



TOWN OF ENFIELD E-NEWSLETTER

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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 a town-wide newsletter that is disseminated by email monthly to all individuals who subscribe to the mailing list. Our hope is that the number of recipients on this list will continue to grow over time to ensure that most households receive these important updates.



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

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

- Go to the below page on the town’s website:
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 Jack Wozmak, Interim 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](#)!



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LATEST NEWS

RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO FACE COVERINGS

The following resolution was issued on October 7th and reaffirmed by the Board of Selectmen on October 18th.

Resolution of Governing Body

A Resolution Relative to Face Coverings

WHEREAS, we remain in the midst of a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on August 16, 2020, the Enfield Board of Selectmen established a policy that “It is essential that all Town employees, board and committee members do their part” to model good public health behavior by wearing a face mask when in public areas inside municipal offices, including lobbies, hallways and meeting rooms in the Town Hall, Public Works Facility, and Police Station; and

WHEREAS, on September 20, 2021, the Enfield Board of Selectmen voted to continue to “strongly support” any mask requirements set by individual Enfield businesses and organizations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Enfield, requests in the strongest possible terms that:

1. Its residents and visitors **wear a face mask in public** (excepting children under the age of 2) where physical distancing is not practicable, *regardless of vaccination status*; and
2. Its residents and visitors **respect and follow the mask requirements imposed by individual businesses** and organizations, and
3. Its residents and visitors continue to abide by the policy requiring that face **masks be worn in all public areas inside municipal offices.**

October 7, 2021

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS: CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS – CHANGE YOUR BATTERIES



Remember to turn your clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 7th for Daylight Saving Time.

Also replace batteries in Smoke Alarms and Carbon Monoxide Detectors!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Town of Enfield has employment opportunities!

Light Equipment Operators: Full-time positions with the Department of Public Works.

Assistant Town Clerk: The Town is continuing its search for an Assistant Town Clerk. This is a part-time 30 hours/week position. Starting wage \$18-\$20/hour dependent upon qualifications and experience.

Police Officer: The Enfield Police Department also has a full-time opening, if you know anyone interested in becoming a police officer, please contact Lieutenant Frye.

Conservation Commission Meeting Recorder: The Town of Enfield is seeking a Meeting Recorder to take and maintain meeting minutes for the Enfield Conservation Commission. These minutes will serve as the official record for the Town of Enfield as required by the State of New Hampshire. Check out the complete announcement and job description [HERE](#).

Visit [Employment Information | Enfield NH](#) for more information and an employment application form.

2022 MUNICIPAL CALENDAR

Enfield's 2022 Municipal Calendar Photo Contest

We were blown away by the quality of photos submitted for this year's contest; the photographers this year are true artists. There were 36 individuals entering 380 photos! That's more than 4 times the entries submitted last year. Our judges had their work cut out for them! **Thank you to everyone who participated!**

We're pleased to announce the winners of the 2022 Enfield Municipal Calendar Photo Contest....

Angela Hoffman
Bridget Labrie
Christopher DePalo
Sharon Beaufait
Heather Warren
Mary Ann Crandall
Lynne Martel
Sheryl McDevitt

Jennifer Seiler
Renee Casey
Stephanie Kalina
Elizabeth Borowsky
Dolores Struckhoff
Richard Heck
David Beaufait

Congratulations!

For those who didn't win this year, keep trying! We encourage our community members of all ages to think about what you'd like to submit for the photo contest next year.

Remember to support our Local Businesses!

ENFIELD OLD HOME DAYS COMMITTEE

We want to hear from you!

We would love to hear input from residents on what events you love, what you'd like to see, and when you'd like to see it! We will be sending out a survey in January, but in the meantime, feel free to reach out to us directly at: oldhomedays@enfield.nh.us

Additionally, we are setting up our future meetings to include various community organizations to brainstorm ways they can be included in the celebration without taxing their volunteers. Our mission this year is inclusion without stress! If you are part of an organization that wants to be included, please email us!

We are also soliciting new committee members as well as volunteers that just want to get involved on the day of.

Find us on Facebook:

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

TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

Greetings all! Things are picking up in the Tax Office. The Sewer Betterment bills will be going out soon as well as the 2nd issue Tax bills. As a reminder, the third quarter Water/Sewer bills are due November 22nd.

