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Welcome to spring! Photo by Penny May

Welcome Message



Greetings!

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

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

Subscribing to the electronic newsletter is easy and straightforward. Simply:

- Go to the town's website subscription page: www.enfield.nh.us/subscribe
- Enter your email address in the "Your Email" field.
- Check the box for "Town News & Announcements" Check the "I am not a robot" box and follow the prompts
- Click the "Subscribe me" navigation button at the bottom of the page

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

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



A Message from Enfield's Town Manager

As the weather turns to spring, clean up and preparation for summer activities has begun. I am happy to announce that all the road postings have been lifted and overall our roads fared well this winter. We have officially begun construction season with the water line replacement along Maple Street. The Town has also started camera work in the sewer system, which has uncovered some groundwater infiltration as we expected. Mapping these infiltration areas will allow us to repair the sewer line in these specific areas and reduce our per gallon cost of wastewater that is sent to the Lebanon treatment plant.

Behind the scenes there is a lot of preparation and planning work happening. The highway department is currently finalizing pavement plans for this year and a contractor should be chosen this week. The Johnston Property Use Committee (JPUC) is finishing up its information gathering sessions before finalizing a recommendation to the Select Board for the Johnston Property. The JPUC will have a final public session on May 11th at 5:30PM in the Community Building and ask residents of Enfield to come and share their thoughts about the use of this property.

The Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee (MFAC) has also been busy finalizing the plans for the Public Safety Building. I know there has been some concern about this building, but the MFAC has worked very hard to balance the budget and operational efficiency of the building. The floor plan has changed some from the original plan, but the committee has added the heat pump option to ensure lower operational costs than was estimated in the original plan that was voted on at Town Meeting. The MFAC committee has also been working through proposals and the interview process for choosing a contractor for the Whitney Hall project that will be starting soon.

Finally, hot off the press, the Town has been notified that we have been awarded a National Scenic Byways Program (NSBP) Grant in the amount of \$734,417 for the Town's Walk a Mile in Their Shoes (A Byway Transportation Alternative) project. The NSBP funds will be used to increase the enjoyment, use and safety of the byway through the development of a parking area along Main Street by Lakeside Park and the construction of a mile long multiuse path alongside the byway (Route 4A) from the Shakoma Beach Parking area to the Shaker Museum. The construction of this trail will increase the safety of alternative transportation and allow for more diverse use of the byway. The trail will connect the historic Enfield Shaker Village to the recreation areas along the shores of Mascoma Lake and ultimately to downtown Enfield, increasing access to recreational, cultural and economic development opportunities offered by the Town. The addition of roadside parking and a new sidewalk along Main Street near the newly constructed Mascoma Lakeside Park (MLP) will allow visitors to the byway to stop and enjoy all the beauty and serenity Mascoma Lake and Mascoma Lakeside Park have to offer. The addition of this trail and parking will meet multiple goals of the Corridor Management Plan, Regional Transportation Plan, and Enfield Master Plan.

It is shaping up to be a busy year here in Enfield. I look forward to working with the Town as we complete all these exciting projects.

Ed Morris, Town Manager

Special News Items

Memorial Day Holiday

All Town Offices and the Enfield Public Library will be closed **Monday, May 29**, In observance of Memorial Day.

Curbside collection of trash and recycling will be delayed one day for all routes this week.

Town Board, Commission & Committee Membership

The Select Board made a number of appointments to various boards, commissions & committees.

We'd like to welcome our new and returning volunteers!

- Marta Ceroni, Energy Committee
- Dimitri Deserranno, Capital Improvement Program Committee
- Patricia Fried, Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee
- James Ibey, Recreation Commission
- Madeleine Johnson, Heritage Commission
- Linda Jones, Planning Board
- Dan Kiley, Planning Board and Capital Improvement Program Committee
- Teresa Lynch, Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee
- Kathleen McMullan, Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee
- Lisa Rinella, Old Home Days Committee
- Meredith Smith, Old Home Days Committee and Enfield Shaker Village Scenic Byway Advisory Board – a regional board
- Scott Terami, Trustees of Trust Funds
- Jay Welenc, Conservation Commission

We still have room for volunteer participation!

There are openings remaining on the

- **Capital Improvement Program Committee** – Meetings are held seasonally beginning in late summer or early fall; schedule varies.

The CIP Committee meets at the beginning of the budget preparation season to review and prepare long-term plans financing capital equipment and projects valued at \$10,000 and greater

- **Energy Committee** – Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 6:00 PM. The mission of the Energy Committee is to identify energy savings opportunities for the Town and residents of Enfield. Coming to fruition in 2023 is Community Power!
- **Heritage Commission** – Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of every month at 4:30 PM. The Heritage Commission works to properly recognize, protect, and promote the historic and esthetic resources that are significant to our community, be they natural, built, or cultural. The

Commission works co-operatively with other educational and civic organizations in fulfilling its mission.

- **Old Home Days Committee** – Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 5:30 PM. This group pulls together an amazing event to celebrate Enfield. With planning and cooperation with others they offer a wide array of activities for the citizens of Enfield to enjoy. Join the fun!
- **Tax Increment Finance District Advisory Committee** – Applicant must have a business or reside within the boundaries of the District. Meeting dates have yet to be determined. The TIF Committee reviews and proposes updates to the TIF District Plan for economic development and infrastructure improvement to the TIF District.
- **Mascoma River Local Advisory Committee** – a regional committee. This is a regional rather than a Town committee, however it has representatives nominated by the Town. Find out more at <https://www4.des.state.nh.us/blogs/rivers/>
- **Enfield Shaker Village Scenic Byway Advisory Board** – This is a regional rather than a Town committee, however the Select Board appoints Enfield representatives to serve on this Board. Find out more at <https://www.uvlsrc.org/projects/enfield-shaker-village-scenic-byway/> and <https://www.visitnh.gov/things-to-do/scenic-drives/enfield-shaker-village>

Appointed members of our committees (and boards and commissions) are extremely valuable to the Town. They serve as a group of diverse opinions and as they say, many hands make light work. No matter your interests there's a committee for you!

