

# **TOWN OF ENFIELD E-NEWSLETTER** **DECEMBER 2019**

## **TOWN MANAGER WELCOME MESSAGE**

Greetings!

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



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

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- Go to the below page on the town’s website:  
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- Enter your email address in the “Your Email” field
- Check the box for “Town News & Announcements” Check the “I am not a robot” box and follow the prompts
- Click the “Subscribe me” navigation button at the bottom of the page

Thank you for being a part of our community. We hope you find this and future newsletters both informative and enjoyable. Please don’t hesitate to contact Ryan Aylesworth, Town Manager, at 603-442-5405 or [raylesworth@enfield.nh.us](mailto:raylesworth@enfield.nh.us), if you have constructive feedback on how the depth and breadth of information provided in the newsletter can be optimized to meet the needs of our residents.

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

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE TOWN'S HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING CELEBRATION - DECEMBER 6**

Please come join us for the third annual holiday tree lighting celebration at Huse Park (308 US Route 4)! The tree will be lit just after 5:30 pm and the rumor is that Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus will make an appearance again this year. Once again, there will be music, clam chowder provided by Mickey's, and other refreshments. The Enfield Outing Club's Christmas Party for Kids will follow in the Community Building at 6:00 pm. We hope you and yours will come take part in this holiday celebration!



**ONLINE AUCTION RESULTS - SURPLUS VEHICLES**

This past month the Town's online auction via GovDeals came to a close and we are happy to report that the total revenue generated by competitive bidding on five items recently designated as surplus exceeded expectations. With a winning bid of \$12,200 the 1954 Dodge Power Wagon took home the prize for the most coveted item.

The bid results were as follows:

- Fire Dept Boat -- \$2,500
- Saab 9-3 Convertible -- \$1,700
- International Fire Truck -- \$5,100
- Dodge Power Wagon -- \$12,200
- GMC Pickup -- \$8,301

Total -- \$29,801



**MUNICIPAL FACILITIES EVALUATION PROJECT UPDATES**

The Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee (MFAC) has continued to meet multiple times a month with the goal of finalizing recommendations relative to

the facility needs of public safety, town offices and library. The committee last met on November 19 and will be meeting again on December 9. Bread Loaf (architecture firm) has been meeting regularly with the committee and other key local officials (i.e., Library Trustees and department heads) and recently presented conceptual designs for (1) a public safety facility that houses police, fire, and EMS, and (2) renovation and expansion of the Whitney Hall and existing police station facilities to provide enhanced space for the library and municipal offices. At the most recent meeting, Bread Loaf provided the committee with four different broad options with regard to library and municipal office renovations/expansion. The committee provided Bread Loaf with feedback on what they saw as pros and cons of each layout from the standpoint of program delivery. Bread Loaf will incorporate this feedback when creating more detailed conceptual designs for those options that will receive additional consideration because they are in line with the needs of Town personnel/officials and the residents of the community.

With respect to ongoing conceptual planning relative to a new public safety facility, Bread Loaf has prepared a conceptual design for an approximately 15,000 square foot facility that is capable of housing police, fire and ambulance departments. This design will continue to be refined based on stakeholder feedback, the characteristics of the site selected for construction, and cost considerations.

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

In early-2020, we anticipate public forums will start being scheduled so the MFAC can bring residents up to speed on the work that has been done to date, and so that Bread Loaf can facilitate discussions intended to better understand resident needs and preferences.

In close coordination with Bread Loaf, the Town's selected architecture and design firm, the MFAC will develop formal recommendations that are ultimately presented to the Board of Selectmen. These recommendations will be intended to enable the Town facilities to meet their service delivery needs in both the mid- and long-term while still ensuring that potential investments in new projects reflect fiscal responsibility and use external funding sources (i.e., federal and state grants) to the fullest extent possible in order to minimize the Town's financial commitment. A number of public forums will be organized during this time frame to promote transparency and accuracy of information being shared.

## **DECOMMISSIONED UTILITY POLES**

Approximately two weeks ago, the Town prepared a demand letter to Consolidated Communications relative to the removal of 19 decommissioned utility poles located along Shaker Boulevard. This notice was then duly executed by the Board of Selectmen. Consolidated's failure to remove these poles over the past two years has resulted in the delay of significant planned upgrades to the roadway. Pursuant to RSA 231:177, Consolidated is required to remove the decommissioned poles within 10 days of the issuance of the notice. If Consolidated fails to take the required action, the Town can remove the poles and bill Consolidated for any and all associated expenses. Consolidated crews have been observed diligently moving the overhead wires from the decommissioned poles to the new poles and this project appears to be nearing completion. Once Consolidated has finished moving the wires to the new poles, the decommissioned poles will be removed and this will allow planned roadwork to be completed during the next construction season. The Town of Enfield intends to aggressively pursue the removal of decommissioned poles in other areas moving forward.

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

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



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

## **ENFIELD MUNICIPAL CALENDARS – GET THEM WHILE THEY LAST!**

We had a higher demand than expected and have just four left at the Town

Offices as of this writing. Once they're gone, they're gone! The calendar will be posted to the Town's website in PDF format before the first of the year and all of the municipal content, such as meetings, election information and the curbside rubbish & recycling collection schedule can be found on the Town's website.

## **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

### **Driveway Snow Placement**

A reminder that it is unlawful to plow snow across any and all Town roads or to deposit snow within the traveled portion of a Town road pursuant to RSA 236:20, Paragraph VII, and RSA 41:11.

### **Driveway Sand**

Driveway sand is available at the DPW facility (74 Lockehaven Road) during their business hours (Monday-Friday from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM) and is located at the top of the driveway in the bin on the right. It is open to Enfield residents with a current Transfer Station window sticker. Driveway sand is not intended for commercial applicators and cannot be taken in commercial volumes. Salt, ledge sand and materials in the shed are **NOT** available to the public and are for DPW use only.

### **Winter Parking Ban**

The Enfield Board of Selectmen wishes to remind citizens of Enfield that the Winter Parking Ban is in effect from November 1 through April 1.

No vehicle shall at any time be parked on any public or publicly maintained street, alley, roadway or way open to the public, in a manner that hinders in any fashion the maintenance of the way.

### **Water/Sewer Meter Reading**

Water/Sewer meters will be read the week of December 16, 2019. Please have exterior reading touch pads shoveled out and accessible to foot traffic.

### **2020 Transfer Station Stickers Available**

The 2020 Transfer Station window stickers are available at the Town Office and the Transfer Station, free of charge, at the Enfield Transfer Station & Recycling Center or Enfield Town Offices. Proof of residency or property ownership is required. An Enfield vehicle permit sticker must be affixed to the window of

your car or truck on the side window behind the front passenger’s seat, or with regular cab pick-ups in the lower corner of the rear window behind the passenger. Permit stickers are available.

Enfield transfer station stickers also permit you to use the town beach parking lot on Mascoma Lake and access to the driveway sand located at the DPW.