Please note: The Tax Office will be closed both on Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, 11/29/2021) and the day after Thanksgiving Day (Friday, 11/30/2021).

For any of these billings, utilizing the Paperless billing option is strongly encouraged! Here again are some of the benefits of paperless billings.

- Environmental – no actual paper bill and thus no envelop necessary. No transportation required by any vehicle using gas, diesel or battery and saves wear and tear on our roads!
- No need to remember the due date. Three Reminders are emailed! First email sent when bills are ready to pay (no need to watch for the postal carrier!), second email sent 10 days prior to the due date and the third email sent the day prior to the due date.
- If paid online, an immediate email receipt of the transaction is sent so no worries about having to remember whether or not you actually made the payment or searching for a paper receipt. Payments made by electronic check online have an additional flat fee of 95 cents. Payments by credit card have an additional fee of 2.95%.
- It's so easy to sign up for paperless billing by going to www.enfield.nh.us, online payments, enter your last name under owner and click the search button. Your name should appear on the right side of the screen. Choose you, add an invoice to cart and click on "check out". The very next screen will have a box to toggle stating "Yes, I am the Primary Owner for the parcel(s) I have selected and I want to sign up for Paperless Bill Notification." You will also need to enter your email address here.
- Cost savings – Paperless billing also helps to keep Town spending down by reducing printing, postage and production costs associated with mailing out the paper invoices.

Of course, even without signing up for paperless billing, you may view and or pay your invoices on line 24/7 at www.enfield.nh.us. If you would like assistance with any of these steps, please do not hesitate to contact me. My email address is whuntley@enfield.nh.us or to reach me by phone call 603-632-4201 x 5404.

Thank you!

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Fall is in full swing, and the dreaded four-letter word (SNOW!) will be here before you know it. Please take the time now to prepare your vehicle for the winter months. It is very common to have multiple vehicles slide off the road during those first storms when drivers have failed to change tires or get the vehicle ready. The beginning of the holiday season will bring increased traffic on our roads. Please be patient, allow adequate travel time and don't drink and drive. The police department will have extra patrols to apprehend impaired drivers.

Recently we had a tragic crash in town where a horse was killed, and the rider injured. The Enfield Police Department would like to remind all motorists to be vigilant on the roadways and be aware of walkers, bikers, and riders of all sorts, especially as the days gets shorter. If walkers, bikers, or riders are out after sunset, please use appropriate safety equipment such as reflective vests and flashlights or lighting appropriate for the activity. The department will be partnering with local groups to educate on the road laws regarding bikers, walkers, and riders.

A reminder that *RSA 265:104 Approaching Horses* – Every person having control or charge of a vehicle shall, whenever upon any way and approaching any horse, drive, manage, and control such vehicle in such a manner as to exercise every reasonable precaution to prevent the frightening of such horse, and to ensure the safety and protection of any person riding or driving the same. And *RSA 265:143-a Drivers to Exercise Due Care When Approaching Bicycle* – Every driver of a vehicle, when approaching a bicyclist, shall insure the safety and protection of the bicyclist and shall exercise due care by leaving a reasonable and prudent distance between the vehicle and the bicycle. The distance shall be presumed to be reasonable and prudent if it is at least 3 feet when the vehicle is traveling at 30 miles per hour or less, with one additional foot of clearance required for every 10 miles per hour above 30 miles per hour.

We all have a responsibility to share the road and be safe.

If you have any question or concerns, please contact the department at any time. The Enfield Police Department also has a full-time opening, if you know anyone interested in becoming a police officer, please contact Lieutenant Frye.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENT

The Enfield Conservation Commission has openings for a volunteers interested in supporting our mission "To protect the natural resources of Enfield and preserve them for future generations!"

It's an opportunity to make a difference in local conservation, our environment and the outdoors.

If you are interested, check us out at <https://www.enfield.nh.us/conservation-commission> and email your interest to the Chairman, Dr. Jerold Theis, at JhTheisDVM@gmail.com.

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

Adjusted fees start on November 1st. Please feel free to reach out to Bridget Labrie with any questions.

