

# Town Newsletter

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## *Welcome Message*

Greetings!

Municipal officials and staff in the Town of Enfield are dedicated to promoting a high-functioning and close-knit community that appeals to all our residents and visitors. To this end, we are committed to providing accurate information and quality services to members of our community at all times. In the interest of helping to keep residents informed of important “goings on” in town, we produce 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](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 Ed Morris, Enfield Town Manager, at 603-442-5405 or [townmanager@enfield.nh.us](mailto:townmanager@enfield.nh.us), if you have constructive feedback on how the depth and breadth of information provided in the newsletter can be optimized to meet the needs of our residents.

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



## A Message from Enfield's Town Manager

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I cannot believe summer is almost over, or what little summer we have had, and we are already entering the new school year. I had the opportunity this week to participate in "Walk with a Cop." It was great to see 150 kids and parents parading from Huse Park to the Enfield Village School. I would like to thank the Enfield Police and Fire Departments for making this such a special event for the kids and parents on the first day of school. Even with school starting and summer quickly coming to a close, it does look like Labor Day weekend will be nice and we expect an increase in activity on the lakes and other outdoor recreational assets. I hope you have a chance to get outside and enjoy what Enfield has to offer.



As for Town business, the two building projects continue to move forward with both buildings moving closer to final design. We have been working with Bread Loaf Inc. on final modified designs for Whitney Hall and look forward to the start of this project early next year. The Town is working with the Shaker Museum to move the Town Offices and Library to the soon to be vacated La Sallette buildings which will be our temporary location during construction. Town staff have been working at cleaning spaces and going through items in storage to prepare for the move. The public safety building project continues to move forward with the subdivision of property being completed and the property transfer documents being prepared by the attorneys.

One of the major projects this month was working with our environmental consultant to complete the RFP process for hazardous materials abatement and demolition of the Shedd Street property that we expect to start this fall. In addition to Shedd Street, work continues on the "Walk a Mile in their Shoes" trail along Route 4A, engineering for a walking path and parking lot upgrade is in the works for Mascoma Lakeside Park, and DPW is working with Pathways Consulting and the NHDOT for placement of Rapidly Flashing Beacons to be placed at the crosswalk by the Enfield Village School.

I would like to finish by thanking Wendy Huntley, Lindsay Smith and the many volunteers for running a smooth and successful special election for Enfield's State House of Representative's seat. I would also like to congratulate David Fracht on his successful campaign and election to this position. I look forward to working closer with Representative Fracht as he represents Enfield in the upcoming legislative session.

As summer comes to a close, I am waiting in anticipation for the fall festivities and harvest festivals that are coming. I look forward to talking with many of you at these various events.

Ed Morris,  
Town Manager

## 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!

## Special News Items

### Holiday Schedule

*The Town Offices and Enfield Public Library  
will be  
**CLOSED**  
Monday, September 4  
for  
**Labor Day.***

Curbside collection of rubbish and zero-sort recycling will experience a one-day delay for all routes for the week. (Update 9/1/2023 – Friday pickup will take place as scheduled on Friday)

## Water Quality Advisories & Alerts



Cyanobacteria Warnings (Advisories) and Alerts, as well as Fecal Bacteria Advisories, are not uncommon during the summer months. Cyanobacteria Alerts and Advisories were issued several times during the months of July and August for Mascoma and Crystal Lakes. ***We're happy to report that there are no current Advisories or Alerts as of the publication of this newsletter, August 31, 2023.***

If you enjoy visiting our lakes, ***consider bookmarking*** the Health Swimming Mapper so you can refer to it regularly. NHDES posts daily updates on water quality advisories and alerts throughout the state.

[Healthy Swimming Mapper](#)

If you notice anything resembling cyanobacteria, please refrain from wading, swimming, or drinking the water. Keep all pets out of the water and report it to NHDES immediately. Remember, when in doubt, stay out.

[Report a Bloom](#)

## Special State Election Results

We had two candidates for the position of State Representative. At the August 22<sup>nd</sup> special election, we had 689 ballots cast, including 639 ballots cast in person and 50 by absentee ballot. David Fracht is Enfield's new State Representative. Congratulations, David!

We appreciate everyone's understanding of the closing of the Town Clerk's office on August 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> due to the election and short staffing. With Daisy recently hired as our Deputy Town Clerk we should be able to keep offices open during elections in the future.

## Employment News

### Welcome Aboard Daisy McGraw-Coppins!

We'd like to take this opportunity to welcome Daisy McGraw-Coppins as our new Deputy Town Clerk. Daisy is currently in training. We look forward to again having two individuals qualified to do vehicle registrations and other duties of the Town Clerk's Office. As an Enfield resident, Daisy is qualified to serve as Deputy Town Clerk, and will be able to fully assist in elections, which is not possible with a non-resident Assistant Town Clerk. Welcome aboard, Daisy!

## ***We're Hiring! Part-Time Police Assistant***

If you are interested in working for a Police Department in a growing town that is dedicated to the improvement of life and safety of our residents, please take a moment to read further.

The Town of Enfield offers a diverse patrol area with a resident population of approximately 4,500+, with approximately 43 square miles. Enfield is located in the heart of the Upper Valley just minutes away from shopping plaza's and I-91 in Vermont, with a portion of I-89 in town and located approximately 15 minutes from Dartmouth Hitch-Cock Medical Center in Lebanon. The Enfield Police Department is very active within the community and appreciates the support of the residents of Enfield.

The Enfield Police Department believes in utilizing contemporary and progressive policing practices and is dedicated in the effort toward community engagement and interaction. We provide and utilize modern equipment, which is constantly being upgraded and improved, so that we can provide a first-rate service to our community.

The Police Assistant position is a 20-24 hour per week job and is eligible for part-time benefits. Responsibilities include school crossing, cruiser maintenance, and other duties as assigned.

For more information Contact Chief Holland, at (603) 632-7501 or by email at [Rholland@enfield.nh.us](mailto:Rholland@enfield.nh.us)



# ENFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT NOW HIRING

FULL TIME OFFICER  
TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY

The Enfield Police Department is looking for a dedicated individual to serve our town and improve the life and safety of our residents.

Our patrol officers starting salary is \$54,000 for uncertified and negotiable for certified based on experience.

**Sign on bonus for NH  
certified officer.**

Opportunities for special assignments include Drug Recognition Expert (DRE), Special Operation Unit, Firearms and Use of Force Instructors, Rape Aggression Defense Program (RAD), and many more.



## TOWN OF ENFIELD

- 43 Square Miles
- several lakes
- resident population of 4,500+, with increase during summer months
- minutes away from shopping plazas and Dartmouth Hitchcock Hospital



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### 2024 Municipal Calendar Photo Contest

Submit your entries by September 28, 2023

We're pleased to announce our annual photo contest for the Enfield Municipal Calendar - 2024 edition!