Membership terms are typically three years and are staggered so only a portion of the positions on a committee are open at a given time. Appointed committee positions typically expire May 1. In order to be fair to new applicants all positions with a term expiring are available. The Select Board will either reappoint an existing member or a new individual may be appointed to fill the slot – so there is opportunity for all!

If you're interested in applying simply complete our [Application for Board/Committee Membership / Reappointment](#). Completed applications can be submitted to abonnette@enfield.nh.us

Select Board Committee Assignments

Each March, following Town Meeting election, the Select Board determines board, committee & organization assignments. [Check them out!](#)

Non-Native Invasive Species Assessment & Management Plan

In 2022, the Town engaged Dubois & King to perform a Non-Native Invasive Species Assessment and Management Plan. On Monday, April 17th, Grace Glynn of Dubois & King provided an update on the project to the Select Board. You can watch the video of that meeting and presentation on [YouTube](#). **There will also be a FREE workshop!**

Invasive Plant Identification & Removal Workshop

**Saturday, May 6 10:00am-2:00pm
Enfield Community Building, Huse Park
308 US-4, Enfield, NH**

Join us for a brief presentation on how to recognize Enfield's most common invasive plant species & why management of invasive species matters, followed by a plant identification walk & control demonstration

Please remember to bring:

- Sturdy closed toe shoes**
- Long pants and long-sleeved shirt**
- Sunscreen and hat**



**Free and open to the public
Tools & snacks provided**



Department & Committee Reports

Assessing Department

Property Inspections

On an annual basis the Town of Enfield's Assessing Department re-inspects certain parcels that have either building permits, projects under construction, damaged structures, or have had recent changes to the property. We also review parcels that have had boundary line adjustments, voluntary mergers, subdivisions and planning or zoning decisions that may influence the market value of the property. These inspections began in April and will continue into May.

Building Inspector/Health Officer

Spring has just arrived, but the Enfield construction season is already in full bloom. The Building Inspector has been very busy this season reviewing new permit applications and inspecting work permitted in 2022. Conversations with local contractors indicate that construction work is expected to continue at a strong pace throughout this year. The following information is adapted from an April, 2023 article by *HPAC Engineering*, and offers a national perspective on the current construction industry workload and scheduling outlook:

Buckle up for a busy spring! March came in like a lion and went out like a lamb, but meanwhile the construction industry is still roaring!

In many ways, it seems the construction industry is ignoring warnings of an economic recession and just moving forward on the sizeable amount of work before it. On March 14, Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) reported that its monthly Construction Backlog Indicator had increased in February to 9.2 months, keeping the elevated measure at "highs not seen since the start of the pandemic."

Taken just at its most basic face value, that number means ABC members believe they already have enough work on the books now to take them into 2024.

Similarly, the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) Research Institute conducted its quarterly membership survey in mid-January and heard from 583 firms. Overall, 41% of respondents said they felt positively about the condition of the U.S. economy, while 29% felt negatively. The rest were neutral. Of particular note, ACEC pointed out that the positive numbers reflected a sizeable, 12-point increase since the fourth quarter of 2022, and an extraordinary, 27-point "leap" from the data recorded in the third quarter.

According to that January ACEC study, it is also significant to note that "fear of an economic recession" did not even make the respondents' list of biggest concerns for 2023. By far, the top worry that engineering firms expressed was "continued upward pressure on wages" for staff!

For now, though, even as the Federal Reserve continues to tweak interest rates in its efforts to curb inflation, the U.S. construction industry still bulls forward. And the work is continuing at such a pace that worker shortages remain among the chief concerns for construction firms also still dealing with supply chain disruptions and the lingering effects of the pandemic.

Cemetery Department

The Trustees next meeting is currently scheduled on May 11th, 2023. As always please contact Bridget with any questions at cemetery@enfield.nh.us

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

Energy Committee

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

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

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



[Learn More](#)

OPEN INVITATION TO BE PART OF THE ENERGY COMMITTEE

With Enfield Community Power underway, we welcome your ideas and suggestions for new projects! Come join us at our next meeting, May 23 at 6:00 PM at the DPW building, 74 Lockhaven Rd.



Press Release

For Immediate Release

April 24, 2023

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY LAUNCHES NEW CONSUMER ENERGY SAVINGS HUB

Online One-Stop Shop Provides Homeowners, Renters, and Drivers Key Information About Clean Energy Rewards Available to Slash Energy Bills, Thanks to President Biden's Investing in America Agenda

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) today launched the [Energy Savings Hub](https://www.energy.gov/save) — an online one-stop shop for American families and consumers to access the savings tools that President Biden's Investing in America agenda has made available to drastically cut energy costs. The new website — [Energy.gov/Save](https://www.energy.gov/save) — puts President Biden's clean energy tax credits and forthcoming rebates right at Americans' fingertips, helping people take control of their energy costs and have cleaner and more efficient options as a consumer — whether they are looking to purchase an electric vehicle, update an appliance, or make their home safer and more comfortable. Full implementation of the President's Investing in America agenda will put the U.S. on track to achieve the nation's goal of 2030 economy wide greenhouse gas emissions to 40% below 2005 levels.

"From coast-to-coast, President Biden's Investing in America agenda will help keep money in your pocket—whether you're a driver, homeowner or renter," said **U.S. Secretary of Energy Jennifer M. Granholm**. "DOE's new energy savings hub is an easy-to-use resource to guide any consumer looking to access the enormous economic and health benefits from the President's clean energy incentives."

There's something for everyone at [Energy.gov/Save](https://www.energy.gov/save), with features geared towards homeowners, renters, and drivers.