Trustee meeting dates and minutes can be found on the Cemetery Trustees page on the Enfield Town website at <https://www.enfield.nh.us/board-cemetery-trustees>.

Please note that all decorations and potted items need to be **removed from the cemeteries by November 1st**.

A big “Thank You” to our Grounds team for keeping the cemeteries looking so nice and to the Highway department for their assistance this season!

For additional information about cemetery rules, regulations, or costs please visit- <https://www.enfield.nh.us/boardcemetery-trustees>

Please contact the Cemetery Sexton, Bridget Labrie at 802-332-5363 (cell) or email cemetery@enfield.nh.us to schedule a burial or to purchase a lot.

LAND USE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT NEWS

After numerous hearings and meetings, beginning in August of 2020, and after a Superior Court appeal of their original decision, the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) granted a variance on 10/12/2021 to Terri and Andrew Pettola (Land Use Case # Z20-08-01). This decision was mandated by a ruling of the Grafton County Superior Court. The written approval included language restricting the use of a deck and related stairway to the ground at 360 Crystal Lake Road to “emergency ingress and egress only” and will mandate the removal of the structure when it is no longer medically necessary. FYI, all ZBA meeting agendas as well as any prior meeting minutes may be found on the ZBA section of the Town’s website at: <https://www.enfield.nh.us/zoning-board-adjustment>

At their October 13th meeting, the Planning Board (PB) held a work session to discuss possible changes to Enfield’s Zoning Ordinance. High on the list of topics for discussion was “street frontage” requirements as well as limitations to the current sign lighting regulations. A document began taking shape that will form the proposed changes and amendments put forward at the next Town Meeting (Tuesday voting portion). All of the Planning Board’s recommended changes will continue to be discussed at future PB meetings and eventually at formal hearings, which will be held to receive public input. Look for the first of these hearings in January of 2022. A very useful guide to the “Important Date” for Town Meeting in March can be found at: https://www.nhmunipal.org/sites/default/files/uploads/calendars/2022_march_traditional_town_meeting_1.pdf

At their October 27th meeting, the Planning Board held two hearings. The first was for Enfield Land Use Case # P21-10-01 where David and Victoria Rogers were seeking boundary line

adjustment approval for their property at 1443 NH Route 4A (map 9, lot 36). The second property impacted by this application is owned by Joel R. King and Lyndsey Boulton at 1471 NH Route 4A (map 9, lot 37). This application was approved by the PB. The second hearing was for Enfield Land Use Case # P21-10-02 where Nathan and Erin Ferrell requested a voluntary lot merger for two lots in the Eastman Development located at Paul's Place (Road). The subject properties are both on Map 51 and are lots 121 and 122. Both lots are owned by Nathan and Erin Ferrell. This application was also approved by the PB. For your information, all meeting minutes and agendas are available on the Planning Board section of the Town's website at: <https://www.enfield.nh.us/planning-board>



The Master Planning Task Force held four educational sessions in October. They were all held on Thursday evenings and covered: 1) What is a Master Plan, 2) A Discussion on Housing, 3) On Overview of Land use and Zoning and 4) A Discussion on Economic and Community Development. All of these sessions were recorded and are available for download from the Master Planning website at: www.enfield-leaps.org. The Task Force has also begun work with our newly hired contractor, Brandy Saxton of PlaceSense of Hartland, VT. Brandy has hit the ground running on multiple components of master plan development including: refinement/preparation of our Town wide "community survey", development of a schedule for tasks to complete the Master Plan, and the development of an agenda for a Community Visioning Workshop on November 6th. This workshop will be held at the Community Building and an RSVP is suggested. We are also planning a virtual workshop on the November 7th to be held via the Zoom Web Meetings Platform. Call 603-442-5427 for info or visit: www.enfield-leaps.org to find out more.

If you have an idea for your property, such as a subdivision, voluntary lot merger, boundary line adjustment or a conceptual idea for a new business, please reach out to Rob Taylor, the Town's Land Use and Community Development Administrator from Monday through Friday at 603-442-5427 or by email at: planning@enfield.nh.us You may also drop by the office (remember to bring your facemask) at the DPW facility at 74 Lockehaven Road. We always recommend calling ahead first to be sure we are available to help you. We hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Who are we?

