

TOWN OF ENFIELD E-NEWSLETTER

MAY 2020

TOWN MANAGER WELCOME MESSAGE

Greetings!

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



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

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

COVID-19 & YOUR TOWN GOVERNMENT

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

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

COVID-19 GENERAL UPDATES

At the state level, COVID-19 numbers are improving every day but are not significantly better. There is concern about NH's proximity to MA due to their very high numbers. However, the NH healthcare system is holding up well and there is presently adequate capacity for the caseload.

New COVID-19 testing locations are up and running across the state. Anyone who has symptoms should contact their healthcare provider to request a test. The healthcare provider will submit an order to the NH Department of Health and Human Services (NHDHHS), and residents will receive a call by the COVID-19 Coordinating Office to schedule a test at a time and location most convenient to them. Residents who do not have a healthcare provider and/or are uninsured should call 2-1-1 for assistance in scheduling a test. Also, arrangements will be made for those residents with barriers to accessing a fixed or mobile testing site.

The Office of the Governor recently acknowledged that there is some confusion about the expiration date of the State of Emergency (SOE) declaration and the associated Executive Orders. The SOE has to be updated every 21 days, and the Governor indicated that he will keep doing so indefinitely. In contrast, the "Stay At Home" order expires on May 4 (Monday). The Governor has given indications he intends to extend that order, but with some "flexibility." A press conference on this topic has been scheduled for May 1 (Friday) at 3:00 PM.

On April 30, Governor Sununu, Veterans Affairs (VA) Deputy Secretary Pam Powers, and members of New Hampshire's congressional delegation greeted a plane and helped unload over 110,000 pounds of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) from a FedEx cargo plane on the tarmac of Manchester-Boston Regional Airport — the largest shipment destined for New Hampshire to date. The State of New Hampshire purchased the entire shipment of PPE and will be distributing supplies to the areas of greatest need across the state as part of its ongoing effort to respond to the COVID-19 global pandemic. The State of New Hampshire secured this new shipment of PPE with the help of inventor Dean Kamen and others. Roughly 4.5 million masks on the plane will be sent to the VA for their distribution. The VA will reimburse the State of New Hampshire for the 4.5 million masks.

The Governor's Office has indicated that there is likely going to be continued flexibility with regard to RSA 91-A (see Emergency Order #12: <https://www.enfield.nh.us/covid-19-your-town-government/pages/office-governor>) when it comes to enabling public bodies to conduct meetings remotely while the situation with COVID-19 continues to play out.

The Commissioner of the NH Department of Education is looking into guidance to potentially allow school districts to hold graduations.

The Secretary of State's Office is examining the need for municipalities to offer additional polling places and/or the possibility of "drive-up" voting during both the September primary and November general election.

Finally, the Office of the Governor has indicated it will soon be finalizing and issuing updated guidance on pools, parks, playgrounds, and beaches. Along these same lines, we are told they are also looking into a guidance document on summer camps.

TOWN MEETING & 2020 BUDGET

The second session of Town Meeting (business meeting), which was previously postponed from March 14 to May 9 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, is ultimately going to be postponed again. Given that the ongoing presence of COVID-19 in our state and region, it would be imprudent to convene a meeting in little more than a week that involves a gathering of more than 100 people in a space the size of the EVS gymnasium. At this time the Town Moderator is continuing to obtain input from the Town Manager and Board of Selectmen to inform the selection of an appropriate new date. Local officials are committed to making arrangements for Town Meeting that will best protect the health and welfare of our residents.

There is a discussion planned for the May 4 Board of Selectmen with the Town Moderator related to rescheduling Town Meeting. We have discussed June 13 as a possible date, but, a final decision will be reached on May 4. However, state officials are considering a variety of proposals relative to the timing and format of how a Town Meeting can be conducted, and I will provide updates on that front as additional guidance and direction is received. In summary, however, it is possible Town Meeting may be: (a) called off entirely in favor of a “default” budget option; (b) conducted via mail-in voting, (c) conducted via virtual meeting technology, or (d) held in a more traditional format at a TBD date even deeper into the summer. Other options may also be considered. If we assume that towns are given the latitude to choose among a variety of options, then careful thought will need to be given to each one to determine what makes the most sense for Enfield.

It is also important to note that the Town Manager (in close consultation with Department Heads), Board of Selectmen, Budget Committee and CIP Committee, are actively re-examining the Town’s proposed 2020 operating budget and 6-year Capital Improvement Plan to determine appropriate adjustments as a result of the financial and economic impacts stemming from COVID-19. Some of the more significant concerns pertain to projected losses in revenue, particularly from state sources (i.e., Meals & Rooms Tax revenue sharing). To this end, in late-April the Town Manager transmitted a detailed analysis of the present financial forecast and proposed numerous adjustments spanning all departments that could be made to the 2020 operating budget with the goal of identifying areas of expenditure reduction, stabilizing the Town portion of the property tax rate (\$7.33/\$1,000 in assessed value as of 2019), and simultaneously maintaining high-quality municipal services.

ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING

It’s been a bit of a learning curve for some of us, but holding Town board and committee meetings using the Zoom video conferencing app has proven to be fairly successful. To join a Zoom meeting simply go to the Town’s website at www.enfield.nh.us, find the meeting you want to attend on the calendar on the home page, click on the meeting heading and it will open up with all of the details. Simply click on the Zoom meeting link and it will open a video window. (You may need to download the Zoom app, but it won’t take long.) You can also join with audio only by calling one of the numbers provided. Join us at one of our upcoming Zoom meetings listed later in this newsletter. Those meetings highlighted in blue are already set up in Zoom and linked to meeting details. When a meeting begins, if you have problems connecting simply call the local number provided for assistance.

MODIFIED TOWN OFFICE OPERATIONS - UPDATE

First let us extend our appreciation to the residents of Enfield for your ongoing patience and understanding during these unprecedented times.

