

# **TOWN OF ENFIELD E-NEWSLETTER**

## **SEPTEMBER 2020**

### **TOWN MANAGER WELCOME MESSAGE**

Greetings!

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



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](http://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 Ryan Aylesworth, Town Manager, at 603-442-5405 or [raylesworth@enfield.nh.us](mailto:raylesworth@enfield.nh.us), if you have constructive feedback on how the depth and breadth of information provided in the newsletter can be optimized to meet the needs of our residents.

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

## COVID-19 & YOUR TOWN GOVERNMENT

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

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

## GOVERNOR EXTENDS THE "SAFER AT HOME" EMERGENCY ORDER

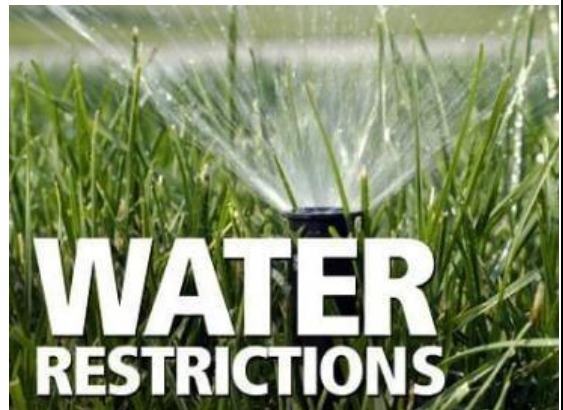
On August 31, 2020, Governor Sununu extended Emergency Order #52. This is an order regarding public health guidance for business operations and advising NH residents that they are safer at home (commonly referred to as the "Safer At Home" order).

A complete copy of the emergency order can be found on the Town's website: <https://www.enfield.nh.us/covid-19-your-town-government/files/governors-emergency-order-66>

## OUTDOOR WATER USE RESTRICTIONS DUE TO DROUGHT

In accordance with RSA 41:11-d, the Board of Selectmen anticipates implementing outdoor water use restrictions as a result of the drought conditions persisting across Grafton County and most of NH.

Although such restrictions would not officially go into effect until Tuesday, September 8, we strongly encourage all residents to begin abiding by the



restrictions immediately in the interest of water conservation.

These restrictions would apply to property owners that are connected to the municipal water system. However, while the restrictions are not being imposed on households with private wells, we strongly encourage everyone to be judicious with their water use as private wells may very well be affected in the near future.

For the duration the restrictions are in place, households on the municipal water system should refrain from engaging in the following activities:

- Watering lawns, gardens, landscaped areas, trees, shrubs and ornamental plants (the watering of vegetables by container is permitted).
- Washing paved surfaces, such as streets, sidewalks, driveways, garages, parking areas, tennis courts and patios.
- Operating water fountains, artificial waterfalls and reflecting pools.
- Washing vehicles.
- Filling and topping off swimming pools or running a sprinkler for children.

Please note that a number of water saving tips are provided on the website: <https://www.enfield.nh.us/water-sewer/files/water-saving-tips-conservation-efficiency-information>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Department of Public Works at 603-632-4605.

## **UPCOMING ELECTION UPDATES FROM THE TOWN MODERATOR**

Dear Enfield Residents,

As we approach the next two elections (September 8 State Primaries and November 3 National Election), there have been some changes that you should be aware of. The Secretary of State and Attorney General's office have made some significant provisions for the next two elections because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic concerns, and there are several options available to you in order to ensure that every person who is eligible to vote may exercise their rights to do so in a safe manner.

September Primary...

### **A. Voting in Person**

- In-person voting will take place at Whitney Hall (23 Main Street) from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 pm
- Masks are required at all points in time per Enfield Mask Ordinance.

Non-compliant voters will face citations and fines.

- Voting traffic will be one-way. Voters will enter through the side door by the stairwell and exit out the front of the building. Voters needing to use the elevator will be able to do so. The greeter at the door will let you in when space upstairs permits.
- A limited number of voters will be allowed upstairs at any given time to maintain social distancing.
- The line will form outside, and not in the narrow, closed-off stairwell. Come appropriately prepared for weather.
- Plan for potential delays in voting.
- Unregistered voters may register the day of an election. You will be directed into the Town Office Lobby. Please wait in the main voting line until your turn. Because of limited capacity in the Town Office, a second line for same day registration might be necessary. For more information on voter registration and to make sure you have the proper documents with you please visit: <https://sos.nh.gov/elections/information/notices/voter-registration-motor-vehicle-law-jointly-issued-faqs/>
- Upon entry you will be given a pen (to keep) and a ballot placemat. This place mat should be used under your ballot on top of the metal tables inside the voting booth. It can double as a privacy guard, but should NOT be sent into the voting machine with your ballot. Placemats will be disposed of in a recycling bin by the voting machine. Each voter is responsible for disposing of their placemat.
- Please make sure to bring a photo I.D. to show to the ballot clerk. If you cannot be identified, the ballot clerk may ask you to momentarily remove your mask. Hand sanitizer is available at each ballot clerk station for this purpose.
- Undeclared voters wishing to return to undeclared may stop by the desk on the way out and declare their intent. Only voters who are undeclared may change back to undeclared.
- Inside the polling location is a "no electioneering zone", this means that voters are NOT permitted to wear any items or articles of clothing with ANY 2020 candidate. This means no buttons, t-shirts, hats, etc. You will be asked to remove or cover-up any propaganda. This is federal law punishable up to \$1,000 fine.
- There will be no public restrooms available and the Library and Town Offices will be closed for business.

For those who have concerns about accessing the polling areas, there are two other voting options you may choose from:

## **B. Absentee Ballots**

- New Hampshire has added a "concern for COVID-19" to the list of

reasons for requesting an absentee ballot. This option is available to everyone.

- Because of the high volume of absentee ballot requests, we do ask that you mail or deliver in person as soon as possible. Ballots must either be mailed or handed directly to the Town Clerk. Do not leave in a drop box.
- The Town clerk's office will be open the Monday before the election (September 7) from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. for absentee ballot drop off.
- 2020 election provisions do allow for "same day" absentee ballot drop off until 5:00 p.m. Those dropping off same day ballots will enter through the Town Office's main door and hand the ballot to the Clerk or assistant moderator stationed at that entrance.
- You can track the status of your absentee ballot at <https://app.sos.nh.gov/Public/AbsenteeBallot.aspx>

### **C. Accessible Voting Outside the Polling Place**

RSA 659:20-a provides that, *"any voter, after appearing at the polling place location prior to the closing of the polls to vote in person, who declares to the moderator under oath that said voter is unable to access a polling place due to disability shall, upon the voter's request, have the required documents delivered to the voter outside the guardrail by the town or ward clerk or one of his or her assistants. The absentee ballot delivered by the town or ward clerk shall be processed using the same procedures as any other absentee ballot except that the cutoff time listed in RSA 657:22 shall not apply."*

- An assistant moderator will be stationed at the main door to the Town Office to assist any voter who wishes to invoke accessible voting outside.
- For 2020, "disability" definition has been expanded to include "concerns of COVID-19 and thus this option is available to any voter
- Ballots cast in this manner will be sealed in an affidavit envelope, and delivered to the moderator and processed like an absentee ballot. However, these ballots will not be trackable via the absentee ballot tracking system

### **TOWN OFFICES CLOSED SEPTEMBER 7 FOR LABOR DAY**

The Enfield Town Clerk will be open from 3:00 – 5:00 PM on September 7 *only* for the purpose of accepting absentee ballots for the September 8, 2020 State Primary.

