is within the Community Business (CB) zoning district. It is owned by Mark and Deborah Nylund. Second is Enfield Land Use Case #Z22-03-02 where Peter and Teri Tabur will seek a special exception to Enfield's Zoning Ordinance, as provided in Article 406.1 (Section D), to construct a driveway that crosses wetland areas. Owned by Peter and Teri Tabur , the subject property's address is 84 George Hill Road (Tax Map 9A, Lot 6) and is 130.5 acres in size. It is located in the Rural Residential-Agricultural (R5) zoning district. Pathways Consulting LLC of Lebanon is representing the Taburs in this matter. As always, for your information, all ZBA meeting agendas as well as any prior meeting minutes may be found on the ZBA section of the Town's website at: <a href="https://www.enfield.nh.us/zoning-board-adjustment">https://www.enfield.nh.us/zoning-board-adjustment</a>

The Planning Board met on February 23<sup>rd</sup> for an informal presentation and discussion with representatives of the Enfield Heritage Commission to discuss their idea for an "ENFIELD CENTER HISTORIC TRIANGLE." Here is an excerpt from their presentation to the Planning Board: "*The Enfield Heritage Commission proposes the establishment of a Local Historic District in Enfield Center*. *The proposed Local Historic District would consist of three historic buildings, Enfield Center Town House, Union Church, and Enfield Center Schoolhouse. The Town House and Union Church are listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the Schoolhouse is eligible for the NHR. These three buildings have been chosen by the Heritage Commission for their historic provenance and because they are public buildings, not subject to individual property owners' vagaries. If established as a Local Historic District, Enfield can apply for Certified Local Government status, thus unlocking grant funding the Town is not otherwise eligible for".* 

FYI, the PB meeting minutes and agendas are available on the Planning Board section of the Town's website at: <u>https://www.enfield.nh.us/planning-board</u>



The Master Planning Task Force met once in February on the 28<sup>th</sup>. The Task Force is continuing to work with our contractor, Brandy Saxton, of PlaceSense of Hartland, VT. The primary topic of discussion for February was the Housing Chapter and a review of all of the other draft chapters. There are also plans being developed for focus groups to review each chapter as a "sounding board." As always, everyone and anyone is encouraged to attend the twice a month (on the second and fourth Mondays) Master Planning Task Force Meetings. Check out the Master Planning project website <u>www.enfield-LEAPS.org</u>

Reminder- Recordings of ZBA, Planning Board, and Master Planning Task Force meetings (as well as other Town boards) are now on the Town's new YouTube channel. The address of this

channel is: <u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqUIDZ5agHCfXR3bJKOzgPw</u>. These recordings are taken from the Zoom web meeting's "Owl Camera" and so far seem to be a decent representation of each respective meeting.

If you are thinking about your property or another site, such as a subdivision, voluntary lot merger, boundary line adjustment or a conceptual idea for a new business, please reach out to Rob Taylor, the Town's Land Use and Community Development Administrator from Monday through Friday at 603-442-5427 or by email at: <a href="mailto:planning@enfield.nh.us">planning@enfield.nh.us</a>. You may also drop by the office (remember to bring your facemask per Town policy) at the DPW facility at 74 Lockehaven Road. We always recommend calling ahead first to be sure we are available to help you. We hope you are staying warm in this cold weather!!

#### NEWS FROM THE ENFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Coming early in March the Hanover Dispatch Center will be changing to a new dispatch system. While the public will not see any change in service, our department has been working with them closely to have all information entered correctly to assure a smooth transition. Changes will make our reporting at the state and federal levels easier, improve our ability to know who is responding to calls and provide map layers allowing Enfield and responding mutual aid partners to see hydrants and water sources etc., on mobile data units. As we move forward, I think we will find many other added benefits to this system.

An Ice Rescue Training was held in Canaan recently; local mutual aid partners Enfield and Grafton attended as well. These trainings allow us to know what others have for equipment and is great for pre-planning in case of an emergency.

Be careful of the ice as the temperatures change and we move towards spring.



We spring forward March 13 for daylight savings. This is a good time to check your smoke and C/O detectors and change the battery. We do have a limited supply of these detectors that are donated if people have failures.