On Aug. 16, 2022, President Biden signed the landmark Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) into law. The law includes \$391 billion to support clean energy and address climate change, including [\\$8.8 billion in rebates for home energy efficiency and electrification projects](#).

These home energy rebate programs will help American households save money on energy bills, upgrade to clean energy equipment and improve energy efficiency, and reduce indoor and outdoor air pollution. DOE estimates that the historic home energy efficiency and electrification consumer rebates authorized will save households up to \$1 billion annually.

Today's launch also introduces Sparky, a Consumer's Best Friend, who guides online audiences through short explainers of various clean energy appliances and technologies that qualify for incentives in President Biden's Investing in America agenda. Throughout the coming weeks, DOE will add new educational videos that explain the basics of clean energy technologies, such as heat pumps, rooftop solar, electric vehicles, and more



[WATCH: Clean Energy 101: Induction Stoves and Ovens](#)

DOE's Energy Savings Hub also highlights a variety of low or no-cost DIY energy efficiency tips that can reduce energy usage and energy waste.

Interested in learning more about new cost-saving incentives as they are updated on the Energy Savings Hub? [Sign up for "The Current" — DOE's new consumer-focused outreach program](#). When you sign up, you will be the first to know about updates to incentive programs that can save you money.

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MAY 2023 at ENFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

PROGRAMS

Basics of Altered Books

May 1, 1:30 pm

Enfield Community Center

Learn how to turn old books into art! Supplies and tools included. Please RSVP.

PostCrossing!

May 2, 6:00 pm

Join us to share the postcards you received via [PostCrossing.com](https://www.postcrossing.com). What's PostCrossing? Come and find out! If you like getting mail, it may be for you. We can help you get started.

Kids' Drop-in Craft: A Flower for Mom

May 10, 11, 13

Decorate a cup and plant a marigold in it just in time for Mother's Day. Drop in any time the library is open.

Author Visit with Annie Harnett

May 19, 4:00 pm

Annie Hartnett, the author of staff favorite [Unlikely Animals](#), will be at Enfield Public Library to talk about her books. RSVP requested.

Storytime at HUSE PARK!

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

Story Time is back outside for the summer! Join Miss Kate for stories and songs.

LibTech Help

By Appointment

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

Mystery Lovers' Book Group

Thursday, May 11, at 2 pm and 6 pm

[The Woman in the Library](#) by Sulari Gentill

Enfield Public Library Book Group

Thursday, May 25, at 6 pm

[The Whalebone Theater](#) by Joanna Quinn

Recommended Reading

[The Lonely Hearts Book Club](#) by Lucy Gilmore

"A young librarian and an old curmudgeon forge the unlikelyst of friendships in this charming, feel-good novel about one misfit book club and the lives (and loves) it changed along the way."

This book is a great listen as well as a lovely, upbeat story even though everybody had their share of burdens and troubles. I highly recommend it! –Nancy

ABOUT EPL

What's New

Browse [New Fiction](#), [New Non-Fiction](#), and more on our [Aspen Discovery](#) home page. Find out about Borrowing, Resources, Programs, [contact information](#), and our [Calendar](#) too!



Get the latest acquisitions in your email inbox each Wednesday with a [Wowbrary](#) newsletter subscription.

Hours

We're open **Tuesdays until 7 pm**, like the town offices!

Monday: 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Tuesday: 9:00 am-7:00 pm

Wednesday: 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Thursday: 11:00 am-7:00 pm

Friday: closed

Saturday: 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Sunday: closed

Fire Department News

The Enfield Forestry is in service. Thank you to all who helped make this transition possible.

Features include:

200 ft. hose reel, 1 ¾ cross lay hose, 250 gal. water tank, and 250 gpm pump.

4- wheel drive Diesel, on board 5500-watt generator, portable pumps and a full complement of hand tools and fittings.



Rescue Truck before start of project.



Box removed from frame.



Aluminum flatbed body installed.



Forestry ready for service.

Please consult the [Fire Department's page](#) on the Town website about campfire permits and permits needed prior to burning brush.

Phil Neily
For the Enfield Fire Department

Heritage Commission

On March 31st, members of Enfield's Heritage Commission enjoyed the opportunity to participate in a program on historic preservation sponsored by Lebanon's Planning and Development departments and the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC). The timing was perfect for Enfield's commission, just weeks after the town meeting approved the creation of a new zoning overlay in Enfield Center.

Three speakers, who have worked for decades with towns of all sizes across the country, gave presentations on topics of immediate interest to Enfield's Heritage Commission. Speakers explained the

federal and state laws and local ordinances applicable to historic preservation and historic districts. They discussed design guidelines for historic districts and showed how to apply them, while working effectively with town officials, land use boards and the wider community.

The design section of the Lebanon workshop led participants through the federal Secretary of Interior's standards for preservation. These are principles for repurposing buildings for new uses as well as for integrating repairs, renovations and using new materials. One principle felt particularly pertinent to Enfield, as we review plans for new public safety and library buildings. This is "similar but different"; renovations and additions that respect a historic building's original proportions or materials without making a "fake" old building.

For practice, workshop leaders led participants through some "real life" applications of the SOI principles, such as adding solar panels, altering a commercial sign or using modern materials such as vinyl siding or windows.

The workshop provided important information about selecting local design guidelines suitable for individual towns and situations, such as Enfield. The process might begin with creating a catalog of the important buildings, local features and unique assets that make our town unique. Based on this catalog, the Heritage Commission and land use boards can create written standards for—among many possibilities—siding, chimneys, doors and steps, solar panels, storefronts or signage.

Speakers emphasized that, instead of being unnecessary regulation, written standards can improve the decisions of Enfield's zoning and planning boards. Decisions based on transparent, community-selected standards produce consistent and fair decisions, which are less likely to be contentious and overturned.