**Enfield Transfer Station Punch Cards**

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

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

CFC’s (refrigerators, freezers, etc)	\$20	Tires—14” and under, off rim (includes car, lawn tractor, light trailer and wheel barrow tires)	Two for \$5
Computer Component	\$10	Tires—Car/Light Truck, 15”-19”, off rim	\$5
Computer Monitor, CPU, Printer	\$20	Tires—Truck, 20” and up, off rim	\$10
Fire Extinguisher	\$10	Tires—Tractor/Equipment, off rim	\$30
Microwave	\$10	Television—Small	\$10
Propane Tank 20#	\$10	Television—Medium	\$15
Stereo Equipment/VCR/DVD Players	\$5	Television—Large or Console	\$25

**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.

## **Recycling Fees**

The Town of Enfield charges fees for items that the Town gets charged for to dispose of including CFC units, tires, TVs, computers, tires, electronics, fire extinguishers, propane tanks and microwave ovens. Lately a number of people have been trying to “sneak” items into the Transfer Station to avoid paying these fees. It is very important to dispose of these items properly not only for the health of the Town budget but the safety of the operators and people at the Transfer Station and down the trash and recycling streams. Many of these items contain hazardous materials which is the reason for the fee. Hiding hazardous materials in bags going into a compactor or placing them in the metal container that will be run through a grinder could result in a serious injury. Please follow the link below for details.

<https://www.enfield.nh.us/solid-waste-recycling/files/solid-waste-recycling-program>

## **Please Use Curbside Trash and Recycling Services**

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

Please do your part to help keep our solid waste expenses down (and keep property tax rates as low as possible in the process)!

## **Enfield Speed Trailer**

Many pass the speed trailer set up on various streets around Town. The trailer is more than a gentle reminder to watch your speed. The trailer provides valuable data to Enfield Departments including the Police, Highway and Planning. The trailer counts each vehicle that passes it and records the speed. This data will be used to assist in the allocation of highway funds and in hazard mitigation grant applications. The data also helps the Police address speeding concerns on individual streets.

## **Enfield Vegetative Management Facility**

The Enfield Vegetative Management Facility closed on November 2, 2019 and will reopen May 1, 2020. Clean brush and yard waste can be recycled at

Hammond's Grinding and Recycling just East of Canaan Village on US Route 4. 603-523-4353 or at the Lebanon Landfill (Lebanon landfill punch cards are required and are available at the Enfield Town Offices).

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

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Winter is here; and with winter comes snow, black ice and other road hazards. Please remember to allow extra time to get where you are going. The Town winter parking ban is in effect. Please pay attention to where and when you can park on town property during the winter plowing season, and if you have any questions please call. You can also review ordinances and rules on the town website (<https://www.enfield.nh.us/town-manager/pages/ordinances-policies-regulations>).

Since we are talking about snow, we would like to remind everybody that you are required to remove all snow from your vehicle to include the roof prior to driving on the road. It is a violation of Jessica's Law to drive with snow or ice on your car as it could cause a crash when it comes off and becomes a projectile. When plowing or snow blowing your driveway or walkway, remember that you cannot plow or snow blow into the roadway. This is dangerous to others using the roadway and can damage town equipment when chunks of ice and snow are left in the road or make a roadside snow bank too compact. Please be safe on the roads this holiday season. All of us at the Enfield Police Department wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

As always, if you see something, say something. Please do not hesitate to contact the Enfield Police Department at any time at 603-632-7501 or through Hanover dispatch at 603-643-2222.



**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The Firefighters & Fast Squad Members of  
The Mascoma District  
Hosts 8<sup>th</sup> Annual

*Holiday*  
Toy Drive

The Mascoma Districts Firefighters & Fast Squad  
Members are sponsoring a Toy Drive to help the  
Mascoma School District families during the Holiday  
Season.

They will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for children  
of all ages at Huse Park, Williams Field, and the Grafton  
Station Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> will  
be at Huse Park. Both days we will be collecting from  
9am-3pm.

Please help make the Holidays a happier and warmer  
time for these children and their families.

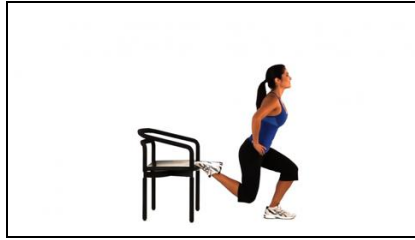
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or email [mvrfirstresponders@gmail.com](mailto:mvrfirstresponders@gmail.com)



[www.mvrfirstresponders.org](http://www.mvrfirstresponders.org)

## **RECREATION**

### **Enfield Recreation**



Chair Yoga & Exercise  
Weekly on M, W, F

The Enfield Recreation Department continues to offer the highly attended Chair Yoga/Exercise classes on Mondays 9:30 – 10:30, Wednesdays 9:00 – 10:00, and Fridays 9:30 – 10:30 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.



Youth Archery Lessons

The inaugural Youth archery classes offered by the Enfield Recreation Department & Enfield Outing Club were a success and we look to continue growing the program moving forward. These classes consisted of safety, education and hands on use of archery equipment. Keep your eyes open for more archery class offerings in the spring!

Information and Registration at [www.mypr.recdesk.com](http://www.mypr.recdesk.com)



Fly Tying

Interested in learning the art of fly tying? The NH Fish and Game Department's Let's Go Fishing Program is offering a free introductory course on Saturday February 15, 2020.

The course will be instructed by master fly tier and Let's Go Fishing instructor Scott Biron. The course will be held from 8:30-12:00 noon, at the Enfield Community Building 308 US Route 4, Enfield NH.

Preregistration is required and will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis. The course is limited to 10 participants, ages 15 and older. All program materials and equipment will be provided. No experience is required.

To sign up, visit [www.fishnh.com/fishing/lets-go-fishing.html](http://www.fishnh.com/fishing/lets-go-fishing.html) and select "View the Current Class Schedule," then "View Upcoming Events." Registration opens on January 29, 2020 at 8:00AM.

Participants will learn to tie several fly patterns that are commonly used in New Hampshire waters. They will be introduced to the use of all of the basic tools and materials necessary to tie flies, and learn what the flies imitate. Instructors will also discuss insect anatomy and explain why a particular fly is used.

New Hampshire Fish and Game's "Let's Go Fishing" program has taught thousands of children and adults to be safe, ethical and successful anglers. Find out more at [www.fishnh.com/fishing/lgf-schedule.html](http://www.fishnh.com/fishing/lgf-schedule.html). The program is federally funded through the Sport Fish Restoration Program.

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

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

YOUTH BASKETBALL SEASON HAS STARTED! Youth basketball registration

closed on November 17<sup>th</sup> and the grades 3-6 teams are already practicing! Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> grade teams will start their practices on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. We are working with the Royal Athletic Boosters and the Mascoma Basketball Teams and Coaches to organize more youth basketball clinics like the one that was offered on November 16<sup>th</sup>, so watch the MYSL Facebook page for details. If you are interested in officiating youth basketball games, please contact [mvalleyrec@gmail.com](mailto:mvalleyrec@gmail.com).

