Town of Enfield

Regional Organizations

Advance Transit, Inc.

In FY 2017, a total of 590,105 passenger trips were boarded on Advance Transit's fixed routes, 4,867 of which were boarded within the Town of Enfield. This is a decrease and follows national ridership trends which are being influenced by continued low gas prices. AT maintained the same services in 2017 with seven scheduled runs each weekday between Canaan and Lebanon with connections to destinations in Hanover, West Lebanon, and White River Junction.

Perhaps you don't drive, but if you do, you are probably enjoying some extra savings due to falling gas prices; save even more by commuting on Advance Transit's FREE bus service. Our sponsors invest in free transit service as a way of reducing the number of cars in congested areas including downtown Hanover, on the Dartmouth College campus, and at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, where parking is expensive and in short supply.

If you are not familiar with our services, you can plan your trip by visiting our website www.advancetransit.com or by using Google Transit. Better yet, download the new smartphone application for free. Just go to the app store and search "advancetransit." If you would rather talk live with a real customer service person, you can call our offices at 802-295-1824, 8-4:30, Monday through Friday. Need help learning to navigate the Advance Transit system? We offer free travel training to groups and individuals. Let us know if we can assist.

Advance Transit's mission is: "To assure the continued livability and accessibility of Upper Valley communities by providing safe, effective and friendly public transportation services."

Thank you for helping to support public transportation in your community.

ADVANCE TRANSIT

Van Chesnut
Executive Director

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of New Hampshire

Mission: Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of New Hampshire strives to protect the rights of our state's most vulnerable children to live, learn and grow in the embrace of a loving family. Our purpose is to provide well-trained and caring Guardian ad Litem (GALs) for abused and neglected children who come to the attention of New Hampshire's courts through no fault of their own.

Our trained volunteer advocates speak for abused and neglected children's best interests in New Hampshire's family court system- including Lebanon Circuit Court, the court that serves children from the Town of Enfield.

	Statewide	**Lebanon Circuit Court**
Children served in 2017	1,358 children	37 children

Currently, our trained volunteer advocates speak for children's best interests in about 81% of the abuse cases that came to NH's Family Court system. Since 1989, CASA of New Hampshire has served over 10,000 victimized children in our state.

Although the goal of a CASA advocate is to ensure that victimized children are placed in stable and permanent homes, there is still a constant flux of children in and out of the child protective system. These children are often relocated multiple times throughout the course of an abuse/neglect case- moving from one foster or relative home to another and transferring schools multiple times a year. Your support helps children who are in a relative placement or foster home in the Town of Enfield, children who use the Enfield school system, or children with relatives/caretakers in Enfield.

CASA
New Hampshire

Crystal Lake Improvement Association

2017 was another great year in Enfield and especially on Crystal Lake. We continued our tradition of community efforts to protect Crystal Lake from invasive species and monitor the quality of the aquatic environment to document the success of our efforts. We continue with our efforts to create an environment of fun and enjoyment for residents and visitors. Our 10th Annual Independence Day Boat Parade was, as it always is, a resounding success with numerous boats, some decorated and some not, taking part. Then followed the annual pig roast/picnic on the third Saturday of July which was again greatly enjoyed by residents and guests. A special thank you to the Mascoma Valley Guitar Orchestra for the outstanding entertainment they provided, we certainly hope to have them back again. At the Crystal Lake Improvement Association Annual Meeting in August we had the opportunity to meet our new Town Manager Ryan Aylesworth; all enjoyed the opportunity to meet and get to know him.

Our efforts on behalf of Crystal Lake included roadside cleanup, the weekly sampling of the lake water for the Lakes Lay Monitoring Program, manning the boat ramp on Crystal Lake to screen boats for invasive species (both plant and animal) and educate the boating public regarding proper care when moving from lake to lake as part of the NH Lakes Lake Host Program, providing weed watching on the lake, and generally monitoring the quality of the lake environment.

In 2017 the Crystal Lake resident loons were not successful in nesting efforts due to the high water levels in the early spring, but we do hope for a more successful effort in 2018.

Glyn Green
President

Enfield Historical Society

Knowledge of the Past Enlightens the Future

The Enfield Historical Society began the 2016-2017 fiscal year on the Lockehaven Schoolhouse lawn by enjoying a most enlightening conversation with Wendy Piper, Grafton County Commissioner, discussing the role of the commissioners in county government. That same evening Jean and Chuck Townsend presented a mystery of where on Methodist Hill a tall wooden tower was erected in the early 1900's that made available sights of the distant sea coast, Massachusetts, the White, and Green mountains.

About one hundred seventy persons attended our programs during the year. The society heard programs dealing with the agriculture of NH through the years by touring the 1854 barn at the Shaker Museum with Michael O'Connor, and a presentation by Steve Taylor; Jim Taylor, presented a program on Maple sugaring in NH. The Society joined the Enfield Public Library in co-sponsoring a program "Mt. Washington Observatory Weather Station"; digging into the past we heard about early Native American history from Dr. Robert Goodby, a New Hampshire Humanities Council Program.