For the Enfield Fire Department,

Phil Neily firechief@enfield.nh.us

#### **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

#### **Road Postings**

The Town of Enfield has posted roads in early March 2022. 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 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

#### Winter 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.

#### **Meter Reading**

The Enfield Water/Sewer Department will be reading meters beginning March 23 for first quarter 2022 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 Stickers. It is not intended for commercial applicators or to be taken in commercial volumes. Salt, ledge sand and materials in the shed are NOT available.

#### 2022 Household Hazardous Waste Dates Announced

Sat, May 7—Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street Sat, June 4 —Claremont Highway Garage, 8 Grandview Street Fri, July 15 —Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street (off Rt 120) Sat, August 6—New London Highway Garage, 184 South Pleasant Sat, October 1—Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street





#### All collections are 9:00 am—Noon

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**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://hhw.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 (NRRA 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 <u>may</u> 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://hhw.uvisrpc.org

#### **BUILDING INSPECTOR/HEALTH OFFICER**

# FEMA Snow Load Safety Guidance

#### **FEMA P-957**

This flyer summarizes warning signs of overstress conditions during a snow event, key safety issues and risks a snow event poses to buildings, and what to do after a snow event. For information on preventative measures to take before the snow season, download FEMA P-957, *Snow Load Safety Guide*, at https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/ documents/83501.

#### Warning Signs of Overstress Conditions during a Snow Event

Overstressed roofs typically display some warning signs. Wood and steel structures may show noticeable signs of excessive ceiling or roof sagging before failure. The following warning signs are common in wood, metal, and steel constructed buildings:

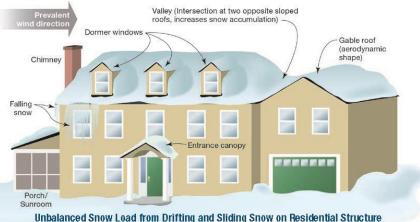
- Sagging ceiling tiles or boards, ceiling boards falling out of the ceiling grid, and/or sagging sprinkler lines and sprinkler heads
- Sprinkler heads deflecting below suspended ceilings
- Popping, cracking, and creaking noises
- Sagging roof members, including metal decking or plywood sheathing
- Bowing truss bottom chords or web members
- Doors and/or windows that can no longer be opened or closed
- Cracked or split wood members
- Cracks in walls or masonry
- Severe roof leaks
- Excessive accumulation of water at nondrainage locations on low slope roofs

#### **Key Safety Issues and Risks**

Snow accumulation in excess of building design conditions can result in structural failure and possible collapse. Structural failure due to roof snow loads may be linked to several possible causes, including but not limited to the following:

- Unbalanced snow load from drifting and sliding snow. When snow accumulates at different depths in different locations on a roof, it results in high and concentrated snow loads that can potentially overload the roof structure.
- Rain-on-snow load. Heavy rainfall on top of snow may cause snow to melt and become further saturated, significantly increasing the load on the roof structure.
- Snow melt between snow events. If the roof drainage system is blocked, improperly designed or maintained, ice dams may form, which creates a concentrated load at the eaves and reduces the ability of sloped roofs to shed snow. On flat or low slope roof systems, snow melt may accumulate in low areas on roofs, creating a concentrated load.

• Roof geometry. Simple roofs with steep slopes shed snow most easily. Roofs with geometric irregularities and obstructions collect snow drifts in an unbalanced pattern. These roof geometries include flat roofs with parapets, stepped roofs, saw-tooth roofs, and roofs with obstructions such as equipment or chimneys.



Warning! If any of these warning signs are observed, the building should be promptly evacuated and a local building authority and/ or a qualified design professional should be contacted to perform a detailed structural inspection.

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#### What to Do After a Snow Event

After a snow event, snow removal may be in order. To determine whether snow removal is necessary, one may enlist valuable resources such as a local building authority and/or a qualified design professional, who will be familiar with the snow conditions of the region and the design capacities of local buildings per the building code. If it is determined that the snow should be removed, snow removal should only be performed by qualified individuals. The qualified individual should follow necessary protocols for safe snow removal to minimize risk of personal injury and lower the potential for damaging the roof covering during the snow removal process.

Warning! Snow removal is a dangerous activity that should only be done by qualified individuals following safety protocols to minimize risks. If at any time there is concern that snow loads may cause a collapse of the roof structure, cease all removal activity and evacuate the building.

If subsequent snow events are anticipated, removing snow from the roof will minimize the risk of accumulating snow causing structural damage. One benefit of immediate snow removal is that the effort required to remove the snow from the rooftop is reduced.