As was reported in last month's newsletter, beginning in late-March, due to the continued risk of COVID-19, the Enfield Town Offices began functioning under adjusted hours of operation to limit interpersonal contact among staff members and the general public. As of the time of this writing, the Governor has not formally announced whether the existing "Stay At Home" order (which runs until 12:01 AM on May 4, 2020) will be lifted or extended, and this determination and subsequent Governor's order will play a prominent role in the decisions made at the local level with respect to access to and operations of municipal facilities.

The Town Offices remain closed to the public, except by appointment for those services which require in-person transactions, such as new car registrations or marriage licenses.

The Town Clerk's Office is presently closed on Wednesdays for in-person appointments. The Town Clerk's Office will continue to operate four days a week (Monday-Tuesday and Thursday-Friday) on an appointment only basis for those transactions that must be done in person.

The Assessing Office will have someone in the office all day (8:00 AM – 4:00 PM) on Wednesdays and Fridays and will meet with residents requiring an in-person meeting by appointment.

The Town Manager's Office will have at least one staff member in the office each day, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM, to continue to serve the public.

Except for the Town Clerk's Office on Wednesdays, staff members will continue to work remotely during regular office hours.

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

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

- Town Clerk 603-632-5001 or townclerk@enfield.nh.us
- Tax Collector 603-632-4201 or whuntley@enfield.nh.us
- Assessing Administrator 603-442-5406 or jahuntley@enfield.nh.us

- Town Manager's Office 603-632-5026 or abonnette@enfield.nh.us

MUNICIPAL FACILITIES EVALUATION PROJECT UPDATES

The Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee (MFAC) last met on April 27 and will be meeting again on May 11. The project lead architect from Bread Loaf provided the MFAC a detailed overview of the latest revised conceptual designs/layouts for a renovated and expanded Whitney Hall. The MFAC discussed how the COVID-19 pandemic has significantly impacted the manner in which Town employees, local officials, and the public is able to use Whitney Hall over the past nearly two months. It was agreed that this experience would help inform the envisioned renovation and expansion of the building so as to maximize the usability and functionality of the facility during a pandemic and other emergency situations. The MFAC also visited with the Vice President of Pathways Consulting (civil and environmental engineering firm) to discuss a recently revised set of proposals the firm had developed relative to geotechnical analysis and other relevant site investigations that the Town should consider having performed prior to proceeding to ensure the viability of the Whitney Hall property and the parcel on US Route 4 (a subdivision of the School Administrative Union property) of interest for the public safety facility.

A brief status update and discussion regarding the MFAC's conceptual design and facility review effort will be provided at the Board of Selectmen meeting on May 4. Members of the committee continue to be very mindful of the projected financial impacts of COVID-19, and fully recognize that the condition of the local, regional and national economy will have implications for when (and if) the Board of Selectmen determines the time is appropriate to move forward on the committee's final recommendations (which we anticipate will be forthcoming within the next month).

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

FIREFIGHTERS & EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL RECRUITMENT

If you are interested in helping to protect and care for people in your community, the Town of Enfield's Fire Department and Ambulance Service welcome the opportunity to talk with you. Both departments are "call" departments and participation requirements



are flexible in recognition that members will be juggling other professional or personal obligations. Members are compensated on an hourly basis for time spent in training, responding to calls, or other related activities. Relevant training and certifications (i.e., Firefighter I or II, EMR, EMT, AEMT, Paramedic, etc.) are highly desired, but formal training can be provided to individuals who are willing to make the commitment.

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

Interested parties should contact the Fire Chief (603-359-5206 or fcummings@enfield.nh.us) or Ambulance Chief (603-304-9324 or efirefighter32@yahoo.com). We hope to hear from you!

GREEN-UP DAY ANNOUNCEMENT (on behalf of the Enfield Village Assoc.)

Everyone Pitch in!

The annual "Green Up" clean up WILL be happening this year, but with some necessary tweaks. Instead of a single morning, we are using two weekends to accomplish the same tasks. The Enfield Village Association (EVA) does not have volunteers staffing its offices, so more details will be posted on Friday, May 1, as there is much information to be considered.



This is a very different experiment to pretty up our community with as little social grouping as possible. We want you to follow safety precautions that exist now in our strange new habitat in order to preserve social distancing, especially no “gathering” and maintaining safe distances from others.

There are four days to complete the clean up.

- May 9 (Saturday)
- May 10 (Sunday; Mother’s Day)
- May 16 (Saturday)
- May 17 (Sunday).

EVA will provide the blue bags for the trash. The Town will provide pick up on the Mondays following. There will be assigned routes to complete for downtown streets and Lakeside Park.

More information and contacts will be posted shortly. In the meantime, the scarecrow volunteers are illustrating a proper 6' distancing at the corner of Main and Shaker Hill Road.

Thank you for your help and support!

Update: *Green Up Day(s)-You can still pitch in to tidy up our roadsides and streets as we have in the past, but differently than our traditional show of force on a Saturday morning. No social gathering but we can still gather the roadside litter alone together. Saturday May 9. Sunday, May 10. Saturday May 16, Sunday May 17. PICKUP of blue trash bags, May 11 and May 18.*

Each year, the Enfield Village Association with the Town of Enfield, sponsor a roadside cleanup in the downtown and along Lakeside Park. Main Street, parts of 4A, High Street, Oak Grove and Lakeside Park areas are our designated areas of responsibility. Usually done as our effort to spruce up downtown prior to the Memorial Day Parade. Other areas area often done by good neighbors who expand the day's work because they see the value of a roadside clean up. They see a need, they volunteer. In the past Boy Scout groups, the Enfield Sailing Club, Visions and others have gathered together for a Saturday morning effort. Visions has already cleaned up on Kluge Road!

We can't do social groups in this time of "Alone Together." We are experimenting with a different method, a very different method. EVA will have blue trash bags available PRIOR to the days above, by arrangement, with area assignments for individuals who are willing to maintain proper social distancing to help with this cleaning up project. Blue trash bags will be available for other areas of roadside litter removal that volunteers may wish to tackle as well. It is our mission to clean up the downtown area listed above. We never turn down or discourage efforts to spruce up our roadsides by removing litter wherever people are willing to help! The blue trash bags and assignment areas will be available PRIOR to the above dates. We will not ask a volunteer to hand the bags to you on those dates which means getting the bags for your use in advance. You MUST contact us (Janet Lovely) for the bags and for our mission areas, to sign up for a designated area.