Limit twenty (20) photos per person. Digital photos must be received by **Thursday, September 28, 2023.**

**Subject matter is important!** Be sure your photos are about Enfield: places in Enfield, people from Enfield (doing something truly amazing if

they aren't in Enfield when the photo was taken) events that have taken place in Enfield, or Enfield equipment, like a shiny new truck.

Please read our [complete rules and guidelines](#) on photo submission. Some minor changes have been made from the prior year.

### Help Support our 2024 Municipal Calendar with your Enfield Business Advertisement!

Calendars are mailed to all postal patrons with a zip code of 03748 or 03749, so your low-cost ad will be seen by a large portion of the Enfield community! And your advertising dollars save taxpayer dollars!

We are offering advertising space in our 2024 Municipal Calendar for Enfield businesses and organizations. We have available space for 2 or more small business card size ads (approximately 2" x 3-1/2") featured in each month. Contact us for details. Ad spaces can be combined for a single double-sized or triple-sized ad. A 10% discount will apply if you purchase two or more ad spaces.



We also have 6 spaces at the back of the calendar (next to last page) that will be sold at a reduced rate. Two or more of these ad spaces can also be combined for a single larger ad.

#### Rate Info:

- \$150 for each advertisement of approximately 2" x 3-1/2" in size within a given month. Placement in a particular month is available upon request on a first come first served basis.
- \$80 for each advertisement of approximately 2" x 3-1/2" in size at the back of the calendar.
- A 10% discount is offered for the purchase of two or more ad spaces.

Provide your prepared ad with your logo, or we can simply scan your high-resolution business card, or we can work together to come up with something in between! If you've advertised with us before we can work with previously submitted content. Ads must be paid in full and submitted for inclusion in the calendar no later than Thursday, September 28th.

Contact Alisa Bonnette, Assistant Town Manager, for more information at 603-442-5401 or [abonnette@enfield.nh.us](mailto:abonnette@enfield.nh.us). If you'd like someone to stop by to show you an example of our calendar and discuss your options just let us know!

We are now selling advertising space on a first come, first served basis. Beginning September 11th, we'll have someone visiting local businesses, so if you want to be sure to get your advertisement seen by the majority of the Enfield community -- don't hesitate!

If all advertising slots aren't sold by September 22, 2023, we'll open up the opportunity to buy ad space to local businesses in neighboring communities. If you are a business from a neighboring community, you can be placed on a waiting list for available slots, if any. Businesses on the waiting list will be offered available space in order, prioritized by location that borders Enfield or is in one of the five school district towns, and then by businesses outside of this area. The Town reserves the right to decline any advertisements deemed to be inappropriate or offensive for a mixed audience. The Town of Enfield is an equal opportunity employer and provider.

## Department & Committee Reports

### Building Inspector/Health Officer

Residents might be aware of the recent closing of the Saint-Gobain manufacturing plant in Merrimack, NH. This facility for years has been at the forefront of Merrimack citizens' concerns over contamination from a group of man-made chemicals known as PFAS. The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (NHDHHS) has information about the health implications of PFAS contamination on their website: [Poly- and Per-fluoroalkyl Substances \(PFAS\) | New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services \(nh.gov\)](#) The following information is based on NHDHHS publications, as was last updated in June 2023.

Most people in the U.S. have measurable amounts of PFAS in their blood. PFAS are a family of thousands of synthetic chemicals characterized by a fully or partially fluorinated carbon chain. A carbon-fluorine chain forms a strong chemical bond. PFAS can persist in the environment for many years to decades, and certain PFAS can bioaccumulate in humans and animals. PFAS have been widely used in many consumer products since the 1940s, including but not limited to: non-stick cookware, food packaging, stain-repellant and water-repellant treatments for clothing, carpet, and furniture, and certain firefighting foams.

The PFAS family of chemicals can contaminate air, water and soil, and have been found at elevated concentrations in certain areas in New Hampshire, including the former Pease Air Force Base near Portsmouth and specific towns in southern New Hampshire including Merrimack. Drinking water regulations are enforced by the EPA and NH for public water utilities (such as the Enfield Water System) and bottled water vendors, but not for private well owners. These enforceable regulatory limits are known as Maximum Contaminant Levels or "MCLs." Private well owners are strongly encouraged to test their well and pursue treatment options to meet the same health protective standards as are enforced for municipal water. [DWGB-3-25 Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances \(PFAS\) in New Hampshire Well Water \(nh.gov\)](#) In addition to drinking water, New Hampshire provides guidance about exposure to PFAS from fish consumption and contact with other sources in the environment (e.g., soil). Local regulations for PFAS may also change in response to New Hampshire legislation. For more information about these sources and potential regulatory changes, see the NHDES PFAS Response website. [Welcome to the NHDES PFAS Response Website | DES - PFAS Blog](#)

Oral ingestion of PFAS is the primary route of exposure in adults and children. Most people have been exposed to some PFAS, but people who may have the highest levels of exposure include those who:

- Drink contaminated water, or beverages made with contaminated water (e.g., baby formula, coffee) as well as foods prepared with contaminated drinking water (boiling water does not remove PFAS)
- Eat foods grown or raised in PFAS contaminated areas (e.g., produce, fish, wild game)
- Eat food packaged in materials containing PFAS (e.g., microwave popcorn bags, fast food containers, pizza boxes)
- Put hands and objects in their mouth that contain PFAS (e.g., certain toys, household dusts, treated fabrics) or that have been contaminated with PFAS



- Work in industries that manufacture, manipulate, or use PFAS such as floor waxers and floor strippers
- Live in a community near industrial or waste-related sources of PFAS

Scientists are still learning about the possible health effects from PFAS exposure, and how exposure to different mixtures of PFAS might impact a person's health. Based on the totality of scientific research, PFAS exposure has been associated with:

- Increased cholesterol levels
- Elevation in liver enzymes in adults
- Changes in markers of immune system function
- Increased risk of pregnancy-induced hypertension or preeclampsia
- Small decreases in infant birth weights
- Increased risk of kidney and testicular cancer.