### **TOWN OFFICES CLOSED DURING SEPTEMBER 8 STATE PRIMARY**

The Enfield Town Offices will be closed on September 8 for regular business.

## **ABSENTEE BALLOT PROCEDURE FOR SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 STATE PRIMARY AND NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION**

The concern for the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a valid reason for voting by Absentee Ballot for the 2020 State Primary and the 2020 General Election.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we want you to know your options for requesting an Absentee Ballot. Although you can still legally request an absentee ballot by mail, given that the primary is only a week away, ***at this time we strongly encourage you to request your ballot in-person (as opposed to by mail) and hand deliver a completed ballot to the Town Clerk.*** Please ***do not*** leave your ***voted*** Absentee Ballot in the drop box at Town Hall – your voted ballot ***MUST*** be handed to the Town Clerk or delivered by mail.

To request an absentee ballot:

- Go to the Town's website at <https://www.enfield.nh.us/town-clerk/pages/voter-registration-elections> and print the form OR call the Town Clerk's Office at 603-632-5001 OR email [townclerk@enfield.nh.us](mailto:townclerk@enfield.nh.us) and ask for an Application for Absentee Ballot.
- **You may request an Absentee Ballot for absence (excluding absence due to residence outside the United States), religious observance, concern for the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), and disability.**
- Check your party registration. You can check your party registration on the State's website here: <https://app.sos.nh.gov/Public/PartyInfo.aspx> Checking before requesting your ballot will avoid potential errors and delays in processing your Application for Absentee Ballot
  - For the September 8 State Primary if you are a registered Republican you must request the Republican Primary Ballot. If you are a registered Democrat you must request a Democratic Primary Ballot. If you are registered as Undeclared you may choose either a Republican or a Democratic ballot, but not both. If you are currently Undeclared and you vote in the State Primary your registered party will change to that party for which you requested a ballot. You can return to Undeclared status following the election. (Please note – You do not need to change your party for the November 3, 2020 General Election as all ballots will be the same regardless of your party registration.)

Remember that the U.S. Post Office is closed on Labor Day, September 7. The Town Clerk will be open September 7<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM to accept Absentee Ballots over the counter. No vehicle registrations will be conducted during this time. **Voted Absentee Ballots must be received by mail no later than 5:00 PM on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> or may be hand delivered from**



**3:00 PM to 5:00 PM on September 7<sup>th</sup>.** Hand delivered ballots cannot be accepted after 5:00 PM on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

If you have questions about the process contact the Town Clerk at 603-632-5001 or [townclerk@enfield.nh.us](mailto:townclerk@enfield.nh.us)

### **NEW ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES (RSA 72:81)**

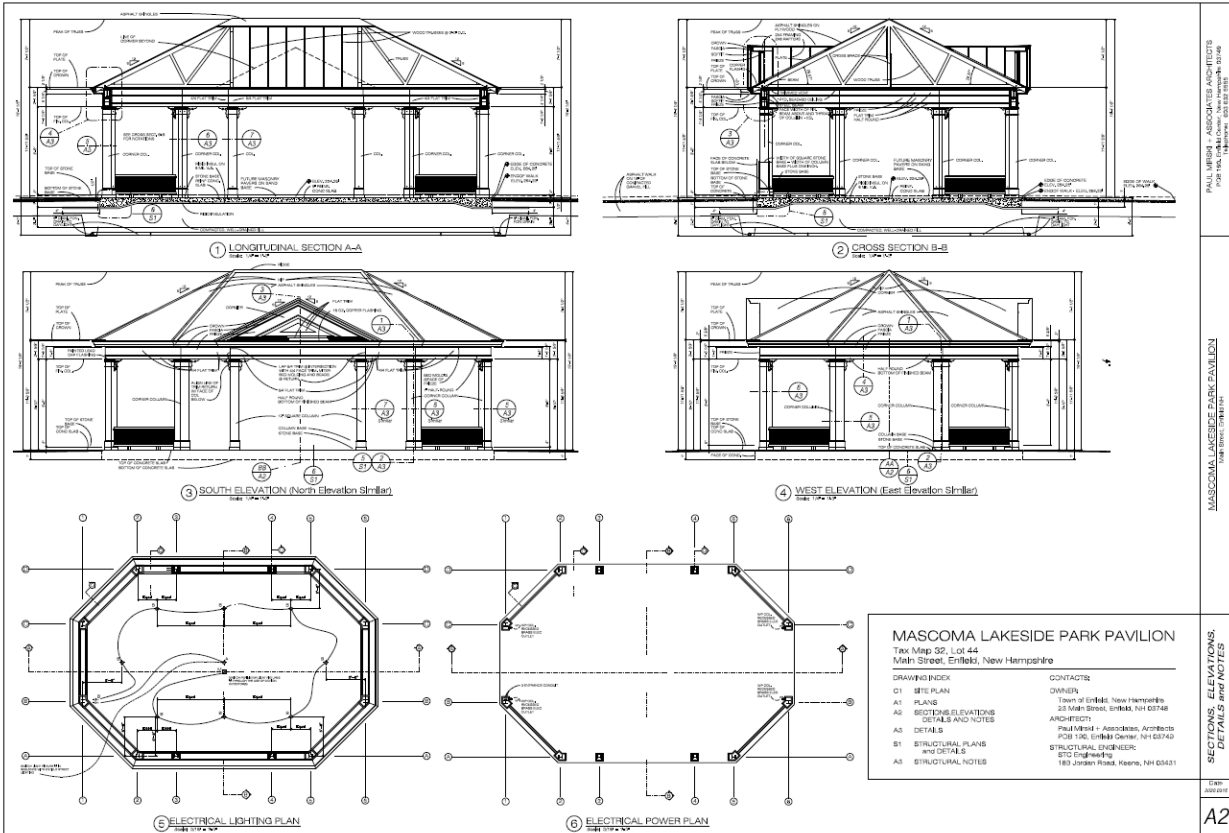
The Town has implemented a new economic development program known as the “Commercial and Industrial Construction Exemption” ([RSA 72:81](#)). This is a new construction property tax exemption for commercial and industrial uses (as defined in [RSA 72:80](#)). The intent of the exemption is to provide incentives to businesses to build, modernize, or enlarge within the Town. The details are as follows: the exemption shall apply only to municipal and local school property taxes assessed by the Town. State education and county taxes are excluded from the exemption. The exemption shall be granted for a maximum of fifty percent (50%) of the increase in assessed value attributable to the improvements, and shall remain in effect for a maximum period of ten (10) years. As adopted by Town Meeting on July 11<sup>th</sup>, the exemption shall apply to all properties within the municipality for which a proper application is filed. The percentage rate and duration of the exemption shall be granted on a case by case basis related to the amount and value of public benefit provided, as determined by the Enfield Selectboard. In order to satisfy the “public benefit requirement” of this program, a minimum of one of the following must be provided: a) enhance economic growth and increase the Town’s tax base; b) creation of needed services or facilities not currently available in the Town; c) redevelop and revitalize commercial or industrial area; d) prevent or eliminate blight; or, e) retain local jobs, increase local job base, and/or provide diversity in the job base. As approved, this exemption program shall remain in effect for a maximum of five (5) tax years.

### **MASCOMA LAKESIDE PARK – PAVILION CONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

We are very excited to report that the site work (which will be performed by Steve Patten Excavating) associated with the construction of the open-air pavilion at Mascoma Lakeside Park will begin in the coming days! We ask for everyone’s patience and understanding during this time as it will likely be necessary to temporarily close down a portion of the parking lot while heavy equipment is being brought onto the site. Once the site work is completed, construction of the pavilion will begin in earnest. In fact, portions of the pavilion’s steel frame have already been assembled off site to help expedite construction once the site work is completed. Upper Valley Building and Remodeling (Sean Lacey, Proprietor) is the general contractor for this

construction project. At this time, we anticipate the project will be fully complete and open to the public by late-November 2020.

The Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee wants to extend its most sincere thanks to Paul Mirski, for the professional architecture and design services he volunteered in support of the project.



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

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

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

You may enclose a check with your completed pledge agreement, but if you'd rather pay later you may do that. Send in your donation when it's convenient, with the words "Mascoma Lakeside Park" clearly noted in the memo field. Or you can choose to wait, and a member of the Mascoma Lakeside Park



Committee will contact you for payment on the date or dates you specify in your pledge. Thank you for your support! This is an incredibly important effort for our community.

ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

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

### **MUNICIPAL FACILITIES EVALUATION PROJECT UPDATES**

The Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee (MFAC) last met on August 31. The conceptual designs/layouts for a renovated and expanded Whitney Hall and new public safety facility are complete, and the MFAC has scheduled a joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen on September 14 to transmit their final report and present its recommendations. The meeting of September 14 is primarily intended to provide the Board of Selectmen an opportunity to understand the committee's recommendations in detail and ask any questions it may have. The Board will subsequently determine, at a later date, what action it wishes to take on the MFAC's recommendations. Numerous public forums and other opportunities for public engagement opportunities will be arranged in the coming months pending the outcome of the Board of Selectmen's deliberations on the committee's recommendations.

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

### **FIREFIGHTERS & EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL RECRUITMENT**

If you are interested in helping to protect and care for people in your community, the Town of Enfield's Fire Department and Ambulance Service welcome the opportunity to talk with you. Both departments are "call" departments and participation requirements are flexible in recognition that members will be juggling other professional or personal obligations. Members are compensated on an hourly basis for time spent in training, responding to calls, or other related activities. Relevant training and certifications (i.e., Firefighter I or II, EMR, EMT, AEMT, Paramedic, etc.) are highly desired, but



formal training can be provided to individuals who are willing to make the commitment.

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

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

## **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

### **Road Paving**

The Town of Enfield reclaimed the following roads in July: Warren and Bud Mill Roads and a section of Shaker Blvd at the NH Route 4A end and a section of Livingstone Lodge Road near Wescott Road. The new road base is being provided a period of time to settle and compact prior to paving. A two-inch base of pavement will then be placed and followed by a one inch wearing course. Paving was delayed due to other projects being concurrently completed by the selected contractor, but we presently anticipate that paving will be applied during the first half of September, with the exception of the Livingstone Lodge Road paving project which will take place in the summer of 2021.

### **Road Grading**

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

### **Roadside Mowing**

The Enfield Highway Department began mowing roadsides and easement areas in mid-August and this will continue into the month of September. This helps keep drainage areas open for flowing water and allows for snow storage. It also improves sight distances making roads safer. Please use caution when approaching and passing the mower tractors as debris sometimes flies out from the mower heads and operator focus is on the ditch lines being mowed. Residents should mark shrubs that they do not want cut.

### **Enfield Water System Consumer Confidence Report**

This report describes The Town of Enfield's drinking water sources and quality,

and programs that protect your water supply. This publication conforms to federal regulations that require water utilities to provide you this information annually. It will help us keep you informed about upcoming federal, state and local policies, regulations and guidelines. The report is available on water/sewer section of the Town Website at the link below. Hard copies are also available at the Public Works Office or by email to [jtaylor@enfield.nh.us](mailto:jtaylor@enfield.nh.us).

[https://www.enfield.nh.us/sites/enfieldnh/files/uploads/ccr\\_2020.pdf](https://www.enfield.nh.us/sites/enfieldnh/files/uploads/ccr_2020.pdf)

### **Enfield Water and Sewer Bills**

Enfield Water and Sewer bills were due August 14, 2020. If you have not paid your bill, please do so as soon as possible to avoid additional penalties and interest.

### **Remote Water/Sewer Meter Reading Touch Pads**

The Town of Enfield has touch pads, connected to the meter with a light gauge communication wire, mounted on the side of the building. The touch pads are installed so the staff member reading individual meters does not need to enter the building in order to get a reading. It is important that these pads and wires do not get damaged. If you plan to paint your building or replace the siding, please take care to gently removed them and set them aside preferably intact. You can also contact the water/sewer department to have the pad removed temporarily while your project is completed.

### **Brush and Yard Waste**

The Enfield Brush and Yard Waste Facility will be open during the business hours of the Transfer Station on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday. Due to COVID-19 concerns deliveries on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday will be by appointment only. Please call the DPW at 632-4605 to make arrangements for delivery. The facility can take clean brush and limbs up to 8" in diameter, as well as 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.

### **Cemeteries**

Cemeteries are open. Please contact the Cemetery Sexton, Bridget Labrie at 802-332-5363 (cell) or email [cemetery@enfield.nh.us](mailto:cemetery@enfield.nh.us) to schedule a burial or to purchase a lot. Please keep all decorations in line with the headstones to allow mowing operations to take place. For additional information about cemetery rules and regulations please visit- <https://www.enfield.nh.us/board->

## **2020 Transfer Station Stickers Available**

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

Enfield Transfer Station stickers also permit you to use the Town beach parking lot on Mascoma Lake (on Route 4A opposite the beach and boat launch) and access to the driveway sand located at the DPW.

## **Enfield Transfer Station Punch Cards**

In an effort to make the Transfer Station more efficient and also respond to deficiencies noted by the New Hampshire Department of Labor the Town of Enfield has implemented a punch card system that will take the place of all transactions by cash or check. Residents can purchase punch cards at the Town Office to be used to pay fees at the Transfer Station. Cards have a face value of \$25.00 and attendants have a hole punch tool that is used to punch the cards for the corresponding amount of the item being disposed of. Each card is broken up into five \$5.00 sections and all of the fee items listed below are also in \$5.00 increments. The Transfer Station attendants accepted cash through the month of October 2019, but this practice was discontinued in November 2019. Checks will continue to be accepted for a period of time to give residents time to get to the Town Office to purchase the punch cards.

### **ENFIELD TRANSFER STATION FEE SCHEDULE (Effective June 3, 2019)**

CFC's (refrigerators, freezers, etc)	\$20	Tires—14" and under, off rim (includes car, lawn tractor, light trailer and wheel barrow tires)	Two for \$5
Computer Component	\$10	Tires—Car/Light Truck, 15"-19", off rim	\$5
Computer Monitor, CPU, Printer	\$20	Tires—Truck, 20" and up, off rim	\$10
Fire Extinguisher	\$10	Tires—Tractor/Equipment, off rim	\$30
Microwave	\$10	Television—Small	\$10
Propane Tank 20#	\$10	Television—Medium	\$15

**Please Use Curbside Trash and Recycling Services**

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

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

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

**Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day** (Updated Flyer PDF)

The next (and final) collection is scheduled for Saturday, October 3 at the Lebanon High School. See the flyer below for information on items accepted. The following rules have been put in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic:

- Put waste in trunk or truck bed
- Stay in vehicle; do NOT get out for any reason
- Only people from participating towns; we will not be collecting money at the collection from anyone
- No waste containers returned
- Wear mask when near people with window on vehicle down
- The survey will be “what town are you from?” only; nothing will be handed out