#### Safety Measures for Snow Removal

Below are some safety measures to take during snow removal to minimize risk of personal injury.

- Any roof snow removal should be conducted following proper OSHA protocol for work on rooftops. Use roof fall arrest harnesses where applicable.
- Always have someone below the roof to keep foot traffic away from locations where falling snow or ice could cause injuries.
- Ensure someone confirms that the area below removal site is free of equipment that could be damaged by falling snow or ice.
- Whenever snow is being removed from a roof, be careful of dislodged icicles. An icicle falling from a short height can still cause damage or injury.
- When using a non-metallic snow rake, be aware that roof snow can slide at any moment. Keep a safe distance away from the eave to remain outside of the sliding range.
- Buried skylights pose a high risk to workers on a roof removing snow. Properly mark this hazard as well as other rooftop hazards.

#### **Methods of Snow Removal**

Below are some recommended methods of snow removal that allow the qualified individual to remove snow safely and minimize risk of personal injury and property damage.

- Removing snow completely from a roof surface can result in serious damage to the roof covering and possibly lead to leaks and additional damage. At least a couple of inches of snow should be left on the roof.
- Do not use mechanical snow removal equipment. The risk of damaging the roof membrane or other rooftop items outweighs the advantage of speed.
- Do not use sharp tools, such as picks, to remove snow. Use plastic rather than metal shovels.
- Remove drifted snow first at building elevation changes, parapets, and around equipment.
- Once drifted snow has been removed, start remaining snow removal from the center portion of the roof.
- Remove snow in the direction of primary structural members. This will prevent unbalanced snow loading.
- · Do not stockpile snow on the roof.
- Dispose of removed snow in designated areas on the ground.
- Keep snow away from building exits, fire escapes, drain downspouts, ventilation openings, and equipment.
- If possible, remove snow starting at the ridge and moving toward the eave for gable and sloped roofs.
- In some cases a long-handled non-metallic snow rake can be used from the ground, thereby reducing the risk. Metal snow rakes can damage roofing material and pose an electrocution risk and should be avoided.
- Upon completion of snow removal, the roofing material should be inspected for any signs of damage. Additionally, a quick inspection of the structural system may be prudent after particularly large snow events.

If you have any additional questions on this topic or other mitigation topics, ∞ntact the FEMA Building Science Helpline at FEMA-Buildingsciencehelp@fema.dhs.gov or 866-927:2104.

You may also subscribe to the FEMA Building Science e-mail list serve, which is updated with publication releases and FEMA Building Science activities.

Subsoribe at https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/ USDHSFEMA/subsoriber/new?topic\_id=USDHSFEMA\_193

Visit the Building Science Branch of the Risk Reduction Division at FEMA's Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration at http://www.fema.

gov/building-science. Please scan this OR code to visit the FEMA



Please scan this QR code to visit th Building Science web page.

#### RECREATION

#### **NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Program listing and registration**

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

You can also see news and announcements of programs as well as a calendar on the town website's <u>Parks & Recreation</u> page and even sign up to get alerts for posted news and announcements.

Follow Enfield Parks & Recreation on Facebook or Instagram @enfieldnhrec!

**Big News!** Electronic payments are now accepted through the recreation program registration site: <u>https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Home</u> \*there is a 3% processing fee\* (If you need to pay by check or cash all program payments should be made payable to "Town of Enfield" and mailed to: PO Box 373, Enfield, NH 03748 OR dropped off in the night drop box in an envelope marked Parks & Recreation and a note of what payment is for.)

\*\*Just a friendly reminder that **all payments are due before the program begins**. Failure to make a payment may lead to not being able to take part in future programs. If you need financial assistance, please email <u>recreation@enfield.nh.us</u> \*\*

**Enfield Market** will be returning!! Starting May 8<sup>th</sup> on the second and fourth Saturdays at Huse Park! Looking for market vendors and live music as well. Please email <u>recreation@enfield.nh.us</u> to inquire. Follow Enfield Market on <u>Facebook</u>!

#### Hiring:

**LIFEGUARDS WANTED!** Contact <u>recreation@enfield.nh.us</u> to inquire. Must be 16+ years old. Certified Lifeguard (or willing to become certified before the summer) Looking for FT and PT summer lifeguards.