Chris Skelly, who has decades of experience teaching and working at Massachusetts' Historical Commission, reminded workshop participants of the pitfalls and stereotypes of heritage commissions, which are often described as "self-important", "un-American" or "elitist". Skelly proposed strategies for working with people who don't share commission's views.

Communication is key, whether with individual citizens, town government or town planning boards. Reaching out to developers and real estate professionals early in the design process can make planning smoother and more effective—to everyone's advantage.

One common thread in all the talks was the benefits of historic preservation. In addition to well-known ones that we have covered in previous Enfield newsletters, the Lebanon workshop provided new insight. Who knew that historic properties bring in more tax revenue, per square foot, than large box stores? Or just how much carbon can be conserved when an old building is rehabilitated? Or that heritage districts improve access to affordable housing?

Another common theme was that the most effective historic preservation relies on both regulatory and non-regulatory tools. Instead of clamping down on owners and developers with regulations, historic preservation commissions should build interest in saving and making the most of heritage properties.

Speakers offered ways to generate interest. Creating programs for young people, installing plaques on buildings of interest, giving awards for renovation or preservation along with events that highlight our heritage or attract visitors are several ways that heritage commissions can engage with the community.

The Enfield Heritage Commission members who attended the Lebanon workshop came away excited about these ideas. Look forward to seeing some of them in Enfield in the future!



Johnston Property Use Committee Public Information Session

An Opportunity for Public Comment

Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 5:30 PM
Enfield Community Building, 308 US Route 4

Land Use & Community Development

Planning Board - The Enfield Planning Board (PB) met twice in April, both meetings were “work sessions”. These meetings have largely focused on the potential of updating/rewriting the Enfield Zoning Ordinance. The PB has been working on a grant application that could fund this work with a professional consultant. The first meeting on the 12th had the Enfield Fire Chief, Phil Neily, in attendance to discuss his perspective on things like building height requirements and life safety issues. The Chief was very helpful and explained a lot about how the modern fire service is aligned, with specific discussion about mutual aid from neighboring fire departments and the overall emergency response planning. The PB meeting on the 26th saw further review of the grant application, where the PB will seek up to \$62k in funding through a NH Housing Opportunity Planning Grant (NHHOP).

Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) - The ZBA met in April, however no formal hearings were held. The ZBA is scheduled to meet next in May on the 9th where they will hear an application for a variance. This will be for Land Use Case # Z23-105-01 where Brian and Faith Goodness will seek variance relief from the Enfield Zoning Ordinance, Article IV, section 401.1, paragraphs L&M to construct a storage shed within the prescribed setbacks to the street and a river. The subject parcel is 3.3 acres and is located at 1120 NH Route 4A (Tax Map 40, Lot 14) in the “R1” Residential zoning district. The subject parcel is owned by Brian and Faith Goodness.

Land Use and Community Development Office - Please contact me, Rob Taylor, at the Land Use office with any questions or ideas between Monday and Friday at 603-442-5427 or by email at: planning@enfield.nh.us You may also drop by my office at the DPW facility at 74 Lockhaven Road. It is always recommended to call ahead first to be sure I am available or to schedule a meeting. I hope you all have a great month of May!

It has been a productive fall and winter for the Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee with members volunteering their time, both in committee meetings and hands on work, planning landscaping and infrastructure, laying out trails, and coordinating with landscape designer and volunteer, Mike Burns. A special note of thanks goes to DPW Director Jim Taylor and his crew who continue to plow snow, mow grass, and take a special interest in keeping the park looking great.

The \$125,000 grant from the Land and Water Conservation Grant required a match, which was met. This provides a total of \$250,000 for major upgrades to the parking lot, making it “lake friendly”. It will also provide funding for walking trails throughout the park with a Pollinator Garden, Native American Garden, Education Area, native plantings, and continued removal of invasives, a daunting task! In conjunction with the LWC grant, two sub committees of the MLP Committee, Infrastructure and Landscape, have been formed to study and suggest various improvements to the park as the MLP Committee focuses on putting the LWC grant to work. The two committees report to the entire MLP Committee monthly and suggestions made are discussed and voted on.

Landscape Designer and Enfield landscape business owner Mike Burns has been working pro bono with the MLPC to create the plan for the park that meets or exceeds Shoreline Protection and all environmental laws. Mike is continuing the work of architect Paul Mirski who also volunteered his time in designing the pavilion and the comprehensive layout of the park. Sadly, Paul died this past February. Our sympathies go out to his family, along with our gratitude for Paul’s tireless work on the park planning and design.

Volunteer workdays have been organized for the summer months by Pattie Fried, Master Gardener and gold star volunteer. Check the kiosk at the park or go to the Town web site for days and times to volunteer. The goal is removal of invasives along the shoreline in preparation for replanting of native plants and shrubs. Invasives were identified and marked by Emma Erla, invasive species expert at UNH and more recently, Grace Glynn, a wetland scientist employed by Dubois & King, the company retained by the Town to identify invasives on Town lands. Invasive removal is an on-going task and volunteers are needed to help with this critical effort.

Currently, the plan for the parking lot at Lakeside is at Pathways Engineering. The new parking area will be “lake friendly” and meet all the requirements of the Land and Water Conservation grant. Work on creating the new parking area is not expected to begin this summer as permitting and engineering will take some time. Walking trails are expected to be laid out and possibly built this summer. Most of the trails will be ADA compliant. Work on creating the pollinator and Native American gardens will also begin this summer.

This beautiful park, a gift to the Town of Enfield, could not have happened without the support of over 100 generous donors and grant funding agencies. So many have given of their time and talents in addition to financial support. Lakeside Park is something all Enfield can be proud of! Thanks to all who helped in making it happen.

Meredith Smith, Chair
Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee

SAVE THE DATE!