**What do we
value about
Enfield?**

**What do we
want to BE
in 5, 15, 25
years?**

*You are invited
to participate in
our VISIONING
workshop to
help us answer
these questions.*



SCAN ME

Community Visioning Workshop

Your community. Your vision. Your voice.

November 6 or 7, 2021

In-person workshop

November 6, 2021

9–11:30 a.m. or 2:30–5 p.m.

(choose one)

**Community Building
Enfield, NH**

On-line workshop (via Zoom)

November 7, 2021

5–7:30 p.m.

RSVP: www.enfield-leaps.org

or

603.632.4067 ext . 5427

NEWS FROM THE ENFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT

October and November have been and will be a busy time in the Fire Department. Call volume has not increased at this time but as the seasons change, calls typically increase.

Daylight savings time ends November 7, set your clocks back, and change the batteries in your smoke and C/O detectors to be sure they're ready to alert you in the event of an emergency. It's also a good time to plan your chimney cleaning and heating system tune-up before the cold weather is upon us.

Five members of the department took part in a swift water training class. This was 2 days of hands-on practical training, which included being in the water and shore-based support evolutions.



On November 7th the Department will be hosting an Auto Extrication Training which will be held at Huse Park. Four mutual aid departments have been invited to join us for this event. The public is invited to come and view this training but are asked to stay behind the roped off area, we will have members available to explain the process.

BUILDING INSPECTOR/HEALTH OFFICER

The following information was provided by NH Department of Environmental Services and the Enfield Department of Public Works:

As the leaves continue to fall, our annual raking routines will now be in full stroke. While many people have carried on this tradition for years, how many have thought twice about the appropriate place to put their leaves. It's not as simple as raking or blowing them into the street or dumping piles into ditches on the side of the road or in the woods. Culverts alongside the Enfield roads are there to provide drainage, and accumulated debris is periodically removed from the culverts by town personnel to ensure their proper function. The Enfield Vegetative

Management Facilities are closed for the season, but you still have options for [yard waste disposal](#).

Those who live near one of the lakes in town or the Mascoma River should be aware that it is against state law in New Hampshire to dump leaves and yard waste in wetlands areas without a permit. Under [RSA 482-A:3](#), to “fill” a wetlands or surface water with natural material that has been “deposited or caused to be deposited by human activity” is prohibited. Disposal of yard waste directly into surface waters, such as streams, rivers, lakes or ponds, contributes an unnatural amount of organic matter that will result in mucky bottom sediment in nearshore swimming areas, and can result in turbid water and lower dissolved oxygen available to aquatic organisms.

There are other ways to manage your leaves, though. Instead of getting rid of them, they can be used around your own property as either compost or as a mulch. Composting is an easy way to create organic fertilizer. Adding either raked or shredded leaves to grass clippings and your kitchen fruit and vegetable wastes to your compost pile will help to create a nutrient-rich soil for next spring’s landscaping.

Leaves can also be used in quicker fashion as mulch, which provides a protective covering for flower beds or gardens. Gardening experts recommend using a lawnmower with a mulching blade and bagging attachment to shred and collect the leaves. Adding these mulched leaves to your flower beds can protect them from severe winter weather and provide moisture and nutrients for your flowers in the spring.

If you want to take a step out of that process, you can also just leave the shredded leaves on your lawn as a natural fertilizer. This method works well as long as the leaves are not too deep or wet when they are mowed. Otherwise, you may end up with large clumps of shredded leaves that can choke out your grass.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The Enfield Brush and Yard Waste Facility will be closing for the season on November 3, 2021. The facility is open during the business hours of the Transfer Station Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday. The facility can take clean brush and limbs up to 8” and leaves and yard waste. The Town cannot take any invasive plant species, stumps, or dimensional lumber. Residents wishing to use the facility must have all loads checked by Town staff. The facility cannot take commercial volumes.

Improper Leaf Disposal

Several residents are raking and blowing leaves into town roadway ditches to dispose of them. This is not permitted and will cause water problems during storm events. The DPW crew has graciously removed the leaves in the past but will be addressing this issue with individual property when observed. Leaves can be composted or check out the options for disposal below under Enfield Vegetative Management Facilities.