### **Downhill Skiing and Snowboarding:**

Registration is now open for the MVPR youth downhill ski and ride program. Join Mascoma Valley Parks & Recreation for one afternoon a week of skiing and snowboarding at Whaleback Mountain in Enfield. We will be offering a six-week program for students in K - 12<sup>th</sup> grade on Tuesdays. Students have the option to participate in a lesson, or free ski/ride (3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up with parental permission and recommended "Blue Ability Level") for the afternoon. The program will begin on Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>. Transportation to Whaleback is provided, but parents/guardians are required to pick up at Whaleback. Lessons will begin at 3:00pm and end at 4:30pm. Students participating in the lesson have the option to free ski/ride after their lesson, with parental permission. Students must be picked up by 5:00pm (or have written permission from their parent/guardian to remain until Whaleback closes at 7:00pm). MVPR staff leaves the Whaleback lodge at 5:00pm. If students will be skiing/ riding after their lesson, written permission from their parent/guardian is required or the parent/guardian must be on hand to "sign-out" their child at the end of the lesson. Registration closes on January 1, 2020.

### **Online Registration through Whaleback:**

<https://www.whaleback.com/mascoma-valley-rec-dept>

### **Cross Country Skiing:**

Registration for the youth Cross Country Ski program is also open! This program meets on Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30pm at Canaan Elementary School and is open to students in grades 1-4. Please note, there is no transportation provided from Enfield Village School to Canaan Elementary. We start on January 8<sup>th</sup> and will go through February 12<sup>th</sup> (weather depending). The cost is only \$25/child and all equipment is provided. Registration closes on December 6<sup>th</sup> – so get online and get signed up!

Register Online:

<https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Program/Detail?programId=243>



### **Bob Ross Style Painting Classes:**

Join instructor Mary Bakker and learn to paint like Bob Ross in a single day. The classes are \$45 and all materials are included. Each participant leaves with a completed painting at the end of class. The upcoming painting for the class on December 6, 2019 is called “Bubbling Mountain Brook”. The class will be held at the Mascoma High School in the CPL Room from 4:00pm-7:00pm.

**Online Registration Site:** <https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Home>



*Bob Ross Painting Class on 12/6 “Bubbling Mountain Brook”*

### **Line Dancing:**

Have you tried out our Thursday evening line dancing class yet? Grab a friend and join professional dance instructor Jamie Orr on Thursdays from 5-6pm at the Enfield Community Building. This is a fun and friendly class and they

dance to ALL types of music.

### **Follow MVPR on Facebook**

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

### **Upcoming & Ongoing Recreation Events, Programs and Activities:**

**For details about programs listed below and/or to register, please go to:**

**<https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Home>**

- *Il Circolo Italiano – Italian Conversation Club*
  - Saturdays at 10am at Mickey’s Roadside Café (food available for purchase)
- *30+ Adult Basketball*
  - Sundays from 10am-12pm at MVRHS
  - No registration required; no fee
- *Adult Volleyball*
  - Sundays from 6pm-8pm
  - Contact us to be added to the email list!
- *Mascoma Valley Guitar Orchestra*, weekly rehearsals on Sundays at the Department of Public Works starting at 6:30pm. \$3/session (Registration not required)
- *Line Dancing*
  - Thursdays from 5:00-6:00pm at the Enfield Community Building
  - This class dances to all types of music; no advance registration required
- *Bob Ross Style Painting Classes* – Learn to paint like Bob Ross in just one class! Upcoming classes are scheduled to take place at Mascoma Valley Regional High School. All materials are included. Each participant leaves with a completed painting at the end of class.
  - Class Date: Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 4pm-7pm
  - Register online: <https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Home>
- *MVPR Ski & Ride Program*
  - Scheduled to start on Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> and go through Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>
  - For children in grades K-12; lessons and free ski/ride options
  - Registration will close on January 1, 2020 at midnight
  - Register online: <https://www.whaleback.com/mascoma-valley-rec-dept>

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

**Technology:** A gentleman was in the office to chat about his lakefront properties and how he might reconfigure his lots for the next generation of his family. He was impressed by the GIS tools I showed him and the technology at our disposal. This got me thinking that a lot of people may not realize what tools are available for the residents of Enfield. To get started, go to the Town's website ([www.enfield.nh.us](http://www.enfield.nh.us)) and click on the tab at the top labeled "Services."

From there you will see "Online Services" and underneath is a link for "GIS Maps & Property Record Cards." You can also find this site by clicking on the following link: <https://www.axisgis.com/enfieldnh/> This GIS site is a most powerful tool for viewing properties in the Town and getting lots of information, including property values, acreage and sales history. In the old days this information would need to be manually accessed at the Town Office or elsewhere. These days one only needs an internet connected device to get started. I have even viewed this info from my cell phone during a site visit. The technology has been revolutionary in terms of the public's access and transparency, but even more so in terms of convenience and usefulness. The gentleman I referenced above walked away with really good visual knowledge of his properties and a desire to "poke" around the data when he got home. If anyone else wishes, they can drop by the Land Use office for a demonstration of this powerful technology. I can couple our GIS tools with Google Earth aerial imagery to get a good look at a property during any discussions with a landowner.

**Hearings:** On December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, the ZBA will have two hearings. First is Michael Santaw who is requesting a variance to Enfield's Zoning Ordinance (Article IV, Section 401.3) to operate an automobile repair business in the R5 Residential – Agricultural District (zone) at 261 Methodist Hill Road (map 2, lot 8). Second is David and Sandra Allard who are requesting a variance to Enfield's Zoning Ordinance (Article IV, Section 401.2, Sub-section L) to construct a garage within the prescribed 20 ft. setback to a lot boundary in the R3 Residential District (zone). Subject property is located at 30 Hawley Drive (map 47, lot 17). The public is welcome and abutters are specifically invited to offer their input. All ZBA meetings are held at the DPW facility at 74 Lockehaven Road.

**Master Plan:** In early-November the Town conducted a Focus Group to hear feedback on the early Master Plan efforts of the Planning Board and our contactor, the Center for Strategic Governance. This Focus Group allowed us to present some of the "pre-planning" ideas/themes being formulated and gain valuable feedback from a small, representative panel of Enfield residents. All in all, the session was most valuable. We would like to thank all of the volunteers who came forward to participate. It was difficult to narrow the list to just ten participants. Rest assured, everyone who took the time to complete our survey

(as well as residents who were not able to complete the survey, but would like to participate in future planning activities) will have an opportunity to weigh in and get involved soon. The Planning Board will be working on Master Plan topics at their next meeting on December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the DPW facility at 74 Lockhaven Road. The public is encouraged to participate.

**Volunteers:** Speaking of volunteers, we are in need of some new members for multiple service opportunities. The Zoning Board of Adjustment is in need of alternate members. The Planning Board has a recent vacancy to fill. And the Planning Board will be forming a Master Plan “steering committee” soon, so think about getting involved if you are able. You may contact the Land Use office for more information or to throw your “hat in the ring.” Happy holidays!