Blood testing can show a person how the levels of PFAS in their body compare to average levels in people's bodies across the U.S. and in New Hampshire. Finding PFAS in a person's body does not mean they will have any specific health impact from PFAS but could indicate they may be at an increased risk for certain health effects. There are no recommended treatments for removing PFAS from a person's body, and blood levels will decrease over time when sources of exposure are removed. These are recommended ways to reduce exposure:

- Test your well water at a NH accredited laboratory. If PFAS is detected in well water, the NH Department of Environmental Services will notify other owners within a 500 foot radius of the contaminated source.
- Install a water treatment system in your home.
- Avoid eating a lot of pre-packaged foods such as fast food and microwave popcorn.
- Read consumer product labels and avoid using those with ingredients that include the words "fluoro" or "polyfluoro" or "perfluoro" or the initials "PTFE," (polytetrafluoroethylene).
- Caregivers should avoid using PFAS-contaminated water for mixing infant formula. Because of the many benefits of breastfeeding, the CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics recommend that nursing mothers continue to breastfeed their babies despite the potential presence of environmental contaminants in breast milk.
- Bathing in PFAS contaminated water is less concerning to scientists at this time, since PFAS are not efficiently absorbed through the skin.

## Conservation Commission

Your Enfield Conservation Commission will be available at the September 9<sup>th</sup> Enfield Market at Huse Park from 10am – 1pm. We are seeking volunteers for a trail crew to maintain and build fixtures on the several miles of hiking trails on town land such as trim brush, rake drains, paint rail markers, remove fallen trees with hand tools. This will help with erosion control and a smoother thread way to walk on. This crew will be advised by a local trail worker of 40 years' experience. Looking forward to seeing everyone. Stop by and find out what your Conservation Commission is so excited about involving town projects!!!!

If you can't make the September 9<sup>th</sup> Enfield Market and are interested in volunteering for trail maintenance, please complete the **Enfield Conservation Commission – [Trail Maintenance Volunteer Questionnaire](#)**





# Enfield Public Library

23 MAIN STREET, ENFIELD, NH 03748 / 603-632-7145

September 2023 at ENFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

## GET READY FOR NEW HAMPSHIRE'S BIG READ!



This fall, [New Hampshire Humanities](#) (NHH) is sponsoring a [BIG READ](#), which invites us to explore how we share stories, understand our world, and envision a better future for New Hampshire.

NHH will host four public programs and a culminating event. The Big Read will kick off with a public event on **September 6** at Great North Aleworks in Manchester and feature a dramatic reading from the novel. On **September 8**, NHH will host Dr. Brent Ryan Bellamy for a virtual discussion exploring what a recent slate of postapocalyptic books might reveal about our contemporary anxieties. On **September 23**, NHH will partner with the **McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center** for a planetarium show in which participants will experience how the daughter used the stars to track the passage of time in the novel. On **November 3**, poet Midge Goldberg will examine how poets have told stories about the night sky throughout human history. For information on this and other events, see "Join a Big Read Event" on <https://www.nhhumanities.org/bigread/>.

[Enfield Public Library Book Group](#) will host a discussion of *The Bear* moderated by Enfield resident and NHH speaker Carrie Brown on Thursday, September 28, at 6 pm. Please RSVP if you'd like to attend.

### FRIENDS FEEDING FRIENDS FOOD DRIVE CONTINUES

The bin still awaits! Bring your non-perishable donations with you the library, an item or bag at a time.



## **REGULAR PROGRAMS**



### **Knitting Group**

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Join your neighbors for fiber fun.

### **Outdoor Storytime**

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

Story Time is back outside for the summer. Join Miss Kate at **Huse Park**.

**LEGOS** are available every **Thursday!**

### **Kids Craft Table**

The crayons and stickers are always out for creative doodling.

### **Community Jigsaw Puzzle**

Come see what we're working on now!

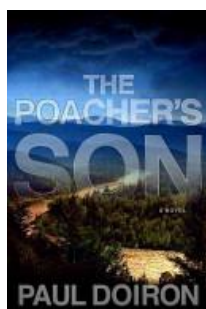
### **LibTech Help By Appointment**

If you need help accessing digital materials ([Libby](#), [Hoopla](#), [Kanopy](#), [The New York Times](#)), or have questions about the catalog or the interlibrary loan system, set up an appointment at your convenience for some one-on-one instruction.

### **Mystery Lovers' Book Group**

Thursday, September 14, at 6 pm

[The Poacher's Son](#) by Paul Doiron

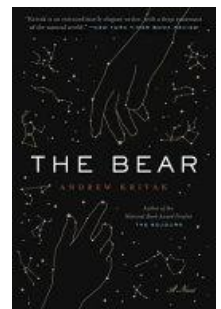


### **Enfield Public Library Book Group**

Thursday, September 28, at 6 pm

[The Bear](#) by Andrew Kriva

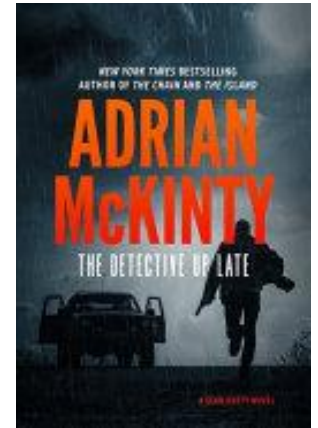
Special moderated discussion



## Recommended Reading

[The Detective Up Late](#) by Adrian McKinty

Summary: Slamming the door on the hellscape of 1980s Belfast, Detective Inspector Sean Duffy hopes that the 1990s are going to be better for him and the people of Northern Ireland. As a Catholic cop in the mainly Protestant police RUC (Royal Ulster Constabulary, or police force), he still has a target on his back, and with a steady girlfriend and a child the stakes couldn't be higher. But in his final days in charge of Carrickfergus CID (Criminal Investigation Division), a missing persons report captures his attention. A fifteen-year-old girl has disappeared, and no one seems to care about it. Duffy begins to dig and uncovers a disturbing underground of men who seem to know her very well. The deeper he digs the more sinister it all gets. Is finding out the truth worth it if DI Duffy is going to get himself and his colleagues killed? Can he survive one last case before getting himself and his family out over the water?



One of my favorite writers and detectives. This is the 7<sup>th</sup> book featuring Sean Duffy, a Catholic serving in the Protestant police force in 1980s Northern Ireland. You don't have to know all the back story to enjoy this one, just have a tolerance for Irish-isms (like "Peeler" instead of "cop"). Duffy is smart, well-read, a music lover, and a hard drinker, but what else do you expect when he must check under his car for bombs every time, he gets in it? Engaging, twisty, and smart. Love it. --Nancy

## ABOUT EPL

### What's New

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

Wowbrary

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

The renovation of the library and Whitney Hall is currently in the design stage. Follow the discussion on the town's Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee web page: <https://www.enfield.nh.us/municipal-facilities-advisory-committee-design-team>

### Hours

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

*Monday*: 9:00 am-5:00 pm

*Tuesday*: 9:00 am-7:00 pm

*Wednesday*: 9:00 am-5:00 pm

*Thursday*: 11:00 am-7:00 pm

*Friday*: closed

*Saturday*: 10:00 am-2:00 pm

*Sunday*: closed

## Fire Department News

While none of us are ready for the season's change, we must prepare ourselves and our homes. Heating equipment of all types need yearly maintenance and service. Chimneys need cleaning to assure they are ready when the temperature falls.

