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Photo by Cedrick Elkouh

# Welcome Message



Greetings!

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

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

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

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

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

Find us at www.enfield.nh.us and Facebook!



# A Message from Enfield's Town Manager

I hope everyone had a good summer. I know my summer here in Enfield has been very enjoyable with all the events and outdoor recreation to be had. My wife and I had the opportunity to attend the Enfield Market, concerts at the Stone Mill, the Enfield Family Fair, and many other great events held here in Enfield. On August 30<sup>th</sup> I was honored to attend a UNH Extension event celebrating the Master Gardner program and highlighting the work of our own Master Gardner Pattie Fried at the Mascoma Lakeside Park. I was again reminded of the



generous donations of the volunteers, residents, and businesses of Enfield and our surrounding communities. Pattie and the other volunteers of the Mascoma Lakeside Park have worked tirelessly to develop a wonderful asset to share with the residents and visitors of Enfield. As this park continues to develop, it will continue to grow as a wonderful venue and focal piece of our community.

The Town continues to move forward with many projects. The water and sewer line replacement final designs are nearing completion, and we plan on working with our engineers to complete the process of choosing a contractor with the plan of completing construction during the summer of 2023. The Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee (MFAC) Design Team is nearing the end of our search for a design/build contractor for the Town's new public safety building, which we hope to finalize before the end of September. I continue to work with USDA on financing and organizing the process of finding a design/build contractor for the Whitney Hall project. Our tentative timeline is to complete the new public safety building in 2023 and the Whitney Hall renovation and expansion in 2024. I would like to thank the dedication and effort of the volunteers on the MFAC Design Team for the work they have put in during this process.

As school has now started, I hope everyone enjoys the last few weeks of summer. Remember to get out and enjoy the lakes, trails, parks, and other outdoor activities as we head into autumn. Over the next month the Town of Enfield and Enfield organizations will be hosting many harvest and autumn type events. This year, Old Home Days has been moved from summer to the first weekend of autumn, September 23 - 25. I encourage everyone to get out and enjoy the festivities of this weekend and invite your friends and family from near and far to help us celebrate the past, present and future of this wonderful town.

Ed Morris Town Manager

# **Special News Items**

# **Holiday Hours**

- All town offices & the Enfield Public Library will be closed Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup> for Labor Day.
- Curbside collection of rubbish and zero-sort recycling will be delayed one day for all routes.
- As a result of the holiday, the meeting of the Selectboard is delayed one day to <u>Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup></u> at 6:00 PM at the Public Works Facility.

# **NH State Primary – Notice to Voters**

The State Primary Voting will be held at the

Enfield Community Building, 308 US Route 4
Tuesday, September 13, 2022
8:00 AM – 7:00 PM

For the nomination of Candidates for the following Offices:

Governor
Unites States Senator
Representative in Congress
Executive Councilor
State Senator
County Officer

State Representative Delegate to the Republican State Convention (Election)

#### **Sample Ballots follow**

#### **Enfield Voter Information**

Using a template from the New Hampshire Campaign for Voting Rights, "a non-partisan coalition of organizations in New Hampshire working to ensure and protect the right to vote for every Granite Stater", our Town Clerk prepared a two-page informational sheet of Enfield Voter Information that provides details on both the Local and State levels:

- How to Register to Vote
- How to Vote
- Election information
- Election Official Contact Information

We think you might find this useful. **Check it out! Enfield Voter Information** 

You can also find other information on the Town Clerk's Voter Registration / Elections web page.

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- To vote, fill in the oval (s) 
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- To write-in a person not on the ballot, write the name on the line provided for the office and fill in the

# OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR **ENFIELD** REPUBLICAN



oval opposite the write-in line,	STATE PRIMARY ELECTION September 13, 2022	SAMPLE
For Governor  Vote for not more than 1	For Executive Councilor Vote for not more than 1	For County Treasurer Vote for not more than 1
Richard A. McMenamon II	Kim Strathdee	WRITE-IN O
Thaddeus P. Riley	Harold F. French	For Register of Deeds
Chris Sununu	WRITE-IN O	Vote for not more than 1
Karen Testerman	For State Senator	John H. Randlett
Julian M. Acciard	Vote for not more than 1	WRITE-IN
Jay Lewis	John McIntyre	For Register of Probate
WRITE-IN	WRITE-IN O	Vote for not more than 1
For United States Senator Vote for not more than 1	For State Representative Grafton District 16	Paul Ingbretson O
Kevin H. Smith	Vote for not more than 1	WRITE-IN C
Gerard Beloin		For County Commissioner Vote for not more than 1
John Berman	WRITE-IN O	
Donald C. Bolduc	For State Representative Grafton District 18	WRITE-IN O
Bruce Fenton	Vote for not more than 1	For Delegate to the State Convention
Dennis Lamare	Andrew Ware	Grafton District 16
Edmond Laplante, Jr.	John Sellers	Vote for not more than 1
Vikram Mansharamani	WRITE-IN	WRITE-IN O
Andy Martin	For Sheriff	
Chuck Morse	Vote for not more than 1	For Delegate to the State Convention
Tejasinha Sivalingam	WRITE-IN	Grafton District 18
WRITE-IN	For County Attorney	Vote for not more than 1
For Representative in Congress	Vote for not more than 1	Sheila Tripodi
Vote for not more than 1	WRITE-IN O	WRITE-IN WRITE-IN
Robert Burns		
Michael Callis		
George Hansel		
Jay Mercer		
Dean A. Poirier		/
Lily Tang Williams		
Scott Black		
WRITE-IN WRITE-IN		