As always, we are here to help. You may visit our offices at the DPW facility at 74 Lockhaven Road in person or call 603-632-4067. An email inquiry is possible as well, just send your note to [planning@enfield.nh.us](mailto:planning@enfield.nh.us). How can we be of service to you?

### **ENFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Welcome to another holiday season! We at the Library wish everyone a happy December and hope that the month is filled with family and friends and a little peace with the rushing around.

First, we had a great time seeing almost 200 of you during the Town’s Trick-or-Treat night on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Many thanks to those who donated extra bags of candy to the Police Department; we were certainly glad to have it after such an unexpected turnout!

In other Library news our wonderful Assistant/Children’s Librarian Patti Hardenberg has announced her intent to retire in January. Patti joined the Library staff in June 2015 and has transformed our children’s programming in that time. Many of you also know Patti as the first welcoming face you see when you come in to the library and her many years of experience have been an incredible help behind the scenes as well. A “goodbye” party is being planned, though thankfully Patti has expressed a desire to stay on as a sub so it’s not goodbye forever.



Happening in December:

- **We will be closed December 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> for Christmas as well as**



### **January 1<sup>st</sup>.**

- Tuesdays **My First Story Time:** 10:00am. For babies to age 2 ½ on a caregiver's lap. Supporting early literacy with books, songs, rhymes, lots of movement and social time for the kids and caregivers.
- **Saturday My First Story Time:** December 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30am.
- Wednesdays **Pre-School Story Time:** 10:00am. For kids ages 2 ½ to 5. Stories read and told, rhymes, lots of movement, and a simple craft.
- Our **book group** takes December off due to the holidays. We'll see you in January!
- **Knitting Group:** Every Wednesday 10:30am-noon. For older teens and adults, an informal gathering for all levels of fiber crafters.

What happened in November:

- We circulated 2,050 items and had 24 programs with 474 participants.

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

### **OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK**

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and is poised for more holiday spirit and celebrations this month!

As a reminder, the Town Clerk's window is open Monday-Wednesday-Friday, 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM, Tuesday, 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM, and Thursday, 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Although we understand that it can sometimes be challenging to make it to the office during our regular hours, please understand that our service counter will need to close at the posted time and this means residents should arrive well in advance of closing to ensure that there is sufficient time to complete your transaction.

Please also note that **beginning January 2, 2020** the Town Clerk's office will have new hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30am – 3:30pm and Tuesdays 11:00am – 7:00pm. These new hours better align with the State DMV office as they too have evening hours on Tuesdays, and will allow us to provide better service to our customers by obtaining troubleshooting assistance from the DMW as needed.

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

## **OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR**

Greetings all! Things are really happening in the Tax Office. The water/sewer bills were due November 15<sup>th</sup>, tax bills are due December 6<sup>th</sup> and the Sewer Betterment bills are due December 11<sup>th</sup>.

We really appreciate all those who have already made their payments. THANK YOU!

The online bill pay and the paperless billing options seem to be functioning well. For making any of these payments, utilizing the paperless billing and the online bill payment options are strongly encouraged!

Some benefits of paperless billings are;

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

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

As a reminder, tax or utility payments over the counter may be made by cash or check only.

One last announcement is that beginning January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 the Tax Collector hours will be change to Monday, Wednesday, Thursdays and Fridays 8:30am to 3:30pm and Tuesdays will be 11:00am to 7:00pm in coordination with the same change in the Town Clerk's office hours.

Have a wonderful Christmas/Holiday season and a Happy New Year!



## CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) ALARMS SAVE LIVES

### 1 CO ALARM PLACEMENT

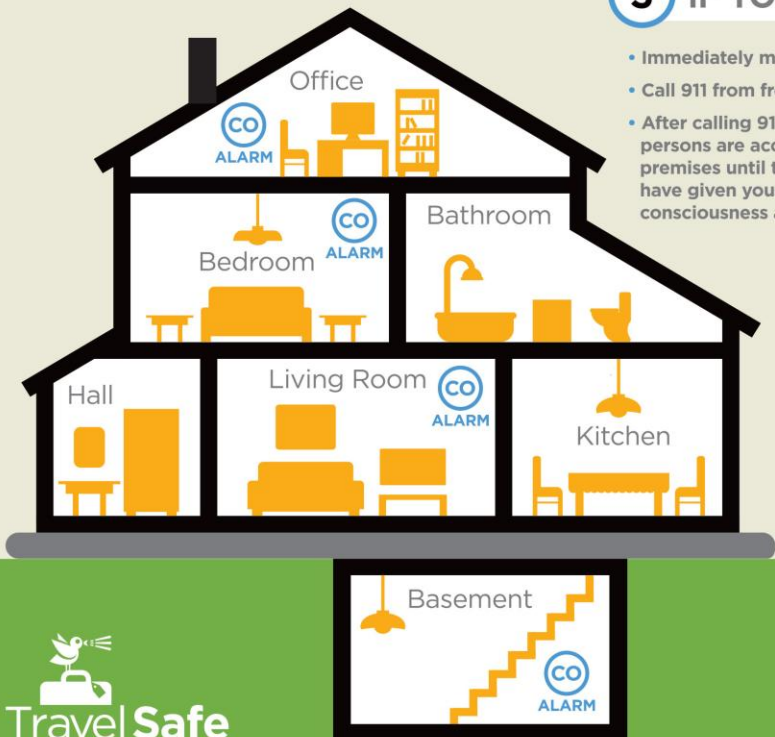
- Install alarms on every level of your home and near sleeping areas
- For best protection, interconnect all CO alarms in home so when one sounds, they all sound
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement and mounting height
- If you can only afford one alarm, install it near sleeping areas where it can wake you if you are asleep

### 2 KNOW SOUND OF ALARM

- Know what your alarm sounds like when warning of high levels of CO (some are voice alarms, others alarm in a 4-beep pattern)
- Know the difference between the sound of your smoke alarms and your CO alarms (smoke alarms alert in a 3-beep pattern, CO alarms in a 4-beep pattern)
- Note: CO alarms expire after 7-10 years and must be replaced

### 3 IF YOUR ALARM SOUNDS

- Immediately move outside to fresh air
- Call 911 from fresh air location
- After calling 911, do a head count to check that all persons are accounted for. **DO NOT** reenter the premises until the emergency services responders have given you permission. You could lose consciousness and die if you go back inside



Carbon monoxide (CO) is colorless, odorless and tasteless—it's undetectable without an alarm. In high concentrations, it can be deadly within minutes.



Don't forget to pack a CO alarm when you travel.

[www.thejenkinsfoundation.com](http://www.thejenkinsfoundation.com)

Sources: NFPA Educational Messages Desk Reference 2018, Consumer Product Safety Commission





# Winter Holiday Safety

Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.



### HOLIDAY DECORATING

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.



### HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.



### Before Heading Out or to Bed

**Blow out** lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed. **Turn off** all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

### FACTS

- ❗ More than **one-third** of home decoration fires are started by candles.
- ❗ More than **two of every five** decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.