Enfield Vegetative Management Facilities

The Enfield Vegetative Management Facilities are closed for the season and will reopen May 1, 2022. Clean brush and yard waste can be recycled at the at the Lebanon Landfill (603-298-6486) during their regular hours or Hammond's Grinding and Recycling just East of Canaan Village on US Route 4 call ahead 603-523-4353.

LIBRARY

Greetings Enfield,

Hello, November! The first day of November marks the unofficial beginning of the Comfort Food Season. Do you find yourself craving hearty stews, yeasted breads, baked goods, and sweet treats during the colder months? Are you ready to discover a new favorite comfort food recipe? We are here to help you with your recipe searching needs. A good place to start is the cookbook section. I have curated two cookbook lists that are linked on our KOHA welcome page. The [lists](#) include a small selection of titles from our collection of over 100 cookbook titles. Just last month we added two new cookbooks to our collection - [Scrumptious](#) and [Everyday Dinners](#). Oh, but that is not all, the library also has subscriptions to [Cook's Country](#), [Good Housekeeping](#), [Cook's Illustrated](#) and the [Food Network](#) magazine. And let's not forget that Hoopla, our digital media service, has over 1000 [cookbooks](#) available for you to enjoy. Bon Appetit!

Here's some fun food trivia: The Nestle's chocolate chip company paid Ruth Wakefield, \$1 and a life supply of chocolate, for her famous Toll House cookie [recipe](#). [Ruth](#), your recipe is perfection!

One last thought on food. If you're a foodie like me, the Smithsonian has a dynamic [Food exhibit](#)! See what you think and let me know.

Adult Programming Announcement:

The library book group meets on the last Thursday of the month. The November meeting will be hosted on a different date because it coincides with Thanksgiving this year. Call 632-7145 or email library@enfield.nh.us for more information. All are welcome.

Children's Room Updates:

Here's some cooking inspiration for our youngest chefs. Try the [No-Cook Cookbook](#). It has simple delicious recipes that children will have fun making on their own or with their family.

-Weekly story time will be posted on our YouTube channel. A new story and songs each week.

-Holiday craft kit sign-ups start today. The kits include 4 festive ornament crafts. Great fun for ages 3 and older. Reserve your kit by emailing library@enfield.nh.us or calling 632-7145. Kits will be available for pickup starting 12/1/21.

Best, Kate

RECREATION

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>

Small Business Saturday will be happening on 11/27, 9-3 pm at the Community Building and Huse Park pavilion – if you are a local artisan/farm/vendor please contact Bridget at mvalleyrec@gmail.com. Indoor spaces will be limited, outdoor spaces available as well. Follow the event [here](#)!



Youth Programs:

Mascoma Youth Sports League – For seasonal registration information or questions email MYSLBoard@gmail.com K-6 Basketball Registration is open until 11/21!
<http://mysl3748001.sportssignup.com/site/>

Youth X – Country Skiing at Canaan Elementary is returning- registration is opening soon!

After School Ski Program at Whaleback will also be returning – registration opening soon!

Adult & Family Opportunities/Events:

Adult Co-Ed Recreational Volleyball – Sundays 6-8pm (when enough participants) keep an eye out on the [calendar](#) or email Bridget (mvalleyrec@gmail.com) for more information or to join the email list.

Disc Golf – Thank you for all of the support for the Community Disc Golf Day at Whaleback. It was a great day! Stay tuned for more details.

Yoga- The classes are all levels and beginners are always welcome. 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.

Line Dancing

Have you tried out our Thursday afternoon line dancing class yet? 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.

Chair Yoga & Exercise

The Enfield Recreation Department continues to offer the highly attended Chair 12 Yoga/Exercise classes at the Enfield Community Building. These classes are low impact and focus on stretching, balance, strength, and meditation. The classes are only \$5.00 and open to ALL levels!! No RSVP required. 9:30 am - 10:30 am.

Please note the revised schedule – **Wednesdays Only!**

- November 3
- November 10
- November 24
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- December 6
- December 13
- December 20
- December 27

Schedule subject to change based on instructor availability

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/>

UNH Extension is offering many workshops. Visit: www.naturegroupie.org for more information.

