# TOWN OF ENFIELD E-NEWSLETTER MAY 2019

#### TOWN MANAGER WELCOME MESSAGE

#### Greetings!

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



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

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

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

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

<u>raylesworth@enfield.nh.us</u>, if you have constructive feedback on how the depth and breadth of information provided in the newsletter can be optimized to meet the needs of our residents.

Find us at <u>www.enfield.nh.us</u> and <u>Facebook</u>!

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# TOWN HALL OFFICE REORGANIZATION

The installation of a second Town Clerk station has helped reduce wait times for people registering vehicles, and doing other transactions with the Town Clerk. The downside is the confusion this has caused when customers need to see someone in the Town Manager's Office now that there isn't space at the front counter for us...down the hall, turn right, hang another slight right - yes, you are welcome to come in the office! - you get the idea. To provide a friendlier presentation and make it easier for everyone to find us and easier for us to serve you, we will be doing a bit of office reorganization. Counters will be moved, staff members and their associated desks, computers, phones, file cabinets, and more, will be relocated. Office partitions will be put up to help reduce the sound that carries across the office. The 'Big Move' as we are affectionately calling it, will take place beginning Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, will continue over the weekend, and be completed (we hope!) on Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Ryan Aylesworth, Town Manager and Julie Huntley, Assessing Administrator will **not** be moving from their current locations during the *Big Move*. Please pardon the temporary disarray. We will do our best to assist those who need us while we move everything around. We thank you for your patience!

# MUNICIPAL FACILITIES OPTIMIZATION STUDY – NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

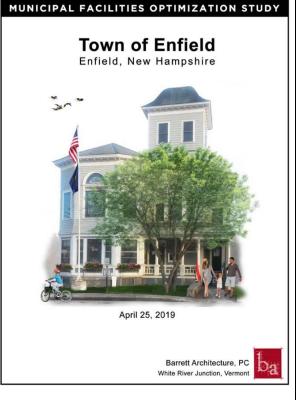
An electronic copy of the final report prepared by Barrett Architecture for Phase 1 of the Municipal Facilities Optimization Study has been posted on the Town's website: <u>https://www.enfield.nh.us/home/pages/municipal-facilities-</u> <u>optimization-study</u>

It is important to reiterate that the contents of Barrett Architecture's presentation (and forthcoming report) are the first phase of what will be a <u>multi-phase/deliberative process</u>. The Town retained the services of Barrett Architecture (Phase 1) to complete an independent and objective evaluation of our current facilities, our facility needs, and related alternatives that the Town could/should consider moving forward. The subsequent findings and recommendations furnished by Barrett Architecture will now be thoroughly examined, deliberated, and used to guide future information gathering (and public input) as we collectively progress with a comprehensive analysis that is completed prior to any formal proposals ultimately being presented to voters at a future Town Meeting.

Along these lines, an advisory group (Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee or "MFAC" for short) was recently assembled to begin addressing the next phase of this effort. The MFAC is comprised of nine members, including the following individuals

- Shirley Green
- Jean Patten
- Erik Russell
- Phil Shipman
- Maynard Southard
- Mark Tarantelli
- Robert West
- Tracy Young
- Ryan Aylesworth, Town Manager

The committee is charged with developing cost-effective strategies that enable the Town facilities to meet their



service delivery needs in both the mid- and long-term while still ensuring that potential investments in new projects reflect fiscal responsibility and use external funding sources (i.e., federal and state grants) to the fullest extent possible in order to minimize the Town's financial commitment. Committee meetings will be open to the public, and all meetings will be publicly posted at least 24 hours in advance.

# **ENFIELD OLD HOME DAYS COMMITTEE**

Greetings Enfield!

The committee is hard at work planning another weekend of fun and memorable community events. This year's celebration will take place Friday, July 26-Sunday, July 28. SAVE THE DATE!

We are bringing back some favorites, including the Pulled-Pork supper, UV Band Concert, Community Picnic, and Ice Cream Social as well as some more recent additions like the Chili and Home-Brew Contest Cruise Night, and Country Fair. This year we will also be debuting a special Old Home Days line dance with the Orrs, a quilting class with Melissa Allen, and a performance by local favorite Cardigan Mountain Tradition (to name a few).