The Society participated in the Old Home Days celebration by opening the Lockehaven Schoolhouse to the public for a day at school in the 1800's conducted by Lisa Torres and Heather Oliver.

Society and Town Historian, Marjorie Carr at 632-7740, or Kathy Ford at 632-4675, are available to conduct Enfield Center Museum tours by appointment. Special arrangements may also be made with the same contacts for Lockehaven visits. The Historian may also be contacted for historical and genealogical records and information on burial sites. Donations of photographs, post cards, and/or documents are greatly appreciated.

The Society sponsored history of Enfield is available at the Enfield Public Library, the Shaker Museum, the Mascoma Savings Bank, and through the Society. Everyone is invited to become a member of the Society, to attend any and all programs. Information is available by contacting those above, or at P.O. Box 612, Enfield, NH 03748.

Come, see what we are about.

Kathy Ford
Secretary

Enfield Shaker Museum

...preserving the Enfield Shaker legacy

Enfield Shaker Village Circa 1904

Dear Enfield Residents,

Each year at our Annual Meeting in November, I share the highlights from the past year. This year I reached out to the staff, the board, our volunteers and friends from Enfield for their thoughts. As our 30th anniversary year ends, and we plan for the 225th anniversary of the Shakers arriving at our site on Route 4A, I would like to share some of these high points with you.

- One of our residents and a new member of our board felt we have an **incredibly talented, dedicated and passionate staff**. They said it was truly inspirational to watch our team in action on a day-to-day basis with our Museum visitors or at many of our events and programs.

- A member of our staff felt the increase in **educational programming and digital marketing**, brought both quantity and quality to each day.
- Other staff members highlighted the **improved quality of service** we are providing to our visitors and the comradery and teamwork shared among the staff and volunteers. In 2017 we hosted over 6,000 visitors from around the world. We are proud that many of these visitors supported other businesses in town and contributed to the town's economic growth in 2017.
- Many observers felt our biggest accomplishment was our **preservation work** in our buildings and throughout the site. Our preservation work is one of the most tangible and visible things we are doing. It is our goal to bring as much of the site back to what it looked like when the Shakers were here as we can.

Over these last few years, we have worked to lay a solid foundation for the future through our dedicated staff, our exceptional programming, our continued preservation work and the high-quality service we offer our visitors. We appreciate the many ways people support the Museum's efforts, especially the residents from the Town of Enfield. Without your support, we would not be able to continue sharing the very special history of the Enfield Shaker Village.

As the Shakers worked and contributed to the Town's economic growth and stability, it is the Museum's goal to continue to follow in their footsteps as members of the Enfield community. Please join us and help keep up our momentum.

Thank you and always remember, Enfield residents receive free admission where you can learn more about your hometown history!

Sincerely,

Dolores Struckhoff
Executive Director

ENFIELD SHAKER MUSEUM
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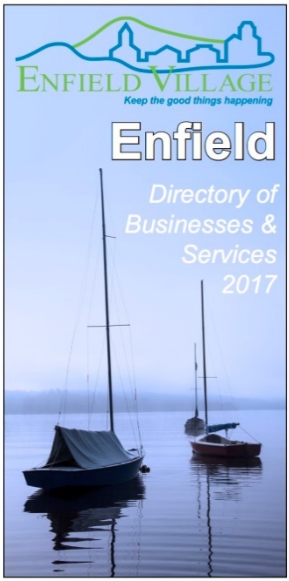
Enfield, NH 03748
(603) 632-4346
www.shakermuseum.org

Enfield Village Association

The mission of the Enfield Village Association (EVA) is to enhance the town's cultural, historical, recreational and natural resources while promoting economic development.



A service of the Enfield Village Association (EVA)

An important accomplishment in 2017 was the publication of our Enfield Business Directory. We added 35 new businesses to the listings, for a total of 181 businesses offering goods and services in 88 categories. Listings are free to all Enfield businesses and we now have an online addition that can be kept up to date between printed versions.

Our Welcome Packet program has been well received. Each packet includes a small gift bag with information about the Community, coupons from local businesses, and the Business Directory as a welcome gift for new residents. The packets are distributed by the Town Clerk's office.

EVA's Business Coffees and After Hours Events continue to be a popular venue for Enfield's businesses, non-profits, and Town officials to gather for networking and impromptu discussions of topics of interest. Coffees are held on the fourth Friday of each month from 8-9am hosted at different venues.

The EVA Events Committee hosted Spring Green Up Day and did another wonderful job with Hometown Holidays event this year as well. In 2017 the Shaker 7 Road Race was canceled due to Lakeside Park construction and Main St issues, but is well underway for the 2018 revival for this exciting event that brings a number of visitors to Enfield and shows off our great community.

The Beautification Committee kept our gardens alive with color all summer long, created the fabulous scarecrow display in the fall, and provided garlands and holiday lights in the winter.

In 2018, in addition to our current projects, we will work with our business community to study ways to improve parking and land use downtown and revive the Mascoma Riverwalk project.