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

** If you are an instructor of a program within the 5 towns of Mascoma Valley and would like to share the information please contact Bridget to be added to this news blurb.

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

Reservations for Use of Town Parks & Fields

Just a bit of clarification for those interested in use of the Town's parks and fields for events:

- The **Enfield Community Building** is reserved with the Town Manager's Office (abonnette@enfield.nh.us), but
- **Town parks and fields** are reserved with Enfield Recreation, (recreation@enfield.nh.us).

For any questions about Mascoma Valley Parks & Recreation please contact Bridget at mvalleyrec@gmail.com.

Follow MVPR on [Facebook](#) & [Instagram](#)!

Bridget Labrie

Regional Recreation Coordinator
Mascoma Valley Parks and Recreation
mvalleyrec@gmail.com
[Online Registration](#)

MASCOMA LAKESIDE PARK

The Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee (MLPC) is pleased to announce they have received a Land and Water Conservation Grant for \$125,000 to be used for parking lot improvements, trails within the park, plantings, and rebuilding of the retaining wall. This grant must be matched dollar for dollar. MLPC has launched a new fund-raising campaign to raise the match. Also received in the past month was the Timken Foundation grant of \$15,000. This grant will be applied towards the funds needed to meet the LWC grant match.

Also of note, the MLPC just received word that the Permit-By-Notification application to rebuild the deteriorated retaining wall has been approved. The new wall will soon be under construction, and it is anticipated it will be completed before winter sets in.

The long-awaited approval from NH Department of Transportation has been granted to build a ramp from the Rail Trail into the park. The ramp will meet ADA standards and allow for pedestrians and cyclists to access the park from the Rail Trail. Plans include a bike rack or two in proximity to the new access point.

Master Gardener intern Pattie Fried headed up a bulb planting group on October 27. A mini grant from the Love Our Byways program funded 1,000 daffodil and crocus bulbs that were planted for springtime blooms for all to enjoy.

A note of caution: please do not ride bicycles or walk on the newly seeded area on the hillside next to the pavilion. We want the grass to grow and flourish to maintain the bank. Another reminder is to take your trash with you when you leave the park (and what your dog might leave behind!). This is a “pack it in, pack it out” park, as most parks are these days. There is no clean-up crew or trash collection at Lakeside Park. We all need to pitch in and do our best to keep the park clean and enjoyable for all.



Photos by Rob Taylor

“KNOW YOUR TOWN”

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

Moving Shaker Buildings

In the September 2021 issue of this newsletter, we discussed two buildings on Wells Street that were moved from the Shaker communities on Mascoma Lake’s western shore. The moves reflected the shift in the late 1800s of Enfield’s commercial heart from Enfield Center to today’s Main Street area. This shift, and the demand for new buildings, coincided with the decline of Enfield’s Shaker communities. New England thriftiness and traditional construction techniques provided a happy solution; moving buildings.

Buildings originally built elsewhere scatter downtown Enfield. Several have Shaker origins, including two multi-family units on Wells Street (covered in the August newsletter) and numbers 184 and 194 Main Street.

184 Main Street began life as offices for the South Shaker Community. Later used as a home for girls, it was moved across Mascoma Lake. 194 Main Street was built in 1800 as the minister’s shop of the Church Family Shakers.¹ At the time of its move, 194 had two stories. The home burned in 1909 (perhaps because of a spark from a passing train), but the upper floor was not rebuilt.

Some buildings were moved whole, while others were dismantled and reassembled. With today’s construction methods and materials taking a building apart piece by piece, much less rebuilding it would be virtually impossible. However, 1800s frame buildings, such as the Shakers’, were built of wood pieces that took time to pay for and prepare. As work progressed, timbers were made, numbered and set aside. When all were ready, workers—often friends and neighbors—could assemble the numbered pieces and raise the structure. Conversely, this construction method allowed buildings to be taken apart and reassembled it using the same numbers.²

Enfield’s setting on a lake made it “easy” to move buildings whole. The frozen lake shortened distances and allowed buildings to be dragged across the ice.