We will be releasing our full schedule as it develops on our Facebook page

(<u>https://www.facebook.com/EnfieldOldHomeDays/</u>) soon, and as always our print programs will be available in early July.

For now, if you are a home brewer, make the best chocolate chip cookies around, or have a chili recipe that you are famous for, we want to talk to you!! Send us a message on Facebook or email us at <u>oldhomedays@enfield.nh.us</u>.

Looking forward to another great year!

# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

# Water and Sewer Bills

Enfield water and sewer bills were mailed in early April and will be due May 10. This billing will mark the transition from a 10% onetime penalty charged on past due balances to an 8% annual percentage rate accrued daily on all past due balances. Landlords wishing to charge tenants for water and sewer bills directly are responsible for forwarding bills and are ultimately responsible for current and past due bills. Bills can be monitored and paid using the online payment tool on the Town's Website.

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

# Cemeteries

Cemeteries are open. Please contact the Cemetery Trustees and the Enfield Grounds Department to schedule a burial. Please keep all decorations in line with the headstones to allow mowing operations to take place.

# **Composting Bins**

The Town has a limited number of composting bins and food scrap buckets for sale this spring. Please see Dave at the Enfield Transfer Station for details.

# **Brush and Yard Waste**

The Enfield Brush and Yard Waste Facility reopened on May 1, 2019 and will be open during the business hours of the DPW or Transfer Station Monday through Saturday. The facility is closed on Sundays. The facility can take clean brush and limbs up to 8" and leaves and yard waste. The Town cannot take any invasive plant species, stumps or dimensional lumber. **Residents** *wishing to use the facility must stop at the DPW office or the Transfer Station to have all loads checked by Town staff.* The facility cannot take commercial volumes.

### Construction and Demolition Material (C & D)

The Enfield Transfer Station and Enfield Vegetative Management Facility do <u>NOT</u> accept any volumes of C & D at this time. These materials are **no longer accepted by the Lebanon Landfill as of May 1**. Check out the City of Lebanon announcement for your options to dispose of C&D: <u>https://lebanonh.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=967</u>.

# 2019 Transfer Station Stickers Available

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

Enfield permit stickers also permit you to use the town beach parking lot on Mascoma Lake.

#### **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 <u>www.enfield.nh.us</u>

# **Road Postings**

The Town of Enfield has lifted all road postings except Hazen Road, Smith Pond Road and Old Route 10. It is expected that the postings on these three will be lifted within the week.

#### Please Use Curbside Trash and Recycling Services

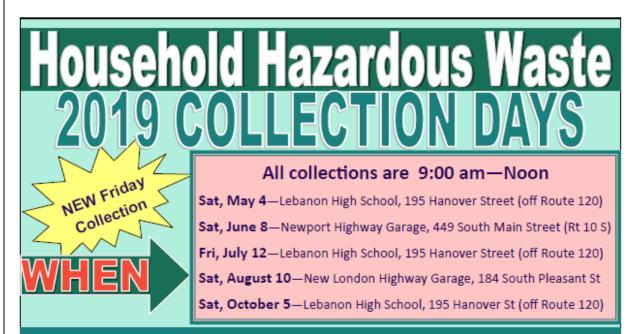
Trash and Zero-Sort recycling collected at the Transfer Station costs the Town of Enfield significantly more per ton than trash and recycling collected curbside due to extra hauling charges. Trash collected at the Transfer Station costs approximately \$30 per ton more than material collected curbside (when Transfer Station transportation fees are included). Zero-Sort recycling collected at the Transfer Station costs the Town over \$80 per ton more than recycling collected at curbside due to the extra hauling fees (when Transfer Station transportation fees are included). Please do your part to <u>help keep our solid waste expenses down (and keep property tax rates as low as possible in the process</u>)!

# Hydrant Flushing

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

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

#### Household Hazardous Waste 2019 Collection Schedule



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.uvlsrpc.org



For information contact the

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



Alkaline batteries: Most non-rechargeable batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, and 9-volt) are trash in NH. If in doubt, just bring to collection. Tape 9-volt terminals before disposal. Ammunition and explosives: State Police at 271-3636. Asbestos: Get a licensed asbestos specialist. Asbestos is

hazardous to your health—don't even think about removing it yourself! Automotive batteries: Take to parts store for cash back or your transfer station Empty aerosol cans: Can be recycled with scrap metal. Talk to your town. Fluorescent lights: May be taken at your town facility. Check with your town. Food Co-ops and Home Depot 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 <u>may</u> 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 (NRRA takes from towns). Used motor oil: Take to town transfer station or a service station for recycling.