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

# Household Hazardous Waste

## 2020 COLLECTION DAYS

**NEW Friday  
and Saturday  
Combo Dates**

**WHEN**

**All collections are 9:00 am—Noon**

~~Sat, May 2~~—Lebanon High School—CANCELED DUE TO COVID-19

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

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

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

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

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

### WHAT TO BRING:

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

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



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

For  
information  
contact the



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

**Ammunition and explosives:** State Police at 271-3636.

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

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

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

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

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

**Medicine:** See [www.twinstatesafemeds.com](http://www.twinstatesafemeds.com) for police stations taking meds.

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

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

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

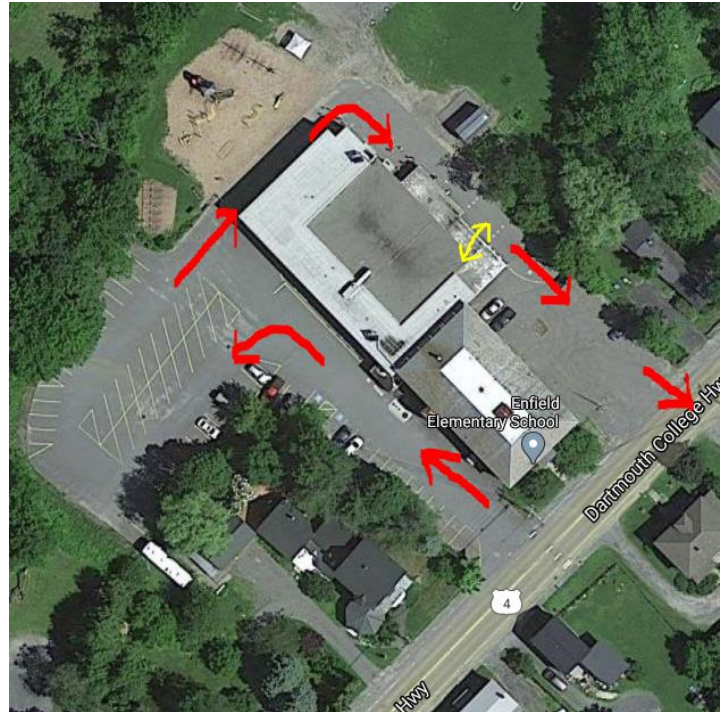
**Used motor oil:** Take to town transfer station or a service station for recycling.

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



## POLICE DEPARTMENT

As we enter September, the Enfield the Police Department would like to welcome students back to the Enfield Village School. It has been a long time since we have had the daily routine of dropping off and picking up school children. Due to COVID-19, the school has changed the direction of travel and the process for pickup and drop off. EVS will be strictly enforcing the no drop off prior to 7:30 AM policy. EVS has provided diagrams of how the traffic pattern will look and can be found on the school webpage and in this newsletter. We will also be putting the pattern on the Facebook page as well. The “Walk with a Cop” program will happen this year, but with some changes. We invite families to park at Huse Park and walk to the school (please wear face masks). Along the way to the school, students will be greeted and welcomed back to school by Enfield First Responders.



Labor Day weekend marks the end of summer for many. The department will be conducting extra patrols with Marine Patrol on and around the lake for the last couple of weekends. Remember alcohol and boating (or driving) do not mix. Please pay attention to parking areas, follow the rules and signage on where and when you can park. If you have a question please check [www.enfield.nh.us](http://www.enfield.nh.us) or call 603-643-2222. We also want to remind everybody of the town fireworks ordinance as the holiday weekend approaches. In Enfield, fireworks are permitted on Friday and Saturday and Labor Day up to 10:30PM. You can find the ordinances for Display of Class B Fireworks at: <https://www.enfield.nh.us/town-manager/files/fireworks-class-b-fireworks-display-ordinance> and Display of Class C Fireworks at: <https://www.enfield.nh.us/town-manager/files/fireworks-class-c-fireworks-display-ordinance>.

The new cruiser has been fully outfitted and is out on patrol. The 2020 Ford Hybrid cruiser is the department's first hybrid vehicle, and we have already noticed a difference in the amount of fuel savings with just this one hybrid vehicle in a short time.

Speed and distracted driving remain the major cause of motor vehicle crashes with injury in Enfield. To combat this, the department will be conducting several enhanced patrols in September. Slow down, stay off your phone and get home safe.

September will also be the start of the New Hampshire hunting season with bear and goose hunting starting on September 1<sup>st</sup>. While hiking or walking in the woods it is a good practice to wear bright orange for the safety of both two- and four-legged friends.

Last, but not least, September will be the last full month that our beloved Paula Rowe will be working. Paula has dedicated more than 30 years to our department and town. She will be missed dearly, and we hope she is very happy in her well-deserved retirement.

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

## **RECREATION**

### **Enfield Recreation**

Shakoma Beach will continue to be SWIM AT OWN RISK for the remainder of the summer and please adhere to the guidelines as printed on the signage to help ensure everyone's safety during the pandemic. Buoy lines and the swim raft were set earlier in the summer. Please remember the beach is a Carry-in, Carry-out trash facility.

Information and Registration for Enfield Recreation opportunities can be found at [www.mvpr.recdesk.com](http://www.mvpr.recdesk.com)

Any questions about Enfield Recreation, please contact Ed Winters, Enfield Recreation Director, at [recreation@enfield.nh.us](mailto:recreation@enfield.nh.us)

### **Mascoma Valley Parks & Recreation**

Summer is winding down, so we encourage our community members to get outside and go for a walk, run or a bike ride while the weather is still good – use the Northern Rail Trail or any of the local hiking/walking trails in the Mascoma Valley. Please follow the social distancing recommendations from the CDC to keep you and other members of the community safe (they are listed at

the end of this Regional Recreation Update). Please refer to each town's website for updated information on public use of parks, town facilities and more.

**Enfield:** [www.enfield.nh.us/](http://www.enfield.nh.us/) **Canaan:** [www.canaannh.org](http://www.canaannh.org)

### **A Message from Kati Jopek, Regional Recreation Coordinator:**

I am transitioning out of the Regional Recreation Coordinator position and I am hoping there is someone in our community who is interested in stepping into the position to take Mascoma Valley Parks & Recreation to a new level!

Recreation is such an important aspect of our lives and it is necessary for children *and* adults. MVPR needs someone with new energy, new ideas and a passion for organizing activities, events or programs that encourage an active and healthy lifestyle.

I have learned so much and enjoyed working in the recreation field, but I am leaving to focus more time, effort and energy into my position with the Army Reserves. The Regional Recreation Coordinator is currently a part-time position, working for the towns of Canaan and Enfield. Major responsibilities include: Summer Theater Camp, Afterschool Ski & Ride, Youth Sports and Youth Sports Camps, Special Events and more. However, the position is not limited to just these activities – there is room for more! If you are interested in the position, please reach out to [mvalleyrec@gmail.com](mailto:mvalleyrec@gmail.com) and/or [raylesworth@enfield.nh.us](http://raylesworth@enfield.nh.us).

### **Mascoma Youth Sports League Update:**

Registration for youth soccer and field hockey is now open and MYSL plans to offer a fall sports season - even if it looks a little different from past seasons!

Please register online through the  
website: <https://mysl3748001.sportssignup.com/site/>

Coaches and assistant coaches are needed at most levels.

### **Youth Sports & COVID-19:**

The MYSL board will follow the youth sports administration and return to play guidance from the State of NH and the NHIAA, and we will also align with decisions made by the Mascoma School District and any recommendations/rules from our town governments.