The sites listed below are two that may help you determine the best options and needs for your home. Do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have further questions.

[www.nfpa.org/winter](http://www.nfpa.org/winter)

[www.nfpa.org/Publiceducation/Teaching-tools/Safetytipsheets](http://www.nfpa.org/Publiceducation/Teaching-tools/Safetytipsheets)

For the Enfield Fire Department,  
Phil Neily

## Heritage Commission

"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 [past issues!](#)

### The Currier Family in Enfield

In previous newsletters we have talked about Enfield's architectural legacy. In this newsletter, and perhaps others from time to time, we'll look at another kind of legacy. These are the people who have contributed to Enfield's history and growth, many of whose descendants are still active in Enfield today, the Currier family for example. There are so many Curriers in Enfield's history that it is hard to keep them straight! They have also been here since our town's earliest days.

The first Curriers to arrive came from South Hampton, NH and settled in East Enfield (now known as Lockehaven). Through marriage and land purchases they eventually spread to Enfield's four corners.

Four years after Richard Currier settled in East Enfield, he built a tavern in 1787. It was conveniently located on The Old Road to Grafton. The two-story tavern had a central hall, with bars on both sides of the hall, as well as accommodations for overnight guests. The tavern was successful enough that Richard expanded into other businesses, including interests in local mills, and purchased more land. The tavern is currently a private home.

Richard Currier was joined in East Enfield by Nathan Currier, who arrived sometime before 1800. Nathan had a mill that ground grain, sawed boards and made hames (part of a horse collar). Four generations would live in Nathan's house at the intersection of Oak Hill Road and Grafton Pond Road. His son built the Oak Hill Schoolhouse.

A second Currier in the hospitality business was Richard Warren Currier, who built the Grafton House Hotel in 1840. It was located in Enfield Center, on the Fourth New Hampshire Turnpike (now Route 4A). Until it burned in 1894, it was a successful and popular hostelry.

Another well-known Currier institution in Enfield Center was the F.T. Currier Store, now Proctor's. Frank Thomas Currier purchased the store from the Purmort estate. In addition to provisions and hardware, F.T. Currier also sold insurance and acted as postmaster. A fire struck the store in 1899, perhaps started by an explosion. Currier saved himself—at the



cost of a sprained ankle—by jumping out of a window. While the financial loss of around \$6000 was considerable, the biggest loss was all the town records. These had been kept in the store because Currier was the town clerk. The store was rebuilt and Currier went on to, among other things, promote the installation of sidewalks in Enfield Center.

On the other side of town, Jonathan Currier purchased ninety-two acres of land from Jonathan Paddleford in 1789. Jonathan farmed the land, which extended from the Lebanon-Canaan line down to the point on Mascoma Lake known as Currier's Landing. Jonathan married twice and had two sons and a daughter. When he died in 1848, the land passed to his son Barnard and then remained in the Currier family until 1924.

When Enfield's economic center shifted to North Enfield, one of the first blocks in the downtown area was built by John Currier. Curriers also invested in some of the new businesses.

Their biggest mark on the area is the Copeland block, which was built by Ira Copeland, who was married to Elsinia Currier. Although they lived elsewhere, the couple returned to Enfield in 1857 to care for Elsinia's parents. In 1897 Ira, now widowed, offered the town \$10,000 to build a school. After the town turned down Copeland's donation because it could not agree on its conditions, Copeland purchased a lot on Main Street where he built the Copeland Block. Currier family members participated in all spheres of town life and were particularly active in the Masons. In 1827, Richard Currier III was one of the founders of the Enfield lodge and its first master. This began a line of Currier Masons that lasted for over one hundred years.

Equally active in Enfield government, there have been numerous Curriers in Enfield government since Daniel Currier became a selectman in 1805. These included at least nine selectmen and a tax collector.

And finally, Currier family members also served their country, in the American Revolution, the Civil War, the Second World War and the Vietnam War.

## Land Use & Community Development

**Planning Board (PB)** – The Planning Board met twice in August. At their first meeting on 8/9/2023, the PB met with their contractor, PlaceSense, to kick off their complete Zoning Ordinance re-write project. This work is being paid for with a NH Housing Opportunities Planning Grant (NH HOP), of the InvestNH Municipal Planning & Zoning Grant Program. The Grant Program is funded by the NH Department of Business and Economic Affairs as part of the \$100 million InvestNH Initiative with the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery funds. This award is being administered jointly by NH Housing, Plan NH, and UNH Cooperative Extension. The first step in this important project is known as a "regulatory audit", to be completed and presented to the Planning Board by October of 2023. This effort will review the Master Plan, planning and zoning regulations and it will also include identification of regulations known to be problematic and that frequently require exceptions/variances. The audit will also reach out to key stakeholders in Enfield to examine best practices and identify what needs to be updated. The regulatory audit will specifically look at housing barriers as well.

At their second meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, the PB held three formal hearings. The first was for Land Use Case # P23-08-01 where Charles Perkins, Linda Burroughs (trustees), and Sandra Sharp jointly applied for boundary line adjustment (BLA) approval to resolve a long-standing lot line encroachment issue. The subject parcels are located at 7 and 9 Water Lily Lane respectively (tax map 10A, lots 40 and 41) and are within the "R1" zoning district. 7 Water Lily Lane is owned by Sandra M. Sharp and is 0.106 acres. 9 Water Lily Lane is owned by the Norembega Revoc. Trust (Charles Perkins and Linda Burroughs- trustees) and is 0.089 acres. This application was approved with a condition that the applicants appeal to the ZBA for approval, as the case involves making a non-conforming lot smaller than what is currently allowed by the Zoning Ordinance.

The second hearing was for Land Use Case # P23-08-02 where Philip Bartels and Audrey Hartman, as well as Ross and Karen Allen jointly applied for boundary line adjustment (BLA) approval to annex a 25 ft wide strip of land from tax map 45, lot 4 (Allen) to map 45, lot 5 (Bartels/ Hartman). Both subject properties are located within the “R3” residential zoning district. Lot 5 is currently 1.19 acres and will become 1.51 acres after the annexation. Lot 4 is presently 4.76 acres and will become 4.44 acres after the adjustment. Lot 4 is owned by Ross and Karen Allen and Lot 5 is owned by Philip Bartels and Audrey Hartman. This application was approved by the PB.