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS  To vote, fill in the oval (s) opposite your choice (s) like this  To write-in a person not on the ballot, write the name on the line provided for the office and fill in the oval opposite the write-in line, like this	OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR ENFIELD DEMOCRATIC STATE PRIMARY ELECTION September 13, 2022	SAMPLE	
For Governor Vote for not more than 1	For State Senator Vote for not more than 1	For County Treasurer  Vote for not more than 1	
Tom Sherman	Suzanne M. Prentiss	Karen Liot Hill	
WRITE-IN	WRITE-IN O	WRITE-IN -	
For United States Senator Vote for not more than 1	For State Representative Grafton District 16 Vote for not more than 1	For Register of Deeds Vote for not more than 1  Kelley Jean Monahan	
Paul J. Krautmann  John Riggieri	Joshua Adjutant		
Maggie Hassan	WRITE-IN	WRITE-IN C	
WRITE-IN		For Register of Probate  Vote for not more than 1	
For Representative in Congress Vote for not more than 1	For State Representative Grafton District 18 Vote for not more than 1	WRITE-IN O	
Ann McLane Kuster	Carolyn Fluehr-Lobban	For County Commissioner  Vote for not more than 1	
WRITE-IN	WRITE-IN	Wendy A. Piper	
For Executive Councilor Vote for not more than 1	For Sheriff Vote for not more than 1	WRITE-IN O	
Cinde Warmington	Jeffrey F. Stiegler		
Michael J. Cryans	WRITE-IN		
Bradford P. Todd  WRITE-IN	For County Attorney Vote for not more than 1		
	Martha Ann Hornick	•	
	WRITE-IN		

# **2023 Municipal Calendar News**

With a bit of a late start this year, we'd like to announce both the annual municipal calendar photo contest and available advertising space in the calendar!

#### **Photo Contest Rules**

To summarize, we'll accept photos from members of the Enfield community, including individuals who live in or own property in Enfield or business owners who have their primary place of business in Enfield.

Limit twenty (20) photos per person.

Subject matter is important! Be sure your photos are about Enfield: placed in Enfield, people from Enfield (doing something truly amazing if they aren't in Enfield when the photo was taken) or events that have taken place in Enfield.

Photos must be received by Thursday, September 29, 2022.

For the complete rules and guidelines on photo submission visit: <a href="https://www.enfield.nh.us/administration-town-manager/files/2023-municipal-calendar-photo-contest-rules">https://www.enfield.nh.us/administration-town-manager/files/2023-municipal-calendar-photo-contest-rules</a>

#### **Advertise**



Rates will remain the same as last year. We'll sell advertising space to Enfield businesses and organizations. Space will be sold on a first come first served basis through September 9<sup>th</sup>. Beginning September 12<sup>th</sup> we'll have someone contacting local businesses, so if you want your ad in our 2023 calendar don't hesitate! The opportunity to advertising will open up for businesses and organizations outside of Enfield on September 26<sup>th</sup> if there is any

remaining space available. The deadline to submit ads and payment is Thursday, September 29, 2022. For more complete information check out our <u>complete announcement</u>.

# **Department & Committee Reports**

# **Building Inspector/Health Officer**

During the current drought, the Health Officer has recently answered several questions from residents concerned about their private well water supply. Enfield is currently listed by USDA and NOAA as experiencing a moderate drought. The National Weather Service expects drought conditions to persist for at least the month of September. In New Hampshire well water contractors are required to be licensed by the state. Here is a link for those residents interested in contacting a licensed well contractor and for those concerned about their private well water supply and quality: <a href="FAQs">FAQs</a> | NH Department of Environmental Services</a>

46% of homes in the state receive their drinking water from private wells. Residents might want to know that private well water for residential use is not required by the state to be regularly tested for

contaminants, and there are currently no state limits for contaminants in private well water. The federal EPA regulates the testing and treatment of contaminants in public drinking water, including water supplied by the Enfield Water System, and those regulations should be used by homeowners and perspective home buyers as guidelines for the quality of their private well water.

New private wells and existing wells that have recently undergone work are highly recommended for upto-date testing of their water quality. The NH Department of Environmental Services recommends routine testing every 3-5 years for drilled wells and annually for dug wells. Dug wells are shallow and prone to contamination from fecal bacteria, and harmful nitrate and nitrite from fertilizers. It is also recommended that drilled wells be tested after any blasting explosives are used during excavation activities in the area in vicinity of the well.

Bottles for testing by an accredited laboratory can be obtained by contacting the labs on the following list. The nearest lab is located in Lebanon, NH. Here is a link to the information: <a href="https://attendee.gototraining.com/materials/download.tmpl?material=4604843070799979010">https://attendee.gototraining.com/materials/download.tmpl?material=4604843070799979010</a>

For more information view the following brochure, and visit the NH DES website. https://attendee.gototraining.com/materials/download.tmpl?material=9158561736857402370

# **Cemetery Department**

Burials can now be scheduled, please contact Bridget at <a href="mailto:cemetery@enfield.nh.us">cemetery@enfield.nh.us</a>

**Reminder:** any items put near gravestones must be in line with the stone and only potted plants are allowed (no planting in the ground).