Enfield Old Home Days is returning to its traditional summer timeframe. This year's Old Home Days will take place July 14, 15, and 16 with something for everyone, young, old, and in between. After last year's trial of moving the festivities to fall, it was determined that summertime is still the best time for Old Home Days. Choosing dates has not been easy and we hope the selected dates will suit most people's schedules. Plan now to join in the fun of this traditional New Hampshire celebration, started back in 1888 by then-Governor Frank Rollins. Watch for upcoming announcements of various OHD events!



It's that time again! Time to think about celebrating Enfield with family and friends!

The Enfield Old Home Days Celebration is moving back to July!!

The Old Home Days Committee is happy to be planning and organizing a three-day event which will take place on July 14th, 15th, and 16th, 2023. It will be a great weekend filled with events for all ages to enjoy. Our Old Home Days Celebrations are a wonderful testament to Enfield's community spirit. The 2023 celebration promises to be even bigger and better.

The Committee is hoping that community businesses, organizations, and individuals will support this event by donating \$20.00 to help cover expenses. Your individual, business or organization's name and phone number will be listed in the Enfield Old Home Days Business Sponsor Directory/Program of Events as a sponsor/supporter. If you are interested in being a major sponsor/supporter of this event, please contact me. Supporters donating \$100 or more will receive special recognition in the directory/program.

Thank you for considering this request. Checks may be made out to the Enfield Old Home Days Committee and mailed to Shirley Green, 69 Algonquin Road, Enfield. Your check must be received by June 1st for your information to be included in the directory.

Best regards,

Shirley Green

603-632-5392

603-252-0649

Shirley.a.green@comcast.net

Program listing and Registration

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

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

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

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

Enfield Recreation is Now Hiring for the following positions.

- Summer Camp Assistant Director
- Summer Camp Counselor
- Lifeguards

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

Enfield Farmers Market

We are just a few weeks away from the Opening Weekend of the Enfield Farmers Market on May 13th from 10am-1pm! Along with the Farmers Market on the 13th the Cardigan Mountain 4-H Club Arts and Crafts Jamboree in the Enfield Community Building running congruent to the farmers' market.

Registration is open and we are filling up for the Enfield Farmers Market! The market will run the same schedule as last year and be the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month. We welcome all vendors but are in need of Produce Vendors and Food Vendors/Food Trucks! If you are interested in and have questions, please reach out to Recreation@enfield.nh.us for all inquiries.

Yoga with Sonya

The classes are all levels and beginners are always welcome. These classes are happening on Mondays at the Mascoma Community Health Center, in Canaan, from 5:45-6:45pm. For further information please contact Sonya at sonyayoga2007@gmail.com Classes are \$12 for drop-in, \$10 for students and seniors, space is limited. Be sure to email Sonya if you would like to attend and to keep up with the schedule.

Chair Yoga & Strength Class

The Enfield Recreation continues to offer the highly attended Chair Yoga/Exercise classes at the Enfield Community Building. These classes are low impact and focus on stretching, balance, strength, and meditation. The classes are only **\$5.00** and **open to ALL** levels! No RSVP required. Classes are Monday 8:15-9:15am, Wednesday 9:30-10:30am, and **NEWLY ADDED Friday 12-1pm!** *Schedule subject to change based on instructor availability & weather*

Line Dancing

Grab a friend and join professional dance instructor Jamie Orr on Thursdays from 1:30-2:30pm at the Enfield Community Building. This is a fun and friendly class, and they dance to ALL types of music. This class is for experienced dancers.

Bone Builders

Tuesdays & Fridays 9:30-10:30AM at the Enfield Community Building. Donations are welcome. Registration is required. To register call RSVP at 603-448-1825.

Other Fun Items/Opportunities

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



Kevin Marker

Enfield Recreation Director
recreation@enfield.nh.us
[Online Registration](#)

Follow us!



Police Department

Spring is in the air and with the good weather we have received several complaints of speed, especially on our secondary roads. We would like to remind everybody to slow down, put your phones away, get where you're going safe. We'll be conducting extra patrols on the secondary roads to combat the speed and distracted driving.

With the good weather, the bears will be out as some of you have already seen. Please follow the town ordinance and do not put your trash out until the day of pick up and bring your barrels in the same day.

We've also received an increase in reports of fraud and financial scams. Remember, don't give your information to anybody you don't know if you have a question or suspicions. Please contact the Police Department at 603-632-7501.

Remember that dogs and animals are not allowed at the beaches or the recreational parks of Enfield unless otherwise specified. If you have a question about whether your animal can go to the recreational area of Enfield please check the maps or call the station.

Remember if you see something, say something, and officers are always available by calling Hanover Dispatch or the station directly.

Roy Holland
Chief of Police

First Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

The First of five Household Hazardous waste collection day will be held at Lebanon High School on **Saturday May 6, 2023** and will run from 9:00am till Noon. Lebanon High School is located a 195 Hanover Street in Lebanon, NH. This collection is coordinated by the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission. Please see the link below for more information.

<https://www.enfield.nh.us/solid-waste-recycling/links/household-hazardous-waste-information>

Household Hazardous Waste 2023 COLLECTION DAYS



All collections are 9:00 am—Noon

Sat, May 6—Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street

Sat, June 3—Newport Highway Garage, 449 S. Main (Rt. 10 S)

Fri, July 14 —Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street (off Rt 120)

Sat, August 5—Newbury Highway Garage, 50 South Road
(Tricky location—watch for signs: Rt 103→Village Rd→South Rd)

Sat, September 30—Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street

FREE to residents from Claremont, Cornish, Enfield, Goshen, Hanover, Lebanon, Lempster, Lyme, New London, Newbury, Newport, Orford, Piermont, Plainfield, Springfield, Sunapee, Unity, Washington, and Wilmot. Other residents and businesses welcome for a fee. **ANYONE** with 25 gallons or more must pre-register by calling number below. Any Business 2-week pre-registration.