The third hearing was for Land Use Case # P23-08-03 where Vickie Pellerin applied for Minor Site Plan Review (SPR) approval to add a bingo hall/ entertainment venue use to the used auto sales use (in the space currently occupied by Shake Valley Auto) at 453 US Route 4 (map 14, lot 69). The parcel is owned by Carl and Vicki Pellerin and is 2.17 acres. It is located within the Route 4 zoning district. This case was continued to September 13<sup>th</sup> to allow the applicants to submit more details with their application.

**Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA)** – The ZBA did not meet in August. Their next scheduled meeting is September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. The ZBA would like to acknowledge Ed McLaughlin for his years of service with the board. Ed has decided to step away from board membership to spend more time with family and to finish a new project. As a result of this departure, the ZBA is currently in need of a new alternate member or two. Alternate members are available to cover for regular members in the event of an absence. Interested persons are encouraged to reach out to the Land Use Administrator, Rob Taylor, with questions or to get more information.

There are two ZBA hearings scheduled for September 12<sup>th</sup>. First up will be Land Use Case # Z23-09-01, where Cameron and Sara Roberts are seeking variance relief from the Enfield Zoning Ordinance, Article IV, section 401.2, paragraph K to subdivide a lot to less than 3 acres. The subject parcel is currently 11.66 acres and is located at 804 Shaker Hill Road (Tax Map 8, Lot 1) in the “R3” Residential zoning district. The subject parcel is owned by Cameron and Sara Roberts.

Second up is Land Use Case # Z23-09-02, where Gordon Bagley Jr. is seeking variance relief from the Enfield Zoning Ordinance, Article IV, section 401.1, paragraph M to construct a deck within the prescribed setback to Mascoma Lake. The subject parcel is 0.2 acres and is located at 43 Meadow Lane (Tax Map 21, Lot 34) in the “R1” Residential zoning district. The subject parcel is owned by Gordon (Jr.) and Blanche Bagley.

**Land Use and Community Development Office** – Please contact the Land Use office with any questions, complaints or new ideas between Monday and Friday at 603-442-5427 or by email at: [planning@enfield.nh.us](mailto:planning@enfield.nh.us) You may also drop by the office at the DPW facility at 74 Lockhaven Road. It is always recommended to call ahead first to be sure we are available or to schedule a meeting. Hope you all have a great month of September!

## Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee

The Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee, beginning September 2023, will now meet the first Wednesday of each month at 3:30 PM at the Enfield Town Offices. This meeting will also be available via Teams videoconference.

## Parks & Recreation

### Program listing and Registration

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

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

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

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



### Enfield Movie in the Park!

Did you miss this Summers Movies in the Park? No worries mark your calendar for October as a reminder to come fight off the ghost and goblins with a showing of the original Ghostbusters, and the final movie of the year for our Holiday movie we have Elf!

### Mark your calendar!

#### Show Dates:

Ghostbuster – October 28<sup>th</sup>

Elf – December 23<sup>rd</sup>

### Enfield Farmers Market

The Enfield Market will run the same schedule as last year and be the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month, 10am – 1pm at Huse Park, 308 US Route 4. If you are interested in and have questions, please reach out to [Recreation@enfield.nh.us](mailto:Recreation@enfield.nh.us) for all inquiries.





## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Halloween Night – Call for Volunteers

Sign up now to be a part of the Enfield Halloween Trunk-or-Treat! We are now accepting applicants to be part of this year's Halloween celebration in the Trunk-or-Treat! Last year we had a booming success with over 500+ kids in attendance! This is a great way to come out and celebrate Halloween while supporting your community! Don't have a car for the Trunk-or-Treat, no worries, we are looking for volunteers to help with the Haunted House and help with carnival games! Feel free to reach out and we will find a place for you! Any questions please reach out to Recreation Director, Kevin at [Recreation@enfield.nh.us](mailto:Recreation@enfield.nh.us) or call (603)442-5415!

## Yoga with Sonya

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

## Chair Yoga & Strength Class

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

## Line Dancing

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

## Bone Builders

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

## Other Fun Items/Opportunities

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

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



**Kevin Marker**

Enfield Recreation Director

[recreation@enfield.nh.us](mailto:recreation@enfield.nh.us)

[Online Registration](#)

**Follow us!**





## Police Department

School is back in session. During the last week of August, the Mascoma School District started the new 2023-2024 year. The PD would like to remind everyone to slow down and pay attention while driving. In the early AM and PM pay attention for students walking, biking and standing roadside waiting for the bus. Pay attention to the big yellow vehicle that makes frequent stops. Do not pass a school bus with caution lights and its stop sign out. When dropping your child off at EVS please do not park at the front door as it blocks the driveway.

The PD has noticed a large increase in debris and trash on the side of our roads. We will be keeping an extra eye out for those littering. If found responsible for littering, you can be fined up to \$1,000.00. Trash/recycling receptacles cannot be left in the right of way. Town ordinance requires that they not be put out until the night prior to scheduled trash day and removed the same day. The department will be contacting those who do not follow this ordinance to enforce it.

I would like to thank all the parents, students and first responders who participated in the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Walk with a Cop for the first day of school. The members of our department enjoy this event, getting the opportunity to see the returning students, meet new ones and have fun for the first day of school.

As always, if you see something say something. No issue is too small or too large for the department to help with. You can always reach an officer thru dispatch at 603-643-2222 or call the office at 603-632-7501

Roy Holland  
Chief of Police

### Community Notification Enrollment

Please take a moment to enroll in **CodeRED** to be notified by your local emergency response team in the event of emergency situations or critical community alerts. Examples include evacuation notices, bio-terrorism alerts, boil water notices, and missing child reports.



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

### Lebanon Landfill Changes for Enfield Residents

- All previously issued landfill permits will need to be renewed prior to January 1, 2024, using the new online process that will be launched this fall. These are required for Enfield residents wishing to access the Lebanon Landfill.
- Punch cards will not be accepted at the Lebanon Landfill beginning January 1, 2024. If you have punches left on any cards, please use them before this deadline.
- Waste can be disposed of at the Lebanon Landfill in purple landfill bags available at some Lebanon retailers.
- Waste not fitting into landfill bags including bulky items like furniture, mattresses, and construction/demolition waste will be weighed on the scales beginning January 1, 2024, and the payment method is credit card only.

For more information see the Lebanon Landfill Website:

<https://lebanonnh.gov/450/Solid-Waste-Recycling>

Remember, Enfield residents have convenient curbside collection of household rubbish and zero-sort recycling. This is the most cost-effective method of disposal of these items.

## Brush and Yard Waste

The Enfield Brush and Yard Waste Recycling Facility will be open until November 1, 2023. Material can be brought to the Transfer Station during their regular hours Wednesdays 11-6 and Saturdays and Sunday 8-4. On other days material can be brought to the Public Works Facility. The facility can take clean brush and limbs up to 8" and leaves and yard waste. The Town cannot take any invasive plant species, stumps, or dimensional lumber. Residents wishing to use the facility must stop at the DPW office or the Transfer Station to have all loads checked by Town staff. The facility cannot take commercial volumes.

