

# **TOWN OF ENFIELD E-NEWSLETTER** **NOVEMBER 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.

Subscribing to the electronic newsletter is easy and straightforward. You simply have to:

- Go to the below page on the town’s website:  
[www.enfield.nh.us/subscribe](http://www.enfield.nh.us/subscribe)
- Enter your email address in the “Your Email” field
- Check the box for “Town News & Announcements” Check the “I am not a robot” box and follow the prompts
- Click the “Subscribe me” navigation button at the bottom of the page

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

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===== **LATEST NEWS** =====

**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 will 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.

**SURPLUS VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE**

The Town of Enfield currently has a number of surplus property items available for competitive bid via online auction through November 7. All of these items

can be viewed at the Department of Public Works facility (74 Lockehaven Road). Please call in advance to make arrangements for viewing so we can ensure someone is available to answer any questions you may have.

Additional information regarding each item available can be found at the below links.

1989 International Pumper Truck:

<https://www.govdeals.com/index.cfm?fa=Main.Item&itemid=6&acctid=12208>

1954 Dodge Power Wagon

<https://www.govdeals.com/index.cfm?fa=Main.Item&itemid=7&acctid=12208>

2003 Saab 9-3 SE Convertible

<https://www.govdeals.com/index.cfm?fa=Main.Item&itemid=5&acctid=12208>

Mirrocraft Aluminum Boat with Trailer and Outboard Motor

<https://www.govdeals.com/index.cfm?fa=Main.Item&itemid=4&acctid=12208>

2009 GMC Sierra 2500HD Work Truck 4WD

<https://www.govdeals.com/index.cfm?fa=Main.Item&itemid=8&acctid=12208>

### **ENFIELD ENERGY COMMITTEE CHANGES COMING**

Beginning November 26, 2019, the Energy Committee will begin meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at the Enfield Town Hall @ 6 PM.

Pending approval and appointment by the Enfield Board of Selectmen on November 4<sup>th</sup>, Jo-Ellen Courtney and Kurt Gotthardt will move from alternate positions to full members of the Energy Committee and Jo-Ellen Courtney will take on the role of Chair. Wendell Smith is recommended to the Selectmen for appointment as an alternate member.

The Board of Selectmen also approved the formation of a subcommittee of the Energy Committee, a Community Power Committee, to study Community Choice Aggregation and to develop a plan. Community Choice Aggregation allows a municipality to have more control over how and where electricity is purchased. The Town can procure power on behalf of the residents, businesses, and municipality by aggregating. There is an opt-out available.

The Community Power Committee will be working with local towns such as Hanover and Lebanon to develop the plans for Community Choice Aggregation.

## **ENFIELD BASED ORGANIZATIONS – MUNICIPAL BUILDING RESERVATION REQUESTS NOW BEING ACCEPTED**

Enfield based organizations have until November 30<sup>th</sup> to submit their reservation requests for the Community Building and other municipal facility spaces. Requests should be sent to Alisa Bonnette at [abonnette@enfield.nh.us](mailto:abonnette@enfield.nh.us). As soon after November 30<sup>th</sup> as possible, requests will be reviewed and as many groups will be accommodated as possible, in accordance with our scheduling policy (<https://www.enfield.nh.us/sites/enfieldnh/files/uploads/schpolicy.pdf>). All reservation requests after this period will be handled on a first come, first served basis.

## **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. Calendars should be out in the mail by November 8<sup>th</sup> and will provide 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!

## **MUNICIPAL FACILITIES EVALUATION PROJECT UPDATES**

The Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee (MFAC) most recently met on October 28. The last several committee meetings have involved a deeper examination of the program and facility needs of the various municipal departments and review and initial discussion of various alternatives being conceptualized by Bread Loaf, the Middlebury (VT) based architecture firm that the Town is working with on this important project. Additionally, several potential sites for a public safety facility (which would house police, fire and EMS) are also actively being evaluated for their suitability.

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 the coming weeks, 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.

Over the course of the coming weeks and months, 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.