The Trustees next meeting is on September 8<sup>th</sup> at the Town Office conference room, 23 Main Street. As always please contact Bridget Labrie, Cemetery Sexton, with any questions at <a href="mailto:cemetery@enfield.nh.us">cemetery@enfield.nh.us</a>

# **Enfield Public Library**



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23 Main Street / Enfield, New Hampshire 03748 / 603-632-7145

#### **Back to School**

Welcome to back-to-school season! Looking for library books and movies on the topic? We've got you covered with a new <u>browse category</u> on our Aspen discover agent.



#### What's New at the Library?

Browse <u>New Fiction</u>, <u>New Non-Fiction</u>, and more on our Aspen Discovery home page. Find out the details on Borrowing, <u>Resources</u>, <u>Programs</u>, <u>contact information</u>, and our <u>Calendar</u> too!

Get the latest acquisitions in your email inbox each Wednesday with a Wowbrary newsletter subscription.

#### Writing Workshop with Joni B. Cole September 13, 12:30 pm

Come one, come all! Join author and writing teacher Joni B. Cole as she shares insights from her new release <u>Good Naked: How to Write More, Write Better, and Be Happier</u>. A seasoned workshop leader in MFA programs and writing conferences across the country, Joni will lead participants in an interactive workshop that invites you to write from a "prompt" and see what happens. Expect to share your writing aloud for verbal responses, insights, and appreciation. RSVP requested: <a href="mailto:librarian2@enfield.nh.us">librarian2@enfield.nh.us</a>.



#### **Story Time!**

Join Miss Kate for Story Time at the Huse Park Pavilion every Wednesday at 10 am for stories, songs, and lots of fun.

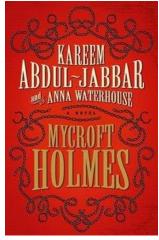
#### **Library Groups**

Knitters' Group gathers every Tuesday from 10:30 – noon. Bring your fiber project and join in.





We have two **book groups** at the library. The next Mystery Lovers Group meets September 8 at 2 and 6 pm, reading <u>Mycroft Holmes</u>; the next EPL Book Group meets September 29 at 6:30 pm, reading <u>All</u> <u>Systems Red</u>.





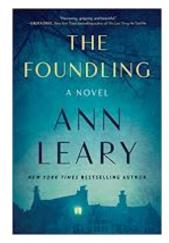
#### **Recommended Reading**

*The Foundling*, by Ann Leary

Ann Leary's latest novel reminds us how far society has come in 100 years and how far it has yet to go.

The inspiration for the book was Leary's discovering that in the 1920's, her own grandmother worked as a stenographer at an institution that was part of the eugenics movement. Women who were deemed "feebleminded" were held at this work farm while they were of childbearing age so they would not pass on their traits. Shocking by today's standards, such ideas were commonplace then.

The story takes time to develop but works itself up to a thrilling and satisfying conclusion. Leary does a great job showing how a young person could be taken in by an institution she trusts and an authority figure she admires. It should serve as a reminder that those in power may be looking out for themselves more than those they are charged to help and protect.



#### **Library Hours**

We're open Tuesdays until 7 pm, same as the town offices. Come on up!

Monday 9:00 am-5:00 pm Tuesday 9:00 am-7:00 pm Wednesday: 9:00 am-5:00 pm Thursday: 11:00 am-7:00 pm

Friday: closed

Saturday: 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Sunday: closed

# **Fire Department News**

The Enfield Fire Department is pleased to announce that our new Engine 1 is in service. On August 26<sup>th</sup> we held a "Push in "ceremony to place it in service. Thank you to all that attended and to all that have worked on making it ready.





We are also holding a "Name the Bear" as our new mascot for Engine 1, kids under 12 in attendance on Friday and those we will help walk to the first day of school August 30 can submit their suggestions. The winner will receive a ride to school in Engine 1 at a later date.



Phil Neily EFD Chief

# Heritage Commission -- "Know Your Town"

"Know your Town" is presented by the Enfield Heritage Commission. Each month we bring you a bit of insight into the origins of street names or places you see every day and more. Check out "Know your Town" features from <u>past issues!</u>

In the June 2022 installment of "Know Your Town" in this newsletter, we mentioned Enfield's application to become a "Certified Local Government" and the creation of the "Enfield Center Triangle" historic district. CLG status will make it possible for Enfield's Heritage Commission to receive additional grants and federal funds for historic preservation.

In subsequent issues of the Enfield newsletter, we will look at the three buildings that make up the Enfield Center Triangle: the Town House (<u>August Issue</u>), Union Church (<u>July issue</u>) and the Enfield Center Schoolhouse.

Today, Enfield Center has changed greatly since its busy days as the heart of Enfield's commercial activity. While Proctor's and the post office are linchpins in the lives of Enfield residents on that side of our town, for many people, Enfield Center is little more than a cluster of buildings they pass through on the way to somewhere else.

Yet three buildings in that cluster—the Enfield Center Triangle—are some of the most historically significant in our town. All are reminders of Enfield Center's role in the early days of the town's history. And all have roles to play in Enfield's future.

#### The Enfield Center School House

#### By John Carr

The schoolhouse at Enfield Center was born of the community's need for larger and more convenient educational facilities for the area's growing number of children. Constructed in 1851, it is believed to have replaced an earlier one-room school building located on Goodhue Hill; the new site offered a convenient location on the Fourth New Hampshire Turnpike, now Route 4.