Starting in 1904, former Shaker Henry Cumings wrote regularly about Shaker life and practices for the *Enfield Advocate* newspaper.³ In 1910, he described the transfer of what was known as the Currier’s shop from behind the Stone Mill (still standing on Route 4A) to its current site at 32 Baltic Street.* This was the biggest building moved by the Shakers.

“The building was got ready to move by placing it on two long spruce trees, the ends being shaped like a sled runner. A day was set and invitations were sent to the farmers about town who owned oxen to come to the moving bee. The Shakers had a dozen yoke of heavy oxen and enough responded to swell the number to thirty-six yoke. A pair of heavy cartwheels were attached by a strong chain cable to each shoe and the heaviest oxen were put next to the building, the others being arranged something according to size and when all was ready there were two strings of cattle, eighteen yoke in each team with a driver to each pair.”⁴

The teams of oxen and the building crossed the road (4A) and the field south of the office (the brick building still there today) to reach the boat landing on the lake. “The ice was twenty-eight

inches thick and did not give perceptibly”, Cumings wrote. “The only mishap was the breaking of a chain or two”. At noon, the building was on the ice and everyone paused. The oxen were fed—still hitched—while the bee’s participants “were served a bountiful lunch, all eating from the hand without much ceremony”.

After lunch, the building moved across the lake without stopping and was pulled from a landing up the hill to Wells Street. From there, the procession of oxen, men and building descended to Union Street, crossed the railroad near the depot and the mill pond before the building came to rest at its present location at 32 Baltic Street. The building was raised and divided into two apartments.

“In those days,” Cumings observed, “those who went to such a bee gave their service as a neighborly act and neither expected or received any other compensation but thank you and the remembrance of a kindness freely rendered to others”.
Enfield helping Enfielders for well over a century...

*(The Enfield Shaker Museum carried out an archeological study of this building’s original site behind the Stone Mill on Route 4A. The foundation is marked with stones.)

¹ *Enfield New Hampshire 1761-2000. The History of a Town Influenced by the Shakers.* Ed. Nancy Blanchard Sanborn.

² Many thanks to Kyle Sandler and Michael O’Connor of the Enfield Shaker Museum for this information.

³ Cumings’ essays are collected in a book available in the shop of the Enfield Shaker Museum. *The Collected Writings of Henry Cumings (1834-1913)*. Compiled with introduction by Mary Ann Haagen (2012).

⁴ Henry Cumings, *The Enfield Advocate*, May 20, 1910.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING

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

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

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

UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS (SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

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

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

- [November 1 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works & Zoom\) – Board of Selectmen](#)
- [November 2 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works & Zoom\) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee](#)
- [November 2 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Zoom\) – Conservation Commission](#)
- [November 3 @ 5:30 PM \(Community Building\) – Old Home Days Committee](#)
- [November 4 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Zoom\) – Budget Committee](#)
- [November 8 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works & Zoom\) – Master Planning Task Force](#)
- [November 9 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Zoom\) – Zoning Board of Adjustment](#)
- [November 10 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Zoom\) – Planning Board](#)
- [November 15 @ 3:30 PM \(Town Hall\) – Library Trustees](#)
- [November 15 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works & Zoom\) – Board of Selectmen](#)
- [November 18 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Zoom\) – Budget Committee](#)
- [November 22 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works & Zoom\) – Master Planning Task Force](#)
- [November 30 @ 6:00 PM \(Town Hall & Zoom\) – Energy Committee](#)

- [December 2 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Zoom\) – Budget Committee](#)
- [December 6 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works & Zoom\) – Board of Selectmen](#)
- [December 7 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works & Zoom\) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee](#)
- [December 7 @ 6:30 PM \(Public Works & Zoom\) – Capital Improvement Program Committee](#)
- [December 8 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Zoom\) – Planning Board](#)
- [December 9 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Zoom\) – Budget Committee](#)

COMMUNITY EVENTS

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

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

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Friends of Mascoma

Hello all,

Here are some quick updates from FOM!

Mascoma Builds Community Resilience Project: We had a great discussion during our recent September meeting. We're excited to have the opportunity to participate in and promote trainings that UNH Extension is offering as part of their Building Community Resilience Training and Education Series. There are already a few trainings lined up in October, with more to come. Check out our Facebook page for more details.