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

Your Logo

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Do not hesitate to contact the Town's Building Inspector at 603-632-4343 or [pneily@enfield.nh.us](mailto:pneily@enfield.nh.us) with any questions.

## **HUMAN SERVICES**

It's the time of year for increased activities in the office, community and surrounding agencies.

With the upcoming busy season, donations of supermarket gift cards would be greatly appreciated. Drop by the Town Office or feel free to use the drop box.

### ***Want to Donate to the Town's Fuel Assistance Fund?***

The Town of Enfield's Human Services Department provides financial support for fuel to Enfield residents in need. The funds we redistribute come from private donations made to a dedicated trust fund set up for this specific purpose. The fuel fund greatly assists us in helping needy families with their fuel needs. We strongly encourage residents to consider making a donation to the fuel fund to help others in the community. Donations are tax deductible! For more information, please contact Diane Heed, Human Services Director, at 603-442-5429 or [dheed@enfield.nh.us](mailto:dheed@enfield.nh.us).



### **Information about the Tri-County Community Action Program (TCCAP)**

#### *Fuel Assistance Program*

As funds become available, the Fuel Assistance Program provides benefits to qualified New Hampshire households to assist with heating costs. The Fuel Assistance Program can also help households during a heating emergency by securing an emergency delivery of fuel, delaying a shut-off notice or referring clients to another source of assistance. Fuel Assistance benefits are a grant and do not have to be paid back and can range from \$210 to \$1,575, depending on household income and energy costs. Benefits are calculated taking into account household income, energy costs, the number of heating degree days within a region and housing type. This targeting allows the Fuel Assistance Program to provide those households with the lowest incomes and highest energy costs with the highest benefits.

#### *Electric Assistance Program*

The New Hampshire Electric Assistance Program (EAP) gives eligible customers

a discount on their monthly electric bills. The discount is from 8%-76% based on your gross household income size and electricity usage. Customers of the following companies may apply for the discount:

- Eversource Energy
- Liberty Utilities
- NH Electric Co-op
- Unital Energy Systems

### *Weatherization*

The Weatherization Program serves low-income households that are most vulnerable to high-energy costs and who do not have the means of making cost-effective energy conservation improvements to their homes.

TCCAP collaborates with the electric and utilities' energy efficiency programs to enhance the weatherization services provided to low-income households in New Hampshire whenever possible.

Weatherization crews in all three counties have made improvements in 378 single family homes and apartment units this year. As with Fuel Assistance, our clients qualify for services through a means-tested application process. Our crews not only make significant upgrades to the energy efficiency of a client's home but also tackle needed safety improvements. These services drive down the cost of heating people's homes and repair dangerous living conditions where they are found.

### **UPCOMING CHANGES IN FOOD PANTRY HOURS OF OPERATION**

The *Friends Feeding Friends Food Pantry* will also be changing their Enfield pantry hours to Tuesdays in January 2020 to coincide with the recently announced change in the hours of the Town Clerk's office. This change will help us ensure our customers receive nourishing food that's even fresher!

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

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

- December 3 @ 3:30 PM (Town Hall) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee
- December 3 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) – Budget Committee
- December 5 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) – Conservation Commission
- December 9 @ 4:00 PM (DPW Building) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee
- December 9 @ 5:30 PM (Town Hall) – Library Trustees
- December 10 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) – Zoning Board of Adjustment
- December 11 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) – Planning Board
- December 12 @ 4:30 PM (Town Hall) – Heritage Commission
- December 12 @ 5:30 PM (Town Hall) – Trustees of Trust Funds
- December 16 @ 4:00 PM (DPW Building) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee
- December 16 @ 6:00 PM (Town Hall) – Board of Selectmen
- December 17 @ 3:30 PM (Town Hall) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee
- December 24 & December 25 – Town Offices and Library are Closed for the Christmas Holiday
- January 1 – Town Offices and Library are Closed for New Year’s Day
- January 6 @ 6:00 PM (Town Hall) – Board of Selectmen
- January 7 @ 3:30 PM (Town Hall) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee
- January 7 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) – Budget Committee
- January 8 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) – Planning Board
- January 13 @ 4:00 PM (DPW Building) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee
- January 13 @ 5:30 PM (Town Hall) – Library Trustees
- January 14 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) – Zoning Board of Adjustment



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

**Town Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony**

308 US Route 4 (Huse Park and Enfield Community Building)

Please come by at 5:30 PM for the annual tree lighting, outdoor refreshments, and Christmas music being made available to residents and visitors.



*You're Invited!*

*To the Enfield Outing Club's 43<sup>rd</sup>  
Annual Children's Christmas Party!*

*Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 8 pm  
at the Enfield Community Building*

*Immediately following Santa's arrival and  
the tree lighting ceremony!*



*A Public Community Event  
courtesy of the Lyle Clough Fund.*

*For more information please check our website,  
Facebook page, or contact Peg H. at  
603-523-7677 or phouse1@gmail.com*



# Hometown Holidays

Saturday, December 7th  
10 am–2 pm  
Enfield Community Building  
308 US Route 4

Please bring Canned Fruit for the Food Pantry



Story Time

Kids' Crafts

One Day Cafe

Cookie Decorating

Horse and Wagon Rides

Holiday Crafts & Marketplace

Christmas Greens & Arrangements

A visit with Santa & more!



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

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

Someone you know could be experiencing  
a mental health or addiction crisis.

# LEARN WHAT TO DO



**FREE**

## Mental Health First Aid Training

### Helping Youth

**Thursday June 6**  
**8:00 am – 5:00 pm**

*Sugar River Bank  
Community Room*  
22 North Main St., Newport

**Friday September 6**  
**8:00 am – 5:00 pm**

*Hypertherm, Inc.*  
71 Heater Rd., Hanover

### Helping Adults

**Friday November 1**  
**8:00 am – 5:00 pm**

*Valley Regional Hospital*  
243 Elm St., Claremont

**Space is limited and pre-registration is required.**

**To register, contact Hope Duncan at (603)448-0126, x2180 or [hduncan@wcbh.org](mailto:hduncan@wcbh.org).**

Mental Health First Aid is an 8-hour course that teaches you how to help someone experiencing a mental health or addiction problem or crisis. Learn how to respond and how to connect with appropriate professional care.

Anyone 18+ can take the course – family members, educators, first responders, clergy, community leaders.



The course is delivered by certified *Mental Health First Aid USA* instructors. Participants may receive 8 hours of professional development time with certificates available.

- Course book, breakfast snacks and lunch provided.
- Free parking.



24-Hour  
Emergency Services **800-564-2578** | [www.wcbh.org](http://www.wcbh.org)

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

**2019 PROPERTY TAX RATE HAS BEEN SET**

After coordinating with the NH Department of Revenue Administration over the past week or so, and working diligently to get all the new values logged into the assessing system following the conclusion of our 5-year revaluation that played out over the last several months, local officials were able to finalize the 2019 tax rate in late October. Bills have a December 6 due date, which is the same as last year.