The Enfield Center structure, which is a two-room type of schoolhouse, was large enough to accommodate the fifty or more pupils in Enfield Center at that time. The first class was opened for the winter term of 1851. Like most schools of the 1800s, it was not graded, with students progressing according to their speed and ability. Grading was not introduced until 1900.

In the town report of 1867, the school was referred to as "District Number 11". The school report of 1881 said that "the schoolhouse has been repaired and supplied with the most approved furniture as evidence that the comfort and health of the pupils is of more importance to the parents than the accumulation of filthy lucre". At a cost of \$35, a cupola was added in 1900 to act as a ventilator and make the structure more attractive. Later, a bell operated by a rope threaded through the two floors was installed in the cupola; it remains there today.

Originally the school's entrance was located in the center front of the building. Around 1908 the entrance was moved to the building's right front corner, creating an extra-large closet for pupils to hang their outer clothing as well as shelves for book and supply storage. However, this change reduced access to the upper-level room to a single staircase. A woodshed off the downstairs entry hall had an outer wood box with a hinged cover that made it easy to pull wood through to replenish the stove.

In 1921 the schoolhouse was remodeled to conform to New Hampshire State Department plans; most of the work was of a sanitary mature. By 1941, however, there were only twenty registered students and the upstairs room was closed. In 1942, enrollment had shrunk to thirteen pupils, although it increased to twenty again in 1943.

By 1946 there were only twelve students registered for grades one through four, since the other grades had been transferred to the new village school in North Enfield. Following the fall classes of 1946, all Enfield Center pupils were transferred to the new village school

In 1947 the Earnest Workers, a women's club, bought the building from the Town of Enfield for \$500. The organization remodeled the downstairs into one large room and added a small kitchen to the back of the building. A well was dug in the yard to pipe water to the kitchen. However, the water would not pass a state water test and the kitchen pump took two pails of water just to prime. It proved easier to haul water from the neighbors!

The Earnest Workers donated the Enfield Center School building to the Enfield Historical Society, which created a museum honoring its history of education and service to the Enfield Center community.

John P Carr 6-2022

# **Land Use & Community Development**

The Enfield Master Planning Task Force (MPTF) will meet again on September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm here at the Public Work Facility on Lockehaven Road after a summer break. First up on the agenda will be getting the status of the draft plan from our Master Planning contractor, Brandy Saxton of PlaceSense. A thank you goes out to those that offered to join this important group for the dash to completion. The MPTF will be reviewing the list of volunteers and inviting some of the volunteers to join in this group. The hope is to have a final draft of the new Master Plan ready by the end of the year. More information about the entire Master Planning project can be found at: <a href="https://www.enfield-leaps.org">www.enfield-leaps.org</a>



The Enfield Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) did not meet in August, as there were no applications received. The ZBA stands ready as the "quasi-judicial body" of Town to hear appeals for zoning variances, special exceptions and land use decisions. Please contact the Land Use office if you are contemplating a ZBA appeal. We will help walk you through the process of an application. This usually gets people nervous, but we are here to help along the entire way and can make everything comprehensible.

The Planning Board met twice in August, on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. At their first meeting, the PB had one very well attended hearing. This was for the following Land Use case:

Enfield Land Use Case # P22-07-01, Conkey Enterprises LLC of Canaan NH applied for a Gravel Pit
Permit to reopen a gravel pit located on Bog Road, formerly operated by Green Links Construction
Company of New London, NH. The parcel in question is in the "R5" Residential/ -Agricultural Zoning

District and is 95 acres (Tax Map1, Lot 10). Due to the fact that a completed "reclamation plan" was not included in the original application, the Planning Board voted to continue this hearing until the September 14<sup>th</sup> Planning Board meeting, where they will resume consideration and deliberation of the gravel pit permit.

At their August 24<sup>th</sup> hearing, the Planning Board heard one application. The Land Use Case is listed below.

• Enfield Land Use Case # P22-08-01, The Mirski 2008 Irrevocable Trust sought Boundary Line Adjustment (BLA) approval to simply split Tax Map 43, Lot 6 which is 1.20 acres, annexing half to each of the adjacent properties, resulting in two larger lots where there are now three. As a result of the annexations, Tax Map 43, Lot 5 (owned by the Mirski/Spencer Living Trust) will increase from 0.52± acre to 1.12± acres, and Tax Map 43, Lot 7-1 (owned by Daniel and Monique Bekele) from 0.83± acre to 1.43± acres. All properties are located on Algonquin Road in the R3 Residential District. This BLA application was unanimously approved by the Planning Board.

Please contact me, Rob Taylor, at the Land Use office with any questions from Monday to Friday at 603-442-5427 or by email at: <a href="mailto:planning@enfield.nh.us">planning@enfield.nh.us</a> You may also drop by the office at the DPW facility at 74 Lockehaven Road. We always recommend calling ahead first to be sure we are available. Have a great August and stay cool!



The sun rises over Mascoma Lake on a misty morning at Lakeside Park

Photo by Rob Taylor

# **Let's Pull Together**

#### Invasive plant removal day Mascoma Lakeside Park, Enfield, NH

Join members of Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee, Thursday. September 8, 2022, 9:00am- 12:00 pm on this ongoing park restoration project. We will continue removal of Japanese Multiflora Rose, Purple Loosestrife and other identified invasive plants.