Contact: JANET LOVELY: jmlovely@comcast.net for assignments and/or to request the blue bags. She will know if someone has already chosen an area and will have a map of the mission areas.

RULES:

You must follow all social distancing rules- no large groups, stay 6' apart, wear a mask. Gloves are recommended, please bring your own and your own water bottles.

Only items that will fit into the blue bags should be picked up, not household goods, no furniture, tires, chemicals, etc. Roadside litter only.

Pickup of the filled bags will be on: MONDAY, MAY 11 AND MONDAY MAY 18.

Pick up options: The Town has asked that bags be left in place on the above mission routes (they may be grouped).

DO NOT take the bags to the transfer station. However, there are additional options: You may choose to drop filled blue bags in the back of the parking lot across from 56 Main near the Mother's Garden area, or leave them at Greely House, 3 Shaker Hill Rd. and one more option as well: Contact Jim Taylor to let him know where your bags are.

PLEASE DO NOT TAKE THE BAGS TO THE TRANSFER STATION. It is important that social distancing efforts be maintained and that includes not gathering at the Transfer station! Protecting town employees is very important, too. We need them, we appreciate their efforts, and we thank them for their role in this effort.

*For assignments and blue trash bags: JANET LOVELY: jmlovely@comcast.net
If you need a filled blue bag pickup: JIM TAYLOR: jtaylor@enfield.nh.us*

This is a great event that makes a difference in our town. With the expanded timeframe we should be able to do a good clean up and maintain this year's unusual guidelines.

We will post information on [Facebook](#). We would love to see pictures of your work on these days.

Julie Eckert, Enfield Village Association

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Meter Reading

Enfield water and sewer bills were mailed in early April and will be due May 15. Bills can be viewed and paid using the online payment tool on the Town's Website. <https://www.enfield.nh.us/home/pages/online-payments>

Brush and Yard Waste

The Enfield Brush and Yard Waste Facility will reopen on May 2, 2020 and will be open during the business hours of the Transfer Station on Wednesday and

Saturday. Due to COVID-19 concerns, deliveries on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday will be by appointment. Please call the DPW at 632-4605 to make arrangements for delivery. The facility is closed on Sundays. The facility can take clean brush 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 have all loads checked by Town staff. The facility cannot take commercial volumes.

Road Postings

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

2020 Transfer Station Stickers Available

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

Enfield transfer station stickers also permit you to use the town beach parking lot on Mascoma Lake and access to the driveway sand located at the DPW.

Enfield Transfer Station Punch Cards

In an effort to make the Transfer Station more efficient and also respond to deficiencies noted by the New Hampshire Department of Labor the Town of Enfield has implemented a punch card system that will take the place of all transactions by cash or check. Residents can purchase punch cards from the Town Office to be used to pay fees at the Transfer Station (Call 603-632-5026 to make arrangements for purchase). Cards have a face value of \$25.00 and attendants have a hole punch tool that is used to punch the cards for the corresponding amount of the item being disposed of. Each card is broken up into five \$5.00 sections and all of the fee items listed below are also in \$5.00 increments. The Transfer Station attendants accepted cash through the month of October, but this practice was discontinued in November. Checks will continue to be accepted for a period of time to give residents time to get to the Town Office to purchase the punch cards.

Please Use Curbside Trash and Recycling Services

In light of the current pandemic the Town encourages the use of the curbside

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

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

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

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 Route 4A and in Shaker Village that are serviced by sewer only.

Household Hazardous Waste

At this time, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all upcoming household hazardous waste collection days have been **postponed**. We are hopeful that many of these dates will be rescheduled in the summer and fall months as the situation improves.

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

Household Hazardous Waste

2020 COLLECTION DAYS



All collections are 9:00 am—Noon

Sat, May 2—Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street (off Route 120)

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

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

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

Sat, October 3—Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street

FREE to residents from Claremont, Cornish, Enfield, Goshen, Hanover, Lebanon, Lempster, Lyme, New London, Newbury, Newport, Orford, Piermont, Plainfield, Springfield, Sunapee, Unity, Washington, and Wilmot. Others residents and businesses welcome for a fee. **ANYONE** with 25 gallons or more or any business must pre-register by calling number below.

WHAT TO BRING:

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

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



For
information
contact the

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



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

Ammunition and explosives: State Police at 271-3636.

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

Automotive batteries: Take to parts store for cash back or your transfer station

Empty aerosol cans: Can be recycled with scrap metal. Talk to your town.

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

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

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

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

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

Propane or helium tanks and fire extinguishers: Propane/helium tanks can be exchanged/refilled at a distributor; or contact town transfer station about empty tanks. Empty fire extinguishers can be recycled (NRRRA takes from towns).

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

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT

As our country, state and Town continue to work together through these trying times of COVID-19, the town Emergency Management Team would like to thank all the volunteers who have stepped up and assisted.

The team of volunteers and first responders has worked hand in hand to do its part to limit the exposure of our residence to this virus. These efforts have included helping ensure social distancing in town, ensuring those who have been impacted financially know they will be able to have food and gathering resources to ensure that our emergency services have the right PPE to respond to emergencies when called.

With COVID-19 in mind if you have questions please check the Enfield town website at www.enfield.nh.us. If you do not find your answers there, call 211, as this is the state's dedicated COVID-19 hotline.

Remember to follow social distancing at all times. If you feel ill stay home and contact your healthcare provider. When out and about, the state is asking that you please wear a mask. This will not prevent you from getting the virus, but may help limit the spread of it.