#### **Swim Instructors Wanted**

Must be WSI certified (or willing to become certified before the summer)

#### **Camp Counselors**

Enfield Summer Recreation Camp (age 15+) and Theatre Camp (age 18+) will be looking for camp counselors. Please inquire at <u>recreation@enfield.nh.us</u>

#### **YOUTH PROGRAMS:**

#### Mascoma Youth Sports League

Registration for baseball and softball are now open. For seasonal registration information or questions email <u>MYSLBoard@gmail.com</u> or take a look at: <u>Mascoma Youth Sports League</u> You can also follow them on <u>Facebook</u>!

**Enfield Recreation Summer Camp registration is coming!** We are planning for 6 weeks from 6/27-8/5. Keep an eye on <u>https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Home</u> and an announcement will be posted as well.

**Challenger Soccer Camp is returning this summer!** Challenger Sports is excited to partner with Enfield Parks & Recreation this summer for our 2022 International Camps the weeks of June 20 - 24 & July 11 - 15. With our International Coaches returning for the first time since 2019, registration is filling quickly and we want you to join us! Click the link to register and confirm your spot:

https://challenger.configio.com/search?cid=423&txt=mascoma%20valley

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

*Theatre Camp will be back, August 1<sup>st</sup>- August 8<sup>th</sup>!* Look for registration opening soon. <u>https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Home</u>

Youth Volleyball Camp July 18-22<sup>nd</sup> – registration will be opening soon! https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Home

#### ADULT & FAMILY OPPORTUNITITES/EVENTS:

**Radar Sledding with the Enfield Police** - It is back this year and mother nature seems to have put some snow back on the ground for us! The Community Lutheran Church partners with the Enfield Police Department and Enfield Recreation on March 13<sup>th</sup> for a fun day of sledding stay tuned for more details.

#### Adult Co-Ed Recreational Volleyball

Sundays 6-8pm (when enough participants) keep an eye out on the or email Bridget (<u>recreation@enfield.nh.us</u>) for more information or to join the email list.

#### Disc Golf

Reach out to Upper Valley Disc Golf about volunteer opportunities and to take a look at their page for projects happening including the one at Whaleback this year! <u>http://www.uvdga.com/</u> You can also follow them on <u>Facebook</u>!

#### Yoga

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 <u>sonyayoga2007@gmail.com</u> 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.

#### 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*.

March Schedule: 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, and 3/31

#### **Chair Yoga & Strength Class**

The Enfield Recreation Department continues to offer the highly attended Chair 12 Yoga/Exercise classes at the Enfield Community Building. These classes are low impact and focus on stretching, balance, strength, and meditation. The classes are only \$5.00 and open to ALL levels!! No RSVP required.

# Mondays (3/4, 3/11, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28)- 8:15-9:05AM with Nicole Carriere Wednesdays (3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30)- 9:30-10:30AM with Sonya Carter

\*Schedule subject to change based on instructor availability & weather\*

#### Tai Ji Quan: Moving for Better Balance

Improved balance and strength 58% decrease in the incidence of falls in older adults 67% decrease in falls in people with Parkinson's disease 75% decrease in injurious falls TJQMBB CAN BE ADAPTED FOR VIRTUAL DELIVERY! For more information about classes: call 603-653-3415 or email Falls.Prevention@Hitchcock.org

\*\* If you are a qualified instructor of a program within the 5 towns of Mascoma Valley and would like to share the information please contact <u>recreation@enfield.nh.us</u> to be added to this news blurb.\*\*

#### **Other Fun Items/Opportunities**

Check out **Trail Finder**, you are able to print the trail maps or download them to your phone if there will be no service on your hike. Take a look: <u>https://www.trailfinder.info/</u>

Don't forget to check out other opportunities and programs **Upper Valley Trail Alliance** offers for all ages, including summer camp opportunities, at <u>https://www.uvtrails.org</u>

**Bridget Labrie** Enfield Recreation <u>recreation@enfield.nh.us</u> <u>Online Registration</u>

Follow us!



#### **"KNOW YOUR TOWN"**

"Know your Town" is presented by the Enfield Heritage Commission. Each month we'll bring you a bit of insight into the origins of street names or places you see every day.

#### **High Street**

When the British refer to the "high street", they mean the equivalent of our American "main street", the commercial and social heart of town. Enfield's High Street is this and more. While less commercial than it once was, it is still the crossroads of downtown Enfield. And it is also truly high, climbing to the top of what is known as Meat Market Hill.