These non native plants are extremely aggressive. Once established, they outcompete any native plants, usually by smothering or strangling. We are restoring the park by replacing invasive plants with plants, shrubs and trees that are native to North America/New Hampshire and will provide food for insects and birds, protect our shore front and tolerate stressful conditions. A tall order, but we are excited as we research the best plants for our beautiful park.

Some tools will be available, but you are welcome to bring your own. Gloves and long sleeves recommended for thorns. Water and light refreshments provided. Please bring a water bottle for refilling.

For planning purposes rsvp to <a href="mailto:Pattie.fried@gmail.com">Pattie.fried@gmail.com</a>

Thank you for your continued support.





#### **Program listing and registration**

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

You can also see news and announcements of programs as well as a calendar on the town website's <u>Parks</u> <u>& Recreation</u> page and even sign up to get alerts for posted news and announcements.

Follow Enfield Parks & Recreation on <u>Facebook</u> or Instagram @enfieldnhrec! **Reminder-** Electronic payments are now accepted through the recreation program registration site. \*There is a 3% non-refundable processing fee\*

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

\*\*Just a friendly reminder that all payments are due before the program begins, a spot in the program will not be held without payment. Failure to make a payment may also lead to not being able to take part in future programs. If you need financial assistance, please email <a href="mailto:recreation@enfield.nh.us">recreation@enfield.nh.us</a> \*\*

#### **Enfield Market**

Find us on the Second and Fourth Saturday of the month at Huse Park from 10AM- 1PM! We are still accepting market vendors, prepared food vendors, and live music as well. Please email <a href="mailto:recreation@enfield.nh.us">recreation@enfield.nh.us</a> to inquire. Follow Enfield Market on <a href="mailto:Facebook">Facebook</a>! We have two markets this month on September 10<sup>th</sup> and September 24th. We hope to see you at the Market!

#### **Ongoing Programs:**

#### **Adult Co-Ed Recreational Volleyball**

Sundays 4-6pm at Shaker Recreation Field for the summer (when enough participants) email Kevin (<a href="mailto:recreation@enfield.nh.us">recreation@enfield.nh.us</a>) for more information or to join the email list.

#### **Disc Golf**

Fundraising for the course materials and second half of the baskets has started. Hole sponsorships for a term of 3 years (to begin next season when the course is fully open). Sponsorships are available at the \$1,000 and \$500 levels and are **100% tax-deductible**! If you or anyone you know has a business which might like to support this project – now is the time!

Course building work has begun, and you can help! Reach out to Upper Valley Disc Golf about volunteer opportunities and look at their page for projects happening including the one at Whaleback this year! <a href="http://www.uvdga.com/">http://www.uvdga.com/</a> You can also follow them on <a href="Facebook">Facebook</a>!

#### Yoga with Sonya

The classes are all levels and beginners are always welcome. These classes are happening on Mondays at the Mascoma Community Health Center, in Canaan, from 5:45-6:45pm. For further information please contact Sonya at <a href="mailto:sonyaga2007@gmail.com">sonyaga2007@gmail.com</a> Classes are \$12 for drop-in, \$10 for students and seniors, space is limited. Be sure to email Sonya if you would like to attend and to keep up with the schedule.

#### **Chair Yoga & Strength Class**

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

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

Mondays (9/19, 9/26) - 8:15-9:05AM with Nicole Carriere

Wednesdays (9/7, 9/14, 9/21, 9/28) - 9:30-10:30AM with Sonya Carter

#### **Line Dancing**

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

This month's schedule: 9/1, 9/8, 9/15, 9/22, 9/29

#### **Bone Builders**

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

Please note, there will be no Bone Builders on Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> due to the State Primary Election being held at the Enfield Community Building.

#### Tai Ji Quan: Moving for Better Balance

Improved balance and strength, 58% decrease in the incidence of falls in older adults, 67% decrease in falls in people with Parkinson's disease, 75% decrease in injurious falls. TJQMBB CAN BE ADAPTED FOR VIRTUAL DELIVERY! For more information about classes: call 603-653-3415 or email Falls.Prevention@Hitchcock.org

#### Other Fun Items/Opportunities

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

Don't forget to check out other opportunities and programs Upper Valley Trail Alliance offers for all ages at <a href="https://www.uvtrails.org">https://www.uvtrails.org</a>. Upper Valley High School Trail Corps application is now live: <a href="https://www.uvtrails.org">Upper Valley High School Trail Corps — UVTA (uvtrails.org)</a>

#### **Kevin Marker**

Enfield Recreation Director recreation@enfield.nh.us
Online Registration

#### Follow us!





# **Police Department**

It was great to see all the Enfield Village school families for the first day of school and at the annual Walk with a Cop. All the officers had a great time walking with the students to school. With school in session please remember to pay close attention when driving.



September will be a busy month in Enfield. The police department will be hosting the first Movie at the Beach. The movie will be the classic thriller Jaws. Members of the Department will be participating in the many Enfield Old Home Days activities such as the parade, softball tournament and movie in the park (Cars).

Recently the Upper Valley has seen a rash of vehicle parts thefts, mostly catalytic converters. Enfield has not been immune to these thefts. The police department continues to investigate several of the same style of the thefts as the other Upper Valley towns. If you see someone suspicious in your neighborhood or while you are out driving, please do not hesitate to call dispatch at 603-643-2222.