Other area recreation departments are following the same state and NHIAA guidance, but they will be following recommendations from their own

local leadership. Therefore, youth sports may run and look different depending on the town or school district. **Each community has the same goal: doing what is best for young athletes and their families.**

Vermont recreation departments have made the decision not to play games with teams from NH, therefore there will be no games with Vermont teams this year. At this time, the NH recreation departments have not made the decision on whether or not there will be games with teams from other towns. This decision will be made as we get closer to the start of the season, **but please note, there is a possibility that MYSL teams will not play games with outside teams.**

Our fall sports season will likely be different from past seasons, but with your help, we can still have a great season for our young athletes! There will be no practices before September 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **Continue to Get Outside:**

Please refer to each town's individual website for updated information on park and beach openings. We respectfully ask that you follow the guidelines and rules established at each park and beach to help keep everyone safe!

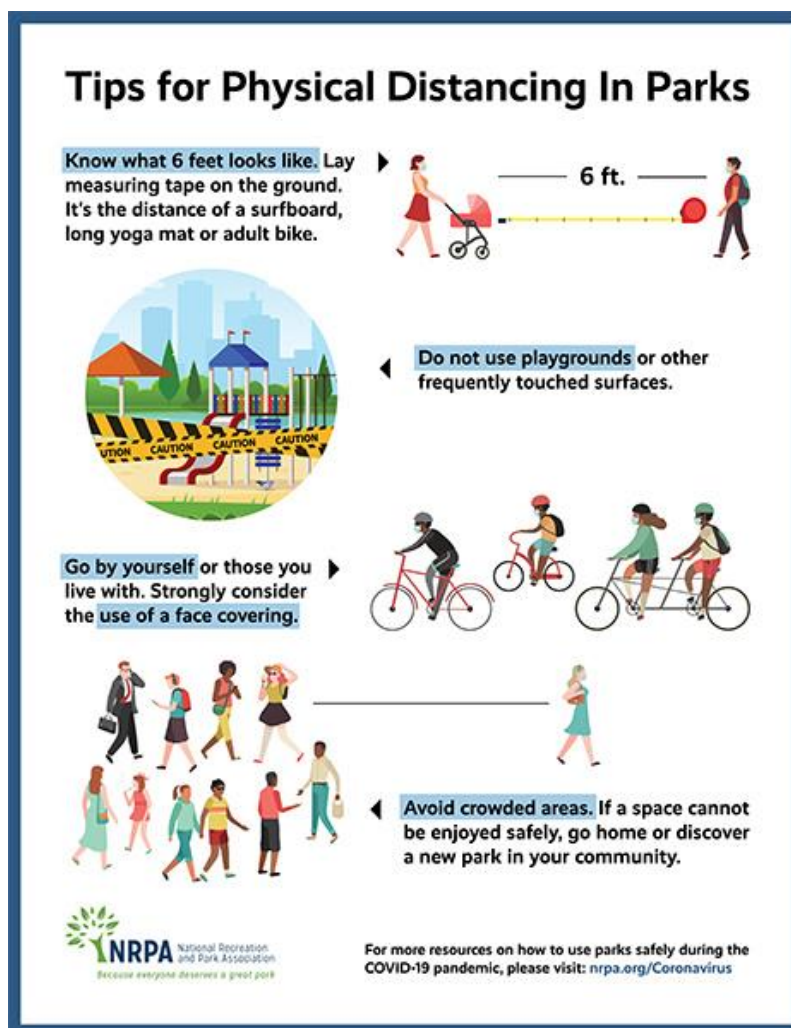
If you decide to head out to a public park, or go for walk/bike/run on a public trail, please follow the recommendations from the National Recreation & Parks Association to help keep you safe on our public trails and in our public parks.



**Recommendations for trail users on observing social distancing minimums:**



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



Stay active, stay safe and stay healthy!

### **Follow MVPR on Facebook**

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



### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

We hope that everyone has been able to enjoy summer with everything going on locally and around the country.

The Enfield Fire Department continues to have a busy year in terms of total call volume. We are currently at 147 calls for service and are on track to have our busiest year in quite some time.

The work on Engine 5's pump is complete. We continue to work on the bid specs for the replacement of Engine 4, which we hope will ultimately be funded primarily by an Assistance to Firefighters grant administered by the federal government. We have looked at a couple of demo trucks and will most likely look at a couple more to give us some more ideas about making the truck as user friendly and cost effective as possible.

Through the Capital Improvement Program (CIP), we have begun replacing our aging portable radios. This will be a three-year project. We have ordered the first round of replacements and due to a current incentive from Motorola, we will save the taxpayers approximately \$9,000. These radios, once they arrive and are put in service, will be a very important equipment upgrade.

School is going to be back in session soon, though not like we are used to. A reminder to everyone to be vigilant and watch for children waiting for the bus or walking to school.

It is extremely dry in NH with most areas in some level of drought. This means



that any fire that occurs is at incredible risk for spreading quickly. Please be very careful with any campfires and make sure they are completely out. Brush burning will be limited and will be largely dependent on current conditions. Please make sure you speak to and obtain a permit from one of the wardens prior to burning. Burn Permits and Information can be found here: <https://www.enfield.nh.us/fire-department/pages/burning-information-permits>

Enjoy the remaining summer days and the transition to fall. Stay safe.

## **LAND USE & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE**

The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) held one hearing in August on the 11<sup>th</sup> for an area variance application for property on Crystal Lake Road. After a presentation by the applicant and some abutter's comments, the hearing was continued to September 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm to allow the ZBA to gather additional information. This Land Use Case is # Z20-08-01. This application is significantly complicated by the fact that work has already been completed by the applicant without permits or approvals from the Town. An "after the fact" application is not recommended by this office. Please contact this office before a project commences. Otherwise you are placing yourself in jeopardy, with the potential the removal of construction work being a possible consequence. The continued ZBA hearing will be held via the Zoom web meeting platform. Login information, a meeting agenda and minutes from all previous meeting are available on the Town's website at: [www.enfield.nh.us](http://www.enfield.nh.us)

The Planning Board (PB) held a hearing on the 12<sup>th</sup> of August for a major site plan review (SPR) application. The applicant in this Land Use case (P20-07-04) is seeking to build an automatic carwash on US Route 4. Because this land use will be a new business on a previously undeveloped lot, the "major" designation for SPR means that all relevant plans must be produced by either a licensed surveyor or a professional engineer. In this case the applicant did not have these plans/ prints ready in time, so the Planning Board voted to continue the hearing to September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. The applicant assured the board that he would have the necessary documents available in time for the proper review by PB members ahead of the "continued" hearing date. Login information, a meeting agenda and minutes from all previous meeting are also available on the Town's website at: [www.enfield.nh.us](http://www.enfield.nh.us)

The real estate market in Enfield continues to be hot. A significant volume of speculation and ideas are being reviewed by this office on a daily basis.

As always, please call the Land Use office with any request. We are eager to help answer all questions and to facilitate the application process for projects.

Our direct line is 603-442-5427 or email us at: [planning@enfield.nh.us](mailto:planning@enfield.nh.us) The Land Use Office summer hours are Monday thru Friday from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm. Due to COVID19 protocols, our office is closed for walk in visitors, however with the proper personal protective equipment (read: masks), appointments can be made for in person meetings or site visits. Have a great September!

## **ENFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Hello everyone and welcome to the beginning of autumn. There will be a lot happening in our communities at the beginning of this month: on September 8<sup>th</sup> school will start, Dartmouth will begin bringing students back, and it is Election Day. All of these things could have a very real impact on our re-opening plan. Our number one concern is still making sure we can keep staff and patrons healthy.

Speaking of Election Day, I believe it is the plan of our Town Moderator to use the front door of Whitney Hall as an exit for people voting in person. Because of this, we will suspend our porch pick-up service on September 8<sup>th</sup> to help that process run smoothly by making sure we don't leave tripping hazards all over the porch.