WHAT TO BRING:

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

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



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



WHAT NOT TO BRING:

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

Ammunition and explosives: State Police at 271-3636.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Medical sharps: Place in a rigid container (e.g. detergent bottle), seal cap with duct tape, and label container with marker, "Sharps, not for recycling." Dispose of with regular trash by handing to a waste collector—can become a projectile if compacted in trash. *Lebanon Police Station accepts some sharps.*

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

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

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

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

Dig Safe

Planning home improvements? Planting a tree? Installing a fence or deck? Whether you do it yourself or hire a professional, a safe job starts with a call to Dig Safe® at 811. The Town of Enfield participates in the DigSafe program which is a not-for-profit clearinghouse that notifies participating utility companies of your plans to dig. In turn, these utilities (or their contract locating companies) respond to mark out the location of their underground facilities. Dig Safe is a free service, funded entirely by its member utility companies. (Note: Dig Safe does not mark utility lines.)

It's a risk to make faulty assumptions about when to notify Dig Safe. That's why [state law](#) requires you to notify Dig Safe for even small projects, like installing a mailbox or planting shrubs. The depth of utility lines vary, and there may be multiple utility lines in a common area.

It's important to know what's below. Call 811 to avoid utility service disruption to an entire neighborhood, harm to you and those around you, as well as fines and repair costs. See an informational brochure at this link: <http://www.digsafe.com/data/userfiles/file/DGS%20Home%20Brochure%202021.pdf>

Water Main Breaks

The Enfield Water Department recently had a water main break on Flanders Street. These almost always occur with no notice or warning other than a water level alarm that automatically calls water department staff. The leak must be found and once found the section of pipe with the break must be shut down to prevent more water loss. The water main can then be dug to locate the source of the leak. These situations are often emergency in nature and require immediate response in the case of Flanders Street it was Sunday morning. We understand the inconvenience of losing water for any amount of time and work hard to make repairs as quickly as possible. Please do not enter these work zones or distract the work crew from the job at hand as these work zones are very dangerous especially for untrained people. We typically notify Hanover Dispatch and try to get a social media notice out regarding the situation. Due to the many variables associated with a repair including weather, time of year, amount of street traffic, nature of the leak, depth of pipe, etc., we do not estimate restoration times. If you observe a place where clean water is bubbling out of the ground in a steady volume, please contact the water department at (603) 632-4605.

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.

Water and Sewer Bills

Enfield water and sewer bills were mailed in early April due mid-May. 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>

Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)

The annual Consumer Confidence Report for the Enfield Village Water system is available at the link below. The CCR gives water system consumers information regarding the monitored levels of contaminants and water system activities over the previous calendar year.

https://www.enfield.nh.us/sites/g/files/vyhli3106/f/uploads/ccr_complete_2023.pdf

Brush and Yard Waste

The Enfield Brush and Yard Waste Recycling Facility is scheduled to reopen on May 3, 2023. Material can be brought to the Transfer Station during their regular hours Wednesdays 11-6 and Saturdays and Sunday

8-4. On other days material can be brought to the Public Works Facility. The facility can take clean brush and limbs up to 8" and leaves and yard waste. The Town cannot take any invasive plant species, stumps, or dimensional lumber. Residents wishing to use the facility must stop at the DPW office or the Transfer Station to have all loads checked by Town staff. The facility cannot take commercial volumes.

Arbor Day

The Town of Enfield participates in Arbor Day celebrations. This year Arbor Day happened on Friday, April 28, 2023. The Town planted a red maple tree at Lakeside Park. Arbor Day is an important part of the Tree City Program that Enfield has participated in since 2009.

Spring is the best time to plant trees and there are a variety of great places to source trees locally and by mail order. Below is a link to the NH State Forest Nursery with good information regarding tree selection and availability of tree seedling native to New Hampshire.

<https://www.nh.gov/nhnursery/>

Road Postings

The Town of Enfield has lifted all road postings.



Project Updates

Oak Hill Road Bridge: The Town finally received the necessary permits from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services and the project is scheduled to begin in late May. The bridge deck and steel are constructed and ready for installation. During the project Oak Hill Road will be closed at the bridge location for three or four weeks while the old culvert is removed, concrete poured and cured, and the new deck and railings installed.

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

Ditching Material Request

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

What's Flushable?

Over the last several years Enfield Sewer Department staff has had to deal with issues caused by inappropriate items being flushed into the collection system and ending up clogging up pipes and pumps. We are also aware of several cases where private septic systems backed up or failed because of things that should not have been flushed. The biggest offender in the so-called flushable wipes. These do not

break down and should never be flushed. Below is a picture of a pump clogged with these wipes from one of Enfield's pump stations.



Check out this brochure put out by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services for good information regarding what's flushable.

The Hidden COST



A recent survey shows that towns have spent an average of **\$40,500** dealing with unflushable items in sewer systems.



The replacement cost of a typical residential leach field is **\$6,000-15,000**

This brochure was developed by:



What's FLUSHABLE?



What's FLUSHABLE?

The DO NOT FLUSH List:

A toddler will tell you that *everything* is flushable... but what you *think* is flushable could be costing you money!

Product labels can be misleading. Some items that claim to be "flushable" can clog sewer and septic systems and can end up costing you a pretty penny.

"Flushable" does NOT mean it is SAFE for your septic system or sewer.

"Disposable" items ARE NOT flushable and should be placed in the trash.

The bottom line:
ONLY

Human waste and toilet paper
ARE FLUSHABLE



Town Clerk / Tax Collector's Office

Greetings all! I was remiss in congratulating Patty for her one-year anniversary as Assistant Town Clerk back in March. Thank you, Patty, for year one well done! For those interested in the numbers, as of April 25th we have processed 2,290 over-the-road registrations and 107 boat registrations in 2023!