High Street is also one of Enfield's oldest streets, appearing on an early map drawn under the auspices of Enfield's selectmen in 1806. On the map, it has no name and is just a tiny pair of lines between the "Masquema River" and two longer lines. These are marked simply as "Road" and correspond to today's Shaker Hill Road and Route 4.

A feature near High Street on the 1806 map is "Paddleford Mill". The Paddleford family were early settlers of Enfield, who arrived sometime after 1765 when Jonathan Paddleford purchased one thousand acres of Enfield land at a Connecticut tax sale. The family's influence on Enfield would be extensive. Jonathan Paddleford served many times as a selectman. He also had nine children, who inherited, traded, bought and sold their father's property over the years. In 1855 there was a Paddleford residence on High Street. Paddlefords also created the town's oldest burying ground, which is at the north end of Oak Grove Cemetery and has been much restored. The precise location of the Paddleford Mill is unknown; perhaps near the Enfield Public Library. In any case, the mill was the first of the industrial activities clustering around the Main Street end of High Street. This intersection was also the site of Enfield's first bridge. Linking High Street to Shaker Hill Road, just as the Main Street bridge does today, the bridge was covered and built in 1798.

The intersection between High Street and Route 4 was once a busy street corner that hosted Enfield's school as well as a series of enterprises and buildings. In 1845, one of these was the Farmers and Mechanics store, which also had a second floor with a large room used for meetings. Another nearby building housed a hotel and a "commodious old fashioned country tavern [that] was noted for its accommodations for man or beast, also for its good cheer both solid and fluid".

Enfield's Congregationalists met in the store's upstairs room, until they purchased the tavern building. They converted this to a church and added a tower for a bell and a clock. Visible from many points around town, the church's clock regulated the days of many Enfielders. When membership dwindled, the church was closed in 1917. After that, the building housed a Masonic temple and the Lapan family and their insurance business. In 1996 the building and other properties on this corner were taken down by the State of New Hampshire to widen Route 4 and improve the tight curve at the High Street intersection.

There was a silver lining to the building's disappearance. The site got new life when the Veterans Memorial Park, first proposed to the Board of Selectmen by Henry Cross in 2001, was dedicated in 2003. The park commemorates the numerous Enfield residents who have fought our country's wars, including the Revolution that gave birth to it.

## **MEETINGS & EVENTS**

#### ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING

All public meetings are now being held **<u>in person</u>**. Masks are currently required in all public municipal spaces so must be worn if attending an indoor public meeting.

Some meetings, including most Selectboard meetings, will be a hybrid of in-person and Zoom videoconference. If Zoom is available for the meeting the connection information will be posted on the Town website along with the meeting posting. There are also audio-only options available via Zoom.

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

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

If a Zoom meeting option is also provided for a meeting you will find it online at <u>www.enfield.nh.us</u> in the specific meeting posting.

The meetings below are linked to the Town's website so you can easily access the most up-todate information.

- March 1 @ 3:30 PM (Public Works & Zoom) Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee
- March 1 @ 5:30 PM (Town Hall) Library Trustees Special Meeting
- March 1 @ 7:00 PM (Public Works & Zoom) Conservation Commission Special Meeting
- March 2 @ 5:30 PM (Public Works) Old Home Days Committee
- March 3 @ 7:00 PM (Public Works) Conservation Commission
- March 7 @ 6:00 PM (Public Works & Zoom) Board of Selectmen
- March 8 @ 7:00 PM (Public Works & Zoom) Zoning Board of Adjustment
- March 9 @ 7:00 PM (Public Works & Zoom) Planning Board



- March 14 @ 5:30 PM (Town Hall) Library Trustees
- March 14 @ 6:00 PM (Public Works & Zoom) Master Planning Task Force
- <u>March 16 @ 6:00 PM (Town Hall) Recreation Commission</u>

- March 21 @ 6:00 PM (Public Works & Zoom) Board of Selectmen
- March 22 @ 6:00 PM (Public Works) Energy Committee
- March 23 @ 7:00 PM (Public Works & Zoom) Planning Board
- March 24 @ 4:30 PM (Public Works) Heritage Commission
- March 28 @ 6:00 PM (Public Works & Zoom) Master Planning Task Force
- April 4 @ 6:00 PM (Public Works & Zoom) Board of Selectmen
- April 5 @ 3:30 PM (Public Works & Zoom) Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee
- April 6 @ 5:30 PM (Public Works) Old Home Days Committee
- <u>April 7 @ 7:00 PM (Public Works & Zoom) Conservation Commission</u>

### **COMMUNITY EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD**

Include a notice of your Community Event on our Community & Business Calendar of Events which you'll find on our website on the Community & Business main page: <u>https://www.enfield.nh.us/community-businesses</u>. Previous posts on the Community Bulletin Board that were informational in nature, but not events, can be found under the appropriate department page. For instance, Friends of Mascoma Food Pantry information can be found on the Human Services page under Food Assistance.