Now for some welcome news: the State Library plans on re-starting the interlibrary loan service on September 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be new quarantine guidelines we have to follow, so receiving items may take a little longer, but we are glad to be able to offer this service soon.

Finally, we know many people are cleaning out their houses since we are all stuck at home a lot more. We ask that you please not leave boxes of books on the library porch. As you know, our library space is small and already holds a lot of items. In order to allow the public back in, we need to be able to open up as much floor space as we can and our storage space is already maxed out.

In August we put out 127 bags for pickup. We also offer access to electronic books and audiobooks as well as movie streaming. The building may be closed, but library staff are here and ready to answer your questions and offer reading recommendations. Please do not hesitate to reach out!

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

## **OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK**

As was reported last month, we have been actively planning for the September state primary and November general election to help ensure that these two high-volume voting days are conducted in ways that promote public health. A town-wide mailing went out to all households with information on absentee voting procedures. Although there is no longer adequate time for voters to request an absentee ballot by mail and receive it in advance of the September 8 primary, registered voters can still come by Town Hall prior to the primary and cast their ballot by absentee in-person.

We in the Town Clerk's Office are doing our best to meet your needs in the face of COVID-19. We are open again and available during our customary hours of operation Monday through Friday. We have instituted a number of procedures to help minimize people's exposure to one another. We are still strongly encouraging residents to take full advantage of the ability to complete many common transactions online. To review a list of the items you can process online, please visit here: <https://www.enfield.nh.us/home/pages/online-payments>

We will also continue to transact certain business here in Town Hall that cannot be done electronically. This includes things like registering new motor vehicles and generating marriage licenses.

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

## **OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR**

Greetings all! September is a quiet month in the Tax Office, however my responsibilities in the Town Clerk's Office, as your Deputy Town Clerk, have exploded with the upcoming elections! Your patience and understanding during this extremely heavy workload is greatly appreciated. Not only due to the heavy election workload, but also due to the current pandemic, please be advised that making payment of motor vehicle renewals, along with water and sewer billings or taxes, by the use of on line, mail or night drop is strongly encouraged for your safety and ours! I also would like to remind everyone of the Paperless Billing now offered for Taxes, Betterments and Water/Sewer bills. You can sign up online and then you will receive up to 3 email notifications from which you can click a link and pay the bill. Payments made by electronic check online have an additional flat fee of \$0.95. Payments by credit card have an additional fee of 2.95%. To make a payment online, from the home page

click on the online payments button and this will transfer you to a new screen of options. Click on Tax Collector online payments and just follow the instructions from there. (Hint: when searching, use as few words as possible, such as house number and road name. Refrain from using St, Rd, Ave, Lane, etc.) Or just enter your last name and a list of possible answers will show on the right of the screen.

If you need to be walked thru this process, please do not hesitate to contact me. My email address is [whuntley@enfield.nh.us](mailto:whuntley@enfield.nh.us) or to reach me by phone call 603-632-4201 x 5404.

Stay home, stay healthy and remember to wear a mask when out and about and like momma always said, “wash your hands!”



# Cooking Safety

Cooking brings family and friends together, provides an outlet for creativity and can be relaxing. But did you know that cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home injuries? By following a few safety tips you can prevent these fires.

## "COOK WITH CAUTION"

- Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol don't use the stove or stovetop.
- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, boiling, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from your stovetop.

## If you have a small (grease) cooking fire and decide to fight the fire...

- On the stovetop, smother the flames by sliding a lid over the pan and turning off the burner. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.
- For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

## If you have any doubt about fighting a small fire...

- Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.
- Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from outside the home.



## Cooking and Kids

Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet (1 metre) around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

## FACTS

- ❗ The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking.
- ❗ Most cooking fires in the home involve the kitchen stove.



**NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**  
The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards



## **HUMAN SERVICES**

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

### **DHHS (Establishes Emergency Child Care Collaborative)**

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

### **New Hampshire Employment Security**

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

### **Federal Unemployment Benefits**

The enhanced unemployment benefits (\$600 per employee per week) being provided by the state via funds from the Federal CARES Act expired on July 31<sup>st</sup>. At this time legislation is being actively debated in Congress regarding a possible new unemployment benefit level related to COVID-19.

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

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

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

Due to COVID-19, for as long as it is permissible in the State of New Hampshire, Board and Committee meetings will continue to be held via Zoom video conference, with a few exceptions. Meeting notices are included on the calendar on the Town's website at [www.enfield.nh.us](http://www.enfield.nh.us) and specifics on location, including joining the meeting via Zoom, if applicable, will be posted there. Once the need for social distancing has been lifted, meetings will once again be held at a physical location.

- [September 1 @ 7:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Zoning Board of Adjustment](#)
- [September 3 @ 7:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Conservation Commission](#)
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- [September 9 @ 7:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Planning Board](#)
- [September 10 @ 6:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Cemetery Trustees](#)



- [September 14 @ 6:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Joint Meeting of the Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee and Board of Selectmen](#)
- [September 21 @ 6:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Board of Selectmen](#)
- [September 22 @ 6:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Energy Committee](#)
- [September 23 @ 7:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Planning Board](#)
- [September 24 @ 4:30 PM \(via Zoom\) – Heritage Commission](#)
- [September 28 @ 6:30 PM \(via Zoom\) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee](#)
- [October 1 @ 7:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Conservation Commission](#)
- [October 5 @ 6:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Board of Selectmen](#)
- [October 6 @ 3:30 PM \(via Zoom\) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee](#)
- [October 8 @ 6:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Cemetery Trustees](#)
- [October 13 @ 7:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Zoning Board of Adjustment](#)
- [October 14 @ 7:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Planning Board](#)

## **ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING**

Holding Town board and committee meetings using the Zoom video conferencing app has proven to be fairly successful. To join a Zoom meeting simply go to the Town's website at [www.enfield.nh.us](http://www.enfield.nh.us), find the meeting you want to attend on the calendar on the home page, click on the meeting heading and it will open up with all of the details. Simply click on the Zoom meeting link and it will open a video window. (You may need to download the Zoom app, but it won't take long.) You can also join with audio only by calling one of the numbers provided. Join us at one of our upcoming Zoom meetings. All meetings listed above are linked to the official posting on the Town's website where you will find Zoom meeting information. When a meeting begins, if you have problems connecting simply call the local number provided for assistance.

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

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

Do you have a Community Event to share? Send all of the particulars, and a

digital photo or poster to [abonnette@enfield.nh.us](mailto:abonnette@enfield.nh.us) and we'll post it for you.

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

### A WEBSITE TIP: MEETING CALENDAR & UPCOMING MEETINGS FEATURE

On our Home Page at [www.enfield.nh.us](http://www.enfield.nh.us), on the left, you'll find a Calendar of Town board and committee meetings as well as a short list of Upcoming Meetings. Depending on your monitor, you may have to scroll down just a bit. Three "Upcoming Meetings" are listed (see below for more information on this limitation). Click the meeting heading under Upcoming Meetings for more details or hover your cursor over another date to bring up a pop-up window of what's scheduled for that day, such as the Planning Board Meeting on May 27<sup>th</sup>.