## Water/Sewer Billing

The Water/Sewer Department will be reading meters at the end of September for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter billing. Please submit 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter pool and outdoor use water credit forms by September 27, 2023.

## Hydrant Flushing

Hydrant flushing will begin in September. The Town routinely flushes water from the system to improve water quality and test emergency fire hydrant readiness. If you experience a loss of pressure, it should only be temporary. Please wait 30 minutes before contacting the Town. This does not pertain to properties on NH Rte. 4A and in Shaker Village that are serviced by sewer only.

## Project Updates

Maple Street Watermain Replacement: The Maple Street watermain replacement is complete and restoration activities are finishing up.

Oak Hill Road Bridge: Oak Hill bridge is complete, and the Oak Hill Road has been reopened. Highway staff will be installing permanent guardrails in the coming months.



The new Oak Hill Road bridge looking northwest from Grafton Pond Road

## Toters

The trash and recycling toters are part of the Enfield trash and recycling collection program and must remain with the property upon a property transfer. The Town has had to replace many of these containers that people have taken with them after selling their properties.

## LAST Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day of the 2023 Season

The LAST Household Hazardous waste collection day of the 2023 season will be held at the Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street, on **Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>** and will run from 9:00 am till Noon.

## [What to Bring and What Not to Bring](#)

This collection is coordinated by the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission. Follow the link below for more information: <https://www.enfield.nh.us/solid-waste-recycling/links/household-hazardous-waste-information>

## Town Clerk / Tax Collector's Office

Greetings all!

On the Clerk side;

Welcome Daisy McGraw-Coppins! Daisy came aboard as the Enfield Deputy Town Clerk on August 7<sup>th</sup> and is doing a fantastic job learning all the different aspects of Town Clerk office duties.

The Special Election for State Rep was held on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Out of 3190 registered voters, 689 cast ballots. Seven additional people registered to vote on election day as well! Thank you to all who participated. While we're on the subject of elections, 2024 will be a busy election year so if you are currently not registered to vote, please come in and register. We do need proof of residence and US citizenship. The documents most used for providing this information are your Driver's license (with your Enfield physical address on it or proof of residency) AND either your passport or birth certificate. If you have any questions, please email me at [whuntley@enfield.nh.us](mailto:whuntley@enfield.nh.us). As a reminder, elections are held at the Community Building (308 US Route 4) from 8am – 7pm on election day.

For those with **battery electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles**, beginning Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, there will be additional surcharges assessed at registration/renewal. \$100.00 for battery electric vehicles and \$50.00 for plug-in hybrid vehicles. Governor Sununu signed this bill into law to offset the loss of road toll revenues derived from transportation fuel taxation.

We are no longer mailing Motor Vehicle Renewal notices monthly as many residents were not receiving their notices. Mail delivery is out of the Town's control and the paper, printing cost and postage were a low return on the investment cost to mail out at least 500 notices a month. We do offer motor vehicle renewal notices by email. If you'd like to take advantage of this service, please send me your email address. Otherwise, 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. Renewals are always welcome in office as well.

On the Tax side;

The Tax Office enjoys a bit of a slow time in September. The second issue tax bills are in the not-so-distant future...usually 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 early October and will be due a minimum 30 days later.

Please remember 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.

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 three plus years. Although we love to see people face-to-face, continuing to utilize the online payment option helps to relieve congestion in the lobby. Of course, if your transaction cannot be done online, we're happy to help in office.

Should you need to contact the Town Clerk's office, you may call 603-632-5001 or email me at [whuntley@enfield.nh.us](mailto:whuntley@enfield.nh.us) or Daisy McGraw-Coppins, Deputy Town Clerk at [clerk2@enfield.nh.us](mailto:clerk2@enfield.nh.us).

Should you need to contact the Tax Collector's office, you may call 603-632-4201 or email me at [whuntley@enfield.nh.us](mailto:whuntley@enfield.nh.us) or Jerusha Howard, Deputy Tax Collector at [tax2@enfield.nh.us](mailto:tax2@enfield.nh.us).

Have a happy and safe September!

Wendy Huntley  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

## Meetings & Events

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

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

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

If attending a meeting online via Teams, please note that background noise can be disruptive.  
**Please remain muted until called upon to speak.**  
Thank you for your understanding.

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

Simply go to our website and click on the Videos tab for a list of available videos. Or go directly to [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCv8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8) where you can subscribe to our channel.

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

- [September 5 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee \(Design Team\)](#)
- [September 5 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Select Board](#)
- [September 6 @ 3:30 PM \(Town Hall & Teams\) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee](#)
- [September 6 @ 5:30 PM \(Town Hall\) – Old Home Days Committee](#)
- [September 7 @ 11:00 AM \(Town Hall\) – Trustees of Trust Funds](#)
- [September 7 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Conservation Commission](#)
- [September 11 @ 5:30 PM \(Enfield Public Library\) – Library Trustees](#)



- [September 12 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee \(Design Team\)](#)
- [September 12 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Zoning Board of Adjustment](#)
- [September 13 @ 6:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Planning Board](#)
- [September 14 @ 6:00 PM \(Town Hall & Teams\) – Cemetery Trustees](#)
- [September 18 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Select Board](#)
- [September 19 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee \(Design Team\)](#)
- [September 19 @ 5:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Methodist Hill Property Use Committee](#)
- [September 19 @ 6:30 PM \(Town Hall & Teams\) – Recreation Commission](#)
- [September 26 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee \(Design Team\)](#)
- [September 26 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Energy Committee](#)
- [September 27 @ 6:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Planning Board](#)
- [September 28 @ 4:30 PM \(Town Hall\) – Heritage Commission](#)
- [October 2 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Select Board](#)
- [October 3 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee \(Design Team\)](#)
- [October 3 @ 5:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Methodist Hill Property Use Committee](#)
- [October 4 @ 3:30 PM \(Town Hall & Teams\) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee](#)
- [October 4 @ 5:30 PM \(Town Hall\) – Old Home Days Committee](#)
- [October 5 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Conservation Commission](#)
- [October 9 @ 5:30 PM \(Enfield Public Library\) – Library Trustees](#)
- [October 10 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee \(Design Team\)](#)
- [October 10 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Zoning Board of Adjustment](#)
- [October 11 @ 6:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Planning Board](#)
- [October 12 @ 6:00 PM \(Town Hall & Teams\) – Cemetery Trustees](#)
- [October 16 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Select Board](#)

### **Public Hearing Notice - Discussion & Comment on Draft Short-Term Rental Ordinance**

The Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing

**Tuesday, September 5, 2023**  
**Beginning at 6:00 PM**  
**Public Works Facility, 74 Lockehaven Road, Enfield**  
**and via Teams videoconference**

to discuss and accept comment on a draft Short-Term Rental Ordinance. A copy of the draft ordinance is posted at the Town Offices and online at <https://tinyurl.com/ypzjxdn4>

Teams videoconference connection information can be found online at <https://www.enfield.nh.us/select-board/events/56341>

## **Community Events & Announcements**

## **Community Bulletin Board**

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

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



## Mascoma Lake Association

### CYANOBACTERIA: ASSESSING THE RISKS

My heart sinks when the email message comes with bad news from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. It's the formal DES notice to town officials and MLA volunteers that samples from Mascoma Lake have shown a high concentration of cyanobacteria. When the message comes through, we post red WARNING signs at all public access points and work to get the word out: DES advises that people avoid swimming, wading, and letting pets into the water for the next week.