As fall starts the amount of fraud and identity theft attempts will increase. Please remember do not give an unknown person your SSN or personal information over the phone. A government agency will not accept or demand payment over the phone, especially by pre-paid gift cards. When in doubt hang up and call the police department.

Roy Holland Chief of Police

# Public Works Department - Highway, Water, Sewer, Sanitation, Buildings & Grounds

#### **Brush and Yard Waste**

The Enfield Brush and Yard Waste Facility will reopen September 7, 2022 during the business hours of the Transfer Station Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday. Loads can also be brought to the DPW Facility weekdays 8:00 - 2:00. 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.

#### **Paving**

The Town of Enfield will be paving the following streets in September: Depot, Union, Pillsbury, Flanders, Mill, McConnell, Birch, and Poplar. Streets may be added or subtracted based on the price of mix and budget constraints. These streets will receive a 1.25" overlay. Shoulder and drainage upgrades will be done to these streets prior to paving.

#### **Meter Reading**

The Enfield Water and Sewer will be reading meters the last week of September.

#### Remote Water/Sewer Meter Reading Touch Pads and Radio Units

The Town of Enfield has touch pads and radio units connected to the meters inside building with a light gauge communication wire and mounted on the side of the building. The touch pads and radios are installed so the staff member reading individual meters does not need to enter the building to get a reading. It is important that these pads, radios, 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.

#### **Lebanon Landfill Registration**

Anyone wishing to use the Lebanon Landfill or dispose of items that the Enfield Transfer Station does not accept will be required to obtain a Lebanon Landfill permit. This is in addition to the punch card system already in use. The permits are available at no charge on the Lebanon NH Website and are required for entry into the landfill for any reason.

https://lebanonnh.gov/1514/Solid-Waste-Permits#residential

#### **Propane Tanks Found in Enfield Metal Recycling Bin**

It was reported recently by the vendor that collects the scrap metal from the Enfield Transfer Station that there were two propane cylinders in a load from Enfield. Someone tossed them into the metal container to avoid the fee that needs to be paid to recycle these cylinders. We were contacted by the vendor and issued a warning for the first offense. Propane cylinders that end up in their metal grinder can cause an explosion and put their staff and equipment in extreme danger. The next time this happens the Town will be fined \$300 for each tank found in a load. DPW staff also had to drive to Concord to collect the two cylinders. We have had reports from the Lebanon Landfill of bagged electronics and fluorescent bulbs arriving with the Enfield Transfer Station trash load. The mercury vapor contained within can injure landfill staff. The reason many items need a fee associated with recycling them is the hazardous nature of the item or materials contained within the item. Please recycle properly.

#### **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day**

Last Household Hazardous Waste collection day of 2022 is scheduled for **Saturday, October 1, 2022**, from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm at Lebanon High School. See flyer for details on what can be disposed of at this event.



# Household Hazardous Waste 2022 COLLECTION DAYS



# All collections are 9:00 am—Noon

Sat, May 7—Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street

Sat, June 4 — Claremont Highway Garage, 8 Grandview Street

Fri, July 15 — Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street (off Rt 120)

Sat, August 6—New London Highway Garage, 184 South Pleasant

TIME CHANGE in New London—NOW Noon—3:00 PM

Sat, October 1—Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street

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

#### WHAT TO BRING:

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

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



For information contact the

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



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

Ammunition and explosives: State Police at 271-3636.

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

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

Batteries, automotive: Take to parts store for cash or your transfer station Fire extinguishers: Recycle empty extinguishers (NRRA takes from towns). Fluorescent lights: May be taken at your town facility. Check with your town. Food Co-ops and Home Depot may take CFLs (spiral bulbs), not tubes.

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

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

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

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

Propage or helium tanks: Propage/helium tanks can be exchanged/refilled at a

**Medicine:** See **www.twinstatesafemeds.com** for police stations taking meds. **Propane or helium tanks:** Propane/helium tanks can be exchanged/refilled at a distributor; or contact town transfer station about empty tanks.

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

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



**HOME** 



# Town Clerk / Tax Collector's Office

#### Greetings all!

The Tax Office enjoys a bit of a slow time in September. The second issue tax bills are in the not-so-distant future...typically sometime in October the tax rate is set, and taxes are usually due sometime after December 1<sup>st</sup>. The betterment billings are timed just about the same as the taxes. The third quarter water/sewer billings are not out until sometime in early October and will be due a minimum of 30 days later.

I would like to remind, again, that we do offer paperless billing which gets an emailed bill to you at least 10 days earlier than a paper bill. With paperless, after the initial bill is emailed, a second email will be sent if the bill remains unpaid 2 weeks prior to the due date, and a third and final email will be sent if the bill remains unpaid 2 days prior to the due date.

#### On the Clerk side:

The State Primary Elections will be held on the 13<sup>th</sup> of this month at the Community Building (308 US Route 4) from 8am – 7pm. The last day to register to vote is currently scheduled for September 6<sup>th</sup>. Should you

need to register to vote, please bring your Driver's license (with your Enfield physical address on it or proof of residency) AND either your passport or birth certificate. Should you miss the deadline, you may also register at the polls on the day of the elections. Please provide the same documents if registering at the polls.

We are still sending out Motor Vehicle Renewal notices monthly, however many residents are not receiving their notices. Mail delivery is out of the Town's control. Please remember that whether you receive the notice or not, your vehicle(s) is typically renewed during the primary driver's birth month. Renewals may be made online using your plate number and last four digits of your Vehicle's Identification Number or email me and we will be happy to email you a copy of the notice sent.