The screenshot shows the Enfield NH website interface. At the top right, there is a red banner for "COVID-19 & Your Town G". Below it, there are buttons for "News" and "Enfield Project". The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column features a calendar for May 2020. The calendar has a header with the month "May" and navigation arrows. The days of the week are listed as S, M, T, W, T, F, S. The dates are arranged in a grid. A pop-up window is visible over the date May 27, showing a "Planning Board Meeting" at 7:00pm. Below the calendar, there is a section titled "Upcoming Meetings" which lists three meetings: "Board of Selectmen Meeting" (May 18, 2020 - 6:00pm), "Budget Committee / Board of Selectmen Joint Meeting" (May 19, 2020 - 7:00pm), and "Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee Meeting" (May 21, 2020 - 3:30pm). A link "All upcoming events" is at the bottom of this list. The right column contains a "Sorry EVENT CANCELLED" graphic and an "OFFICIAL NOTICE" section stating "Due to the current ongo will be postponed..."

May						
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**Upcoming Meetings**

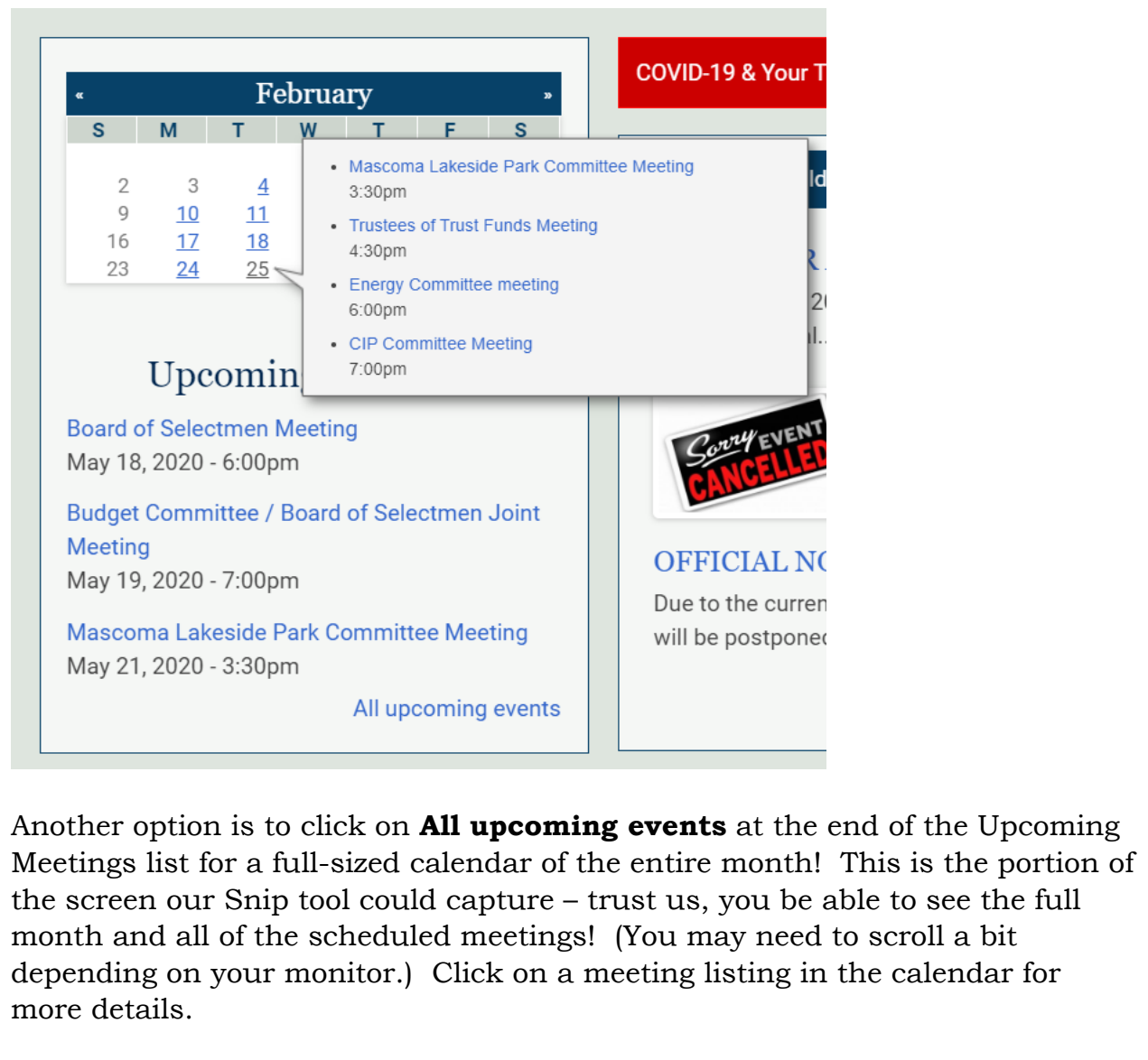
- Board of Selectmen Meeting**  
May 18, 2020 - 6:00pm
- Budget Committee / Board of Selectmen Joint Meeting**  
May 19, 2020 - 7:00pm
- Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee Meeting**  
May 21, 2020 - 3:30pm

[All upcoming events](#)

**OFFICIAL NOTICE**  
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One of the few drawbacks to our website is that only three meetings will be listed under **Upcoming Meetings**. As an example, here's the February 2020 calendar. (Note the listed Upcoming Meetings are from May 2020 because that's when this Tip was created.) On February 25, 2020 only three meetings would have been listed under Upcoming Meetings but by hovering your cursor

over the date you can see all four meetings for that day. In the pop-up window, simply click the committee meeting heading of interest for more details.



The screenshot shows a website interface with a calendar for February and a list of upcoming events. A pop-up window displays four meetings for a specific date.

**February Calendar:**

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23	24					

**Upcoming Events:**

- Board of Selectmen Meeting  
May 18, 2020 - 6:00pm
- Budget Committee / Board of Selectmen Joint Meeting  
May 19, 2020 - 7:00pm
- Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee Meeting  
May 21, 2020 - 3:30pm

[All upcoming events](#)

**COVID-19 & Your T**

**Sorry EVENT CANCELLED**

**OFFICIAL NO**

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The pop-up window shows the following meetings for a specific date:

- Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee Meeting  
3:30pm
- Trustees of Trust Funds Meeting  
4:30pm
- Energy Committee meeting  
6:00pm
- CIP Committee Meeting  
7:00pm

Another option is to click on **All upcoming events** at the end of the Upcoming Meetings list for a full-sized calendar of the entire month! This is the portion of the screen our Snip tool could capture – trust us, you be able to see the full month and all of the scheduled meetings! (You may need to scroll a bit depending on your monitor.) Click on a meeting listing in the calendar for more details.

## Calendar

Month Week Day Year List

May 2020

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Filter by Type:

- Any -

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Board of Selectmen Meeting 6:00pm	5 Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee Meeting 3:30pm	6 Old Home Days Committee Meeting 5:30pm	7 Conservation Commission Meeting - CANCELED 7:00pm	8	9
10	11 Library Trustees Meeting - CANCELED 5:30pm Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee Meeting 6:30pm	12 Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting 7:00pm	13 Planning Board Meeting 7:00pm	14 Cemetery Trustees Meeting 6:00pm	15	16 Green Up Day 9:00am to 12:00pm
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24	25 Enfield Town Offices & Library Cl	26 Energy Committee meeting	27 Planning Board Meeting	28 Heritage Commission Meeting	29	30

