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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.

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- Check the box for "Town News & Announcements" Check the "I am not a robot" box and follow the prompts
- Click the "Subscribe me" navigation button at the bottom of the page

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

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A MESSAGE FROM ENFIELD'S TOWN MANAGER

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It is nice to finally get some warmer weather. As we emerge from winter, Enfield is emerging with the sights and sounds of spring. Turkeys are strutting around the fields and the evening is filled with the sounds of spring peepers shrilling calls in the evening. There have also been reports of bears getting into garbage cans and stealing bird feeders, so I want to remind everyone to bring in bird feeders and to secure other food sources. In addition to all the animals out and about, people emerge from their dens to enjoy the outdoors. Please watch for runners, cyclists, and others along the roadsides. Keep your eyes out for motorcyclists and be cautious when out on the water



Spring also brings construction season. We have a lot happening this year in Enfield. As you know the Whitney Hall building project continues. Demolition and the slab for the expansion has been completed and the carpenters will be starting the building phase of the project this week. We should really see the building start to take shape over the month of May. In addition to the Whitney Hall project, we are finalizing the contract for the Public Safety Building with the hopes of mobilizing and breaking ground later this month.

We are also starting the work on the Mascoma Lakeside Park parking lot, trail and landscaping projects, which will be taking place over the next two months. This project is made possible with the financial assistance of the Land and Water Conservation Fund with the programmatic involvement of the National Park Service, and the New Hampshire Department of Cultural Resources/Division of Parks and Recreation. The Town of Enfield would also like to thank all the organizations and private individuals who donated for the grant match and to make this project possible.



As we enter spring and move closer to summer, more and more events will be hosted around the Town. I look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming local events.

Ed Morris,
Town Manager

WHITNEY HALL RENOVATION PROGRESS



Foundation walls for new entrance before floor was poured



Trenches for new plumbing on ground floor



Trenches for new plumbing have been filled



Window that had to be removed has been sealed up



Old ticket office to be expanded into meeting space



Evidence of fire circa 1906 was uncovered at the back of the stage area. The fire damage appears in the space that was under the stage floor along the back wall of the building.



Stage has been removed to make room for bathrooms and storage – space to hang the grand drape remains



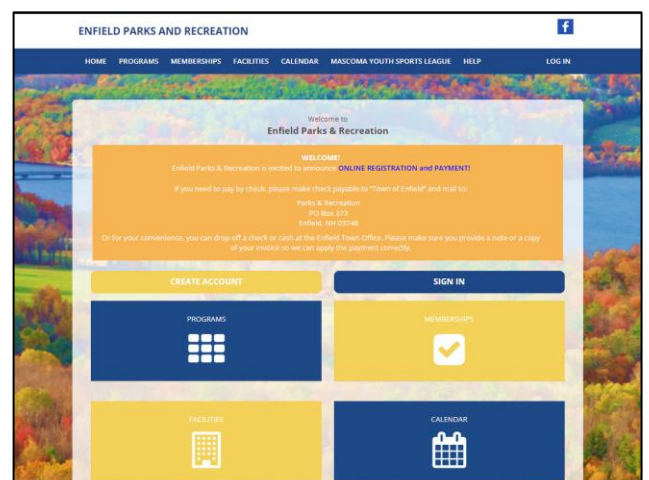
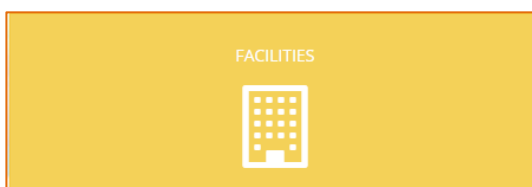
Library – you can see daylight through the back wall!

DID YOU KNOW?

The Enfield Community Building is available to rent to Enfield residents and you can do it online?

Go to the [Parks & Recreation webpage](#) and follow the link for [Online Program Registration/Facility Rental Information](#) which will direct you to the online RecDesk site for Enfield.

Scroll down and click on the FACILITIES icon



To the right of “Enfield Community Building – Request” click the green Reserve button.

Facilities

Enfield Community Building - Request

23 Main Street, Enfield. NH

Rentable Facilities

Reserve

If you see a green Reserve button on your date of choice, the building is available for at least a portion of that day!

Rentals are done in blocks of time: 8:00 AM – 12 PM, 12 PM – 5:00 PM and 5:00 PM – 10:00 PM
Add rental blocks as needed to your cart, then check out! Credit card payments are required.

In addition to the Enfield Community Building, it’s also possible to reserve the Huse Park Pavilion or Mascoma Lakeside Park Pavilion! Simply select the Reserve button to the right of those locations in the list of Facilities.

Questions? Contact Enfield Recreation Director, Kevin Marker, at 603-442-5415 or recreation@enfield.nh.us.

Reserve Facility

Enfield Community Building - Request

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Today

May 2024

Month

Week

Day

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
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SPECIAL NEWS ITEMS

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Enfield Town Offices & Public Library will be

CLOSED

Monday, May 27, 2024

In observance of

Memorial Day

There will be **NO curbside rubbish & recycling pick up on Memorial Day**. All routes should expect a one-day delay this holiday week.



*"May we never forget our fallen comrades.
Freedom isn't free." - Sgt. Major Bill Paxton*

PUBLIC HEARINGS – SALE OF PROPERTY

The Town recently published a notice relative to the sale of property. Please note the important update below.

RSA 41:14-a requires that two public hearings be held not more than 14 days apart. The Select Board will hold the two required public hearings on

Monday, May 6, 2024

&

Monday, May 20, 2024

beginning at 6:00 PM

**Public Works Facility, 74 Lockhaven Road, Enfield
and via Teams videoconference**

to discuss the potential sale of several vacant parcels. The parcels that will be discussed at these public hearings are:

Map 14 Lot 6, access off Rail Trail, known as one of the Johnston properties, .09-acre

Johnston Property Use Committee recommendations to the Select Board) can be found at

<https://www.enfield.nh.us/select-board>

Map 34 Lot 60, Shedd Street, 1.24-acre

Map 34 Lot 61, Shedd Street, 1.969-acre

Map 34, Lots 60 & 61 are the old Highway Garage / Highway Shed properties

Included in the previous public hearing notice was the 100-acre parcel on Methodist Hill Road (Map 2 Lot 29), however we have an **IMPORTANT UPDATE. This parcel will no longer be discussed at these public hearings as it has been redeemed by the prior owner in accordance with RSA 80:89.**

[Tax maps](#) are available for viewing online.

Teams videoconference links can be found online.

May 6th link: <https://www.enfield.nh.us/select-board/events/63126> and

May 20th link: <https://www.enfield.nh.us/select-board/events/63081>

BOARD & COMMITTEE UPDATES

Multiple appointments and reappointments were made by the Select Board on Monday, April 15th. Thank you to all who volunteered to serve on boards, commissions and committees which are so essential to our community.

Vacancies Boards, Committees & Commissions

If you're interested in volunteering your time to any of these important committees please submit an [Application for Committee/Board Membership](#). Applications should be sent to abonnette@enfield.nh.us. [Minutes of past meetings](#) can be reviewed for a better idea of what each of these committees does.