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

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Police Department is happy to announce the start of a citizen academy. The academy will be an 8-week course with an inside look at what it takes to be a police officer and the everyday duties of an Enfield officer. The Academy will start May 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00 and will meet once a week. Space will be limited. If you would like to sign up for the program please contact Paula at 603-632-7501 or e-mail her at <u>Prowe@enfield.nh.us</u>.

May is motorcycle safety awareness month; with the warm weather more motorcycles will be out on the roads. Please be safe, double check your blind spots, and when cutting your grass do not blow it out onto the road as this is very dangerous for riders of motorcycles and bicycles.

As you make plans for Mother's Day (May 12) please consider going to the Enfield/Canaan woman's self defense class that will be held at the Canaan Police Department from 1:00-3:00 PM. This class is a basic self defense class free to woman of all ages. For more information, please contact either the Enfield or Canaan Police Department (603-523-7400).

It's that time of year again where we get many calls about bears and other wild animals in trash or even trying to get into houses. Please bring in bird feeders and secure your trash. This can be done by using cords/straps or putting the bins inside a shed or garage at night. If you prevent wild animals from finding a food source now, you may prevent a summer long issue for you and your neighbors. A reminder that Enfield does have a trash ordinance that requires trash bins to be placed curbside no sooner than the night prior and need to be removed the same day as trash pickup.

Finally, as the weather gets warmer and you venture out, please do not use your electronic devices as you drive. Distracted driving and speed still remains the major cause of many of our motor vehicle crashes.

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.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT

We are rapidly approaching brush fire season. Remember that permits are needed to burn brush, and a yearly permit is required for campfires. Please reach out to a Warden to obtain a permit prior to burning. The list of Wardens who can write permits can be found here:

# https://www.enfield.nh.us/fire-department/pages/burning-informationpermits

The Enfield Firefighters Association recently donated \$1,700 from its fundraising monies to purchase new water backpacks to assist with brush fires. These are much more comfortable than the old metal backpacks that were used. They will be easier for staff to carry for extended periods of time while fighting brush and forest fires.

You may have noticed the big dumpsters in the parking lot of the Union St station. Department members have been busy cleaning out the fire station. We hope to complete the cleanout process in the next couple of weeks. We are also in the process of moving out of the Shedd Street garage. The Board of Selectmen voted to surplus the old Engine 3, as well as the old forestry truck. They should be put out to bid soon. Most of the equipment has been moved from the Shedd Street garage, and we will be getting the rest out soon.

Through a cooperative effort with the Town, the Fire Department will be taking delivery of 10 new airpacks in a few weeks at a cost of approximately \$67,000. These units replace 15 year old equipment that is costing more and more to maintain. The Town set aside \$30,000 (\$15,000 from the CIP Capital Reserve and \$15,000 from a donation procured by the Town) to replace air bottles that were expiring. 20 expiring air bottles were purchased, and there was a little over \$11,000 in remaining funds. The Board of Selectmen authorized use of those funds toward the new airpacks. The Firefighters Association received a donation of \$20,000 toward this purchase. The Association then voted to donate \$34,925 from its fundraising monies to complete the purchase of the 10 airpacks. This new equipment will greatly improve firefighter safety.

Enjoy the warmer weather and stay safe.

# RECREATION

# Enfield Recreation



The Enfield Recreation Department continues to offer the highly attended Chair Yoga/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.



<u>Family Game Night</u> Friday, May 10, 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.



<u>Mother & Son Dance</u> Mother's Day Weekend 2019

We are looking to put together a fantastic Mother and Son dance on Mother's Day weekend this year. The dance will take place on Saturday, May 11 beginning at 6:30 PM in the Enfield Community Building. We hope to see you there!