The total tax rate for 2019 will be **\$25.05**, which is a **\$1.36 (5.15%) decrease** from the \$26.41 aggregate tax rate in 2018. The breakdown of the aggregate tax rate is as follows:

- Municipal - \$7.33 (vs. \$7.53 in 2018)
- Local Education - \$13.71 (vs. \$14.58 in 2018)
- State Education - \$2.15 (vs. \$2.29 in 2018)
- County - \$1.86 (vs. \$2.01 in 2018)

The municipal component of the tax rate in 2019 represents a roughly 2.7% decrease from the 2018 rate.

To give an example, if a resident owns property that was appraised at \$250,000 in 2018 and their property value increased to \$269,000 in 2019 (that would be a 7.6% increase, which reflects the town-wide average following the revaluation), then their total tax bill will have gone from \$6,602.50 in 2018 to \$6,738.45 in 2019 (\$136 increase or approximately 2% overall). Obviously households who saw their assessed value increase by more than the 7.6% town-wide average will see their total tax burden increase by more than 2% and, likewise, households who saw their assessed value either decrease or increase by less than the 7.6% town-wide average will see their total tax burden increase by less than 2% (it might even have gone down from last year). In essence, anyone whose home's assessed value either decreased or at least didn't increase by more than 5% from the 2018 value will actually pay less property tax in 2019 than they did in 2018. This is pretty good news from a "bottom line" perspective.

**THANKS TO SHIRLEY GREEN AND OUR 2020 ENFIELD MUNICIPAL CALENDAR ADVERTISERS!**

Thanks to Shirley Green's hard work and our local Enfield businesses all of the advertising slots in our 2020 Municipal Calendar were sold. A quick estimate

of advertising revenue and anticipated expenses brings our cost to just \$381 to have this calendar printed and delivered to all Enfield and Enfield Center households with a zip code of 03748 or 03749. Update: Calendars were mailed out in November and supplies have dwindled to just 4 copies! The calendar, which will be posted on the Town's website before the end of the year, provides municipal board and committee meeting dates, the curbside trash and recycling collection schedule, important dates and events, and ads for local businesses – and we can't forget the amazing photos taken by our friends and neighbors! We encourage the support of Enfield businesses. Shop local!

### **CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS**

We had so many amazing photos submitted again this year for the municipal calendar photo contest. How do we choose our winners? Each individual who enters the contest is assigned a random code known only to one person. All of the photos are printed and the entrant's random code is written on the back of the photo; this assures anonymity during the judging process. The photos with the most votes are then looked at to determine which months they best correspond to. In the event that we have two photos for a single month we may use both, if space is available, or a tie is broken by the Town Manager. If we have a small additional space to fill we'll go back to those photos that didn't win in the first round and from those remaining photos with the greatest number of votes we select a photo to fill that space. The decision for those additional photos is more complex as they not only need to be suitable for the month in which they'll be featured, but also complement the winning photo for the month – and with so many excellent photos the decision is that much more difficult! Watch for the announcement of winners on the Town's Facebook page, website and Enfield Listserv.

### **Update! Congratulations to our contest Winners!**

Heather Warren  
James Buffington  
Janice Nunn  
Stephanie Kalina  
Kyra Martin  
Deborah Mashibini-Prior  
Marivel Fernandez  
Alisa Bonnette  
Hana Masseur  
Maria Yamburenko

with a contribution by our Public Works administrative assistant  
Diane Heed

## **THANK YOU TO OUR MUNICIPAL CALENDAR SUPPORTERS!**

Our municipal calendar provides our residents with information about board and committee meetings, important dates and the curbside rubbish and recycling collection schedule. To provide this at the lowest possible cost to our taxpayers we solicit advertising from Enfield businesses and organizations. After a couple of weeks, if there is still space available, we expand our area of coverage and invite local businesses from neighboring communities. The advertising dollars greatly offset the costs of production and mailing. In 2019, roughly two thirds of the costs were supported by advertisers. In 2020, with additional ad spaces sold, we anticipate being close to 100%! Enfield businesses support our calendar and we encourage the support of our Enfield and local businesses. The calendar should be mailed out to Postal Patrons of Enfield and Enfield Center by early November. Check it out!

### **Thank you for your support**

Whaleback Mountain  
Mascoma Bank  
Granite Northland Associates  
MTD Building Contractors  
Shaker Hill Bed & Breakfast  
Mickey's Roadside Cafe  
Hess Property Services  
Enfield House of Pizza  
Stearns Septic Service  
Twin State Tractor  
MB Pro Landscape Design  
Shaker Farm Bed & Breakfast  
All Occasions Waste  
Jake's Market & Deli  
Vanessa Stone Realty  
MTD Property Services  
Shaker Hill Granite  
Lapan's Insurance Agency  
Enfield Shaker Museum  
George's AG Super Value  
Shaker Valley Auto Center  
Lasting Impressions Graphic Studio

## MASCOMA LAKESIDE PARK – UPDATES

After officially purchasing the property from the NH Department of Transportation in March 2019, the Mascoma Lakeside Committee's focus has been on raising additional funds for amenities for the park. This past fall we actively solicited public input through a series of meetings with local organizations, town committees, and a well-attended public forum held at the Community Building. The top priority for all stakeholders is that the natural beauty of the site be preserved and not over-developed. Some improvements are also needed and desired. They include removing and replacing brush and trash trees with native shrubs and trees; creating trails and educational signage to enhance recreational use of the property; constructing rainwater gardens and a new retaining wall to protect the water quality of the lake; installing a children's wading/swimming area; improved parking; installing grill boxes, and; building an open pavilion (which will likely include a fire feature of some sort) that can serve as a gathering place and an educational facility.



Members of the Mascoma Lakeside Committee would like to extend their appreciation to local architect Paul Mirski, who has been graciously providing valuable design services and consultation in support of this project at no cost. The committee will continue working closely with Mr. Mirski and others to ensure that the park is ultimately designed and developed in a manner that is consistent with the needs and values of our residents and visitors.

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

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

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

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

your pledge. Thank you for your support! This is an incredibly important effort for our community.

ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

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

**CEMETERY SEXTON – HELP WANTED**

The Town of Enfield's Cemetery Trustees are in search of a sexton. This is currently a volunteer position, but has the potential to become a paid position in the future. Given the nature of the position, it is important that the sexton be a conscientious, organized and empathetic individual. The cemetery sexton responsibilities include the following:

- Coordinating tasks associated with burials with funeral directors, families and any others involved
- Being available at odd hours if necessary, to accommodate plot owners or buyers
- Maintaining and updating records of burials and plots
- Researching inquiries from the public regarding family members burial locations and historic context
- Explaining burial and plot sale requirements to the public
- Selling plots
- Participating in monthly meetings of the Cemetery Trustees
- Reporting sales to the Cemetery Trustees and other town bodies as appropriate
- Working with members of the Town's Public Works Department to open and close graves, and sow grass
- Receiving burial fees and permits from funeral directors and ensuring permits and other forms of documentation are appropriately recorded with the Town

Interested parties should contact the Office of the Town Manager (603-632-5026) for referral to the Cemetery Trustees. More detailed questions about the nature of the work should be directed to the Public Works Director (603-442-4605 or [jtaylor@enfield.nh.us](mailto:jtaylor@enfield.nh.us)).