- **Old Home Days Committee Needs Volunteers!**

While there are vacancies on other committees as listed below, the Old Home Days Committee is in the greatest need of members. Bring us your party planning skills! The Old Home Days Committee doesn't run all of the events of Old Home Days but organizes and advertises many events put on by other groups. In 2023 this included the Community Lutheran Church yard sale and luncheon, Enfield Public Library ice cream social, Union Church open house, tours of the historic Enfield Center school house, Enfield Shaker Museum open house, Conservation Commission hike to Cole Pond and much more! Visit <https://www.enfield.nh.us/old-home-days-committee> for more information.

- **Recreation Commission**

The Recreation Commission is also very short of members. The Commission meets the third Tuesday of each month. The Commission works closely with the Enfield Recreation Director.

- **Trustee of Trust Funds**

Regrettably, our newly elected Trustee of Trust Funds has chosen not to accept the position. We have a vacancy to fill. The Trustees of Trust Funds manage the Town's capital reserve and trust funds.

- **Capital Improvement Program Committee**

This committee does an annual review of the Town's six-year capital improvement plan at the beginning of the budget season. Typically, this committee meets just 3 to 4 times a year.

- **Conservation Commission**

The Conservation Commission meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM. The Commission works to inventory and protect the Town's natural resources.

- **Energy Committee**

The Energy Committee meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM. This committee is the driving force behind Enfield Community Power which has provided electricity savings to Enfield and a large number of its residents. They have sponsored workshops to assist homeowners in the efforts of energy savings in other areas.

- **Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee**

This committee meets monthly. This committee is involved in the planning & development of Mascoma Lakeside Park. The final major project, which includes paving of the parking area, is underway.

Many Thanks to the Members of the Johnston Property & Methodist Hill Property Use Committees!

On Monday, April 15, 2024, the Select Board voted to formally disband the Johnston Property Use Committee and the Methodist Hill Property Use Committee as the Committees' charges were deemed complete. The Select Board would like to thank those who served on this committee for their time and work on behalf of the Town of Enfield.

Johnston Property Use Committee Members

Nate Miller, Chair	Julie Eckert
Alice Kennedy, Vice Chair	Nancy Smith
Brad Rich	Affrille Degoma
Kevin Marker	Franklin (Bud) Lynch

Methodist Hill Property Use Committee

Jason Archambeault, Vice Chair
Barbara Jones
Susan E Brown, Chair
Dr. Ryan Little
Thomas Claus



MASCOMA LAKESIDE PARK UPDATES

TOWN OF ENFIELD NEW HAMPSHIRE

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PARK VISITORS OF MASCOMA LAKESIDE PARK

PARK AREAS TEMPORARILY CLOSING

- Starting **April 30th**, Mascoma Lakeside Park will be undergoing some **essential renovations**, thanks to the **generosity** of our donors and a **Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant** and programmatic involvement **by the National Park Service**, and the **New Hampshire Department of Cultural Resources/Division of Parks and Recreation**.
- For the **next four weeks**, we'll be focusing on **reconstructing our parking lot** to enhance your visit.
- But that's not all!** Following the parking lot reconstruction, we'll continue with **landscaping** and **trail work** for an **additional four weeks**.
- During these periods, **certain areas of the park** will be **temporarily closed for your safety**. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.
- We appreciate your patience and understanding** as we work to improve your park experience. **Thank you** for your cooperation, and we **look forward to unveiling the upgraded Mascoma Lakeside Park** for everyone to enjoy!

DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT

We are moving along with the 2024 state mandated revaluation. We have recently completed a visit to all arms-length sales over the past 2 years. Along with that we have completed all the building permits and property changes which will be reflected on your 2024 May tax bill which is generally due by July 1, 2024. Please note that these changes that are reflected on your May bill are based on valuations established in 2019, the last town-wide revaluation. All values will be updated effective for April 01, 2024. We will send a notice of your new assessment this summer with the opportunity to meet with the assessing team to discuss any concerns you might have. Once those informal reviews are completed, the new valuations will be used to calculate the final tax bill due in December 2024.

You will probably see myself (Norm Bernaiche) or my assistant (Adrienne Summers) around town reviewing properties from the car. This is a normal practice to make sure we are treating all like properties the same and there are no visible data errors. The idea is to create fair and equitable assessments throughout town. If you have any questions, you can reach me at nbernaiche@enfield.nh.us or by calling Julie Huntley @ 603-442-5406.

BUILDING INSPECTOR/HEALTH OFFICER

The Health Officer recently attended the NH Fire Academy to receive training from the NH Justice Department about recognizing and reporting elder abuse. The training was offered to health officers, firefighters, and EMTs. One point of emphasis was that, per state law 161-F, every person in our state is a “mandatory reporter” who is obligated to report instances of abuse and neglect. This is true for both child and adult abuse and neglect. A separate law stipulates that any person who makes a report in good faith is immune from any civil or criminal liability.

For adult protection concerns, a person can report to the police department or Adult Protective Services at 1-800-949-0470, apscentralintake@dhhs.nh.gov

Those most able to notice or suspect abuse are often family members, neighbors, caregivers, medical professionals, and bankers. Legal proof of abuse is not required before reporting. All calls and contacts with Adult Protective Services are completely confidential. So, to repeat the frequent exhortation of the Enfield Police Department, if you see something say something.

When making a report, it will be most helpful if the reporter is able to provide the following information:

- Name, address, phone number, age, and gender of the potential victim
- Contact information for involved persons
- Medical information about the person of concern
- What details prompted the reporting
- What, if any, actions have been taken to address the situation
- Whether there exist any safety concerns for the responder such as weapons in the home, aggressive animals, hazardous buildings, mold or feces, etc.

According to the NH Department of Justice, 1 in 10 adults over 60 years of age are victimized each year in our country, which corresponds to 28,000 elderly adults in our state. Abuse can occur in different manners including self-neglect, physical, emotional, financial exploitation, forced isolation, sexual mistreatment, and withholding assistance or access to medical care. The NH Department of Justice Elder Abuse Unit was created in 2016, and expanded in 2023 to now include two prosecutors, two investigators, one program specialist and one victim advocate.

Their training suggested these observations when meeting with a potential abuse victim:

- Check the bathroom for signs of use and cleanliness
- Check the refrigerator for the presence of food, and its edibility
- Check the condition of pets in the home for signs of mistreatment or neglect
- Check how medicine is stored and whether it is organized
- Note any bruising, injuries, or burns
- Note any signs of fear or helplessness when in the presence of others in the home
- Give time for the person to speak, do not finish their sentences
- Try to speak with the person alone because the abuser may control the situation by interjecting their own words or refusing transportation to a hospital

After Adult Protective Services is contacted, they will assign a caseworker who will visit the home and assess the safety and vulnerability of the person of concern. Interviews will be conducted with witnesses and the alleged perpetrator. It was noted that sometimes abuse occurs but not due to malice -- a caretaker can have their own health issues or lack financial resources to be able to provide effective care. Protective services include counselling and in-home support such as meal on wheels, adult in-home care, support with homemaking and chores, and emergency visit assistance. Out-of-home services include adult group day care, senior centers, respite care, and links to other community resources such as medical services and mental health services.