DOGS: Please don't forget your furry 4-legged barking friends should be registered for 2023. Late fees will be assessed beginning June 1, 2023.

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

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

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

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

TAXES/UTILITIES: The Tax Collector's Office will finish the lien procedure, on all properties with 2022 outstanding balances due, on 05/03/2023. Currently, we are in full swing collecting the 1st issue water/sewer bills that are due on May 19th. We hope to have a property tax warrant by the third week in May with an anticipated due date of July 3rd.

As a reminder, for both Tax and Clerk Offices, some transactions may be done online through the Town's website www.enfield.nh.us. Online bill payment of taxes and utility bills is currently unavailable. The online payment option will be restored 5/4/2023. Payments for taxes or utilities over the counter may be made by cash or check only. The Town Clerk's online payment options are not be affected. The Town Clerk's Office can accept credit cards over the counter for registrations and vitals only.

Wendy Huntley
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Meetings & Events

Upcoming Public Meetings (Schedule subject to change)

All public meetings are being held **in person**. If a **Teams videoconference** meeting option is provided for a meeting, you will find connection details online at www.enfield.nh.us in the specific meeting posting.

As always,

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

Meeting videos for meetings with a Teams videoconference option are available online!

Simply go to our website and click on the Videos tab for a list of available videos. Or go directly to [YouTube](#) where you can subscribe to our channel.

The meetings below are linked to the Town's website so you can easily access the most up-to-date information for that specific meeting.

- [May 1 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Select Board](#)
- [May 2 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee](#)

- [May 3 @ 5:30 PM \(Public Works\) – Old Home Days Committee](#)
 - [May 3 @ 9:00 AM \(Town Hall\) – Supervisors of the Checklist](#)
 - [May 4 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Conservation Commission](#)
 - [May 8 @ 5:50 PM \(Enfield Public Library\) – Library Trustees](#)
 - [May 9 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee \(Design Team\)](#)
 - [May 9 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Zoning Board of Adjustment](#)
 - [May 10 @ 6:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Planning Board](#)
 - [May 11 @ 5:30 PM \(Enfield Community Building\) – Johnston Property Use Committee](#)
 - [May 11 @ 5:30 PM \(Town Hall & Teams\) – Cemetery Trustees](#)
 - [May 15 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Select Board](#)
 - [May 16 @ 6:30 PM \(Town Hall & Teams\) – Recreation Commission](#)
 - [May 17 @ 4:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Tax Increment Finance District Advisory Committee](#)
 - [May 23 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee \(Design Team\)](#)
 - [May 23 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Energy Committee](#)
 - [May 24 @ 6:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Planning Board](#)
 - [May 25 @ 11:00 AM \(Town Hall\) – Trustees of Trust Funds](#)
 - [May 25 @ 4:30 PM \(Town Hall\) – Heritage Commission](#)
 - [May 25 @ 5:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Johnston Property Use Committee](#)
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- [June 1 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Conservation Commission](#)
 - [June 5 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Select Board](#)
 - [June 6 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee](#)
 - [June 7 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works\) – Old Home Days Committee](#)
 - [June 8 @ 5:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Johnston Property Use Committee](#)
 - [June 8 @ 6:00 PM \(Town Hall & Teams\) – Cemetery Trustees](#)
 - [June 12 @ 5:30 PM \(Enfield Public Library\) – Library Trustees](#)
 - [June 13 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee \(Design Team\)](#)

Community Events & Announcements

Community Bulletin Board

The events listings here are provided by local organizations as a convenience and for informational purposes only; they do not constitute an endorsement or an approval by the Town of Enfield of the event, organization, or individual.

Our Community Bulletin Board is an underutilized resource! Include a notice of your Community Event on our Community & Businesses Calendar of Events which you'll find here:

<https://www.enfield.nh.us/community-businesses>.

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

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

We are also looking for volunteers for the Shaker 7.

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

Sign up to volunteer at:

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



Sign up for a route! <https://www.enfieldvillageassociation.org/green-up-day>

Enfield Outing Club Scholarship

It's time to apply for Enfield Outing Club's Annual \$500 Scholarship!

Would you or someone you know benefit from \$500 to help pay those College costs? Making a commitment to enter a Civil Service or Wildlife Management career in any capacity is an honorable and selfless endeavor that shows true dedication to community service and deserves to be recognized. The Enfield Outing Club acknowledges that dedication. Therefore, it would be our honor and privilege to award a \$500 scholarship to a 2023 High School graduate who is pursuing a degree in some form of a Wildlife Management, Law Enforcement, or other Public Service career field (i.e. Forestry, Game Warden, Marine Biology, Law Enforcement, Firefighter, Medical field, etc.)

EOC will be accepting applications for consideration until **June 1, 2023**. If you have any questions or would like to request an application, please contact Peg Howard at: eoc378.info@gmail.com, kblkbrd1@att.net, or via telephone at 603-523-7677.



Cold Weather Operations & Pantry Window Hours:

Tuesdays & Wednesdays in Canaan

MTD Building behind Canaan Hardware
9 On the Common Lane, Canaan, NH

3:00 - 5:30 pm

Residents of the Mascoma Valley towns of Canaan, Dorchester, Enfield,
Grafton & Orange are invited to shop. No income requirements.

Urgent Food Needs: call your town's public safety
non-emergency line for officer on duty

General Inquiries: email info@friendsofmascoma.org
or call 603.632.4542

Food Donations: drop off during pantry hours
or contact us



updated 2022.11.21

SPRING IS HERE: TIME FOR WATERSHED PROTECTION!

At the Mascoma Lake Association, we're getting ready to celebrate our 100th summer. We hope you'll join us for our Summer Kickoff party at the Lakeside Park pavilion on Saturday, June 24 (rain date Sunday), where we'll provide a barbecue lunch and ice cream, along with information on our programs and MLA history. Come learn how you can help keep our lake healthy and beautiful to all to enjoy.