Also related to COVID-19 and the Stay at Home order are motor vehicle registrations and inspections. The Governor has not issued any emergency order delaying registrations or inspections. All motor vehicles are required to be registered and inspected as usual. In Enfield we still have several inspections stations that are open for service and have taken good precautions to help prevent the spread of the virus. If you are renewing your registration it can be done online (<https://www.enfield.nh.us/home/pages/online-payments>), if you do not have internet access you probably are not reading this, but, just in case, you should contact the Town Clerk's Office for direction on how you can renew your registration. Only renewals can be completed online. New vehicles must be registered in person. For new vehicle registrations call the Town Clerk's Office at 603-632-5001 or email townclerk@enfield.nh.us to set up an appointment.

The department has received several complaints recently about bears and trash. If you have your bird feeders out, or are not securing your trash, then you probably know what I'm talking about. Be a good neighbor and secure your trash until it is time to put it out for collection, and bring in bird feeders for the season. If a bear gets into your trash it is your responsibility to pick it up. Please remember to bring in trash barrels the same day as pickup.

As spring has started, the Police Department has also started a new initiative on vehicle registrations. RSA 261:45 required that all drivers who reside in

Town register their vehicles within 60 days. This includes when you live in Enfield part time and the vehicle remains here year-round. Officers will be on the lookout for non-compliance with the registration requirements in Enfield.

If you have a question about your registration requirements please contact Lt. Frye at lfrye@enfield.nh.us.

As a final note, the radar trailer has been deployed around town again. If you would like to see the trailer in your neighborhood please contact Officer Crate at mcrate@enfield.nh.us or call the station at 603-632-7501.

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

RECREATION

Enfield Recreation



Enfield Recreation Camp

Due to the COVID-19 situation, the status of the Enfield Summer Camp (which commences in early-July) is still somewhat uncertain. The status of the Governor's "Stay At Home" order and associated state-level guidance on summer/outdoor recreational programs will inform and guide the Town's decision-making. We anticipate that a final decision will be reached during early-May and an announcement will be made at that time.

In the event that we are able to move forward with the Summer Camp program, the entire summer schedule detailing each day's theme, trip location & beach days will be released soon. Keep an eye out for more information!

Enfield Recreation Department is Hiring

We are looking for Lifeguards & Swim Instructors for the 2020 summer season, but, we should note that this will likely be a somewhat shortened season and the beaches may not be staffed until partway through the summer due to COVID-19. Applicants must be at least 16 years old. Prior certification as a lifeguard is desirable, but not required.



Contact Ed Winters at recreation@enfield.nh.us

Information and Registration at www.mvpr.recdesk.com

Any questions about Enfield Recreation, please contact Ed Winters, Enfield Recreation Director, at recreation@enfield.nh.us

Mascoma Valley Parks & Recreation

We encourage our community members to get outside and go for a walk, run or bike ride – or just step outside and enjoy the fresh air. Please follow the social distancing recommendations from the CDC to keep you and other members of the community safe (they are listed at the end of this Regional Recreation Update). Stay active, stay safe and stay healthy!

Youth Baseball and Softball Season Canceled:

The Mascoma Youth Sports League board made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 Spring Sports season due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The decision to cancel is based on guidance from the NHIAA, CDC and the State of NH, and it is consistent with what other area recreation departments have decided. MYSL is incredibly disappointed not to be offering a spring season for our young baseball and softball players, but the safety and health of the MYSL families is too important to risk. We would like to encourage our young baseball and softball players to continue practicing at home - play catch in the yard, do some batting practice, work on pop flies and grounders and then share your pictures or videos with us on our [Facebook page](#)!

All families who registered to participate in the 2020 spring season are eligible to receive an account credit or a full refund. If you would prefer a refund, please email mvalleyrec@gmail.com or send MYSL a Facebook message to request the refund. Refund requests must be received by Monday, May 18th. If

we do not hear from you, you will receive an account credit that can be used for a future MYSL season (fall, winter or spring).

Pending new guidance on "group gathering sizes" from the CDC and the State, we may be able to offer some baseball/softball clinics, skill sessions or play days during the summer. We will let you know more details as they become available.

Community Health & Well Being During COVID-19:

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

Workouts & Activities for Kids:

Fitness Blender Kids Workout:

https://youtu.be/McD6_oOWs-M

Indoor Activities & Games:

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

The OT Toolbox:

<https://www.theotttoolbox.com/>

Online Meditation Classes & Stress Management Resources:

Ten Percent Happier is offering a free Coronavirus Sanity Guide, designed to help you cope in this time of uncertainty and anxiety-

<https://www.tenpercent.com/coronavirussanityguide>

Yoga & Meditation Classes Online:

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

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

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

<https://relief.ekhartyoga.com/>

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

YouTube:

HOME - A 30 Day Yoga Journey (Yoga with Adriene)

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLui6Eyny-UzzFFfpiil94CUrWKVMaqmkm>

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

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

Gentle Yoga for All Ages offered by Ekhart Yoga-

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8y8cdkEPf0JBYjCwtu-43-XJDBHbuVM3>

Ekhart Yoga YouTube Channel -

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFYsO0t3zj0eJ_NcOlowTSA

DHMC Aging Resource Center – Virtual Classes

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

https://www.dartmouth-hitchcock.org/aging_resource_center/community_classes_and_events.html

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

Virtual Yoga Class - [MVPR Facebook Event](#):

Like and follow the MVPR Virtual Yoga Facebook Event and make a commitment to practice yoga in your home while our in-person classes are not being offered. Encourage a friend to join you! We will post new links in the discussion section and welcome others to share classes they've enjoyed -

<https://www.facebook.com/events/215966032845563/>

Youth Theater Camp:

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

No payment is due at the time of registration, so there is no risk of losing

your money! Our online registration system is “invoice only”; therefore you will not need to pay for the program at the time of registration. If we are able to hold the camp, full payment will be due before the first day of camp (Monday, August 3rd).

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

Register before July to get the discounted registration fees!

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

**Friday, August 7th at 2pm and Saturday, August. 8th at 2pm
in the Mascoma Community Auditorium**

Challenger Sports Soccer Camps:

Now offering two separate weeks of camp at the Shaker Recreation Field in Enfield! Register early for camp and get all sorts of free stuff – like a soccer jersey, camp T-shirt and soccer ball! Challenger’s International Soccer Camp is the combination of the most popular training sessions from the world’s top soccer nations: Brazil, England, France, Spain, and the U.S.