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

#### **CANDIDATES FORUM**

The public service hybrid 2022 Candidates Forum will be 7-8:30 PM Tuesday evening March 1st at the Enfield Community Building. This will not be an official Enfield town meeting, but masks are required in all municipal buildings. Covid safe mitigation measures, including enhanced ventilation and physical distancing will be observed.

#### For virtual attendees: Join Zoom Meeting.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88520338559?pwd=b3Z2TXFSMzZmQjRKV09VVHgvdllrUT09 Meeting ID: 885 2033 8559 Passcode: 03748 Find your local number: https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kc0229SJ4j

Thanks to all who have helped organize this event.

David Beaufait

# Whaleback Mountain Adventure Day

# 3/12/22



## COME JOIN US 3/12/22 FOR WHALEBACK ADVENTURE DAY

# This fun filled day will be a blast for the whole family!

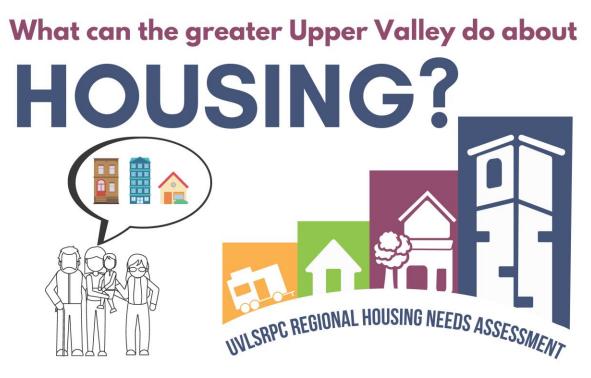
## FREE ADMISSION!

- Mom and Kid Ski/Ride day special with flat rate lift ticket of \$80 (for both Mom and Kid) with FREE hot cocoa and coffee ALL DAY!
- Music, dancing, fire pits and food on the deck starting at noon.
- Afternoon demos, come check out and demo top of the line equipment all afternoon
- Women's uphill tour starting at 3pm
- Finish it off with the screening of The Women's Adventure Film Tour at 5:30pm in the pub! Drink and food specials available.

For more information visit <u>https://www.whaleback.com/adventureday</u>







# WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!



Scan QR Code w/your camera for a brief survey **TAMBIEN EN ESPAÑOL**  Scarce housing puts a strain on our residents and prevents businesses from recruiting and retaining workers. Your voice is important to shape the future of NH housing!

We strive to incorporate all contributions and appreciate your limited and valuable time. This survey is completely confidential and answers aggregated.

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Visit **tinyurl.com/HousingUVLS** for more information Survey: **https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HousingUVLS** Questions? Email **info@uvlsrpc.org** 



#### **ENFIELD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION**

March Business Coffee: March 18th from 8 - 9 at Randy's Car Wash, Route 4 Enfield -- Next to Enfield House of Pizza

Shaker 7 Road Race & Walk Date Has Been Set! Sunday, June 26th--Mark Your Calendars!

#### EASTMAN CHARITABLE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Eastman Charitable Foundation is offering three \$1,500 scholarships to college bound high school seniors in Enfield, Grantham or Springfield. The successful candidates will have demonstrated a strong interest in the environment, a record of academic and leadership excellence and who will be majoring in environmental science, sustainability, or a related field. The 2022 application is available on our website: <u>http://www.ecfnh.org</u>. The application and essay must be submitted electronically by May 2, 2022, or if mailed via USPS, with a postmark deadline of May 2, 2022.

We're looking forward to reading your applications!

#### FRIENDS OF MASCOMA

Hello all,

Here are some quick updates from the Friends of Mascoma Foundation!

#### **Friends Feeding Friends Winter Schedule:**

Enfield Pantry: Please, note we will NOT BE OPEN in Enfield at Huse Memorial Park during winter months. We WILL honor an additional "Enfield Day" on Tuesdays at our Canaan pantry that is open to all Mascoma residents.