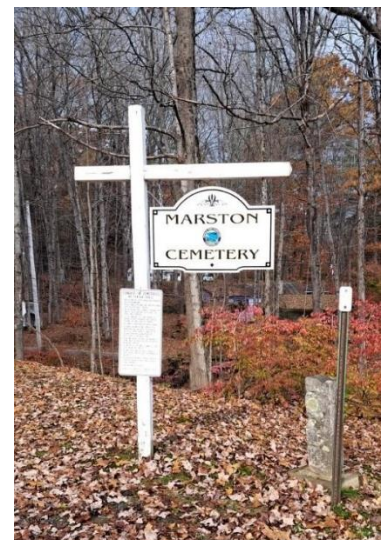
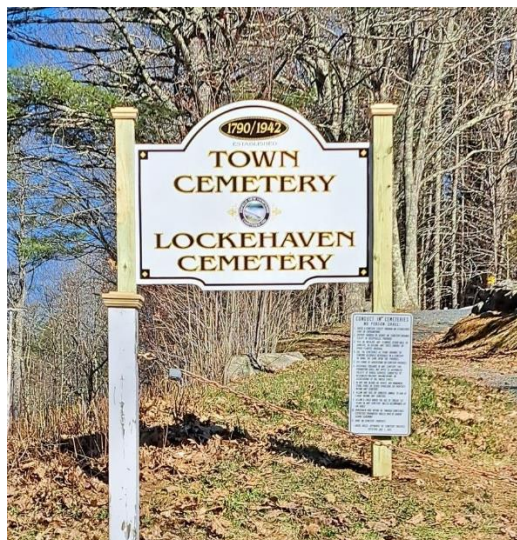
Current state law requires staff to report allegations of sexual abuse and severe physical abuse to law enforcement. However, the goal of Adult Protective Services is to handle each case in the least restrictive manner. It is important to note that they have no authority to remove individuals from their homes without their permission. Nor can they make individuals accept services or oblige them to take their medications. Adults are presumed to be competent unless determined otherwise by the Probate Court.

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

The Trustees will have their first meeting of the season on Thursday, May 16th. Meetings will continue monthly on the second Thursday of each month through October, at 6:00 PM at the Public Works Facility and via Teams. You can find the Cemetery Trustees schedule at <https://www.enfield.nh.us/board-cemetery-trustees>

Contact Bridget with any questions at cemetery@enfield.nh.us

Between last fall and this spring all of the new cemetery signs have gone up completing the sign update project. A big thank you to our Grounds team, Rick and Nicolette, as well as Ben, from our Highway Department, for hanging the new signs and putting in the new posts for our two new, large signs. A thank you to Alan's Signs for his work on the signs. Next up fresh paint on the signposts!





Arbor Day tree at Countryside Cemetery

On another exciting spring note, Arbor Day means the town plants another tree to commemorate the day. This year the tree was planted in Countryside Cemetery.

In remembrance of those who have served our country, Memorial Flags will soon be placed at Enfield cemeteries.



Butman Cemetery (2006)

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Town Residents,

Our natural environment is one of our most important resources. Healthy land & water is key to the wellbeing of everyone. One of our goals involves education and outreach to our residents and neighbors. Our first step has been to reach out to our kids. It is so important for them to have a basic understanding of what it takes to keep our water safe and to develop a healthy land ethic.

We have outlined a program that addresses environmental issues for grade school through high school. In December I did a series of presentations at the Enfield Village School. One was an introduction to our group, our function, wildlife habitats and the importance of protecting them. Two presentations were on the wildlife in our habitats and the last one was called Watershed Warriors. NH Lakes shared that presentation with us. It is a hands-on set of modules that allows the kids to visually see and understand how water moves throughout our environment and what it takes to keep it clean.

Next up are presentations for our high school kids. We will again start with a general introduction and overview of our Commission, its purpose, goals, what we have been working on, and stressing the importance of a healthy Land Ethic. After that we can focus-in on more specific issues, i.e., water conservation and buffers, wildlife habitats and corridors, land conservation, healthy forests, and many more depending on how much time the schools have available and how well we are received.

We also have some adult outreach events planned. We will be at the Farmers Market on May 4th with our Critical Habitat maps and other resources to share with people. We are also planning a "Speaking for Wildlife" presentation during Old Home Days. UNH Extension Services developed a series of presentations that we have access to and hope to

show periodically. The one being presented during Old Home Days is called "New Hampshire's Wild History 350 years of NH Wildlife." Also planned during Old Home Days is a walk to Cole Pond, which we will be leading.

We stress the importance of environmental awareness and understanding. For a good read that will really impress upon you the need for a Healthy Land Ethic read *Sand County Almanac* by Aldo Leopold. Written in 1948, it is as significant and relevant today as it was then. Maybe even more so today.

Jay Welenc
Enfield Conservation Commission

ENERGY COMMITTEE

Are you passionate about clean energy? Would you like to make a difference for Enfield's clean energy transition? Do you enjoy working with others to make change? The Energy Committee has an opening for a volunteer interested in joining us.

To learn more: <https://www.enfield.nh.us/energy-committee>

If you have any questions about the Committee, please contact Marta Ceroni: mceronidmi@gmail.com

To apply please submit an [Application for Committee/Board Membership](#) to abonnette@enfield.nh.us.

ENFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY



What's the buzz? Check out our calendar of happenings at Enfield Public Library! Location is 410 Rt. 4A, unless otherwise noted.

2 May, Thursday
3:30 – 4:30pm
Legos

4 May, Saturday

10 – 11:30am

Watercolors: Floral and Landscape

Enfield Community Building

Get started with watercolor painting of flowers and landscapes or take it to the level to create a finished piece, ready for framing. For adults and teens. All materials are provided but feel free to bring your own as well. RSVP to

librarian2@enfield.nh.us.

6 May, Monday

10 – 11am

Story time at Huse Park

7 May, Tuesday

10:30am – 12pm

Knitting Group

9 May, Thursday

3:30 – 4:30pm

Legos

6 – 7pm

Library Book Group

[*You Never forget Your First, a Biography of George Washington*](#) by Alexis Coe

10 May, Friday

1 – 2:30pm

Cookbook Chat & Recipe Swap

Our theme: Mother's Day - your mom or grandmother's favorite recipe, something you always have on Mother's Day, etc.

13 May, Monday

10 – 11am

Story time at Huse Park

5 – 6pm

Library Trustees Meeting

14 May, Tuesday

10:30am – 12pm

Knitting Group

16 May, Thursday

3:30 – 4:30pm

Legos

20 May, Monday

NO STORY TIME

3:30 – 4:30pm

Read to a Therapy Dog

Kids can practice reading out loud to a certified therapy dog. Reservations required; email library@enfield.nh.us to check availability.

21 May, Tuesday

10:30am – 12pm
Knitting Group

23 May, Thursday

3:30 – 4:30pm
Legos

27 May, Monday

MEMORIAL DAY – Library closed

28 May, Tuesday

10:30am – 12pm
Knitting Group

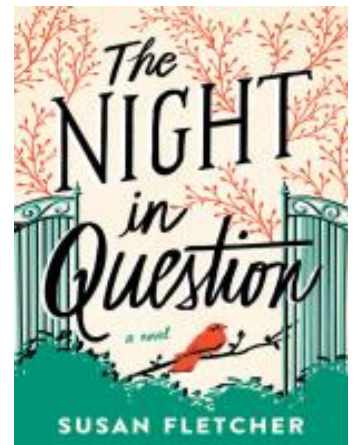
30 May, Thursday

3:30 – 4:30pm
Legos

Recommended Reading

Summary: Florrie Butterfield--eighty-seven, one-legged, and of cheerful disposition--believes there can't be any more surprises in life. Yet one evening, there's an accident at Babbington Hall--the adult residence where she lives--so shocking and strange that Florrie is suspicious; is this really an accident? Or is she being lied to? Is she living alongside a potential murderer? In her efforts to learn the truth, Florrie is forced to look back on her own life, with all its passions and regrets; she must confront her own bloody secret--and, at last, confess. Above all, she learns, through the help of her new friend, Stanhope, that when it comes to love, it's never too late.