### **FIREFIIGHTERS & 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!

### **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

#### **Main Street Water Break**

The Town of Enfield experienced a significant water break on Main Street in the vicinity of George's store on October 24, 2019 at 2:30 in the afternoon. The water was quickly shut down and repair operations started. The road was

closed for a significant part of the afternoon and evening. A detour was established on Blacksmith Alley to allow patrons to visit George's store. Two buildings on Main Street were without water until repairs were made. The hole was backfilled and the Town paved it. The site will be monitored for the next several weeks for settling. A big thank you to DR Key Corp, the Enfield Fire Department and Town staff all working together making the repairs and handling traffic.

**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.

**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 will have a face value of \$25.00 and attendants will have a hole punch tool that will be 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 accept cash through the month of October, but this practice will be discontinued starting 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 to 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 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 you 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 grants applications. The data also helps the Police address speeding concerns on individual streets.

### **Culvert Replacements**

The Enfield Highway Department will be replacing culverts on several roads that are required to be done during low water levels and /or during lake drawdown per the issued Wetlands Permit. Roads may be closed at these sites for part of the day. Signs will be placed to notify residents of closures.

### **Water and Sewer Bills**

The Water/Sewer Department mailed third quarter bills the first week of October. Properties that changed hands during the third quarter may or may not have the new owners in the database. Please forward the bills to the new owners if known or to the closing attorney. The Town online bill paying application can be used for paying bills and checking balances due.

<https://www.enfield.nh.us/home/pages/online-payments>

The Town is no longer sending bills to tenants. Owners are responsible for the payment of utility bills and are free to set up payment arrangements with their tenants that do not involve the Town.

### **Enfield Vegetative Management Facility**

The Enfield Vegetative Management Facility will be closing November 2, 2019 and will reopen May 1, 2019. 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 by landfill tickets at the Lebanon Landfill.

### **Cemetery Decorations**

The Enfield Cemetery Ordinance requires that all cemetery decorations and flowers shall be removed by October 1<sup>st</sup> of a given year and can be reinstalled on May 15<sup>th</sup> of a subsequent year. Decorations remaining in Enfield Cemeteries after October 30<sup>th</sup> will be collected and disposed of.

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**

The Police Department would like to take a moment and thank all of our Veterans for their service as we observe Veterans Day on November 11<sup>th</sup>. November is the start of the holiday season, and we would like to remind everybody to be kind to each other, this time of year is hard for some people. If you are having a difficult time please use our local resources for help. If you do not have the numbers you can always contact an officer who will help you.

Starting November 3<sup>rd</sup> the Canaan and Enfield Police Department will be hosting another Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) course for women of our community. If you are interested please contact Officer Corcoran to sign up.

As winter approaches start planning for driving in bad weather. Remember to change tires from summer tires to winter tires, put ice scrapers in vehicles and allow time for your vehicle to warm up and clear the windshield before driving.

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.

## **RECREATION**

### **Enfield Recreation**



Chair Yoga & Exercise  
Weekly on M, W, F

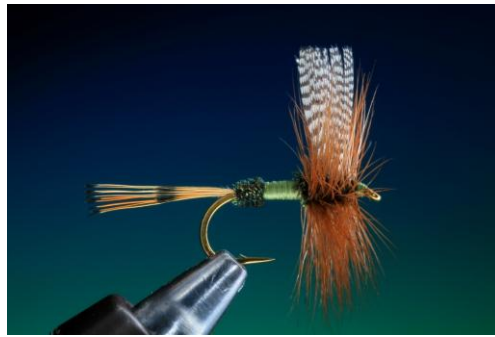
The Enfield Recreation Department continues to offer the highly attended Chair Yoga/Exercise classes on Mondays 9:30 – 10:30, Wednesdays 9:00 – 10:00, and Fridays 9:30 – 10:30 at the Enfield Community Building. These classes are low impact and focus on stretching, balance, strength and meditation. The 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 are currently underway. These classes will consist 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**

Fall is winding down and youth soccer and field hockey seasons have come to an end. Thank you to all our coaches, officials and families for a great season! Next up is **BASKETBALL!** Youth basketball registration is open and we are looking for coaches for 5/6 Girls, 3/4 Boys, Grade 2, Grade 1 and Kindergarten. If you are interested in coaching, please contact us for more details! We are working with the Royal Athletic Boosters and the Mascoma Basketball Teams and Coaches to organize youth basketball clinics, so watch the MYSL Facebook page for details (<https://www.facebook.com/mvalleyrec>).