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

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

#### **Mascoma Matters Project:**

We had our Mascoma Matters meeting last Thursday 2/17 and discussed ways we can continue to address the key issue we've identified, 'Social Isolation', in the Mascoma Valley region. We also heard from Bridget Labrie about the Enfield Recreation Department and the Mascoma Lake Skating Association. One of our goals for these meetings is to network and share information about existing programming in the region. If you know of or are associated with an organization or town department that would like to present during our meetings, please let us know. Our March meeting will be on Thursday March 24tht at 6:00pm. The zoom link is below. We are still crafting the agenda for this meeting, but we will have a short visit from Nadine at Unite Us (more info here: https://uniteus.com/how-it-works/) and will be discussing the recently released data from the Community Health Needs Assessment. More information on our past meetings is available on the <u>Padlet</u>.

If you have any questions about our project or future and past meetings, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Zoom link for Thursday March 24<sup>th</sup> is here: <u>https://unh.zoom.us/j/95353842053</u>

#### **UNH Master Wellness Volunteer Program:**

As mentioned above, Friends of Mascoma, has been working with UNH Extension to improve communication and address issues related to social isolation in the Mascoma region through our Mascoma Matters initiative. As a part of that work, we wanted to share with you a related opportunity being offered through UNH Extension, their Master Wellness Volunteer program. Have you ever wanted to take your volunteerism and community involvement to the next level? Would you like to improve your public speaking skills and learn more about building healthy communities? Are you looking to make connections and build on your professional development? If yes, this may be the learning opportunity for you.

I have provided a link to the site and some information below. Link with complete description: <u>https://extension.unh.edu/health-well-being/master-wellness-volunteers</u>

#### Program Overview:

Are you interested in helping build a culture of health in your community? The UNH Extension Master Wellness Volunteer Program is an opportunity for adults to engage in learning sessions focused on creating community change for health. First begun as part of the UNH Extension <u>Well Connected Communities</u> initiative, this unique program will allow you to connect with others as you build your toolbox for impacting individual and community health factors, environments, and systems.

Topics covered include:

- nutrition
- physical activity
- disease prevention
- health equity
- public speaking skills
- and so much more!

The next training series will begin on March 8, 2022. The program will consist of:

- Six general training sessions held over Zoom on Tuesday evenings from 6-7:15 p.m. with independent learning requirements (time commitment: 20 hours)
- Specialized training and volunteer service in one of three areas: nutrition education with food pantries, building community resilience or older adults and movement (time commitment: 10-20 hours)

We are currently seeking applications from adults from across New Hampshire. If you are interested in becoming a Master Wellness Volunteer, please apply below! Questions? Please contact Zeanny Egea at (603) 600-8237 ext. 208 or <u>zeanny.egea@unh.edu</u>

Adults who want to volunteer in New Hampshire are invited to apply. Volunteers will undergo a standard background screening before admission. For persons with disabilities requiring accommodations, please contact Zeanny Egea. Given ample time, we will make any reasonable effort to make accommodations.

#### FOM Mini-Grant Funding Available!

Did you know our mini-grants are considered on a rolling basis? Mini-Grants are modest awards that help educators make a positive difference in the learning experience of their students. Mini-grants support, encourage, and facilitate great teaching ideas that would not be possible within the existing school budget.

Visit <u>https://www.friendsofmascoma.org/fom-minigrants</u> to learn more about our minigrant program.

#### FOM Scholarship Application is Now Open!

The guiding principle of FOM's scholarship program is to support both traditional fouryear applicants as well as trade school and certificate program applicants. Friends of Mascoma celebrates the pursuit of all forms of higher education. The number of scholarships and dollar amount awarded is dependent on available funds each year.

The Friends of Mascoma Foundation scholarship application period is from **January 1st through April 15th 2022**. Applications are ONLY accepted through this website: <u>http://friendsofmascoma.org/scholarship</u>

Please share with anyone you know who may be interested in applying. If you have questions reach out to Eula at elkozma@friendsofmascoma.org.

## **RECENT NEWS FROM PAST ISSUES**

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

We'd like to be able to say "No News is Good News" but we still have old news...Employment opportunities remain. Consider applying for one of our open positions. Town of Enfield is an excellent place to work and offers a competitive benefits packages.

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