We don't have to wait that long, though, to start caring for our lake waters. It was early June last year when a potentially toxic cyanobacteria bloom caused a weeklong state-ordered ban on swimming and boating. While we don't know exactly what caused that problem here—Mascoma is generally a healthy lake with good water quality—we do know that cyanobacteria blooms are on the rise in lakes all around the state. The MLA will be initiating a comprehensive Watershed Management Plan to analyze conditions that may contribute to harmful algae blooms and develop an action plan. Meanwhile, we can all take steps to protect our local watershed, whether we live on lakeshores or not.

Here are three things you can do to promote health and safety for yourself and our lakes, rivers, and wetlands:

Check your septic system: Your septic system is a highly efficient biological system that can effectively digest and disperse your household sewage and other organic wastes. Properly designed, installed, and maintained, it should give you many years of trouble-free service, but only if it is properly maintained. The key to the life and service of any septic system is proper maintenance.

Your tank should be pumped at least every two to three years. Remember not to flush grease or toxic materials (paint thinner, gasoline, pesticides, chlorine, drain cleaners and other caustic or toxic substances) into your system.

For more information, we recommend the DES Fact Sheet “You and Your Septic System.” Visit the [NHDES website](#), go to the “Home and Recreation” tab, and select “Septic Systems.”

<https://www.des.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt341/files/documents/2020-01/ssb-13.pdf>

Test your well water: The Department of Environmental Services advises that “unhealthy levels of contaminants are common in many private wells in New Hampshire... Most have no smell, taste, or color. It is important to periodically test well water to ensure it is safe to drink.”

For information about testing your well water, treatment options, or accredited laboratories in New Hampshire, visit the [NHDES website](#), go to the “Home and Recreation” tab, and select “Drinking Water” then “Private Wells.”

<https://www.des.nh.gov/water/drinking-water/private-wells>

Reduce your use of fertilizer. Runoff from excess fertilizer increases the nutrient load in waterbodies, promoting algae blooms. Please use sparingly, if at all, and choose a phosphorus-free fertilizer (the middle number in the N-P-K listing on the bag should be ‘0’).

<https://nhlakes.org/wp-content/uploads/1-Lake-Friendly-Actions-Top-10-Ways-to-Keep-Lakes-Healthy-NH-LAKES.pdf>

Thanks for doing whatever you can!

Martha Jane Rich
for the Mascoma Lake Association



Recent News from Past Issues

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

Bears

With the change of season bears will be around looking for an early spring snack. Please see the brochure put out by the New Hampshire Fish and Game to help minimize conflicts and interactions with bears.

New Hampshire's Black Bear

The American black bear (*Ursus americanus*), which has made a remarkable recovery from record low numbers in the mid-1800s, is now common throughout New Hampshire. The statewide bear population is estimated at 5,600 and regional densities range between 0.1–1.0 bears/mi² and average 0.6 bears/mi².



Although black bears are generally shy and usually avoid humans, they are opportunistic and will seek out human-related foods particularly when natural foods are limited. Minimizing conflicts between bears and people is critically important and a high priority for wildlife managers. Maintaining a strong and sustainable bear population into the future will depend on a public that is motivated to be responsible and proactive in securing food attractants.

Bears are part of our native heritage and for many, serve as a symbol of wildness and an indicator of quality, diverse habitat. Bears are highly intelligent, resourceful, and very effective at locating high-quality food resources. They are a prized big game animal and valued for both their meat and hide. A black bear sighting typically leaves wildlife watchers and tourists fascinated, particularly when they come from areas where bears are less common. From an ecological standpoint, bears serve important roles. As an opportunistic feeder, they help clean up carcasses of animals that die due to various causes. As an animal that feeds on a tremendous diversity of tree and shrub species, they serve as a significant seed disperser. Bears fill an essential niche and they are an important component of our landscape.

IF YOU ENCOUNTER A BEAR



In Your Backyard:

- From a comfortable distance, make loud noises by shouting, banging pots and pans or using an air horn to deter the bear from the area.
- When the bear leaves, remove potential attractants such as garbage, bird seed, or pet food.
- Ask neighbors to remove attractants.



At a Close Distance or in a Confined Area:

- Begin repeating "hey bear" in a calm voice, maintain eye contact, and slowly back away. Do not run or climb trees.
- Give the bear a clear escape route (do not corner it).

Remember, bear conflicts are a community issue. It is important to work together to remove bear attractants.



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New Hampshire Fish and Game Department

AVOIDING BLACK BEAR CONFLICTS AND PROTECTING YOUR PROPERTY FROM DAMAGE



While hundreds of bear conflicts are reported each year, most can be prevented by simply removing or securing common bear attractants.



BIRD SEED

1 REMOVE & STORE

- Only feed birds between December 1 and April 1
- Dispose of unused seed
- Store feeders indoors

2 SECURE & CLEAN

- Clean up bird seed from the ground



GARBAGE

- Store garbage cans in a building or enclosed by electric fence
- Take garbage to curb on morning of pickup

- Keep outbuildings and garage doors closed at all times
- Use bear-resistant dumpsters or garbage cans
- Dumpster lids/doors should be kept closed and latched
- Use airtight garbage cans and ammonia to control odor when storing in an outbuilding



GRILLS

- Store grill inside when not in use

- Burn off food residue
- Keep grease trap clean



POULTRY & LIVESTOCK

- Do not allow animals to range free

- Protect poultry and livestock with an electric fence



PET & LIVESTOCK FOOD

- Store livestock and pet food inside
- Feed pets inside

- If you feed your pets or livestock outside:
- Clean dishes daily
 - Remove leftover food daily

For more information on black bears in New Hampshire, please visit us online at wildnh.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>

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