Greeley House – Enfield Village Association

A special thanks to all the volunteers who staffed the office this year!

Finally, a special thanks to Doug and Meredith Smith, both retiring from the EVA board, for all their work with EVA over the years. EVA is grateful for your dedication to making Enfield a better place to live!

EVA cordially invites your ideas and participation in our activities! Please contact me or an EVA board member to get involved!

Sincerely,

Kimberley Quirk, President
(kim.quirk@gmail.com)

Harry Trumbull, Treasurer
Janet Lovely, Secretary
Doug Smith, Member
Meredith Smith, Member
Terri Lynch, Member

ENFIELD VILLAGE
Keep the good things happening

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
Executive Council

JOSEPH D. KENNEY
EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR
DISTRICT ONE

STATE HOUSE ROOM 207
107 NORTH MAIN STREET
CONCORD, NH 03301
(603) 271-3632

2018 will begin my fifth year serving as your District 1 Executive Councilor. I have had the opportunity to work with many great local, county and state officials, but most importantly with the citizens of District 1. I am once again grateful and honored for the opportunity to serve you.

I continue to work with the Governor, Executive Council and Legislature on the important issues impacting the State. The heroin, fentanyl and opioid crisis continues to hit the state hard and the Executive Council continues to support funding for prevention, treatment and recovery programs. The expansion of Friendship House in Bethlehem, the only residential drug-treatment facility in the North Country, will be dedicated in 2018. This will increase the number of beds from 18 to 32 for a 28-day stay for treatment.

Economic development will continue to be a top priority for my office in District 1 and I will work with community and business leaders to assist in the creation of jobs and economic opportunity. I am committed to the redevelopment of the Balsams project in Dixville Notch and I am working with the new Lakeshore Redevelopment Planning Commission in the development of the old State property in Laconia. I will continue to work with the Town of Enfield on the transfer of State property at the Mascoma Beach area as well as the Town of Conway on its 2.8 mile Pathway Project and the Town of Laconia on its Colonial Theatre Project.

Presently, there are over a thousand volunteers who served on 163 boards and commissions in state government. In 2017, 7 new commissioners were nominated and confirmed. Of the 348 nominations and confirmations to boards and commissions, 68 of them were from District 1. The Council confirmed 5 Circuit Court Judges (2 from District 1), 1 part-time Circuit Court Judge and 1 Supreme Court Associate Judge. In 2017 there were $1.34 billion in expenditures, $5.7 billion in working capital and the Council passed 1776 contracts.

I join with the NH Congressional Delegation – Senator Jeanne Sheehan, Senator Maggie Hassan, Congresswoman Annie Kuster and Congresswoman Carol Shea-Porter in working with them on critical issues and projects to benefit the State of New Hampshire and the Region.

The Ten Year Transportation Improvement Plan, working with the Department of Transportation and the Regional Planning Commissions, was completed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor in June. The plan focuses on preservation, maintenance and safety of existing pavement and bridge infrastructure throughout the state. Over $16 million in federal funds was provided to NH for the Congestion, Mitigation, and Air Quality (CMAQ) program of which 16 grant applications were accepted and funded. Contact William Watson at NH DOT for any additional details at 271-3344.

The 2018 sessions of the NH House and Senate will address legislation that deals with the heroin, fentanyl and opioid crisis, sustainment of Medicaid expansion, business and workforce development, voting and drinking water safety. Again, I will be watchful of the legislation that impacts my district. Stay close to your local state senator and house members.

The Governor and Council are always looking for volunteers to serve on the dozens of state boards and commissions. If you are interested, please send your resume to Governor Chris Sununu, State House, 107 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301, attention Eliot Gault Director of Appointments/Liaison or at (603) 271-8790. A complete list of all state boards and commissions is available at the NH Secretary of State website at www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index.htm

My office has available the following informational items: NH Constitutions, tourist maps, consumer handbooks, etc. I periodically email my weekly schedule and other items of note. If you would like to be included on this list, contact me at joseph.kenney@nh.gov. I also have an internship program for college students and other interested ages so please contact my office to discuss this opportunity anytime. My office number is 271-3632. Please stay in touch!

Serving you,

Joe

Joseph D. Kenney
Executive Councilor
District One

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Forest Fire Warden & State Forest Ranger