**ADVISORY**  
High levels of potentially toxic  
**CYANOBACTERIA**  
have been identified in this water.  
**WATER NOT CURRENTLY  
SUITABLE FOR WADING OR  
SWIMMING!**  
Exposure to blue-green scums may cause nausea,  
vomiting, diarrhea, or fever in humans and pets.  
Anyone who comes in contact with a blue-green  
scum should rinse off with fresh water.  
Scan to see all current advisories  
Or visit: [https://www.des.state.nh.us/Water/Red\\_Boat/Maps/](https://www.des.state.nh.us/Water/Red_Boat/Maps/)  
CONTACT INFORMATION:  
Cyanobacteria HAB Program  
29 Hazen Dr., Concord, NH  
(603) 848-8094  
hab@des.nh.gov



While cyanobacteria are natural and always present in our ecosystem, high levels of nutrients can overfeed them, causing sudden growth or “blooms.” Blooms can release harmful toxins, irritating to skin and membranes in the short term, possibly harming other organs with prolonged exposure, and potentially fatal to dogs who drink the water or lick it from their coats. While the DES lab routinely tests only concentration, not presence of toxins, the agency’s guidance says that the safest course of action is to stay out of the water.

After the red warning signs go up, lots of hearts are sinking. People feel disappointed, worried, and confused; a warning notice distresses both local residents and vacationers who planned on a relaxing visit to our shores. And the problem seems to be getting worse. There was one week-long warning on Mascoma Lake last year, in early June 2022. So far this year, we’ve had two—mid-July and early August—and Crystal Lake had one as well. To compound the concern, our local waterbodies are not unique; it’s a problem in freshwater across New Hampshire. News outlets report that 2023 is “on its way to a summer record number of cyanobacteria blooms, according to state data.” (Union Leader, August 18: [A Record Year So Far](#))

Why is that? We’re hearing plenty of opinions as people cope with this problem, both from the scientific community and from regular folks. You can test your own knowledge with this quiz:

There are more cyanobacteria warnings now than there used to be because:

- A. Heavy rainstorms are increasing erosion as well as runoff from fertilized lawns and septic system leach fields, bringing more nutrients into the water and overfeeding cyanobacteria.
- B. Extreme heat encourages cyanobacteria blooms, as they outcompete other phytoplankton types in high temperatures.
- C. There is more public awareness about harmful algae, so there are more reports to DES.
- D. Lakes with more development—more houses and lawns than they used to have—are more susceptible.
- E. All of the above



Yes, it's E. As climate change drives more severe weather, more of us live on lakeshores, and more people understand the possible harm from algal blooms, we're likely to see the pattern of more frequent blooms and warnings continue. While we can work to curb nutrient overload and create a comprehensive watershed management plan to address the issue on a regional scale, we probably haven't seen the last of those heart-sinking warning messages.



That leads to more questions. What does a week-long warning really mean? Does it have to be that long? What if the bloom was in a different part of the lake than the one I want to use? Is the lake really “shut down” or can I make my own decisions? We consulted the state’s leading expert, Kate Langley Hastings at DES, where she’s the Cyanobacteria Harmful Algal Bloom Program Coordinator; part of her job is to issue those warning messages based on sample results. Here’s what she said:

“When we issue advisories, we wait a week before resampling to determine if the advisory will remain or is lifted based on another round of samples. We rarely issue advisories for a shorter period of time. A week is typically long enough to determine if the bloom has fully passed or not. If we resample too soon, the conditions may not be representative, and we may miss the bloom even if it's still there. Waiting a week allows us to check in with folks and get a sense of if the bloom has continued to persist or not, and determine sampling locations based on that information. “

“Blooms are very dynamic and can move around a waterbody quickly based on wind, wave, boat action and lake morphology. Because of the dynamic nature of blooms that can change hour to hour, we issue advisories as lake-wide statements. The cyanobacteria grow lake wide and accumulate on shorelines based on these factors.”

“Our advice is to not swim or wade in a waterbody experiencing a bloom, however we do not close waterbodies. If you choose to recreate the risk will not be zero, but it will be a lot lower in areas where you cannot see any visual accumulation of bloom material, and higher where you can see it. As the material can move around quickly, we aren't able to provide guidance on safe vs unsafe areas based on the initial samples.”

That last paragraph brings the decision making back to you. DES has standards based on scientific research, which guide a system for issuing warnings to protect the public. The town of Enfield and MLA volunteers agree to convey those warnings, consistent with state regulations and a duty of care to lake users. After that, it’s the lake users themselves who get to weigh the information on possible risks and to make their own choices.

From the MLA perspective, we see that many lake users are getting more alert, looking out for discoloration or unusual patterns in the water around them. They know that showering can reduce risk after exposure. They are making choices about the activities they pursue; fishing on calm water is likely to be less risky than inhaling aerosolized water while skiing or tubing. They are taking age into account, protecting small children while older people may decide to accept more risk.