This book is a lovely, slow read with a happy ending. What's not to like? –Nancy

**Online Resources**

Not sure you have time to come to the library? No sweat! Search for what you need on our [catalog](#): you'll see if we have the item, and whether it is here in the library or available from one of our [online resources](#) (Libby, Hoopla, or Kanopy). Still no luck? We'll do our best to get what're looking for through [interlibrary loan](#).

May Hours

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

Contact Us

Call 603-632-7145 or email library@enfield.nh.us.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Recently we have been called to several Smoke/Carbon Monoxide Detector activations. A few reminders for people experiencing these, first and foremost leave the building and call 911.

Our fire stations are unmanned and calling directly to them will not get you in contact with a person. Call 911. While occasionally detectors will activate due to low battery or malfunction you cannot confirm this until the area is checked with the appropriate equipment. WE WILL NOT BE UPSET WHEN YOU MAKE THE CALL TO 911 FOR A DETECTOR ACTIVATION.

To avoid these trouble calls, replace the batteries 2 times a year. Tenants should call their property owner to have this maintenance performed.

Detectors have a ten-year life span but may need to be replaced prior to that length of time. NEVER DISABLE A DETECTOR BECAUSE OF AN ACTIVATION, CALL 911 so we can confirm the issue.

Questions can be directed to the fire chief at firechief@enfield.nh.us

Thank you and stay safe.

HERITAGE COMMISSION

Meeting Update – Heritage Commission meetings are now scheduled at 5:30 PM.

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

Immigrants to Enfield

Enfield has much of timeless New England; clapboard houses, stone walls and families whose forbears fought the American Revolution. Nevertheless, change has been a constant here, even if it is not always easy to see. Geological forces, still at their silent work, shape the town’s contours. Geopolitical and demographic forces across the world shape our town’s character.

Enfield’s first human inhabitants were Native Americans (see the [October 2023 newsletter](#)). Their presence in our area was transient and seasonal; on their way down the Mascoma River or camping on the shores of the lake.

Enfield’s first permanent settlers were of British stock, many of whom followed the Connecticut River north after the Revolutionary War. They tended to be protestants, whether Shakers, Unitarians or Congregationalists, and farmers. A generation later, geopolitical events made raising sheep more profitable than growing corn or wheat. New, mostly British, settlers fanned out across the state. According to the 1840 census, New Hampshire residents owned 600,000 sheep and eighty percent of the state’s land had been cleared to graze them. The sheep boom ended almost as quickly as it began and the fields returned to forest, hiding the miles of stone walls built to pen the sheep.

Soon new economic forces acted on the character of Enfield.

By 1860, 18,000 Canadian immigrants had arrived in New Hampshire, attracted by jobs in the now-industrialized state's textile mills. The 1910 census says that 59.9 percent of all foreign-born residents of New Hampshire were from Canada; 42.3 percent of these had French parentage. The numerous French-Canadian surnames in Enfield recall those who ended up here working in local mills.

Unlike the towns they moved into, the new arrivals from French Canada were Catholic and spoke French. The "Little Canadas" that sprang up in New England revolved around Catholic churches and many criticized Canadian immigrants and saw their different religion and language as signs they did not want to integrate. Enfield's Catholics celebrated mass in private homes or the Precinct Hall until 1902, when St. Helena's Catholic Church was completed.

The 1910 census recorded another immigrant group in New Hampshire, which would make an impression on Enfield, 1198 Finns. Finland was still part of Russia and after a period of conflict and repression Finns began emigrating to the U.S. in the 1890s. Most went to the Midwest, the usual destination of Scandinavian arrivals. Women under thirty made up a substantial part of the Finnish immigration. They too gravitated towards work in New Hampshire's textile mills, such as the factory that became the Baltic Mill, where most of the workforce was either Finnish or Irish. A "Little Finland" grew up on Shedd Street, where the Enfield Housing Association built several tenements in 1905. Three of these (numbers 46, 52 and 59) were occupied by weavers of Finnish origin. The area was informally called "Finn Street" or "Finn Hill" and its—apparently happy—residents were called the "Jolly Hobos".

The Shedd Street area is now facing another wave of change. The former site of Enfield's Department of Public Works will be listed for sale soon and is slated for residential use. Will the area get a new nickname? And where might these new residents hail from?

LAND USE & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Planning Board (PB)- The Planning Board held two public hearings in April on the 24th. The first was for Land Use Case #P24-04-01, where Ben Keyser was seeking Planning Board approval to merge three individual lots he owns near 178 Grafton Pond Road into one lot. The subject parcels that were merged are located on Enfield tax map 9 and are lots 62, 62-1 and 62.2 respectively. All of these lots are owned by Ben Keyser and are within the "R5" zoning district. This voluntary merger was approved by the Planning Board.

The second hearing was for Land Use Case #P24-04-02, where Erik Russell and Hana Massecar were seeking minor subdivision approval to create two lots from one they own at 11 Mill Street (Map 34, Lot 106). The existing parcel is 0.79 acres, and this request was to create one lot of 0.34 acres (lot 1) and another of 0.45 acres (lot 2) respectively. The subject parcel is located entirely within the "R1" zoning district. Scott Sanborn of Cardigan Mountain Land Surveys, LLC is representing the applicants in this matter. This subdivision was approved by the Planning Board.

Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA)- The ZBA held another very well-attended hearing on April 9th at 7:00 pm at the DPW Facility. This was the continuation of Enfield Land Use Case # Z24-03-01 where DC Development & Construction LLC (Stephen Doherty, duly authorized) has applied for zoning variances with the Enfield ZBA. First, a variance is requested from article IV, section 401.1, paragraph "L" to allow for a building's height to be greater than 35 ft. Second, another variance is requested from article IV, section 401.1, paragraph "U" which states that "no lot shall have more than one principal building". The subject parcels are located at 107 Maple Street (map 14, lots 47 & 48) and are owned by Maple Street- Enfield Acquisition LLC (care of John Dibitetto). The ZBA decided again to continue the hearing to their May 14th meeting as there was more time needed for the board to discuss the merits of this case. All are welcome at the May 14th meeting at 7:00 pm at the DPW Facility.

A second ZBA hearing was held after the one mentioned above. This was for Enfield Land Use Case # Enfield Land Use Case # Z24-04-01, where Philip and Kathleen Trasatti were seeking a Variance to Enfield's Zoning Ordinance article IV,

section 401., paragraph L to replace an existing garage with a new building that would still be within the required setbacks. The subject property is located at 89 Algonquin Road (map 44, lot 28) in the "R3" zoning district. It is owned by the Philip Trasatti, Trustee and Kathleen Trasatti, Trustee. The ZBA approved this variance.

Land Use and Community Development Office- Please contact the Land Use office with any questions, complaints or new ideas between Monday and Friday at 603-442-5427 or by email at: planning@enfield.nh.us You may also drop by the office at the DPW facility at 74 Lockehaven Road. It is always recommended to call ahead first to be sure we are available or to schedule a meeting. Have a great month of May!