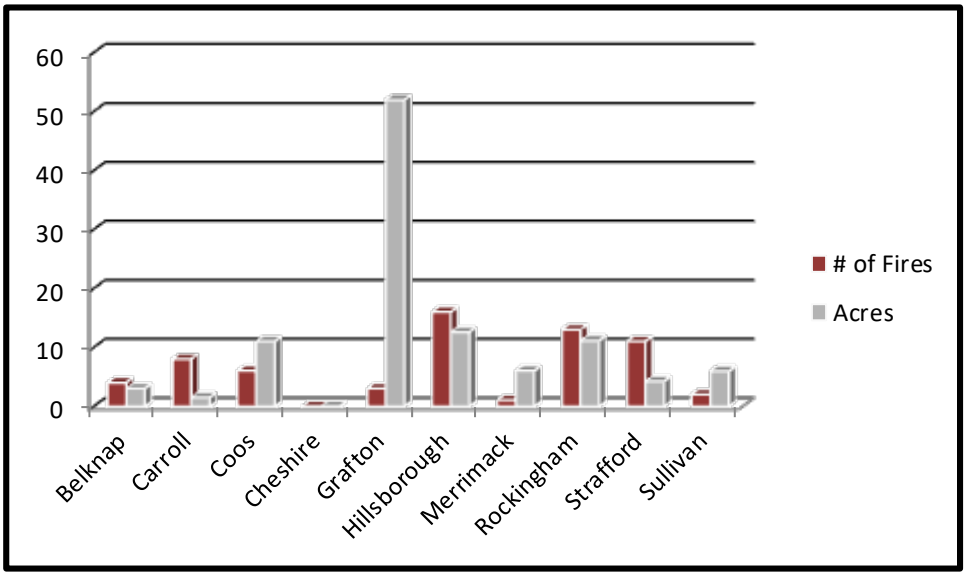
This past year we were fortunate enough to have favorable weather conditions in the spring and summer which limited the amount of wildland fire activity throughout the state. September and October saw fire conditions change and the state was faced with some difficult fires. The Dilly Cliff fire in North Woodstock was one of the most challenging fires we have seen in New Hampshire. Steep terrain and extreme fire behavior made this fire difficult to fight. It lasted for over 3 weeks and the final hotspots in inaccessible terrain were extinguished by heavy rains. Your local fire departments and the Division of Forests & Lands worked throughout the year to protect homes and the forests. The statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers continues to operate on high fire danger days. Our fire lookouts are credited with keeping many fires small due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire detection efforts were supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger was especially high.

Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2017 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

As we prepare for the 2018 fire season, please remember to contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a fire permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning, unless the ground is completely covered with snow. Fire permits are also available online in most towns and may be obtained by visiting www.NHfirepermit.com. The burning of household waste is prohibited by the Air Resources Division of the Department of Environmental Services (DES). You are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 603-271-3503 or www.des.nh.gov for more information. Safe open burning requires your diligence and responsibility. Thank you for helping us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdfl.org.

2017 WILDLAND FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of December 2017)



HISTORICAL DATA		
YEAR	NUMBER of FIRES	ACRES BURNED
2017	64	107
2016	351	1090
2015	124	635
2014	112	72
2013	182	144
2012	318	206

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED (These numbers do not include the WMNF)	
Arson	0
Debris Burning	7
Campfire	11
Children	1
Smoking	4
Railroad	0
Equipment	4
Lightning	0
Misc.*	37

REMEMBER, ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDFIRES!

Friends of Mascoma Foundation is a grassroots 501(c)(3) charitable organization dedicated to fostering educational advancements within the Mascoma Valley Regional School District. Our organization focuses on three major programs that are outlined below.

Scholarships

Our scholarship program launched in 2016 and we are gearing up for our third year of the program. Scholarships are open to graduating seniors at MVRHS and applicants must be pursuing post-secondary programs including technical/trade/certificate programs, associates degrees, and 4+ year degrees. Our first year we awarded $6,500 to the Class of 2016 and we more than doubled that amount by awarding $14,500 to the Class of 2017! The application deadline is May 1st and more information can be found at http://friendsofmascoma.org/scholarship/. We look forward to awarding scholarships to graduating seniors in June!

Mini-Grants

Mini-grants are modest awards that help educators make a positive difference in the learning experience of their students. Mini-grants support, encourage, and facilitate great teaching ideas that would not be possible within the existing school budget. Any member of the MVRSD's instructional or professional staff (i.e., teachers, counselors, librarians, paraprofessionals, or nurses) is eligible to apply for a mini-grant. Grants are awarded based on the quality of the idea and the projected impact of the project presented in the application. The number of grants awarded depends on funds raised each year. Currently there is no limit to the amount applicants may request, we have funding to award modest requests with the possibility of supplemental grants if a project is more than we can grant. For more information please visit: http://friendsofmascoma.org/mini-grants/.

Friends Feeding Friends

We are committed to combatting food insecurity in our district through our Friends Feeding Friends program and are registered agents of the New Hampshire Food Bank. This program provides food to district residents of Canaan, Dorchester, Enfield, Grafton and Orange via two public food pantries open weekly, which are located in Enfield in the town offices and Canaan in the MTD Building. This program also provides support to the food pantry located at MVRHS and snacks to the elementary and middle schools. In 2017 the Enfield pantry had 1010 household visits and the Canaan pantry had 1280 household visits. We are working to expand this program by supporting school and community gardens in the district.

For more information please visit: www.friendsofmascoma.org or www.facebook.com/friendsofmascoma. Have a question or want to be involved? Contact info@friendsofmascoma.org or 603.632.4542.