## HISTORIC ENFIELD VILLAGE – MAIN STREET WALKING TOUR

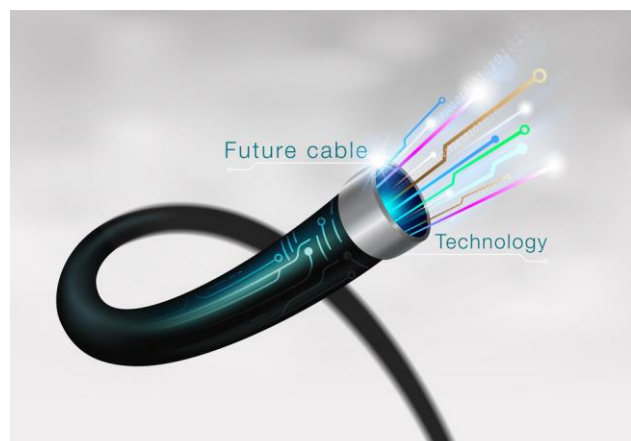
COVID-19 has impacted our daily lives in a number of ways, including limiting many leisure activities that residents commonly engage in. If you are looking for an activity that is both fun and informative, we encourage you to complete a Main Street walking tour as outlined in this brochure produced by the Enfield Village Association:

[https://www.enfield.nh.us/sites/enfieldnh/files/uploads/downtown\\_enfield\\_walking\\_tour\\_brochure.pdf](https://www.enfield.nh.us/sites/enfieldnh/files/uploads/downtown_enfield_walking_tour_brochure.pdf)

## HIGH-SPEED/FIBER OPTIC CABLE INTERNET ACCESS

In recent months, an ad hoc committee comprised of local residents with interest and expertise in the telecommunications industry has been formed to identify and advance ways in which access to high-speed internet can be improved in the Town of Enfield. The Land Use & Community Development Administrator is serving as the staff lead on this effort. Although the NH FastRoads initiative resulted in a major build-out of

“middle mile” fiber optic cable throughout a majority of public roads in Enfield several years ago, the current owner of the fiber optic infrastructure (FirstLight)



has signaled a lack of interest or willingness to connect new residential customers. Improving residential access to high-speed internet is essential for the Town of Enfield as it will help us attract and retain residents. The working group is exploring a variety of possible solutions, some of which may involve state or federal legislative action.

Interested in learning more about this effort? Contact Rob Taylor, Land Use & Community Development Administrator, at 603-442-5427 or [planning@enfield.nh.us](mailto:planning@enfield.nh.us).

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

Many receiving this e-newsletter have already done so, but for those who get the link from other sources, we encourage you to subscribe to News & Alerts on our Town website. <https://www.enfield.nh.us/subscribe>

Enter your email address. For general News & Announcements, which includes notice of this newsletter) check the box for **Town News & Announcements**. Check boxes for any other information you want to receive directly to your email address, such as meeting agendas or minutes. Check the box **I'm not a robot**, then click "Subscribe Me." It's as easy as that.

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

## **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

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

- *Check faucets and pipes for leaks.* A small drip from a worn faucet washer can waste 20 gallons of water per day. Larger leaks can waste hundreds of gallons.
- *Check your toilets for leaks.* Put a little food coloring in your toilet tank. If, without flushing, the color begins to appear in the bowl within 30 minutes, you have a leak that should be repaired immediately. Most replacement parts are inexpensive and easy to install.
- *Use your water meter to check for hidden water leaks.* Read the house water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter does not read exactly the same, there is a leak.

- *Install water-saving shower heads and low-flow faucet aerators.* Inexpensive water-saving low-flow shower heads or restrictors are easy for the homeowner to install. Long, hot showers can use five to ten gallons every unneeded minute. "Low-flow" means it uses less than 2.5 gallons per minute (gpm). Also, all household faucets should be fit with low-flow aerators. 2.5 gpm may be needed in a kitchen sink but bathroom faucets and other water outlets should be 1.5 gpm or lower. Check gpm rating on packaging to be sure the advertised "low-flow" is at or below these levels. This single best home water conservation method is also the least expensive!
- *Insulate your water pipes.* It's easy and inexpensive to insulate your water pipes with pre-slit foam pipe insulation. You'll get hot water faster plus avoid wasting water while it heats up.
- *Take shorter showers.* One way to cut down on water use is to turn off the shower after soaping up, then turn it back on to rinse. A four-minute shower uses approximately 20 to 40 gallons of water. Limit your showers to the time it takes to soap up, wash down and rinse off.
- *Turn off the water after you wet your toothbrush.* There is no need to keep the water running while brushing your teeth. Just wet your brush and fill a glass for mouth rinsing.
- *Rinse your razor in the sink.* Fill the sink with a few inches of warm water. This will rinse your razor just as well as running water, with far less waste of water.
- *Use your dishwasher and clothes washer for only full loads.* Automatic dishwashers and clothes washers should be fully loaded for optimum water conservation. Most makers of dishwashing soap recommend not pre-rinsing dishes which is a big water savings. With clothes washers, avoid the permanent press cycle, which uses an added 20 liters (5 gallons) for the extra rinse. For partial loads, adjust water levels to match the size of the load. Replace old clothes washers. New Energy Star rated washers use 35 - 50% less water and 50% less energy per load. If you're in the market for a new clothes washer, consider buying a water-saving frontload washer.
- *Keep a bottle of drinking water in the fridge.* Running tap water to cool it off for drinking water is wasteful. Store drinking water in the fridge in a safe drinking bottle.

### **How to Improve Recycling**

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

It is Casella's stated goal to not only invest in recycling technology to improve



its outbound materials, but to also educate its customers to do their part to ensure the sustainability of recycling. Consumers, businesses, and municipalities alike must learn to Recycle Better for cleaner, less contaminated material to be delivered to Casella facilities. We encourage you to share this video with your friends, family, and colleagues. The video can be accessed here:

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

## The “Don’t” of Recycling



**KEEP THESE ITEMS OUT  
OF ZERO-SORT® RECYCLING**



**NO Plastic Bags or Bagged Recycling**

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



**NO Coated Paper Items**

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



### NO Disposable Items

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



**NO Toys, Hangers, Clothes or Shoes**

(Gently used items can be donated)



## NO Waste or Wood

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



**NO Plastic Wrap, Films or Tarps**

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



**NO Hazardous Materials**

(Check for alternative recycling)



**NO Rubber or Scrap Metal**

(Check for alternative recycling)



**NO Medical Waste**

(Find safe and secure disposal near you)



**NO Ceramics, Pots, Pans or Baking Glass**

(Gently used items can be donated)



**NO Electronics, Lithium Batteries or Bulbs**

(Check for alternative recycling)

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

## PROPERTY RECORDS AND MAPS

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

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

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

[http://www.enfield.nh.us/sites/enfieldnh/files/uploads/membershipapp\\_0.pdf](http://www.enfield.nh.us/sites/enfieldnh/files/uploads/membershipapp_0.pdf)

Do you love our wide selection of recreation programs for children and adults alike? Then join our **Recreation Commission!** We currently have four openings. This group works with the Enfield Recreation Director to develop a wide variety of recreation programs for residents of all ages. The Recreation Commission meets the third Tuesday of each month (meetings typically take place in the Whitney Hall conference room in the Enfield Town Offices, but these meetings are being postponed due to COVID-19). You can see what the committee has been up to on their webpage here:

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

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

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

Release your inner party planner! Join our **Old Home Days Committee!** Many hands make light work! This group organizes our annual Old Home Days Celebration which takes place the last full weekend of July. The Old

Home Days Committee meets the first Wednesday of each month from February – July at 5:30 PM, with a couple of additional meetings in June and July as needed to prepare for the festivities.

Regrettably, we have canceled 2020 activities due to COVID-19, but the Committee looks forward to planning events for a 2021 celebration.

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

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

And check out the Enfield Old Home Days Facebook page!

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



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- **Click the "Send My Request" navigation button at the bottom of the page**