DID YOU KNOW? Registered voters may vote by Absentee Ballot due to absence, Religious Observance, or Disability. One would need to complete and submit a State of New Hampshire Application for State Election Absentee Ballot – RSA 657:4 form. Here is a link to the form: Absentee Ballot Application for State Election | State of New Hampshire (nh.gov).

Thanks again to everyone who has taken advantage of paying their tax bills, water/sewer bills, betterment bills and motor vehicle registration renewals online during the past two plus years. Although we love to see people face-to-face once again, continuing to utilize the online payment option helps to relieve congestion in the lobby. Of course, if your transaction can not be done online, we're happy to help in the office.

Should you need to contact the Town Clerk's office, you may call 603-632-5001 or email me at <a href="https://www.whuntley@enfield.nh.us">whuntley@enfield.nh.us</a> or Patty Pierce, Deputy Town Clerk at <a href="mailto:Clerk2@enfield.nh.us">Clerk2@enfield.nh.us</a>.

Should you need to contact the Tax Collector's office, you may call 603-632-4201 or email me at <a href="https://www.whuntley@enfield.nh.us">whuntley@enfield.nh.us</a> or Jerusha Howard, Deputy Tax Collector at <a href="mailto:Tax2@enfield.nh.us">Tax2@enfield.nh.us</a>.

Have a happy and safe September!

# **Upcoming Public Meetings (Schedule subject to change)**

# **Meetings & Events**

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

As always,

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

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

- September 1 @ 4:30 PM (Public Works) Heritage Commission
- September 1 @ 7:00 PM (Public Works & Teams) Conservation Commission
- September 6 @ 3:30 PM (Mascoma Lakeside Park) Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee
- September 6 @ 6:00 PM (Public Works & Teams) Board of Selectmen
- September 7 @ 6:00 PM (Public Works) Old Home Days Committee

- September 8 @ 6:00 PM (Town Hall) Cemetery Trustees
- September 12 @ 5:30 PM (Library) Library Trustees
- September 12 @ 6:00 PM (Police Department) CIP Committee
- September 12 @ 6:00 PM (Public Works & Teams) Master Planning Task Force
- September 14 @ 7:00 PM (Public Works & Teams) Planning Board
- September 19 @ 6:00 PM (Public Works & Teams) Board of Selectmen
- September 20 @ 6:30 PM (Town Hall & Teams) Recreation Commission
- September 22 @ 4:30 PM (Public Works & Teams) Heritage Commission
- September 26 @ 6:00 PM (Public Works & Teams) Master Planning Task Force
- September 27 @ 6:00 PM (Public Works & Teams) Energy Committee
- September 28 @ 7:00 PM (Public Works & Teams) Planning Board
- October 3 @ 6:00 PM (Public Works & Teams) Board of Selectmen
- October 4 @ 3:30 PM (Public Works & Teams) Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee
- October 5 @ 6:00 PM (Public Works) Old Home Days Committee
- October 6 @ 7:00 PM (Public Works & Teams) Conservation Commission
- October 10 @ 5:30 PM (Library) Library Trustees
- October 11 @ 7:00 PM (Public Works & Teams) Zoning Board of Adjustment
- October 12 @ 7:00 PM (Public Works & Teams) Planning Board
- October 13 @ 6:00 PM (Town Hall) Cemetery Trustees

# **Community Events & Announcements**

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

# **Community Bulletin Board**

Our Community Bulletin Board is an underutilized resource! Include a notice of your Community Event on our Community & Businesses Calendar of Events which you'll find here: <a href="https://www.enfield.nh.us/community-businesses">https://www.enfield.nh.us/community-businesses</a>.

Do you have a Community Event to share? Send all the particulars, and a digital photo or poster if you have one, to <a href="mailto:abonnette@enfield.nh.us">abonnette@enfield.nh.us</a> and we'll post it for you.

# **Mascoma Lake Association Starts Scouting for Knotweed**

Too bad they're so beautiful. I have that thought annually at this season, as some of the most eye-catching invasive plants begin to show their colors: the bright spires of purple loosestrife, the big creamy plumes of Japanese knotweed, the lively orange berries of bittersweet vines. Of course, their ornamental appeal is one reason they were introduced in the first place, to adorn gardens and yards—but then they escaped, taking their aggressive habits with them all over the landscape and threatening native plants.

This fall, the Mascoma Lake Association (MLA) is going to start paying close attention to invasive plants along the lake shoreline. We're already well acquainted with the kind that grow in water. For over 25 years, the MLA has worked to control the invasive aquatic weed Eurasian milfoil, and we've had considerable success. While the battle against milfoil can never be won—it's not likely to be eradicated from this lake—it can be managed. Our boat ramp Lake Hosts, weed spotters, and certified divers have reduced the annual harvest from a peak of over 5,000 plants (that was the total in 2015) to around 50 in recent years.

We'll keep up this approach, as even a single plant can create a new infestation if we don't catch it. We know that it takes a sustained, well-coordinated program, using state-approved best practices and dedicated volunteers, to make a difference with invasive plants. While other towns have spent tens of thousands of dollars on milfoil management attempts, here the town has been spared any investment by the contributions of MLA volunteers. Although this model cannot be transferred directly to shoreline invasive plant management, we hope now to join with the town in bringing attention to invasives on land.