Respectfully submitted by:

Holly West, President

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. is a private nonprofit organization that provides programs and services to support the health and well being of our communities' older citizens. The Council's programs enable elderly individuals to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

The Council operates eight senior centers in Plymouth, Littleton, Canaan, Lebanon, Bristol, Orford, Haverhill and Lincoln; and sponsors the Grafton County ServiceLink Resource Center and RSVP's Volunteer Center. Through the centers, ServiceLink and RSVP, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long-term services including home delivered meals, community dining programs, transportation, outreach and counseling, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

During 2016-17, 147 older residents of Enfield were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Upper Valley or Mascoma Senior Centers and 109 were assisted by ServiceLink:

- Older adults from Enfield enjoyed 1,402 balanced meals in the company of friends in the centers' dining rooms.
- They received 5,365 hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers.
- Enfield residents were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 1,005 occasions by our lift-equipped buses.
- They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through 242 visits with a trained outreach worker and 401 contacts with ServiceLink.
- Enfield's citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 2,382 hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide Council services for Enfield residents in 2016-17 was $95,132.61.

Such services can be critical to elderly individuals who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty, saving tax dollars that would otherwise be expended for nursing home care. They also contribute to a higher quality of life for older friends and neighbors. As our population grows older, supportive services such as those offered by the Council become even more critical.

Enfield's population over age 60 has increased by 92% over the past 20 years, according to U.S. Census data from 1990 to 2010.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council very much appreciates Enfield's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older citizens and enable them to meet the challenges of aging in the security and comfort of their own communities and homes.

Roberta Berner
Executive Director

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Web site: www.gcscc.org

A United Way Agency providing services to older adults in Grafton County

Mascoma Lakeside Park

The Town of Enfield is slowly moving forward in negotiations with NH DOT to acquire the two lots currently owned by DOT which border Mascoma Lake and the Rail Trail. If the Town is successful in these negotiations and in the fund-raising efforts by the Mascoma Lakeside Park Fundraising Committee to raise the necessary purchase price (at this point, unknown), Enfield will realize a long-held dream of a lakefront park and improved access to the lake.

August of 2017 saw the completion of the NH DOT work on Main Street which was part of the rebuilding of the Shaker Bridge project. Included in the NH DOT work was significant landscaping of the proposed park area with many beautiful shrubs and wild flowers. Thanks to Jim Taylor and his remarkable crew for providing the landscape boulders along the side of the emergency access road.

The Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee (MLPC) has met monthly for over two years to assist in efforts to acquire the land and to purchase some improvements at the site through a fund-raising effort spear-headed by the Enfield Village Association. Four picnic tables were purchased for all to enjoy and a new non-motorized boat ramp was built over the summer. The ramp, constructed to DES specifications, will prevent further deterioration of the shoreline from small boat launchings. It will also make it easier for kayak, canoe, and car-top boats to be launched at the site and keep small boats away from the main boat ramp.

A shout-out is due to Eagle Scout Nick Williams who constructed an informational kiosk for the park as his Eagle Scout project. He also raised all the money for the materials used and donated the extra funds raised to the park fund. The kiosk will be an important feature of the park as a place to post notices and lake health and safety information.

A Mascoma Lakeside Park Fundraising Committee was established by the Selectboard in December, made up of a group of local citizens. A Restricted Use Trust Fund has also been established and will be managed by the Trustees of the Trust Funds. As donations are raised, they will go into this special trust fund. It should be noted that checks to the Town of Enfield for Lakeside Park will be tax deductible. Although it was originally expected that the Enfield Village Association, a 501-C3, would act as the fund-raising vehicle for the park, the NH DOT has informed the Town that they would be reluctant to sell the land to anyone other than the Town. Since all donations to the Town/Lakeside Park will be tax deductible, having the Town act as the recipient of donations to make the purchase seemed like the best approach. However, the Mascoma Lakeside Park will continue to work closely with EVA as plans for the park develop.

An article will be placed on the Town Warrant for this year's March Town Meeting. Voters will be asked if they will accept funds to purchase the two lakefront lots and direct the Selectboard to make the purchase of the two lots.

The Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee hopes Townspeople will support the dream of lake access for all and that at last, all Enfield will be able to enjoy this beautiful place.

Meredith Smith, Chair
Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee

Mascoma Valley Parks & Recreation

This year saw the continuation of many of our popular recreation programs and activities, including the MVPR Ski & Ride Program and the MVPR Youth Theatre Camp. We also introduced online registration for many of our programs! Check out our page and create an account to make registering for future programs quick and easy.

Mascoma Valley Parks & Recreation:
https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Home

Our "Ski & Ride" and "Youth Theatre" programs continue to be our two biggest youth programs. In 2017 we had 55 students enrolled in the MVPR Ski & Ride Program and 32 students participating in our Youth Theatre Camp. Each program is open to students, Kindergarten – 8th grade, and relies on the support of the schools, recreation staff and our wonderful volunteers. We also added new adult recreation programs in 2017, such as an Adult Wood Working Class and Zumba fitness classes. See below for a complete list of our 2017 programs, and look for information on future programs and activities on our website, Facebook page and in future editions of *Play Mascoma Valley! A Guide to Recreation & Active Living* (PMV). PMV is published twice a year and is a brochure that highlights community events in Enfield, Canaan, Dorchester, Grafton and Orange, and provides information on how to register for recreation programs.