We also had the opportunity to dive deep into where this group wants to focus its action and we voted on the top 2 priority areas for this group. The two that had the most votes were:

1. Lack of information around resources, support, activities
2. Social isolation/lack of connection

Now that we've honed in on some priorities, we can start moving forward with next steps. Our next phase will be to develop action plans around the chosen priorities. By the time you are reading this we will have just met on October 28th at 1pm. We are trying out a new time, but not committing to it for 3 months like we have done previously. We may change it up again for November.

In the meantime, here are some ways to stay involved:

- Participate in trainings
- Share trainings with other individuals/organizations you think would be interested
- Invite others to attend meetings/get involved in this project
- Review project materials (including meeting notes) on [Padlet](#)

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Eula at elkozma@friendsofmascoma.org

Mini-grant program: The time to apply for mini-grants is now! Mini-Grants are modest awards that help educators make a positive difference in the learning experience of their students. Mini-grants support, encourage, and facilitate great teaching ideas that would not be possible within the existing school budget. We have seen a lot of mini-grant activity the last few weeks and we hope to finish out the year by giving away all the money we have allocated for this program. We recently funded some exciting online enrichment programs for the Indian River middle school, ordered books on diversity and inclusivity for the elementary schools, provided garlic seed planting kits from our friends at the Cornucopia Project to both elementary schools, and we are supporting a Craftworks program at the middle school in partnership with Gary Wood. We urge teachers and staff to visit this page to learn more and apply now: <http://friendsofmascoma.org/mini-grants>

Food Access: FOM operates two public pantries every week. One is Enfield on Tuesdays from 4pm-6pm at Huse Memorial Park. Our last Tuesday of the year out of Huse Memorial Park will be Tuesday November 16th. You can still catch us on Wednesdays, at our Canaan location behind Canaan Hardware Store also from 4pm-6pm. If you or someone you know is in need, please visit our pantries. We offer a variety of pantry staples, dairy products, baked goods, protein options, and fresh local produce.

FOM Partners with the Mascoma Valley Ecumenical Council for Thanksgiving Boxes: The Friends of Mascoma Foundation will once again partner with the Mascoma Valley Ecumenical Council as a resource provider for their 2021 Thanksgiving Ingathering. Each year area churches, in combination with local youth organizations, hold an Annual Thanksgiving Ingathering. The Council puts together food boxes for members of the community who need some help with their Thanksgiving celebration. FOM is pleased to work with the Ecumenical Council on this event. [Click here](#) for more details and to fill out the sign-up form.

Please fill out the form and return it by Friday, November 12th to:
Community Lutheran Church
Attn: Carol Brudnicki
PO Box 450
Enfield, NH 03748

FOM is Distributing Coats and Warm Clothing: While we will not be hosting our traditional warm clothing/coat drive and distribution event we will still be distributing coats and warm clothing. FOM will make these items available to the public during our Canaan public food pantry hours during October and November on Wednesdays from 4:00pm-6:00pm. All are welcome to stop by 9 On The Common Way, right behind Canaan Hardware Store.



Thank you to past FOM scholarship recipient, [Liam Hemmerling](#), for helping out during last week's public pantry and coat giveaway!

Dartmouth Athletics Military & Front-Line Appreciation

MILITARY & FRONT LINE APPRECIATION

 VS.  MEN'S HOCKEY SAT. NOVEMBER 6 7PM	 VS.  WOMEN'S HOCKEY TUE. NOVEMBER 9 7PM
 VS.  WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TUE. NOVEMBER 9 7PM	 VS.  FOOTBALL SAT. NOVEMBER 13 1:30PM

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<https://www.enfield.nh.us/administration-town-manager/pages/town-newsletter>

Lebanon Landfill Registration

If you haven't already obtained your FREE Lebanon Landfill permit you can still do so. The City of Lebanon has required permits since September 1 for anyone wishing to use the Lebanon Landfill or dispose of items that the Enfield Transfer Station does not accept. This is in addition to the punch card system already in use. The permits are available at no charge on the Lebanon NH Website. Enfield residents may apply online only. For more information visit <https://lebanonnh.gov/1514/Solid-Waste-Permits#residential>

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