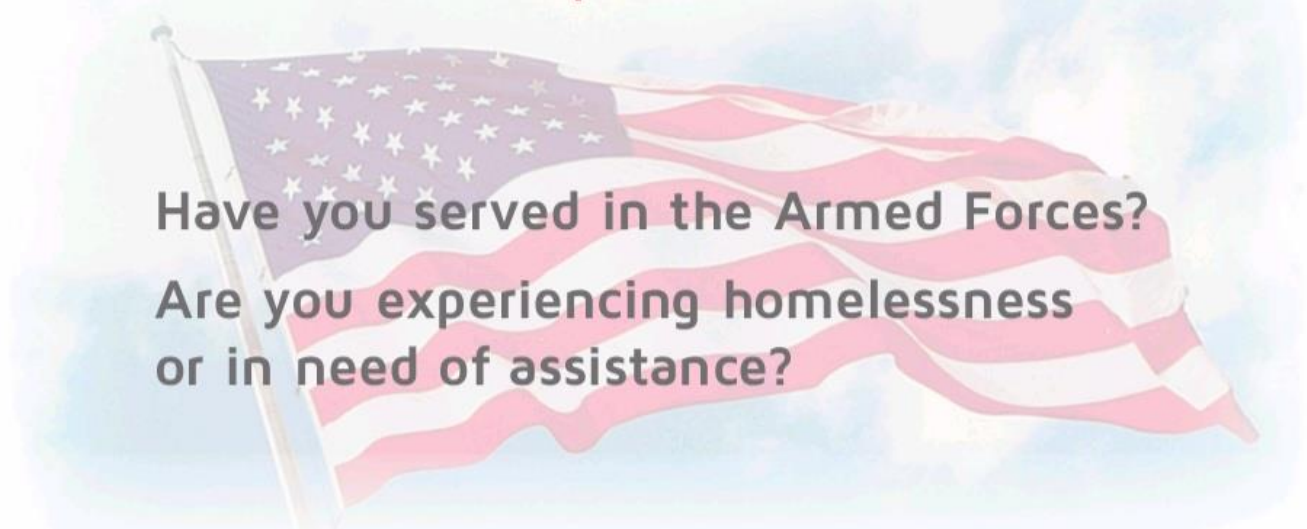
In the end, while we have clear answers about the science of cyanobacteria and the reasons for state advisories that warn us out of the water, Granite Staters and their guests remain free to make up their own minds. The more we learn about cyanobacteria—even if it is sadly through hard experience with repeated blooms—the better informed our choices will be.

Martha Jane Rich  
for the Mascoma Lake Association



# NH STAND DOWN

A resource & service expo for former service members



Have you served in the Armed Forces?  
Are you experiencing homelessness  
or in need of assistance?

## Help is available!

Employment Services  
Medical Advice  
Food

Clothing  
Haircuts  
Legal Advice

Pension Claims  
Counseling  
And More!

## September 8, 2023 10am - 2pm

**Double Tree, 700 Elm Street, Manchester, NH 03101**

Transportation services will be provided by SSVF and the VA.

For more information contact: Andrea May  
603-882-3616 x 1111 [a.may@harborcarenh.org](mailto:a.may@harborcarenh.org)



**Veterans FIRST**  
A Program of Harbor Care

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in partnership with USVA, USDOL, and  
local service providers.



## Learn How Households May Be Eligible for **FREE** Home Internet

Join one of two virtual sessions to learn how populations you work with can get free or reduced home internet by enrolling in the Federal Government's Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) and Comcast's Internet Essentials, a broadband option for eligible households.

### *Dates & Times:*

**Wednesday, Sept 13**  
**1:00 pm**

**Wednesday, Sept 27**  
**1:00 pm**

*RSVP using the calendar invites below for your preferred date.*



## internet essentials



*Please forward to colleagues, partners and agencies who could also benefit from this session.*

Presented by Brad Palazzo, Comcast  
Director of Community Impact



## Microsoft Teams Meetings

September 13, 2023	September 27, 2023
<p><b>Join on your computer, mobile app or room device</b>  <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a>  Meeting ID: 259 776 667 720  Passcode: dmPLXx  <a href="#">Download Teams</a>   <a href="#">Join on the web</a></p> <p><b>Join with a video conferencing device</b>  <a href="mailto:31808802@v.comcast.com">31808802@v.comcast.com</a>  Video Conference ID: 117 706 901 4  <a href="#">Alternate VTC instructions</a></p> <p><b>Or call in (audio only)</b>  <a href="tel:+12673586564,181350374#">+1 267-358-6564,,181350374#</a> United States,  Philadelphia  Phone Conference ID: 181 350 374#  <a href="#">Find a local number</a>   <a href="#">Reset PIN</a></p>	<p><b>Join on your computer, mobile app or room device</b>  <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a>  Meeting ID: 250 434 380 287  Passcode: abJbXp  <a href="#">Download Teams</a>   <a href="#">Join on the web</a></p> <p><b>Join with a video conferencing device</b>  <a href="mailto:31808802@v.comcast.com">31808802@v.comcast.com</a>  Video Conference ID: 114 458 950 3  <a href="#">Alternate VTC instructions</a></p> <p><b>Or call in (audio only)</b>  <a href="tel:+12673586564,229674889#">+1 267-358-6564,,229674889#</a> United States,  Philadelphia  Phone Conference ID: 229 674 889#  <a href="#">Find a local number</a>   <a href="#">Reset PIN</a></p>

## Recent News from Past Issues

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

## NH Association of Conservation Commissions Photo Contest

**You Can Still Enter the  
NH Association of Conservation Commissions  
Photo Contest for a chance to win \$250!**

### Get outside this summer and take photos

If you like to capture nature's beauty, please share your amazing photos with NHACC as part of our Water, Wetlands, and Wildlife in the Natural World photo contest. We are primarily looking for photographs that inspire the preservation of our natural environment. Winners in each category will receive \$250, and Honorable Mentions will receive \$50. You are encouraged to take photographs on conserved lands in or near your town, but they also may be taken in other places such as your own backyard.



A complete list of rules can be found on the [NHACC website](#).

**How to Enter:**

We will be using an on-line platform called ArtCall <https://2023-nhacc-photo-contest.artcall.org/users/login> to host entries into the contest. **The entry form will be open between June 1 and September 8**, and details about how to use this tool will be released shortly. Contestants will be able to edit or change their entry any time before midnight on September 8. Start taking pictures now!



## USDA Funding Available for Good Land Stewards



Are you a forest, crop, or pasture landowner or land manager who is doing a good job stewarding your land? If so, you might be interested in USDA NRCS's Conservation Stewardship Program. This program rewards good land stewardship, and helps further enhance that stewardship, through installation of conservation practices. If your land meets the criteria, you may qualify for annual payments of \$1500 or higher, plus payments for completing conservation practices.

Interested in managing your forest to improve wildlife habitat or forest health? USDA NRCS also offers funding for Forest Management plans and incentives for implementing wildlife habitat and forest health practices.

For information, please contact the USDA NRCS office in Orford, NH at 603-353-4651 x 3 or [eric.dugas@usda.gov](mailto:eric.dugas@usda.gov)

USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/NewHampshire>



# Household Hazardous Waste 2023 COLLECTION DAYS

One Friday  
Collection

WHEN

**All collections are 9:00 am—Noon**

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

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

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

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

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

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

## WHAT TO BRING:

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

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



For  
information  
contact the

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

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

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

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

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

**Medicine:** See [www.twinstatesafemeds.com](http://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>

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