Enfield Recreation Camp

The Enfield Recreation Camp is a day camp program that serves the Enfield community for youth in K-4<sup>th</sup> grade. ERC has a morning or full day option, and all campers are eligible for full day camp. With each program, we strive to provide an environment of learning and play as well as a place where campers can meet new friends. Our amazing counselors, local high school and college students, support and engage with our campers during free play, sports activities, and crafts. All of our councilors are CPR and First Aid certified. Sign-ups will be going live soon!



Enfield Recreation is looking to hire lifeguards for the 2019 summer season at Shakoma Beach. Lifeguard applicants must possess current Red Cross Lifeguard certification (or equivalent). Competitive rates of pay and flexible hours.

To stay up to date on all Enfield Recreation Happenings, follow us on Facebook: <u>https://www.facebook.com/EnfieldNHRecreation/</u>

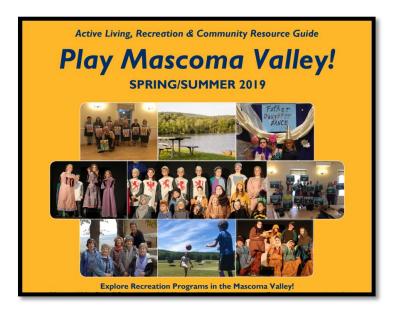
If you have questions, or are interested in these events, have other ideas, or would like to be involved please email <u>recreation@enfield.nh.us</u>.

Kindly, Joel King (Recreation Director)

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

The 2019 Spring/Summer Recreation Brochure is available online and printed copies are coming soon! Check out all the great events and activities happening this summer in the Mascoma region. Be sure to check the brochure more than once over the coming months, because we will be updating and adding information.



*To view the brochure use either link below, or click on the above image.* 

#### Enfield Website:

https://www.enfield.nh.us/sites/enfieldnh/files/pages/spring\_summer2019fi nal\_1.pdf

Online registration for all our different specialty camps is open! Go to our online registration site for more details and to register. Please note, the Challenger Camps and Shooter's Gold Basketball Camp have their own registration sites (see our list of ongoing and upcoming programs for details).

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

# **Specialty Camps:**

- Shooter's Gold Basketball Camp
- MVPR Summer Theater Camp
- Challenger Sports Camp
- Challenger Soccer Camp
- Volleyball Clinic

• **\*NEW THIS YEAR\*** Field Trip Fridays (for students entering 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> grade)

Registration is open for all the above recreation camps! Take advantage of discounted pricing on these camps and register early! We are also planning on some new adventure opportunities for children and adults alike – contact <u>mvalleyrec@gmail.com</u> for details on *Field Trip Fridays* (students entering grades 8-10) and *Grown-Up Field Trips (*21 & up).

Summer Day Camps! Go to https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Home

#### Camp X, Canaan Rec Camp & Enfield Recreation Camp

Register and pay early to reserve your child's spot – space is limited. If paying for camp proves to be a financial hardship, please contact LISTEN Community

Services, 448-4553 or contact



<u>mvalleyrec@gmail.com</u> to set up a payment plan.

### More Recreation...

Bob Ross Painting Classes are returning in May! Join Mary at the Enfield Community Building at one or all of her upcoming classes. All classes are \$45 and you leave with a completed painting!



May 4<sup>th</sup> Landscape Painting

Line Dancing continues with professional dance instructor Jamie Orr 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! MVPR Board Game Afternoons for adults continues on Friday afternoons, but has changed their location to Indian River School. Join other members of the community on Fridays from 3:30-5:30pm in the library. Participants are encouraged to BYO Board Game!