Your Community. Your Vision. Your Voice.



ENFIELD LEAPS
www.enfield-leaps.org



SCAN ME

**Enfield Master Plan Update
and Zoning Update**

COMMUNITY FORUMS

Drop-In, Open House Format

**THURSDAY,
MAY 9TH
6:00 - 8:00 PM
AT THE ENFIELD
COMMUNITY BUILDING**

**SATURDAY,
MAY 11TH
10:00 AM -
2:00 PM
AT THE ENFIELD
COMMUNITY BUILDING**



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JOIN US AS WE SHAPE THE FUTURE OF OUR COMMUNITY!

Share your input on the
future of Enfield! Topics
will include:

Creating a Master Plan and identifying regulation changes for Enfield involves input from residents, landowners, business owners, and other stakeholders. We invite you to attend one of the Community Forum events to inform Phase 2 of Enfield's Master Plan update and revisions to the Zoning Ordinance. Each of the community forums will include a short presentation and a self-guided, interactive experience where community members can provide input on a variety of topics. Although there is a definite start time, community members can leave whenever they have finished providing input.

Can't make the community forum events or have additional feedback afterwards? Submit your opinions, perspectives, and thoughts on Enfield's future through our online tool, available at www.enfield-leaps.org between May 9th and June 9th or via paper copies at the town offices.



OLD HOME DAYS COMMITTEE

It's that time again! Time to think about celebrating Enfield with family and friends! The Old Home Days Committee is happy to be planning and organizing a three-day event which will take place on July 26th, 27th, and 28th, 2024. 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 2024 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 7th for your information to be included in the directory.

Please include:
Business/Individual name
Address
Telephone number

Best regards,

Shirley Green
603-632-5392
603-252-0649
shirley.a.green@comcast.net

PARKS & RECREATION

Summer Recreation Programming - [We still have room in camps listed below!](#)

Enfield Recreation is excited to bring you the following programs this upcoming summer seasons! More programs to be announced soon! For information on all the events listed check out Enfield.nh.us or check out our Facebook by searching EnfieldNHRecreation. As always you can register for all programs at [https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Home_unless otherwise noted](https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Home_unless_otherwise_noted).

Mascoma Sailing Club – Youth Summer Sailing Lessons

Session 1 – 7/15, 7/17, and 7/19

Session 2 – 7/22, 7/24, and 7/26

Sponsored by The Mascoma Sailing Club

Sign up your child for a three-day session of sailing lessons in July with MSC on Mascoma Lake in Enfield, NH. These lessons will teach kids the basics of sailing along with problem solving skills and how to handle multiple situations. For Kids 11+. Participants must be competent swimmers and will be asked to demonstrate their swimming ability on the first day. Sign up for just one week or both to further your child's knowledge of sailing!

Mascoma Youth Volleyball Camp - 7/29-8/2

Join Enfield Recreation at Mascoma high school gym for a fun, volleyball skills camp. We will cover basic passing, serving (underhand and overhand), spiking and diving skills. Each skill will be taught separately and then put together in a combination to work together as a team and use the basic 3 step principle of volleyball (bump, set, spike!).

Challenger Soccer Camp – Core Camp

Session 1 – 6/24-6/28

Session 2 – 7/8-7/12

Challenger Camp is coached by a team of international and US-based staff, with a week-long half day and full day soccer camps that help improve your child's soccer skills while providing a unique cultural experience. Camps are designed for all ages and ability levels, from beginners to advanced players and everywhere in between. Challenger soccer camp channels their energy and passion for the game into a fun yet developmental environment. Includes an educational approach that uses soccer to teach the core values of responsibility, integrity, respect, sportsmanship and leadership.

Registration link:

Session 1 - <https://challengersports.com/external-events/enfield-parks-recreation-week-1/>

Session 2 - <https://challengersports.com/external-events/enfield-parks-recreation-week-2/>

Hogans Shooter Gold Camp - 7/15-7/18

Coach Paul Hogan's Basketball Camps offer a dynamic experience for campers to improve their overall skill level. Coach Hogan is well known for his positive message while challenging campers with the development of fundamentals and team concepts. The camps provide high-quality and high-intensity instruction designed to improve a player's skill set while building confidence and character as young athletes. The camp environment is exciting, fun, and totally focused on taking a camper's skills to the next level, while making new friends and great camp memories.

Registration Link- <https://hogancamps.com/>

Enfield Farmers Market

**FIRST MARKET OF THE YEAR,
May 11th from 10-1pm!**

Come get mom something special for Mother Day!

Registration is opening 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.

A promotional poster for the Enfield Farmers Market. The top features a basket of fresh produce and the 'Enfield Market' logo in a stylized green font. Below the logo, a green banner reads 'Now Accepting Vendors/Musicians for the 2024 Season!'. The main text 'REGISTER TODAY!' is in large, bold, yellow letters. Underneath, the website 'MVPR.RECDESK.COM/COMMUNITY/PROGRAM' is listed. The poster is divided into two columns for market dates and sign-up options. The left column lists dates from May to October. The right column lists three sign-up options: Full Season (\$100), All 2nd Saturdays (\$72 for 6 markets), and All 4th Saturdays (\$48 for 4 markets), plus a drop-in option (\$15 per market). At the bottom, contact information is provided: '@EnfieldNHMarket | Recreation@enfield.nh.us'. The poster is framed by two vertical photos: one of a market stall on the left and one of a building on the right.

MARKET DATES 2024:		MARKET SIGN UP OPTIONS:	
5/11	8/10	• FULL SEASON - \$100	
5/25	8/24	• ALL 2ND SATURDAYS - \$72	◦ 6 MARKETS
6/8	9/14	• ALL 4TH SATURDAYS - \$48	◦ 4 MARKETS
7/13	9/28	• DROP-IN - PER MARKET - \$15	
7/27	10/12		

Intermediate Line Dancing 1:30 - 2:30

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.

Yoga with Sonya

Gentle yoga classes are offered at the Mascoma Community Health Center (MCHC). Classes offered by Sonya Carter and Jean Bender. Beginners are always welcome. \$10 for adults over 60 years of age and students, \$12 for adults. To sign up for classes please email Sonyayoga2007@gmail.com or Jeanbd123@gmail.com

Chair Yoga & Strength Class

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

RSVP Bone Builders

Bone Builders is a one-hour program geared to folks 60+ that combines stretching, strength training, and balance exercises to combat osteoporosis and osteopenia. Participants are encouraged to attend twice a week for maximum effectiveness. Classes meet at the Enfield Community Building every Tuesday and Friday morning, 9:30-10:30. There is

no fee, although donations are welcome. Registration and medical approval are required. Stop by class early to talk with a volunteer and get a packet.

Other Fun Items/Opportunities

Check out Trail Finder, you can print the trail maps or download them to your phone in case there is no service on your hike. Take a look:

<https://www.trailfinder.info/>



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 ****

Kevin Marker

Enfield Recreation Director

recreation@enfield.nh.us

[Online Registration](#)

Follow us!



POLICE DEPARTMENT

The change to better weather will allow more use of town beaches, parks and recreation areas. Please remember to be courteous to each other and clean up after yourself by taking your trash, cleaning up after your dogs and using the parking lot responsibly to allow others to enjoy the areas.