2017 weekly programs and activities (continued from 2016):

- Swing Jamie Line Dancing (Thursdays)
- Adult (Over 30) Basketball (Sundays)
- Adult Volleyball (Sundays)
- Afterschool Yoga at Indian River School (Mondays, for teachers & community members)
- Outdoor Yoga (Wednesdays in the summer and early fall)
- Yoga in Enfield (Wednesdays – throughout the winter)
- Indoor Field Hockey at Grantham Indoor (youth & adult games, Thursdays, Nov. – Dec & Jan. – Mar.)
- Challenger Sports Youth Soccer Camp (British Soccer in July)
- "Pub" Trivia at the Public Library (at Canaan Town Library)
- Indian River Cross Country and Track Program (grades 5-8, Fall & Spring)

- New Hampshire Fisher Cats game (discounted tickets to two separate games)
- Youth Sailing Lessons (in conjunction with the Mascoma Sailing Club)
- Outdoor Movie in the Park (in conjunction with the Enfield Police Department)
- 4th Annual "4 for the 4th Road Race" (in conjunction with Social-Summit Lodge #50)
- MVPR Youth Ski and Ride Program (January – March at Whaleback Mountain)
- Elementary Cross Country Skiing (Wednesdays in January)
- Youth Dance Classes
- Mat Yoga (Thursdays)
- Mascoma Valley Guitar Orchestra (Sundays)
- Youth Volleyball Clinic (one week in July)

Volleyball Camp 2017

Adult Wood Working Class

2017 <u>NEW</u> weekly programs, activities and events:

- Adult Wood Working Class (6-weeks, Mondays & Wednesdays)
- After school Line Dancing (Mondays at MVRHS)
- Zumba (Thursdays at MVRHS)

Respectfully Submitted,

Katharine Lary Jopek
Regional Recreation Coordinator
Mascoma Valley Parks & Recreation

Public Health Council of the Upper Valley

Thank you to the residents of Enfield for supporting the Public Health Council of the Upper Valley (PHC) in 2017.

As one of the State of New Hampshire's thirteen regional public health networks, PHC has quickly become the largest and broadest coalition of advocates on public health issues in the greater Upper Valley region. The PHC is a dynamic organization with the flexibility to forge solutions that respond to the needs of its grassroot members with backing from governmental, philanthropic, and health care institutions. Through regular meetings and ongoing initiatives, the PHC empowers organizations, professionals, and citizens, who together make our communities healthier and better places.

In 2017, PHC staff and partners developed working groups and strategies to address substance misuse, healthy eating, oral health, and other concerns for the region. The PHC supported a number of collaborative initiatives such as:

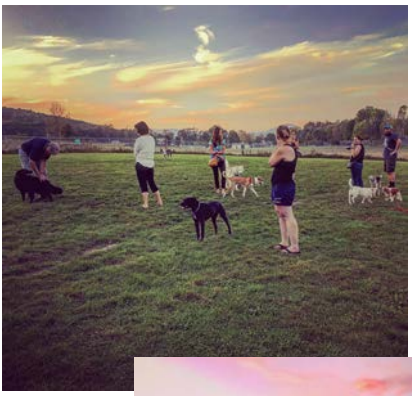
- Providing supportive housing for pregnant and parenting women in early recovery from opioid addiction.
- Expanding availability of summer meal programs for children in the region.
- Hosting a forum for school personnel and area service providers to better match student needs with resources available in the community.
- Piloting an oral health screening project in New Hampshire communities, modeled on the Ottauquechee Health Foundation's (OHF) Smiles Project. As a result, the OHF has agreed to expand their program to serve both sides of the Connecticut River.
- Hosting five flu clinics in rural communities across our region, providing over 1,100 free vaccines.

PHC greatly appreciates the support we receive from Enfield and will continue to work hard to meet your needs in 2018. For more information about PHC, visit us at www.uvpublichealth.org.

Shaker Field Dog Park

The Shaker Field Dog Park, which opened in August of 2015, is now going in to its 3rd year of busy operation. Funds from membership fees and donations keep the park open with dog waste bags, garbage removal, mowing and plowing, and well water. This year, the Big Dog Park's hill and tunnels were made a permanent fixture with the installation of dog-friendly artificial turf. Volunteers have kept the park clean and in good repair.

Again this past summer the Mascoma Valley Dog Park Supporters, the non-profit group that founded and manages the park, offered two sessions of Dog Park Ambassador Training with dog behavior consultant Michelle Grimes. Michelle provided education on dog body language and behavior and when and how to intervene. As in past years, volunteers and their dogs marched in the Old Home Days Parade, participated in Lebanon Recreation Department's Paws in the Pool event, and staffed the annual Bark-toberfest event in mid-October. For more information about the park and how to become involved go to www.facebook.com/MVDPS and www.mascomavalleydogpark.com.



Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Herrin

Marcia Herrin, President
Mascoma Valley Dog Park Supporters

Community Contact Offices are the Outreach Offices of Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc. (TCCAP) Energy Assistance Program, providing access to apply for fuel, electric and weatherization services.

Community Contact Offices provide outreach services to households applying for energy assistance programs; Fuel Assistance, Electric Assistance and Weatherization. Households have the option to apply in person at the office, or through a convenient method of their choice; phone, mail, internet (downloading and mailing completed application). The various methods of applying provides households with the opportunity to apply for the necessary assistance to meet their households most basic needs, while not having to incur additional costs or inconvenience; missed work, gas expenditure, child care, etc. TCCAP's Energy Assistance Program has found that the greater majority of clients are now utilizing the alternative methods of applying for assistance versus the old method of a face-to-face intake appointment.

During the agency's fiscal year 2017; July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017, Community Contact Offices throughout Coos, Carroll and Grafton Counties provided services to 6,115 households through $4.7MM in Fuel Assistance, $2.5MM in Electric discounts, $767,000 in Weatherization, and $355,000 in food value distributed to local food banks; totaling $8.4MM in total assistance distributed to our neighbors in need. Community Contact does not charge a fee for services provided, and services are available for all income eligible households.

TCCAP and our Community Contact Offices are dedicated to provide services all residents of Coos, Carroll and Grafton County's residents. The agency thanks all communities we serve for their financial support of the program, so that we may be able to continue to provide services to our neighbors in need.

Respectfully,

Andrea Brochu, MPA
Energy, Elder & Outreach Services
Division Director

Sarah Wight
Energy Assistance Services
Program Manager

The University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension's mission is to provide New Hampshire citizens with research-based education and information, to enhance their ability to make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families and communities, sustain natural resources, and improve the economy.

Extension service work was impactful again this calendar year. A few highlights are:

- Jim Frohn enhanced land stewardship by conducting 48 woodlot visits, covering more than 7,000 acres.
- Geoffrey Sewake launched the First Impressions Program. The secret shopper model format engages the public, develops volunteers, creates action plans, and encourages collaboration.
- Janene Robie coordinated over 35 Master Gardeners who hosted "ask the expert" tables at educational events, and taught sessions on invasive plants, beekeeping, and more.
- Donna Lee established 7 new 4-H clubs this year with substantial member representation from Rumney, Lyme, Warren, Bath, and Haverhill.
- Lisa Ford reached over 400 youth with a six-week educational series about food groups, food safety, and physical activity. Youth enjoyed taste tests and cooking.
- Heather Bryant collaborated with colleagues in ME, NH, and VT on a multi-year high tunnel tomato nutrient and pest management study funded by the USDA.
- Michal Lunak continued his research project, funded by Tillotson Charitable Foundation. The project examines feasibility of raising dairy beef using shelled corn as a feed instead of forages.
- Jessica Sprague, Food Safety Field Specialist, left to pursue another opportunity. A search is underway for a new Field Specialist.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Bryant
County Office Administrator

UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Serving 27 communities in Grafton, Sullivan and Merrimack Counties since 1963, the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) has been providing professional planning assistance to municipal boards, along with inter-municipal planning, liaison between local and state/federal agencies, and assistance on development, public health, and environmental issues.

In 2017 UVLSRPC welcomed new Executive Director Steven Schneider, and said goodbye to Interim Director Jonathan Edwards. We appreciated his contributions, and we do miss him.

Highlights of our work and accomplishments in 2017 include:

- Responded to more than 150 requests from our towns and cities for technical assistance.
- Provided Household Hazardous Waste Collections that served approximately 1,000 households.
- Worked with Sullivan County on developing an Economic Development Profile.
- Established a regional Brownfields identification, assessment, and remediation planning program.
- Trained local staff about environmentally responsible transfer station practices.
- Conducted eleven school chemical site evaluations.
- Assisted school districts with green cleaning practices.
- Assisted communities in updating their Local Hazard Mitigation Plans and Local Emergency Operations Plans.
- Worked on and help develop the 2019-2028 Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Plan.
- Helped to identify transit and paratransit issues in Sullivan County, to restore needed mobility services, and to coordinate planning for improved public and human services transportation.
- Conducted more than 110 traffic counts across the region.
- Helped Claremont with digitizing their stormwater system and created a distinct GIS layer.
- Assisted Lebanon, Hanover, and Advance Transit with public transit signal prioritization analysis.

- Assisted Enfield Shaker Village and Lake Sunapee Scenic Byway committees.
- Provided Circuit Rider planning staff assistance to Orford, Springfield, Claremont, Wilmot, and New London.
- Assisted on the Wilmot Master Plan with the completion of the Community Survey.
- Assisted on the Unity Master Plan.
- Helped Planning Boards to evaluate Projects of Regional Impact.
- Provided administrative and staffing assistance to the Connecticut River Joint Commissions.

Our goals for 2018 include developing a comprehensive regional housing needs assessment, facilitate workforce development training, help our region become age-friendly, and establish a non-profit to support regional planning efforts.

Please contact us at (603) 448-1680 or sschneider@uvlsrpc.org, to share your thoughts and suggestions.