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

Many receiving this e-newsletter have already done so, but for those who get the link from other sources, we encourage you to subscribe to News & Alerts on



our Town website. <https://www.enfield.nh.us/subscribe>

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

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

## **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

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

- 1. Check faucets and pipes for leaks.** A small drip from a worn faucet washer can waste 20 gallons of water per day. Larger leaks can waste hundreds of gallons.
- 2. Check your toilets for leaks.** Put a little food coloring in your toilet tank. If, without flushing, the color begins to appear in the bowl within 30 minutes, you have a leak that should be repaired immediately. Most replacement parts are inexpensive and easy to install.
- 3. Use your water meter to check for hidden water leaks.** Read the house water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter does not read exactly the same, there is a leak.
- 4. Install water-saving shower heads and low-flow faucet aerators.** Inexpensive water-saving low-flow shower heads or restrictors are easy for the homeowner to install. Long, hot showers can use five to ten gallons every unneeded minute. "Low-flow" means it uses less than 2.5 gallons per minute (gpm). Also, all household faucets should be fit with low-flow aerators. 2.5 gpm may be needed in a kitchen sink but bathroom faucets and other water outlets should be 1.5 gpm or lower. Check gpm rating on packaging to be sure the advertised "low-flow" is at or below these levels. This single best home water conservation method is also the least expensive!
- 5. Insulate your water pipes.** It's easy and inexpensive to insulate your water pipes with pre-slit foam pipe insulation. You'll get hot water faster plus avoid wasting water while it heats up.
- 6. Take shorter showers.** One way to cut down on water use is to turn off the shower after soaping up, then turn it back on to rinse. A four-minute shower uses approximately 20 to 40 gallons of water. Limit your showers to the time it takes to soap up, wash down and rinse off.

7. *Turn off the water after you wet your toothbrush.* There is no need to keep the water running while brushing your teeth. Just wet your brush and fill a glass for mouth rinsing.
8. *Rinse your razor in the sink.* Fill the sink with a few inches of warm water. This will rinse your razor just as well as running water, with far less waste of water.
9. *Use your dishwasher and clothes washer for only full loads.* Automatic dishwashers and clothes washers should be fully loaded for optimum water conservation. Most makers of dishwashing soap recommend not pre-rinsing dishes which is a big water savings. With clothes washers, avoid the permanent press cycle, which uses an added 20 liters (5 gallons) for the extra rinse. For partial loads, adjust water levels to match the size of the load. Replace old clothes washers. New Energy Star rated washers use 35 - 50% less water and 50% less energy per load. If you're in the market for a new clothes washer, consider buying a water-saving frontload washer.
10. *Keep a bottle of drinking water in the fridge.* Running tap water to cool it off for drinking water is wasteful. Store drinking water in the fridge in a safe drinking bottle.

### **How to Improve Recycling**

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

It is Casella's stated goal to not only invest in recycling technology to improve its outbound materials, but to also educate it's customers to do their part to ensure the sustainability of recycling. Consumers, businesses, and municipalities alike must learn to Recycle Better for cleaner, less contaminated material to be delivered to Casella facilities. We encourage you to share this video with your friends, family, and colleagues. The video can be accessed here:

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

## The "Don't" of Recycling



# KEEP THESE ITEMS OUT OF ZERO-SORT® RECYCLING



### **NO Plastic Bags or Bagged Recycling**

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



### **NO Coated Paper Items**

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



### **NO Disposable Items**

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



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

(Gently used items can be donated)



### **NO Waste or Wood**

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



### **NO Plastic Wrap, Films or Tarps**

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



### **NO Hazardous Materials**

(Check for alternative recycling)



### **NO Rubber or Scrap Metal**

(Check for alternative recycling)



### **NO Medical Waste**

(Find safe and secure disposal near you)



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

(Gently used items can be donated)



### **NO Electronics, Lithium Batteries or Bulbs**

(Check for alternative recycling)

**WHEN IN DOUBT, KEEP IT OUT!** • For more information visit [casella.com](http://casella.com) or call 800-CASELLA

## BUILDING & FIRE INSPECTOR



## Recent Building Code Changes

Effective September 15, 2019 the following codes were updated by the State of New Hampshire and adopted by reference in the Town of Enfield.

- 2015 International Building Code
- 2015 International Residential Code
- 2015 International Plumbing Code
- 2015 International Mechanical Code
- 2015 International Existing Building Code
- 2015 International Energy Conservation Code
- 2015 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code
- 2017 National Electrical Code, NFPA 70
- 2015 Fire Code, NFPA 1
- 2015 Life Safety Code, NFPA 101

Amendments to the NH State Building Code and Fire Codes:

Several of the adopted codes have amendments to address specific New

Hampshire concerns. Many of these amendments have been carried-over from the 2009 codes.

These amendments can be found on the NH Building Review Board website for Building Codes:

<https://www.nh.gov/safety/boardsandcommissions/bldgcode/>

Information on Fire Codes can be found here:

[https://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/.../state\\_age.../saf-c6000.html](https://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/.../state_age.../saf-c6000.html)

For any questions or concerns during this transition period do not hesitate to contact the Town's Building Inspector at 603-632-4343 or [pneily@enfield.nh.us](mailto:pneily@enfield.nh.us).

### **SHAKER BRIDGE THEATRE – 20% DISCOUNTS FOR ENFIELD RESIDENTS**

Did you know that Shaker Bridge Theatre, which for several years has been delivering professional theatrical productions from the third floor auditorium in Whitney Hall (23 Main Street) offers 20% discounts on tickets to Enfield residents?

Discounts can be obtained simply by entering a special code during the online ordering/checkout process. Discount codes change between each production. Shaker Bridge Theatre's next production is Taking Steps, and more information about the performance can be obtained on the Theatre's website:

<https://www.shakerbridgetheatre.org/>

The current discount code is: **alan80**

This code can be entered on the checkout page (page 2 of the online order process) after providing payment information.

We hope everyone will come and enjoy a production (or several) this holiday season. It truly is a special experience in a unique setting.

### **FRIENDS OF MASCOMA UPDATES**

The Friends of Mascoma Foundation has been accepted into the pilot round of a community crowdfunding project with The Local Crowd Upper Valley (TLC) and Vital Communities! We are a part of an amazing group of social enterprises that are building community and economy in the Upper Valley. We are excited to use TLC to increase community engagement and local investment.

As you may know, the Friends of Mascoma Foundation is committed to combating food insecurity in the Mascoma Valley Regional School District (MVRSD) through the Friends Feeding Friends program. The program operates two food pantries in Canaan and in Enfield, plus is the primary source of food and personal hygiene items for the pantry located inside Mascoma Valley Regional High School. Pantry shoppers can come once a week for a three-day supply of food. We have refrigeration, so we focus on fresh produce, meats and dairy products as well as non-perishables. We also supply food for snacks, backpacks, family food boxes as needed and other pantry items to the elementary and middle schools.