During May the department will be participating in the National Highway Safety and New Hampshire Highway Safety "child safety" patrols. These patrols are focused on enforcing New Hampshire RSA on child safety restraints. Officers will be stationed at areas looking to educate and ensure that children are properly restrained in motor vehicle while traveling. If you have any questions on what the NH RSA is for child restraints contact the PD.

Our Public Safety Administrative Coordinator Emily is hard at work planning and organizing the Memorial Day Parade. If you would like to participate in the parade, please contact her at the PD. She can be reached at 603-632-7501. The Parade will form up on Main Street at 10AM with a planned start of 10:30.

Last but not least if you see something say something, no issue is too large or too small. You can reach an officer by calling 603-632-7501.

Roy Holland
Chief of Police

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

– HIGHWAY, WATER, SEWER, SANITATION, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS



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 the link below.

<http://www.digsafe.com/data/how-it-works/a27fd434-4e88-47c0-81a5-9c0f4508a583.pdf>

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.

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/vyhlf3106/f/uploads/ccr_complet_2024.pdf

Brush and Yard Waste

The Enfield Brush and Yard Waste Recycling Facility is scheduled to reopen on May 1, 2024. 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.

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. These requests are only good for the current season and need to be renewed each year. If you would like to request being added to our list or have any questions, please call the Highway Department @ (603) 442-5418.

Road Postings

The Town of Enfield has lifted all road postings.

Road Grading

The Town Highway crew will be out grading gravel roads throughout the summer. Motorists are urged to use caution when driving through these moving work zones that often contain three or four working pieces of equipment.

Arbor Day

The Town of Enfield participates in Arbor Day celebrations. This year Arbor Day happened on Friday, April 26, 2024. The Town planted a red maple tree at Countryside Cemetery. 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/>



Bring Life to Your Community!

First Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

Do you have hazardous waste items you've accumulated over the winter? Then you'll want to visit the first collection of the season! The first of five Household Hazardous waste collection day will be held at a new location on **Saturday May 4, 2024** and will run from 9:00am till Noon. The new location is the DHMC Lot 27 located at 52 Labombard Road, Lebanon, NH. This collection is coordinated by the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission. Please see the link below for more information.

<https://hhw.uvlsrpc.org/files/7117/1034/8847/HHWSchedule2024.pdf>

Household Hazardous Waste 2024 COLLECTION DAYS

**NEW SITE
IN LEBANON
FOR 2024
WHEN**

All collections are 9:00 am—Noon

Sat, May 4—NEW! Lebanon: DHMC Lot 27, 52 Labombard Rd

Sat, June 1—Claremont Highway Garage, 8 Grandview Street

Fri, July 12 —NEW! Lebanon: DHMC Lot 27, 52 Labombard Rd


Sat, August 3—Sunapee Highway Garage, 621 Route 11

Sat, Sept 28—NEW! Lebanon: DHMC Lot 27, 52 Labombard Rd

FREE to residents from Claremont, Cornish, Enfield, Grantham, Goshen, Hanover, Lebanon, Lempster, Lyme, New London, Newbury, Newport, Orford, Piermont, Plainfield, Springfield, Sunapee, Unity, Washington, and Wilnot. (Other towns' residents welcome for a fee)

ANYONE with 25 gallons or more and all businesses must pre-register by calling UVLSRPC two weeks before event

WHAT TO BRING:	WHAT NOT TO BRING
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pesticides & Herbicides, Flea/Tick Treatments• 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• Batteries: Button, Ni-Cad, Lithium, Rechargeable (NOT ALKALINE) <p>Vape pens and other oddball items require pre-registration</p>	<p>Aerosol cans, empty: Recycle with scrap metal. Talk to your town. Bring cans with product in them to collection</p> <p>Ammunition and explosives: Call State Police at 271-3636.</p> <p>Asbestos: Contact a licensed asbestos specialist. Asbestos is hazardous to your health — don't remove it yourself!</p> <p>Batteries, alkaline: Most non-rechargeable batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, and 9-volt) are trash in NH. Tape 9-volt terminals before disposal to avoid fire in your trash</p> <p>Batteries, automotive: Take to auto parts store or your transfer station</p> <p>Fire extinguishers: Recycle empty extinguishers (NRRA takes from towns)</p> <p>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</p> <p>Latex paint: Use kitty litter, sawdust, or shredded paper to dry out latex paint; throw in your trash. Empty, dry metal cans <u>may</u> be recycled as scrap metal at your recycling facility. If it says, "clean up with soap and water," it's latex</p> <p>Medical sharps: Place in a rigid container (e.g. detergent bottle), seal cap with duct tape, and label container "SHARPS — NOT FOR RECYCLING" Dispose of with regular trash by handing to a waste collector — can become a projectile if compacted in trash</p> <p>Medicine: See www.twinstatesafemeds.com for police stations taking meds</p> <p>Propane or helium tanks: Propane/helium tanks can be exchanged/refilled at a distributor; or contact town transfer station about empty tanks</p> <p>Used motor oil: Take to town transfer station or a service station for recycling</p>



Questions? Contact the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission
(603) 448-1680 + tjosephson@uvlsrpc.org + <http://hhw.uvlsrpc.org>

TOWN CLERK / TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

Greetings all!

DOGS: Please don't forget your furry 4-legged barking friends should be registered for 2024. Late fees will be assessed beginning June 1, 2024.

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 office process your boat renewal, the payment needs to be made payable to "Town of Enfield" and will be \$5.00 more than what is written on the state renewal form for each boat.

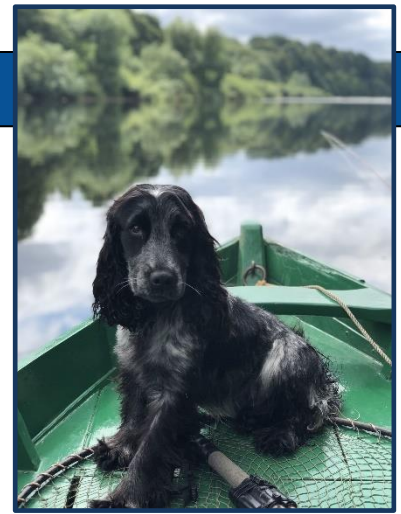
VOTER INFORMATION: I would like to encourage all residents who are not registered to vote to please come in and register. This will help to avoid lines as the 2024 State Primary and the November General/Presidential elections loom ever closer. It's fast and easy. Best practice is to bring your NH driver's 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.

Should you need to do a Party change, it will need to be done no later than June 4th! If you would like to check what party you are registered as, please visit [Voter Information \(nh.gov\)](https://www.nh.gov/voter). Should you need to make a change, you may do so by visiting the Town Clerk's Office.

TAXES/UTILITIES: The Tax Collector's Office will finish the lien procedure on all properties with 2023 outstanding balances due, on 05/30/2024. Currently, we are in full swing collecting the 1st issue water/sewer bills that are due on May 16th. Due to the lien date, the online payment services will be unavailable from 5/17/2024 – 5/30/2024. The online payment option will be available again from 5/31/2024. The Town Clerk's online payment options will not be affected. We hope to have a property tax warrant by the third week in May with an anticipated due date of July 1st.

As a reminder, for both Tax and Clerk Offices, some transactions may be done online through the Town's website www.enfield.nh.us. Payments for taxes or utilities over the counter may be made by cash or check only. The Town Clerk's Office can accept credit cards over the counter for registrations and vitals only.