#### **Happy Spring!**



# 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

- Il Circolo Italiano Italian Conversation Club
  - $\circ~$  Saturdays at 10am at Mickey's Roadside Café (food available for purchase)
- *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
- *Adult Basketball*, on Sundays from 10am-12pm through May 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.
  - May 2019 classes coming soon <u>https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Home</u>
  - 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 <u>mvalleyrec@gmail.com</u> to be added to the email roster!
  - Fridays from 3:30-5:30pm; At the IRS library (adults only please)
  - $\circ~$  BYO Board Game
- Challenger Multi-Sports Camp
  - June 17-21, 2019 at Shaker Recreation Field on Route 4A in Enfield
  - o 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: <u>www.hogancamps.com</u>
- Challenger Sports Soccer Camps
  - July 15-19, 2019 at Shaker Recreation Field on Route 4A in Enfield
  - <u>https://challenger.configio.com/pd/188516/mascoma-valley-parks-and-recreation-internati?m=0&zip=03748&zipdis=30&cid=750&returncom=produc</u>tlist&source=search
- Youth Volleyball Clinic
  - o July 22-26 at Mascoma High School
  - Students entering grades 6-9
  - Register Online: <u>https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Home</u>
- Grown-Up Field Trips (more details coming soon!)
  - Three Saturdays in July hop in the recreation van and let us do the driving!
    - July 13 1766 Brewing Company, Museum of the White Mountains and the Waterville Valley Artisan Fair
    - July 20 Haunting Whisper Winery & Distillery
    - July 27 Farmer's Table Café & Polyculture Brewing Company
  - For a small fee, a recreation professional will take you and your adult friends & family to these great locations. Details coming soon – contact <u>mvalleyrec@gmail.com</u>

# **BUILDING AND FIRE INSPECTOR**

As the weather warms we will soon be enjoying outdoor activities which include pools. I have listed a few things to keep in mind as you prepare these for use.

- 1. Any pool under 4 feet in height is required to have a fence installed around the perimeter.
- 2. The fence shall have a locking and self latching gate.
- 3. Pools 4 feet and over in height shall have the ladder removed or made unusable when unattended.
- 4. Consider installing a pool alarm that goes off when anyone enters the pool.
- 5. Contact your homeowners insurance to verify that the pool is included in your policy.

- 6. Establish and enforce rules and safe behaviors, such as "no diving", "swim with a buddy" and "walk please".
- 7. Ensure everyone in the home knows how to swim and respond to pool emergencies by having appropriate safety equipment and training.

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

# **PLANNING & ZONING OFFICES**

The Enfield Planning Board met on April 24. Although two conceptual hearings were scheduled on the agenda, both had to be postponed at the applicant's request. There was also one public hearing on the agenda, which pertained to the construction of a new golf cart storage building on the Montcalm Golf Club property near the existing Club House (2 Smith Pond Road; Conservation Zoning District). A motion to accept the plan as presented was approved unanimously. Business items also included further review of the Planning Board Rules of Procedure.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) met on April 9 to review a variance request related to converting an existing single-family home to a duplex (18 Lake Street; Map 34 Lot 7). The existing building sits on a nonconforming 0.16-acre lot and the proposed conversion would increase the size of the structure (increasing the existing nonconformity). The ZBA ultimately voted to table a decision on the application until its May meeting (May 14) to allow for more time to review. The ZBA also was presented with a request for a special exception by Enfield Land Company, as required under Section 403-7. A. and D of the zoning ordinance, to construct a 54'x100' shed at the Montcalm Golf Course (2 Smith Pond Road; Map 6 Lot 31) in the Conservation District. The special exception was unanimously approved.

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

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

# ENFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Welcome to May!

Some of our homeschool and middle school students are forming their own book group. They will be reading *The Smuggler's Treasure* by local author Sarah Masters Buckey. Call the library for more details!

Happening in May:

- **Make It Take It Monday** with happen on May 6<sup>th</sup>. This month "Build a Better World" by making a washcloth stuffie for a child in need. Drop in anytime between 3:30 and 5:00pm; all ages welcome!
- **Saturday My First Story Time**: May 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. Babies to age 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> 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 *We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves* by Karen Joy Fowler. The discussion will be held Thursday March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.
- *Knitting Group*: Every Wednesday 10:30am-noon. For older teens and adults, an informal gathering for all levels of fiber crafters.

What Happened in April:

• We circulated 2,148 items and had 26 programs with 308 participants.

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

# OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK & TAX COLLECTOR

# Town Clerk

I hope it isn't premature to say happy Spring, although I did hear snow on my roof recently.

Memorial Day is just around the corner and our office gets very busy.

I would like to remind everyone to please come prepared. Have your old registration with you, or the renewal notice we send you in the mail. This helps in keeping our lines to a minimum.