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

Camp Options:

Week 1 - June 22nd-26th

<https://challenger.configio.com/pd/212260>

Week 2 - July 20th -24th

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

Tiny Tykes: 8:15am-9am (ages 2-5)

Half Day: 9am-12pm (ages 6-16)

Full Day: 9am-4:00pm (ages 7-16)

COVID-19 Camp Refunds!

All Challenger Summer Camps are still scheduled as planned! If this darn virus doesn't go away by summertime, you will receive a full refund, so no need to worry! Make your summer camp plans early, save your spot, and receive a FREE Camper Starter Pack if you register in March! This includes our new "Rise To Glory" Game Jersey, a Camp Ball, and a T-Shirt.

COVID-19 PRESS RELEASE

REGISTER NOW



\$50 VALUE FREE

FREE CAMPER STARTER PACK

COVID-19: SOCIAL DISTANCING IN PUBLIC PARKS AND TRAILS

Do not use parks or trails if you are exhibiting symptoms.

Follow CDC's guidance on personal hygiene prior to visiting parks or trails.

Be prepared for limited access to public restrooms or water fountains.

Share the trail and warn other trail users of your presence and as you pass.

Observe CDC's minimum recommended social distancing of 6' from other persons at all times.



LNRP National Recreation and Parks Association
Because everyone deserves a great park

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

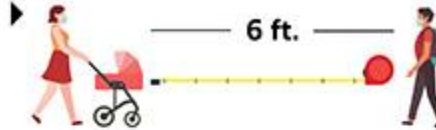
If you do decide to head out to a public park or go for walk/bike/run on a public trail, please follow the recommendations from the National Recreation & Parks Association to help keep you safe on our public trails and in our public parks.

Recommendations for trail users on observing social distancing minimums:

- Follow CDC's guidance on personal hygiene prior to heading to trails — wash hands, carry hand sanitizer, do not use trails if you have symptoms, cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing, etc.
- Observe at all times CDC's minimum recommended social distancing of six feet from other people. Practice it and know what it looks like. Keep it as you walk, bike or hike.
- Warn other trail users of your presence and as you pass to allow proper distance and step off trails to allow others to pass, keeping minimum recommended distances at all times. Signal your presence with your voice, bell or horn.
- Note that trail and park users may find public restrooms closed — be prepared before you leave and time outings so that you are not dependent on public restrooms.
- Bring water or drinks — public drinking fountains may be disabled and should not be used, even if operable.
- Bring a suitable trash bag. Leave no trash, take everything out to protect park workers

Tips for Physical Distancing In Parks

Know what 6 feet looks like. Lay measuring tape on the ground. It's the distance of a surfboard, long yoga mat or adult bike.



Do not use playgrounds or other frequently touched surfaces.

Go by yourself or those you live with. Strongly consider the use of a face covering.



Avoid crowded areas. If a space cannot be enjoyed safely, go home or discover a new park in your community.



For more resources on how to use parks safely during the COVID-19 pandemic, please visit: nrpa.org/Coronavirus

Stay active, stay safe and stay healthy!

Follow MVPR on Facebook

If you are not already following the Mascoma Valley Parks & Recreation Facebook page, please consider checking it out. We post details about recreation programs and events, as well as pictures and updates for our events. Check out our page [here](#)!



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>

- **Challenger Sports Soccer Camps**
 - **Week 1 - June 22nd-26th**
 - <https://challenger.configio.com/pd/212260>
 - **Week 2 - July 20th -24th**
 - <https://challenger.configio.com/pd/212361>
- **MVPR Theater Camp - Registration for theater camp opens on April 1st**
 - For students in Kindergarten – 12th grade
 - For details and to register online please click [here](#)

The programs listed below are postponed until further notice:

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT - BURN PERMITS AVAILABLE ONLINE

We want to be sure that residents are aware that burn permits for seasonal campfires in the Town of Enfield can be obtained online by visiting the NH Online Burn Permit System:

<https://nhdflweb.sovsportsnet.net/>

Burn permits for brush will still be issued by the Town fire wardens. A list is provided on the Town website (<https://www.enfield.nh.us/fire-department/pages/burning-information-permits>). Wardens will determine if

the conditions are appropriate for burning brush, based on weather, dry conditions, and other factors.

Often times, conditions in certain parts of the State may be good for burning brush fires, while in other parts of the State it may not be safe to do so.

There is a \$3 fee assessed for the seasonal fire permits issued online. This revenue is not collected by the Town.



LAND USE & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Due to COVID-19 there has been a down tick in land use applications over the past month. We've been using some of this "down time" to reach out to local business owners by phone to see how they are doing and ask if/how we can help. These are incredibly difficult times for most businesses in our community, and we want to offer assistance, support and guidance wherever we can. If you're a business owner and we haven't connected yet, we will soon.

The Planning Board met on March 25 to discuss possible "next steps" with respect to the master plan in light of the fact that approval of a project budget had been delayed as a result of postponing Town Meeting, and of course the impact that COVID-19 will have on the ability of the Planning Board to successfully launch a master planning effort at the present time. After much deliberation, consensus was ultimately reached that – even if there are certain ways that the process could move forward under the present circumstances – it would be imprudent to attempt to commence with the master planning process in earnest at a time when the focus and attention of Enfield residents is understandably on COVID-19. It was decided that the Planning Board will revisit the matter at its May 13 meeting and reevaluate the situation at that time. Stay tuned!

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

ENFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

What a strange month it has been. First, we hope that everyone has stayed healthy and has managed to find ways to handle these stressful times. At a

time when traditional library services would be most helpful, it has been hard being closed. I am still not used to the empty building, the calendar in my office is still open to March, and there are now six weeks of newspapers piled on the table by the circulation desk.