It is a pleasure to serve the municipalities of this region. Thank you for your support over the decades.

Steven Schneider

Visiting Nurse & Hospice of VT and NH

Home Health, Hospice and Maternal Child Health Services in Enfield, NH

Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire (VNH) is a compassionate, non-profit healthcare organization committed to providing the highest quality home health and hospice services to individuals and their families. VNH provides care for people of all ages and at all stages in life, and delivers care to all, regardless of ability to pay.

VNH services reduce costs associated with town programs for emergency response and elder care. With quality care provided at home, there is less need for costly hospital and emergency room trips. And with VNH support, residents can age in place rather than relocating to a state or local nursing home.

Between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017 VNH made 3,292 homecare visits to 96 Enfield residents. This included approximately $81,408 in unreimbursed care to Enfield residents.

- **Home Health Care**: 1,501 home visits to 81 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.

- **Hospice Services:** 1,785 home visits to 12 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.

- **Skilled Pediatric Care:** 6 home visits to 3 residents for well baby, preventative and palliative medical care.

Additionally, residents made visits to VNH wellness clinics at local senior and community centers throughout the year, receiving low- and no-cost services including blood pressure screenings, foot care, cholesterol testing, and flu shots.

Enfield's annual appropriation to VNH helps to ensure that all have access to quality care when and where it is needed most. On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Jeanne McLaughlin,
President & CEO (1-888-300-8853)

West Central Behavioral Health (WCBH) was pleased to provide mental and behavioral health services for those in need in Enfield during the last fiscal year. A total of 87 Enfield residents received services, including 42 adults, 41 children, and 3 elders, and $20,703 in unreimbursed charitable care was provided. We were grateful to receive $1,500 in funding from the Town of Enfield to help support the delivery of these services.

By supporting access to mental health care for all, the Town of Enfield is investing in the overall health and safety of the community. Mental health affects every facet of a community's welfare, from employment and education to health and housing. Mental health care enables individuals to reach and maintain the best possible quality of life, and to contribute to the fullest at home, in the workforce, and as a member of the community.

During the past fiscal year, WCBH provided individual and group therapy, counseling, medication management, and case management for people in the Upper Valley and in Sullivan County, serving approximately 4,500 individuals of all ages, and providing close to $500,000 in unreimbursed care. As the non-profit community mental health center for the region, WCBH ensures that quality, affordable mental health care is accessible for all, providing care regardless of ability to pay.

Services delivered at WCBH's Outpatient Clinics in Lebanon, Newport and Claremont and in the community included:

- Adult Outpatient Programs, providing mental health services for individuals coping with anxiety, adjustment during times of crisis (such as bereavement, divorce, or job loss), trauma, and other challenges.
- Child and Family Programs, providing counseling, therapy, and case management for children and families.
- Emergency Services, through a 24-hour crisis hotline, emergency response, and in collaboration with the area's network of first responders (police, fire, hospitals).
- Enhanced Care and Community Support Programs, serving those with chronic, severe, and severe and persistent mental illness.
- And additional programs including: Mental Health First Aid; Assertive Community Treatment; Supported Employment; and Halls of Hope, an alternative to incarceration program at the Grafton County Courts.

In the past 18 months, WCBH also undertook an aggressive initiative to cut wait times for treatment. As a result, all those contacting WCBH for help are now seen by a clinician within 48 hours, and waitlists that were once as long as three months have been eliminated.

Thank you to the residents of Enfield for your generous and long-standing support.

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WISE is the Upper Valley's sole provider of crisis intervention and support services to victims of domestic and sexual violence. WISE provides free and legally confidential services 24 hours of every day, including a crisis line; safety planning; emergency shelter; transitional housing assistance; legal aid; in-person advocacy at local emergency rooms, police stations and courthouses; and a variety of support groups. WISE assists nearly 1,300 victims each year and also reaches survivors in creative ways – writing groups, yoga classes, sobriety meetings, and a therapeutic riding program.

Since 2015, WISE has provided a Safe Home to victims of violence. This home offers a respectful environment that protects women and allows them time for peaceful concentration on regaining independence, working on legal and logistical issues, and to nurture healthy parenting. www.WISEuv.org has many resources on how to identify intimate partner violence, increase safety, and support a victim of domestic violence, sexual abuse or stalking. WISE also trains law enforcement and medical professionals on a Lethality Assessment screening to identify victims at high risk of intimate partner homicide who are immediately referred to WISE.

WISE is also a leading educator on healthy and safe relationships in 21 communities. Our educators use structured lesson plans for students and provide trainings for teachers, medical, legal and law enforcement professionals. Research shows that students receiving prevention education classes across their K-12 years display greater respect in dating relationships and friendships. The school-based programs provided by WISE are age-appropriate and focus on healthy relationships, media literacy, bullying, dating violence, and consent. WISE also offers educational programs to interested community groups.

Supporting people in crisis and in confidence, as well as educating people in our communities is crucial to eliminating domestic violence and abuse. WISE remains grateful for support to assure that services are available 24/7.