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

Puppies-	\$7.50 (up to 7 months of age)
Spayed/Neutered -	\$7.50
Unaltered-	\$10.00
Residents over 65-	\$3.00 - \$3.00-First dog only, any additional dogs
	are full price

Group license- \$25.00 - for 5 or more dogs

If you haven't already licensed your dog/dogs, please do so. We don't want anyone to be fined. Late fees and fines will apply beginning June 1.

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! Finally the peepers are back and spring is underway! (Thinking positively...) Of course that means that first issue tax billing for 2019 will be underway shortly and will be due sometime early in July. As a reminder, we can now accept tax payments online at <u>www.enfield.nh.us</u>. Payments made by electronic check on line have an additional flat fee of 95 cents. Payments by credit card have an additional fee of 2.95%. To make a payment online, from the home page, click on the online payments button and this will transfer to a new screen of options. Click on Tax Collector online payments and just follow the instructions from there. (Hint: when searching, use as few words as possible, such as house number and road name. Refrain from using St, Rd, Ave, Lane, etc.) Or just enter your last name and a list of possible answers will show on the right of the screen. If you need to be walked thru this process, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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

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

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

- May 1 @ 5:30 PM (Town Hall) Old Home Days Committee
- May 2 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) Conservation Commission
- May 6 @ 6:00 PM (DPW Building) Board of Selectmen
- May 7 @ 3:30 PM (Town Hall) Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee
- May 9 @ 6:00 PM (DPW Building) Cemetery Trustees

- May 13 @ 4:00 PM (DPW Building) Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee
- May 13 @ 6:00 PM (Town Hall) Library Trustees
- May 14 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) Zoning Board of Adjustment
- May 20 @ 6:00 PM (DPW Building) Board of Selectmen
- May 21 @ 3:30 PM (Town Hall) Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee
- May 22 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) Planning Board
- May 23 @ 4:30 PM (Town Hall) Heritage Commission
- May 28 @ 6:30 PM (DPW Building) Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee
- June 3 @ 6:00 PM (DPW Building) Board of Selectmen
- June 4 @ 3:30 PM (Town Hall) Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee
- June 5 @ 5:30 PM (Town Hall) Old Home Days Committee
- June 6 @ 6:00 PM (DPW Building) Conservation Commission
- June 10 @ 4:00 PM (DPW Building) Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee
- June 11 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) Zoning Board of Adjustment
- June 13 @ 6:00 PM (DPW Building) Cemetery Trustees

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: <u>https://www.enfield.nh.us/communitybusinesses</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 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 <u>abonnette@enfield.nh.us</u> and we'll post it for you.

# **OFFICIAL TOWN WEBSITE – SUBSCRIBE TO NEWS & ALERTS**

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

We plan during the coming year to more fully utilize the News & Announcements for various departments. For instance, during this year of the full town-wide revaluation of property we'll post updates to our progress on the Assessing Department page. Community news items will appear on the Community & Businesses page – we currently have two scholarship Announcements on this page – check it out!

# MASCOMA LAKESIDE PARK - THE PROPERTY HAS BEEN PURCHASED!

It is with great pleasure that we report the Town successfully closed on the sale of the Mascoma Lakeside Park property from NH DOT in early-March. 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 who 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.



Now that the sale has been finalized, our focus is squarely on amenities for the park. This past fall we actively solicited public input through a series of meetings with local organizations, town committees, and a wellattended 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 an open pavilion (which will likely include a fire feature of some sort) 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 \$253,000. This leaves us with approximately \$118,000 of our \$135,000 goal to fund planned improvements once the \$128,600 sale price and other purchase-related fees are deducted. So, we are well on our way to achieving our \$135,000 goal, but **we still have to raise approximately \$17,000** 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 <u>raylesworth@enfield.nh.us</u> if you have related questions or interest in lending your support to this important community project.

# **ENFIELD TOWN FLOWER – WE HAVE A WINNER!**

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 these 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.



Votes were cast through the afternoon of the March 16<sup>th</sup> Town Meeting

And the WINNER is...



# **COMMON MILKWEED!!!**

Additional information about common milkweed and its ecological value can be found here: <u>https://www.fs.fed.us/wildflowers/plant-of-the-week/asclepias\_syriaca.shtml</u>

# 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, 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 for 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-recyclingprogram

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

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

the shower after soaping up, then turn it back on to rinse. A fourminute shower uses approximately 20 to 40 gallons of water. Limit your showers to the time it takes to soap up, wash down and rinse off.