However, there are good things coming from all of this: we have signed up several new library cards for people wanting to access ebooks and Kanopy and our story time videos have been viewed 404 times. I have also cataloged almost all of the new items that have arrived during the closure, so there will be new books and DVDs available when we can start lending items again. When will that be? That of course is the big question and has come up in every meeting I attend now. I am part of a small group of librarians from around the state that is now working hard to address this very issue. We are following the information coming from the Governor's Reopening Task Force and we are drafting our own guidelines relevant to libraries. We just started meeting last week so I don't have much to share yet, but it has become clear that we cannot just open our doors once the stay-at-home order is lifted. Reopening will be a phased process and I'll be working closely with the Library Trustees to create guidelines specific for Enfield.

Finally, as these weird times continue, remember to take care of yourselves. Whatever you are doing to relieve stress and get through the day is fine (personally, I'm giving in to my weakness for peanut M&M's). Your librarians are here for you, even if we can't interact with you face-to-face. We are still available for questions and comments and would love to hear from you.

~Melissa Hutson, Librarian

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

OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

First, let me say that I hope you and yours are healthy right now. These are very difficult times and it looks like things are going to continue to get worse for a while.

We in the Town Clerk's Office continue to do our best to meet your needs during COVID-19. A month ago we had to make adjustments to our hours of operation (the primary change being that our office is now closed on Wednesdays, but we continue to be available during our customary hours of operation on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays) and are strongly encouraging residents to take full advantage of the ability to complete many

common transactions online. To review a list of the items you can process online, please visit: <https://www.enfield.nh.us/home/pages/online-payments>

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

Many thanks to the DPW staff for installing the protective plexiglass at the customer service counter to increase the likelihood that everyone stays healthy.

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

OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

Greetings all! I would like to extend a big THANK YOU to all who have utilized the online payment option on the Town's website, especially during this period of "social distancing" for tax and utility payments. We also offer paperless billing now! Once you sign-up online, you will get an email notification of a tax or utility billing. If no payment is received by 2 weeks prior to due date, the system will send you a reminder of the outstanding invoice. One last reminder of an unpaid bill will be sent about two days before the due date. With this in mind, the first issue tax billing for 2020 will be underway shortly and will be due July 1. As mentioned previously, tax payments may be made online at www.enfield.nh.us. 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 Bill Payments and just follow the instructions from there. (Hint: when searching, use as few words as possible, such as house number and road name. Refrain from using St, Rd, Ave, Lane, etc.) Or just enter your last name and a list of possible answers will show on the right of the screen. If you need to be walked thru this process, please do not hesitate to contact me.

My email address is whuntley@enfield.nh.us or, to reach me by phone, call 603-632-4201 x 5404. As a reminder, payments for taxes or utilities over the counter may be made by cash or check only.

Stay healthy and safe!

BUILDING, FIRE & HEALTH INSPECTOR

Hope all in the community are well. Our social distancing and other enhanced public safety measures appear to be working. Thank you to everyone for your continued efforts. You're not only helping yourself stay healthy, you're helping your family, friends, and neighbors stay healthy.

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

The Town of Enfield has a very busy building and remodeling environment and has been that way for a long period of time; this doesn't always bring out the best in people. Unfortunately, we have found recently that there have been a few projects where contractors are taking advantage of homeowners.

If you are planning a project, talk to neighbors to see who they used and have a good relationship with. Always check references from prior jobs to be sure they fulfill contracts. Have a contract that spells out the details; don't accept just a total not to exceed price. A contractor will be able to list out their intentions of materials they anticipate using and when payments are expected. Not all projects go as intended, owners change their minds. Have in the contract the process for how these changes can be made that is acceptable to both parties.

The Town of Enfield does require permits for most projects unless they would be considered maintenance. We are available to help with the permit process and answer questions.

Stay safe and please contact me (603-632-4343, pneily@enfield.nh.us) with any questions related to building or fire inspection, COVID-19 or other issues pertaining to public health.

~Phil Neily, Building, Fire & Health Inspector

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

HUMAN SERVICES

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

DHHS (Establishes Emergency Child Care Collaborative)

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

New Hampshire Employment Security

<http://www.nhes.nh.gov>

Federal Unemployment Benefits

The Federal CARES Act, which was enacted on March 27, 2020, includes an additional \$600 per week in unemployment compensation (maximum of \$1,027 possible) for all individuals filing in New Hampshire until July 31st. It also provides an additional 13 weeks of unemployment eligibility on top of the existing 26 weeks. These new benefits went into effect last month and we have been working around the clock to implement as quickly as possible. Please continue to file your claims and check the NH Unemployment Security website (<https://www.nhes.nh.gov/>) for updated information. There is nothing you need to do to access these new benefits other than continue to file your weekly claims.

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

FRIENDS OF MASCOMA

Last Call for Scholarship Applicants: Are you or do you know a high school senior who lives in the Mascoma Valley Regional School District? May 1 is the deadline for our scholarship application. The application is straightforward and there is still time to submit.

Visit: <http://friendsofmascoma.org/scholarship> to complete the application.

Access to Food During the Pandemic: Are you or someone you know having trouble accessing food during these unusual times? FOM is here to help. To access our food weekly, you must pre-register by each Friday by 3:00 PM. Please send the requested information (see below) to Eula at Elkozma@friendsofmascoma.org with the subject heading BOX ORDER. You may also call Eula at 603.632.4542 and leave a detailed voice message. Food will be distributed every Tuesday at the following places: Enfield Police Station parking lot, Canaan Fire Department, and the Grafton Police Department. Distributions take place every Tuesday from 4:00 PM-6:00 PM. Each site may have a procedure to have minimal personal contact. Please observe the setup. Your food bag/box will be denoted in some way.

Emergency Food Box Form

Shopper Name: _____

Shopper DOB: _____

Shopper Address: STREET: _____

TOWN: _____ ZIP: _____

Shopper Email or Phone #: _____

Size of Household: _____ # of Adults: _____ # of Seniors: _____ # of Children: _____

PICK UP AT DESIGNATED SITE: _____

NEEDS DELIVERY CIRCLE ONE: YES NO

QUARANTINED CIRCLE ONE: YES NO

NOTES: _____

MASCOMA LAKE ASSOCIATION

The Mascoma Lake Association (MLA) is made up of volunteers who, like you, realize we share a priceless asset in the lake. Come join us! Invest a little time, money, or both, to ensure that everything Mascoma Lake offers will be here next year, and for many years to come.