Wendy Huntley
Town Clerk/Tax Collector



TRAILMASTER

The Enfield Volunteer Trail Crew is now back to work for the Spring season. The biggest job we have for now is to hike a mile out the lower loop on Bicknell Brook Trail. There we'll peel bark from three spruce trees left for us by the Public Works Department. After black fly season, we'll assemble them and some deck boards into two 12' bridges over the channels of a brook.

There are Spring patrols, blazing the trails, etc. This may be our biggest job for this year.

Craig Sanborn,
Trailmaster

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.*

If attending a meeting online via Teams, please note that background noise can be disruptive.

Please remain muted until called upon to speak.

Thank you for your understanding.

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](https://www.youtube.com) 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 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee](#)
- [May 1 @ 5:30 PM \(Enfield Community Building\) – Old Home Days Committee](#)
- [May 2 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Conservation Commission](#)
- [May 6 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Select Board](#)
- [May 8 @ 6:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Planning Board](#)
- [May 13 @ 5:00 PM \(Enfield Public Library\) – Library Trustees](#)
- [May 14 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works Facility & Teams\) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee \(Design Team\)](#)
- [May 14 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works Facility & Teams\) – Zoning Board of Adjustment](#)
- [May 15 @ 5:30 PM \(Public Works Facility & Teams\) – Community Nursing Committee Meeting](#)
- [May 20 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works Facility & Teams\) – Select Board](#)
- [May 21 @ 6:30 PM \(Enfield Community Building\) – Recreation Commission](#)
- [May 22 @ 6:30 PM \(Public Works Facility & Teams\) – Planning Board](#)
- [May 23 @ 5:30 PM \(Enfield Community Building\) – Heritage Commission](#)
- [May 28 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works Facility & Teams\) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee \(Design Team\)](#)
- [May 28 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works Facility & Teams\) – Energy Committee](#)

- [June 3 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works Facility & Teams\) – Select Board](#)
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- [June 18 @ 6:30 PM \(Enfield Community Building\) – Recreation Commission](#)

- [June 19 @ 5:30 PM \(Public Works Facility & Teams\) – Community Nursing Committee](#)
- [June 25 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works Facility & Teams\) - Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee \(Design Team\)](#)
- [June 25 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works Facility & Teams\) – Energy Committee](#)
- [June 26 @ 6:30 PM \(Public Works Facility & Teams\) – Planning Board](#)
- [June 27 @ 5:30 PM \(Enfield Community Building\) – Heritage Commission](#)

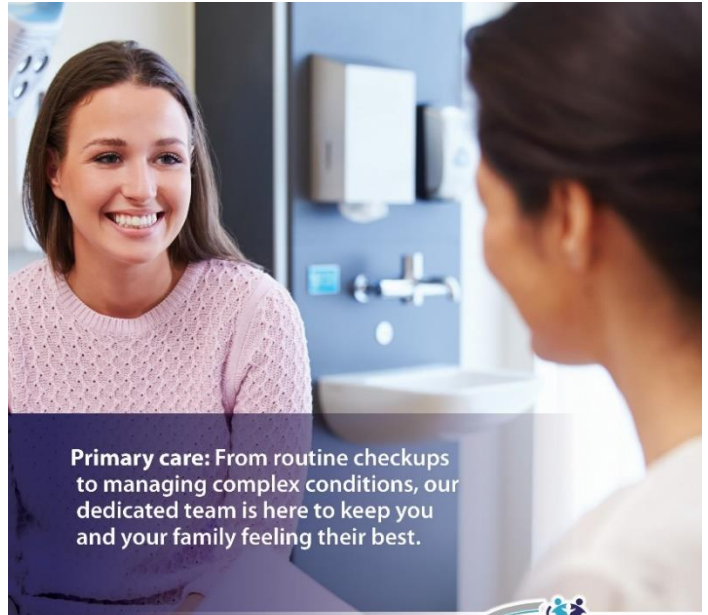
COMMUNITY EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEALTHFIRST

HealthFirst Family Care Center is proud to be serving the primary health care needs of the greater Mascoma Valley.


Conveniently located at the Mascoma Community Health Center on 18 Roberts Road in Canaan, we have appointments available with short wait times, convenient on-site labs, on-site behavioral health, nutrition services, and much more.

Contact us today to inquire about becoming a new patient, or to schedule an appointment. Call us at 603-523-4343 or visit healthfirstfamily.org.



Primary care: From routine checkups to managing complex conditions, our dedicated team is here to keep you and your family feeling their best.

Where we put your health first



MASCOMA LAKE ASSOCIATION

Keeping Lake Water Healthy: Everyone Can Help

What do dog poop, household cleaning products, grass clippings, and paved driveways have in common? They're all potential sources of extra phosphorous in lake water. Phosphorus is a naturally occurring element that feeds lake algae, a healthy part of any lake ecosystem. It's the "extra" that's a problem. Too much phosphorous can throw the lake's natural system out of balance, causing excessive cyanobacteria algae blooms. These potentially toxic blooms, visible as greenish-yellow streaks or clouds in the water, are becoming more frequent. Last summer, both Mascoma and Crystal Lakes experienced week-long warning periods, when people were advised to avoid swimming, boating, and letting pets near the water.



This disruption is a growing concern, both locally and statewide. The rise in harmful algae blooms is driven in part by climate change; warmer temperatures for longer periods encourage more blooms. It's also true that we all live in a "developed watershed": our buildings and roads are part of the landscape. That doesn't mean we have no options, though. There are still things we can do to reduce the phosphorous load in our lakes and wetlands. Here are a few practical steps people can take, wherever they live in the watershed:

- Clean up after pets. Dog waste left on trails and roadsides will find its way into nearby water, adding to the nutrients there and increasing risk of algae blooms.
- Use only household products labeled "phosphorus-free." Avoid fertilizing lawns if possible or use low-phosphorous products if you must.
- Do not throw grass clippings or other garden waste into water. Compost well away from the shoreline.
- If you're a property owner, check paved areas on your property to determine if they're providing a direct route for soil and sand to reach nearby water. There are many ways to reduce erosion and stormwater runoff, from installing a dripline trench around a structure, creating rain gardens to absorb runoff, reducing lawn size and maintenance, adding more plants to a shoreline buffer, or covering bare areas of soil with erosion-control mulch.

To learn more about landscaping for lake protection, check out the LakeSmart program sponsored by the NH LAKES organization: <https://www.lakes.me/lakesmart>

Another way to learn—and meet others with the same interest—is attending an upcoming program right here in Enfield:

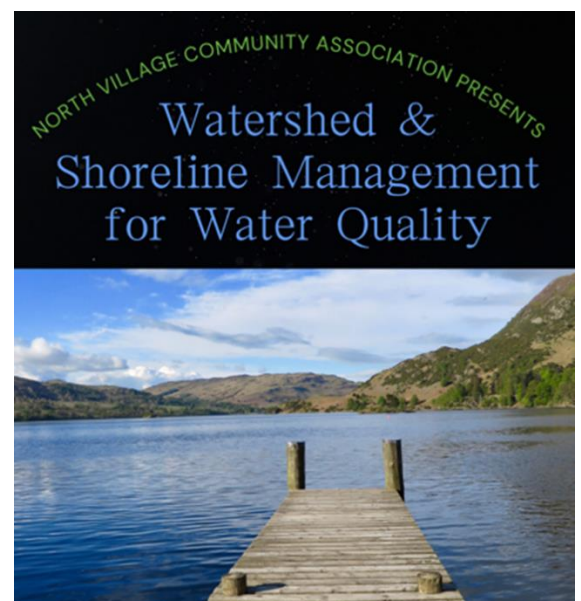
The North Village Community Association presents

Watershed & Shoreline Management for Water Quality

Speaker Cole Beale, Director of Conservation at Squam Lake Association, will speak on shoreline landscaping practices that best support the lakefront ecosystem. Bring your question about invasive plants, run-off and erosion management, and threats to water quality.