For the past several years a generous private donor has allowed us to use their vehicles, including a van and trailer, for food distribution. Use of these vehicles is essential to our Friends Feeding Friends program. The van has become a beloved part of our work and has been dubbed 'Foodie' by everyone familiar with our work. Our Volunteers and Foodie travel to the New Hampshire Food Bank once a week. Foodie also travels to Price Chopper and Shaw's in West Lebanon and transports food to three different locations on a weekly basis. Foodie also helps transport food for school families during school breaks. This donor has also provided financial assistance for our Friends Feeding Friends program in other ways and while we are extremely grateful for their support, we are interested in both our organization's financial diversity and long-term sustainability. In other words: Use of these vehicles is essential to our Friends Feeding Friends program and it's time for us to get our own wheels! Participation in the TLC Upper Valley initiative through Vital Communities is an exciting opportunity for the Friends of Mascoma Foundation as we become more financially independent and continue to deliver our services to the community.

Our campaign officially launched in mid-November, and we have already raised over \$8,000. No gift is too small! To donate, please visit [this link](#). To learn more visit our website: <http://friendsofmascoma.org/friends-feeding-foodie> We hope you'll consider supporting our Friends Feeding Foodie Campaign!

## **WHALEBACK MOUNTAIN UPDATES**

### **Season Opening**

Whaleback Mountain has a fun and exciting season opening planned for December 13<sup>th</sup>. There will be a chili cook off, free raffle for kids, lawn games (in the snow!), the pub will be open, and more. The number of trails and lifts open will depend on Mother Nature and we are hopeful she will cooperate. This event will be fun for all residents, even if you do not ski or ride. Come join us from 3 pm to 8 pm for fun with fellow residents!

## **Police Department Events**

The Enfield Police Department does an excellent job with community policing and protecting residents. Come see the fun side of the PD with our event series! December 29<sup>th</sup> will be pancakes with the police, January 26<sup>th</sup> is a touch a truck event, February 23<sup>rd</sup> is a police chase at the mountain, and March 15<sup>th</sup> is an Ides of March event. During these events all members of the police department, fire department, and EMS will receive complimentary lift tickets, plus discounted tickets for their family. For more information and updates, please visit our [Facebook page](#).

## **Base Lodge Updates**

As you may know, a 44' section of the lodge on the mountain side needs work to resolve the leaking and rot issue. On October 13<sup>th</sup> board members, community volunteers, and volunteers from [MTD Building Contractors](#) spent the day doing demo work in the lodge. MTD completed interior bracing and on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, the wall was removed. The new wall will be framed over the next week. We have a tight timeline to complete the scope of work, but it will be done in time for opening day on December 13<sup>th</sup>!

## **The Local Crowd**

Whaleback was selected to participate in a crowdfunding campaign through [The Local Crowd Upper Valley](#), which is sponsored by Vital Communities. While the mountain side wall in the lodge is being re-framed, we are taking the opportunity to significantly improve the energy efficiency of the lodge by doing the following:

- Spraying foam insulation into a 44' section of the mountain side wall to air seal and increase the R-value
- Reconfiguring the entry vestibule on the mountain side wall to create a more effective air lock and reduce heat loss
- Installing energy efficient windows and doors in the new wall
- Installing LED bulbs in replacement light fixtures

The intent of this energy efficiency work is to become more environmentally friendly, improve comfort within the lodge, and reduce operational costs for the lodge. Our crowdfunding campaign launched on November 8<sup>th</sup> and over \$20,000 has been raised thus far! To learn more, or to donate, please click [here](#).

## **Enfield Resident Passes**

Enfield residents enjoy 50% off regular season pass prices, prices start at

\$125.00 and top out at \$212.50. We are proud to be Enfield's hometown mountain and look forward to seeing residents on the slopes. To purchase your pass please visit our [website](#).

### **Thank You!**

We know that the mountain has been a bit unpredictable over the years and we are aiming to improve that. It is not easy running a ski area, let alone as a nonprofit. We experienced many hurdles and growing pains since 2013, but we get better each year. Everything is on the upswing and we want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support. It means a lot to us to have so many community members pulling for us to succeed.

### **NEWS FROM MASCOMA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER**

#### **First the good news!**

We exceeded 3,200 patients about a month earlier than predicted, and we are still signing up 80 to 100 patients per month.

Our dental team, under Doctor Katie Takach, has openings for new patients for both general dentistry and for cleanings.

Our medical team is now fully staffed with the addition of Nurse Practitioner Karl Stanford (yes, one of our Mascoma High grads years ago) and Physician's Assistant Katrina DeShaney. They and Pediatrician Ben Gardner and Doctor Rick Weiss are taking new patients.

Jean Patten can help you get signed up for both Medicare and Medicaid. Give us a call.

We service more health and dental insurance plans than any other primary care facility in the area.

#### **And now the really good news!**

The Jack and Dorothy Byrne Foundation has generously made a matching challenge grant of \$150,000 to the health center, which means that any donations received between now and the end of the year will be matched 100%. Your \$10 donation becomes \$20, and your \$1,000 gift becomes \$2,000, all to help us meet expenses and pay for our sliding fee program for our low income neighbors.

To make a donation see our website:



<http://mascomacommunityhealthcare.org/>

Appointments may be scheduled by calling 603-523-4343  
The health center is located at the corner of US Route 4 and Roberts Road

Mascoma Community Health Center  
18 Roberts Road, Canaan, NH 03741

## **PROPERTY RECORDS AND MAPS**

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

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!**

Do you want to become more involved in your community? Then you're in luck! Several volunteer positions are still open. You can access our Application for Committee Membership here:  
[http://www.enfield.nh.us/sites/enfieldnh/files/uploads/membershipapp\\_0.pdf](http://www.enfield.nh.us/sites/enfieldnh/files/uploads/membershipapp_0.pdf)

Do you love our wide selection of recreation programs for children and adults alike? Then join our **Recreation Commission!** We currently have three openings. This group works with the Enfield Recreation Director to develop a wide variety of recreation programs for residents of all ages. The Recreation Commission meets the third Tuesday of each month in the Whitney Hall conference room in the Enfield Town Offices. You can see what the committee has been up to on their webpage here: <http://www.enfield.nh.us/parks-recreation>

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

Or perhaps your interests lean toward Zoning. The Zoning Board of Adjustment is a quasi-judicial body that has the responsibility for special exceptions and variances of the Town Zoning Ordinance. We have openings for **Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) alternates**. Meetings of the ZBA are the

second Tuesday of each month (as needed).

We are also in search of a **Cemetery Trustee!** Regular meetings take place on the second Thursday of every month (as needed).

Release your inner party planner! Join our **Old Home Days Committee!** Many hands make light work! This group organizes our annual Old Home Days Celebration which takes place the last full weekend of July. The Old Home Days Committee meets the first Wednesday of each month from January – July at 5:30 PM, with a couple of additional meetings in June and July as needed to prepare for the festivities.

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

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

And check out the Enfield Old Home Days Facebook page!

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



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