Our first step will be to take an inventory. Understanding that the Enfield Select Board has authorized an inventory and management plan for invasive species on town-owned land, the MLA will conduct a volunteer survey of the Mascoma Lake shoreline. We'll travel on the water and use a technique of GPS tagging that we've found very helpful in our milfoil program; our aim is to produce a map of shoreline locations with invasive plants this fall. We'll concentrate on Japanese knotweed (sometimes called "bamboo" for its segmented stem), which is highly visible when it blooms and extremely tenacious when it grows.

Like Eurasian milfoil, Japanese knotweed has multiple strategies for reproduction and rapid spread. According to the NH Department of Agriculture's manual on recommended management practices <u>Japanese Knotweed BMP Manual</u>, *Reynoutria japonica* can grow fast, up to eight inches per day. Its woody rhizomes can reach ten feet underground and spread



laterally over forty feet. It releases chemical compounds that help it displace native vegetation and reduce plant diversity. The rhizomes can stay dormant for up to twenty years, and a new plant can grow from a tiny rhizome fragment—or from nodes in stems that have been cut or mowed. Japanese knotweed can also grow through concrete and pavement, harming infrastructure, utilities, drainage, septic systems, walls, and foundations. It can choke rivers and spread through waterways if fragments break off. Perhaps the only good news is that Japanese knotweed doesn't reproduce easily through its seeds; it can germinate that way, but seedings rarely survive.

Clearly, reducing the presence of this plant in our ecosystem is a challenge. The Department of Agriculture warns against ineffective methods such as mowing or attempting to dig out established patches. They do recommend at least two practices that can be successful if done properly. One is smothering, which involves cutting plants in spring and covering them with a heavy tarp and bark mulch for five years. The other alternative is chemical control; this, according to the manual, "can be very effective for managing Japanese knotweed, but can only be done by a NH licensed herbicide applicator or by property owners on their land." The MLA has conducted several small-scale experiments on homeowners' private land, using targeted



herbicide applications done by hand (as opposed to the spraying more typically used by licensed commercial crews). Initial results seem promising, though we'll need at least one more season to assess the effects. Property owners who would like to know more about this project may contact us at <a href="mailto:mla@mascomalakeassociation.org">mla@mascomalakeassociation.org</a>.

In any case, as the Department of Agriculture advises, "Prior to initiating any project conduct a site visit to scout for and locate Japanese knotweed. This step is critical. It is worth the time to do a thorough job." The MLA will scout Mascoma Lake shorelines in September and share our data with the town and with a national database mapping program. This inventory will allow further planning for control of invasive plants. We might admire Japanese knotweed's showy blooms—and they'll be visible all over town this month—but there are plenty of native plants that can grace our landscape and do far less damage.

Martha Jane Rich for the Mascoma Lake Association

#### Friends of Mascoma

**Summer Pantry Days and Hours** are Tuesdays from 3pm to 5:30pm at Huse Memorial Park and Wednesdays from 3pm-5:30pm at the FOM headquarters behind Canaan Hardware Store, 9 On The Common Way.

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





# HARVEST Dinner

**ROAST PORK & HARVEST VEGETABLES** 

# **SEPTEMBER 24, 2022**

5:00 - 6:30 PM

ENFIELD COMMUNITY BUILDING

\$15.00 PER PERSON

TAKE-OUT AVAILABLE



All proceeds benefit community projects.



#### **PLASTIC FILM & BAG RECYCLING**

The Enfield-Mascoma Lions & Lioness Clubs are continuing the collection of plastic film and bags. Boxes can be found at the Enfield Town Hall and the Enfield Mascoma Bank. Do not overflow the boxes, please.

#### THE FOLLOWING ITEMS CAN BE RECYCLED:

Grocery bags, bread bags, bubble wrap, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, plastic shipping envelopes, Ziploc & other reclosable food storage bags, cereal bags, case overwrap, salt bags, pallet wrap & stretch film, wood pellet bags, produce bags, retail shopping bags, air pillows, and electronic wrap.

All should be clean, dry & no food residue -

#### THE FOLLOWING ITEMS SHOULD NOT BE INCLUDED:

Frozen food bags, candy bar wrappers, potato chip & other chip bags, net or mesh produce bags, mulch or soil bags, pre-washed salad mix bags, pet food bags, hot dog or meat wrap pkgs.

Besides helping with our environment and landfill, TREX benches are earned for every 500 pounds of plastic turned in. Three benches have been earned to date and you will see them soon at the Library front lawn and at Huse Park. Thanks for your help.

# **Recent News from Past Issues**

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

# We Need You! Board & Committee Volunteer Opportunities

**Updated list!** Several appointments have been made, but we still have opportunities for you to join others who are supporting our community through volunteering. Please consider donating some of your time for the betterment of your community – you'll make a difference! Simply complete an <u>Application for Committee/Board Membership/Reappointment</u> and email it to <u>abonnette@enfield.nh.us</u> or drop it off at the Enfield Town Manager's Office and your application will be provided to the appointing authority.

If you're a bit undecided, committee meetings are open to the public – <u>attend a meeting</u> to see what they're all about!

Budget Committee
Capital Improvement Program Committee
Conservation Commission
Energy Committee
Old Home Days Committee
Planning Board
Tax Increment Finance District Advisory Committee



And two local area committees:
Mascoma River Local Advisory Committee
Enfield Shaker Village Scenic Byway Advisory Board

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