Please join us on Saturday May 4th at 4pm
at Chosen Vale Performing Arts Center (previously La Salette) Open
to public attendance.

Martha Jane Rich
for the Mascoma Lake Association

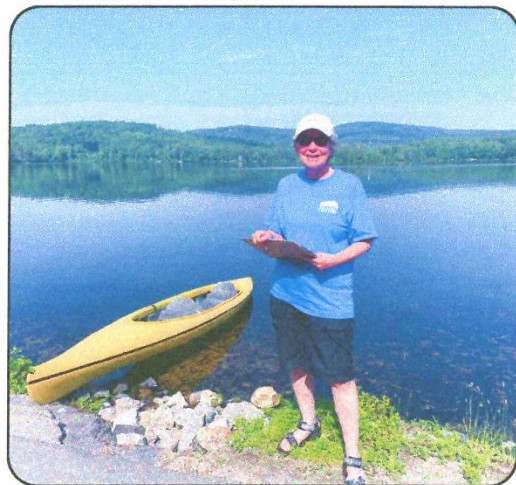


BECOME A LAKE HOST THIS SUMMER



JOIN OUR TEAM!

- **PROTECT YOUR LOCAL LAKE**
- **TEACH CLEAN, DRAIN, DRY**
- **WORK BY THE WATER**



Scan the QR code to find your local ramp:

- Open your phone's camera
- Scan the QR code
- Click on the link that pops up
- Fill out the inquiry form today!



Got Questions? Call Tricia Barr 603-252-6142
OR Email: LakeHost@nhlakes.org

GREEN UP DAYS IN MAY

Set your calendars: May 11, 12 and/or May 18, 19. Blue Bags will be provided. Enfield Village Association has gone to two weekends for the annual trash pickup because of the vagaries of weather and conflicting events. Volunteers are so good about pitching in to clean not only the Main Street and downtown, but around many other roads. I am floored how much trash shows up each time the snow melts. Groups are welcome to come. More information will be coming in May.



JOIN US FOR THE SHAKER 7 - JUNE 23rd

The "Shaker 7" is sponsored by the Enfield Village Association as one of our signature annual fundraisers.

The race starts and finishes at the Shaker Recreation Park on Route 4A in Enfield, New Hampshire, taking runners on a scenic 7-mile certified route around the southern end of Mascoma Lake, down historic Main Street, over the Shaker Bridge, and back down Route 4A to the park and is part of the Upper Valley Running Club and NH Grand Prix Series. The Shaker 7 also includes the three-mile walk option. For more info and to REGISTER TODAY visit:

www.enfieldvillageassociation.org/shaker-7-road-race



FRIENDS OF MASCOMA

Greetings,

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

Friends of Mascoma Welcomes New Executive Director

The Board of Directors is pleased to welcome our New Executive Director, Tamara Carlson. Tamara joined Friends of Mascoma in March 2024. She has a B.S. in Paralegal Studies from the University of Hartford and an MBA from the University of Phoenix. Tamara brings an extensive executive background including the CEO of the Bristol (CT) Boys and Girls Club, COO of Taylor Energy, and Vice President of Mergers and Acquisitions for Stanley Black & Decker. Tamara lives in Danbury with her husband, children and four dogs.

The board would like to express our sincere thanks to Kate Plumley Stewart, a founding member of Friends of Mascoma, for her assistance as our Interim Executive Director. Kate stepped out of her role as Vice-President to help our organization continue to serve our community during our transition. We are so grateful for all of her time spent and look forward to her continued help. Her marketing skills have set the bar!



Reminder Pantry Hours: The pantry is open Tuesdays and Wednesday's from 3pm to 5:30pm at the FOM headquarters behind Canaan Hardware Store, 9 On The Common Way.

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

Volunteers: April 21st-27th is Volunteer Appreciation week. We have two employees, so we count on our volunteers to help us with our mission.

WE CANNOT THANK OUR VOLUNTEERS ENOUGH FOR ALL THEY DO!!

Would you or someone you know be interested in volunteering for a day or a couple hours per week at the pantry. Our organization depends on volunteers in order to operate and provide the services we do to the community. If you are interested in volunteering, please email:

info@friendsofmascoma.org

Teacher Appreciation Week: [Join us in celebrating our Mascoma Teaching Staff the week of May 6-10 during National Teacher Appreciation Week.](#)



Donations: If you would like to donate food or snacks for the community pantry or the school pantry's please email info@friendsofmascoma.org. Please note that we are not able to accept out-of-date food. If you would like to donate monetarily to Friends of Mascoma for food to be purchased, please send donations to: Tamara Carlson, Executive Director, Friends of Mascoma, 9 on the Common Way, Canaan, NH 03741. We appreciate any and all donations no matter the size.

Scholarships: Scholarship applications were due by Mascoma High School students on April 15th. Our Scholarship Committee is excited to review the applications. Keep an eye out for future newsletters for the scholarship recipient's announcement.

Mini-Grants: The Friends of Mascoma offers mini-grants to the Mascoma Valley educators. Mini-grants are offered throughout the entire year. Educators should reach out to their administration for approval and submission to FOM. Please visit www.friendsofmascoma.org/mini-grants for more information.

NH Gives! June 11th-12th

We are pleased to report that we have once again signed up to participate in NH Gives! This year's event will kick off at 5pm on June 11th. NH Gives is our largest fundraiser of the year. NH Gives assists in our funding of mini-grants and scholarships.

NH Gives – an initiative of the NH Center for Nonprofits - is a powerful, statewide 24-hour online fundraising event that is designed to build community, connect donors to local nonprofits and generate excitement about the nonprofit sector.

Thank you,
Bridge Labrie, President

Tamara Carlson, Executive Director



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>

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – RECENT NEWS

2024 Curbside Collection Calendar

Check out the [2024 Curbside rubbish & recycling collection calendar](#). Regrettably, the schedule printed in the 2024 Municipal Calendar is incorrect.

Still have Lebanon Landfill Punch Cards?

Lebanon Landfill is no longer accepting punch cards from non-residents. Were you caught off guard and now have a punch card you can no longer use where you can return and get a refund for punch cards you may still have in your possession? Unused punch cards may be returned for a refund at Lavalley's, West Lebanon Feed & Supply, and Jake's on Mechanic Street in Lebanon. Check out this article in the [Valley News](#) or the Lebanon Landfill website <https://lebanonnh.gov/452/Landfill-Punch-Cards> for more details.

Changes at the Lebanon Landfill Effective January 1, 2024

The Lebanon Landfill has made some significant changes to their program that will be in effect beginning in 2024. The highlights include credit cards will be accepted and punch cards will no longer be accepted. Landfill permits will need to be renewed annually online and require a \$5 permit fee. Residential trash will only be accepted in Lebanon bags available for purchase at several Lebanon stores. [See Flyer for more details.](#)

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 with bears.