- **7.** *Turn off the water after you wet your toothbrush.* There is no need to keep the water running while brushing your teeth. Just wet your brush and fill a glass for mouth rinsing.
- **8.** *Rinse your razor in the sink.* Fill the sink with a few inches of warm water. This will rinse your razor just as well as running water, with far less waste of water.
- **9.** Use your dishwasher and clothes washer for only full loads. Automatic dishwashers and clothes washers should be fully loaded for optimum water conservation. Most makers of dishwashing soap recommend not pre-rinsing dishes which is a big water savings. With clothes washers, avoid the permanent press cycle, which uses an added 20 liters (5 gallons) for the extra rinse. For partial loads, adjust water levels to match the size of the load. Replace old clothes washers. New Energy Star rated washers use 35 50% less water and 50% less energy per load. If you're in the market for a new clothes washer, consider buying a water-saving frontload washer.
- **10.** *Keep a bottle of drinking water in the fridge.* Running tap water to cool it off for drinking water is wasteful. Store drinking water in the fridge in a safe drinking bottle.

# How to Improve Recycling

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

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

# The "Don't" of Recycling



#### FIRE DEPARTMENT 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 the Town's building and fire inspector at 603-632-4343 or <u>pneily@enfield.nh.us</u>.



Doing laundry is most likely part of your every day routine. But did you know how important taking care of your clothes dryer is to the safety of your home? With a few simple safety tips you can help prevent a clothes dryer fire.

- Have your dryer installed and serviced by a professional.
- Do not use the dryer without a lint filter.
- Make sure you clean the lint filter before or after each load of laundry. Remove lint that has collected around the drum.
- Rigid or flexible metal venting material should be used to sustain proper air flow and drying time.
- Make sure the air exhaust vent pipe is not restricted and the outdoor vent flap will open when the dryer is operating. Once a year, or more often if you notice that it is taking longer than normal for your clothes to dry, clean lint out of the vent pipe or have a dryer lint removal service do it for you.
- Keep dryers in good working order. Gas dryers should be inspected by a qualified professional to make sure that the gas line and connection are intact and free of leaks.
- Make sure the right plug and outlet are used and that the machine is connected properly.
- Follow the manufacturer's operating instructions and don't overload your dryer.
- Turn the dryer off if you leave home or when you go to bed.



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# AND DON'T FORGET...

Dryers should be properly grounded.

Check the **outdoor vent** flap to make sure it is not covered by snow.

Keep the area around your dryer **clear** of things that can burn, like boxes, cleaning supplies and clothing, etc.

Clothes that have come in contact with **flammable substances**, like gasoline, paint thinner, or similar solvents should be laid outside to dry, then can be washed and dried as usual.

# FACT

 The leading cause of home clothes dryer fires is failure to clean them.

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

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- 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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# **PROPERTY RECORDS AND MAPS**

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

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!**

Do you want to become more involved in your community? Then you're in luck! Several volunteer positions are still open. You can access our Application for Committee Membership here: http://www.enfield.nh.us/sites/enfieldnh/files/uploads/membershipapp\_0.pdf

Do you love our wide selection of recreation programs for children and adults alike? Then join our **Recreation Commission**! We currently have three openings. This group works with the Enfield Recreation Director to develop a wide variety of recreation programs for residents of all ages. The Recreation Commission meets the third Tuesday of each month in the Whitney Hall conference room in the Enfield Town Offices. You can see what the committee has been up to on their webpage here: <u>http://www.enfield.nh.us/parks-recreation</u>

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 Zoning. The Zoning Board of Adjustment is a quasi-judicial body that has the responsibility for special exceptions and variances of the Town Zoning Ordinance. We have up to four openings for **Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) alternates**. Meetings of the ZBA are the second Tuesday of each month (as needed).

Release your inner party planner! Join our **Old Home Days Committee**! Many hands make light work! This group organizes our annual Old Home Days Celebration which takes place the last full weekend of July. The Old Home Days Committee meets the first Wednesday of each month from 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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- Enter your email address in the "Your Email" field
- Check the box for "Town News" under the News & Announcements sub-section
- Click the "Send My Request" navigation button at the bottom of the page