The MLA was formed in 1923 as a social society and protective association. As time went on, the lake's beauty and cleanliness began to be threatened by the pressures of development and industry. Sewage, fertilizers and manufacturing by-products flowed directly into the lake.



Many who lived and played on the lake knew that unless they took action, Mascoma Lake would end up like many others – too polluted for swimming, fishing or recreation.

Responding to environmental concerns, MLA targeted its mission to protect the lake for all. We participate in the state VLAP water quality testing program, are proactive by organizing an annual volunteer lake clean-up, and we participate in NH's newly developed LakeSmart program.

Whether you enjoy swimming, boating, fishing, sport diving, ice skating, snowmobiling, skiing, ice fishing, or just relaxing and enjoying the views, we can all help!

mascomalakeassociation.org

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

UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS (SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

We anticipate a continuation of social distancing due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Dates for which a Zoom video conference meeting have been set up are linked to the meeting notice located on the Town's website where you can find specifics on joining the meeting via Zoom. Once the need for social distancing has been lifted, meetings will once again be held at a physical location. Check the Town's website at www.enfield.nh.us for updates.

- May 4 @ 6:00 PM (via Zoom) – Board of Selectmen
- May 5 @ 3:30 PM (via Zoom) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee
- May 6 @ 5:30 PM (via Zoom) – Old Home Days Committee
- May 11 @ 6:30 PM (via Zoom) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee
- May 12 @ 7:00 PM (via Zoom) – Zoning Board of Adjustment
- May 13 @ 7:00 PM (via Zoom) – Planning Board
- May 14 @ 6:00 PM (via Zoom) – Cemetery Trustees
- May 18 @ 6:00 PM (via Zoom) – Board of Selectmen

- May 19 @ 3:30 PM (via Zoom) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee
- May 21 @ 5:00 PM (via Zoom) – Trustees of Trust Funds
- May 26 @ 6:00 PM (via Zoom) – Energy Committee
- May 27 @ 7:00 PM (via Zoom) – Planning Board
- May 28 @ 4:30 PM (via Zoom) – Heritage Commission
- June 1 @ 6:00 PM (Location TBD) – Board of Selectmen
- June 2 @ 3:30 PM (Location TBD) – Mascoma Lakeside Park
- June 3 @ 5:30 PM (Location TBD) – Old Home Days Committee
- June 4 @ 7:00 PM (Location TBD) – Conservation Commission
- June 8 @ 6:30 PM (Location TBD) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee
- June 9 @ 7:00 PM (Location TBD) – Zoning Board of Adjustment
- June 10 @ 7:00 PM (Location TBD) – Planning Board
- June 11 @ 6:00 PM (Location TBD) – Cemetery Trustees
- June 15 @ 6:00 PM (Location TBD) – Board of Selectmen

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

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

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

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

TOWN MANAGER COMMUNITY MESSAGE (Issued March 20, 2020)

Hello Enfield,

What a difference a couple of weeks can make in our lives. This is the first chance I've had to pause and take a breath.

We are blessed to live in a community with so many caring people; people who put others first. If you think we are some frayed, distant, uncaring society you need to look around you and see the kind and selfless things your neighbors

are doing for their neighbors.

We have an amazing team of Town employees working diligently to serve our community. The staff in Enfield are not just “government” employees; they are committed to public service. Never once has it been “that’s too much” or “that’s too hard.” It has been “what does the community need” and then doing whatever is needed. Every time. Members of our team have been working long hours to coordinate our response, our efforts, our messaging, and continuing to prepare for the future. The GOOD MORNING ENFIELD PROGRAM is a great example of this. The Enfield Police Department is checking in on members of our at-risk population on a regular basis. If you are or know of a senior citizen or other individual who needs specialized care, needs to be checked in on, or who requires assistance obtaining necessities please contact: Corporal Courtland Smith (csmith@enfield.nh.us) or Paula Rowe (prowe@enfield.nh.us). We want to be there for members of our community, even if it’s simply the comfort and reassurance that a friendly voice on the other end of the phone can provide.



I also want to take a moment to recognize the hard work and dedication of the volunteers in our community. Because the current health crisis necessitated the closure of its local food pantries, Friends of Mascoma is coordinating with local law enforcement or otherwise designated points of contact to get bagged/boxed food to people who need it each week. I am very proud that the Enfield Police Department stepped up without hesitation to offer assistance with this important service. This is what COMMUNITY policing is all about. If you or someone you know is in need of at home food delivery, please provide the requested information found at the following link:

<http://friendsofmascoma.org/news/update-covid-19-outbreak>

The way out of any crisis has always been a hand up to those in need. More than anything that is what is going to get us through this. There is a famous Mr. Rogers quote going around “When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, “Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.” In Enfield when you look for the helpers you will recognize them as your neighbors. The community response to help each other out has been incredible, and that dedication to our neighbors is what community really means and that is the most powerful weapon we have in this fight.

I know there is a lot of concern and uncertainty out there. The world has been turned upside down and things continue to change rapidly. The situation will

likely continue to get worse before it gets better, and we don't know exactly where we'll be in six weeks or six months or more. What will come will come, and we will meet it when it does. No matter how hard things may get, we've got this Enfield. We're here for each other. Keep calm, carry on, and help your neighbors.

Ryan J. Aylesworth, Town Manager

P.S. Remember to support our local businesses where you can. It's going to be a tough time for them and every little bit will help.

MASCOMA LAKESIDE PARK – UPDATES

After officially purchasing the property from the NH Department of Transportation in March 2019, the Mascoma Lakeside Committee's focus has been on raising additional funds for amenities for the park. This past fall we actively solicited public input through a series of meetings with local organizations, town committees, and a well-attended public forum held at the Community Building. The top priority for all stakeholders is that the natural beauty of the site be preserved and not over-developed. Some improvements are also needed and desired. They include removing and replacing brush and trash trees with native shrubs and trees; creating trails and educational signage to enhance recreational use of the property; constructing rainwater gardens and a new retaining wall to protect the water quality of the lake; installing a children's wading/swimming area; improved parking; installing grill boxes, and; building an open pavilion (which will likely include a fire feature of some sort) that can serve as a gathering place and an educational facility.



Members of the Mascoma Lakeside Committee would like to extend their appreciation to local architect Paul Mirski, who has been graciously providing valuable design services and consultation in support of this project at no cost. The committee will continue working closely with Mr. Mirski and others to ensure that the park is ultimately designed and developed in a manner that is consistent with the needs and values of our residents and visitors.

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

planned improvements.

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

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

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

ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

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

“KEYS TO THE VALLEY” HOUSING SURVEY

How do you like living here? Did you grow up here? Did you move for a job, family, school, or adventure? Are you living with roommates, friends, or other relatives? Has it been difficult to find a place to call home? Are you concerned with how your neighborhood has or might change in the future? Your response to the [Keys to the Valley Survey](#) will provide essential information as we explore how to expand the supply of homes in our region.

Ensuring that those who want to stay here, or come here, have safe and affordable places to live is key to the long-term sustainability and success of our region. Therefore, the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission, Two Rivers-Ottawquechee Regional Commission and Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission have joined together to help address this critical issue.

We must understand the situation by developing a data-driven regional housing study, which will quantify where our residents live and work, how long their commutes are, the value of their homes, and other essential data points critical to grasping the scope of the problem. This information will be the foundation from which we will engage our communities in open and honest conversations about the issues that impact housing, such as – development costs, environmental impacts, health indicators, location, regulations,

infrastructure, financing, and transportation.

For more information about the “Keys to the Valley” initiative, please visit the official website (<https://www.keystothevalley.com/>).

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. <https://www.enfield.nh.us/subscribe>
Enter your email address. For general News & Announcements, which includes notice of this newsletter) check the box for **Town News & Announcements**. Check boxes for any other information you want to receive directly to your email address, such as meeting agendas or minutes. Check the box **I’m not a robot**, then click “Subscribe Me.” It’s as easy as that.

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

ENFIELD COMMUNITY BUILDING TEMPORARILY CLOSED

Due to COVID-19 and our inability to sanitize the space before uses, for the safety of our residents the Enfield Community Building has been closed for all events since March 17th. The building will continue to be closed to events until at least May 1. At that time we will reassess the situation and either lift the moratorium on rentals or extend it. Until such time no reservations of the space will be made.

Update: The closure of the Enfield Community Building has been extended until May 18, at which time we will again reassess the situation.

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

TOWN SUBMITS GRANT REQUEST FOR NEW FIRE RESCUE PUMPER

The Town’s application for funding under the “Assistance to Firefighters” Grant Program (administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency) was submitted this past month. The Town has the potential to receive funding to

offset up to 95% of the cost of purchasing a \$600,000 fire rescue-pumper to replace Engine 4 (an approximately 30 year old apparatus, which is housed in the Union Street Fire Station and serves as a secondary/backup apparatus to Engines 3 & 5).

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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

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

water conservation. Most makers of dishwashing soap recommend not pre-rinsing dishes which is a big water savings. With clothes washers, avoid the permanent press cycle, which uses an added 20 liters (5 gallons) for the extra rinse. For partial loads, adjust water levels to match the size of the load. Replace old clothes washers. New Energy Star rated washers use 35 - 50% less water and 50% less energy per load. If you're in the market for a new clothes washer, consider buying a water-saving frontload washer.

10. *Keep a bottle of drinking water in the fridge.* Running tap water to cool it off for drinking water is wasteful. Store drinking water in the fridge in a safe drinking bottle.

How to Improve Recycling

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

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

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

The "Don't" of Recycling



KEEP THESE ITEMS OUT OF ZERO-SORT® RECYCLING



NO Plastic Bags or Bagged Recycling

(Take clean plastic bags to your local retailer for recycling)



NO Coated Paper Items

(Items with a plastic lining such as waxed coffee or soda cups & waxed paper plates)



NO Disposable Items

(Styrofoam™, napkins, paper towels, tissues, plastic utensils, dirty recycling, register tape, condiment packets, straws, stirrers & coffee pods)



NO Toys, Hangers, Clothes or Shoes

(Gently used items can be donated)



NO Waste or Wood

(Rope, twine, diapers, food, pet & yard waste)



NO Plastic Wrap, Films or Tarps

(Food bags or wrappers, plastic or shrink wrap & tarps)



NO Hazardous Materials

(Check for alternative recycling)



NO Rubber or Scrap Metal

(Check for alternative recycling)



NO Medical Waste

(Find safe and secure disposal near you)



NO Ceramics, Pots, Pans or Baking Glass

(Gently used items can be donated)



NO Electronics, Lithium Batteries or Bulbs

(Check for alternative recycling)

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

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 <http://www.enfield.nh.us/assessing-department> and click on GIS Maps & Property Record Cards link.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

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

http://www.enfield.nh.us/sites/enfieldnh/files/uploads/membershipapp_0.pdf

Do you love our wide selection of recreation programs for children and adults alike? Then join our **Recreation Commission!** We currently have 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 (meetings typically take place in the Whitney Hall conference room in the Enfield Town Offices, but these meetings are being postponed due to COVID-19). You can see what the committee has been up to on their webpage here:

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

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

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

Release your inner party planner! Join our **Old Home Days Committee!** Many hands make light work! This group organizes our annual Old Home

Days Celebration which takes place the last full weekend of July. The Old Home Days Committee meets the first Wednesday of each month from January – July at 5:30 PM, with a couple of additional meetings in June and July as needed to prepare for the festivities.

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

<https://www.enfield.nh.us/sites/enfieldnh/files/uploads/ohdflyer2019.pdf>

And check out the Enfield Old Home Days Facebook page!

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



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