Congratulations to the Indian River Cross Country and Track team for a successful road race on a very rainy and chilly Sunday! Thank you to all the runners who came out to participate. Special thanks to "Finding Our Stride", the team coaches Rick Currier and Lori Bliss Hill, the members of the team and their families for all their hard work throughout the spring season. Thank you to all the race sponsors and to Tiffany Currier for helping to fundraise and co-direct the annual "Tiger Run"! We also want to thank the Enfield Police Department and Enfield Ambulance for their support the day of the event. You can view the race results and see some photos from the event [here](#). Way to go IRS XC & Track team!!

### **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 November 16, 2019 is called "Sunset Aglow". Register online today!

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



*Bob Ross Painting Class on 11/16 "Sunset Aglow"*

**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 Dates:
    - Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> from 1pm-4pm – “Sunset Aglow”
    - Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 4pm-7pm – painting is TBD
  - 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
  - To register: <https://www.whaleback.com/mascoma-valley-rec-dept>

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

Enfield’s Planning Board has commenced in earnest with the Master Plan update process. A contractor, the Center for Strategic Governance, has been retained to initiate a “pre-planning” process for the Master Plan. The first step is attempting to identify specific “themes” that will guide the planning board for the next 12-18 months. These themes are essentially questions that will be answered through the work of Master Planning. Much has already been done by the Planning Board to refine these themes and focus on the proper details. An early first step will be to assemble a focus group of Enfield residents, to hear the themes and comment on them. This will help to determine if we are on the right track or if we need to add additional themes. The Planning Board has designated their first meeting of the month for Master Plan work and as always these meetings are open to the public. You are encouraged to get involved and to keep an eye out for upcoming special sessions to provide public input.

Along these lines, the Town of Enfield’s Planning Board needs your help! Their goal is to assemble a “focus group” of up to 8 people for a two hour session on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. If you are available to participate, please complete the survey by following the link below. In order to have the most diverse membership in this group, this survey asks you to tell us a little about yourself. Based on the responses to this survey, we will invite up

to 8 respondents, representing a “cross section” of Enfield to the focus group session. Important: If you are not available for Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, you should not complete this survey. If you are not selected for the first focus group, don’t fret, as we will absolutely ask for your participation at subsequent master planning events. The deadline for responses is November 1, 2019 (today!). We appreciate your help!

<https://forms.gle/zGZo3DemwmX6Li5b8>

The Planning Board held a major site plan review hearing on October 23 for an apartment building that is currently two units and is planning to be re-partitioned into three apartments. Abutters were in attendance to hear details on the application. Some minor details of the project were fine tuned during the hearing. One of these had to do with lighting and this brings up a good point. If you have exterior lighting on your residence ask yourself the following questions: Does my light shine onto someone else’s property? Can the light be made to activate with motion instead of being always on? Is my light providing real benefits or is it wasting electricity? The answers to these questions have a lot to do with being a good neighbor. Enfield’s site plan regulations require “dark sky compliance.” This means that lights are focused downwards and not up into the sky. Are your lights pointed in the right direction? The project was approved as presented.

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, there will be no Planning Board meeting on November 27. There will be a major site plan review hearing on November 30 for MK Fine Cabinetry/ Matt Knittle who is constructing a 5000 square foot shop on Smith Pond Road (off I-89 Exit 15).

The Town is still seeking a recording secretary/ minutes taker for the ZBA meetings that occur on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the DPW training room. The position is offered at \$18/hour. Please contact Alisa Bonnette, Assistant Town Manager with interest at [abonnette@enfield.nh.us](mailto:abonnette@enfield.nh.us) or 603-632-5026 ext. 5401.

As always, we are here to help. A recent visitor commented to us “I was dreading coming to see you, but this was way easier than I thought it would be.” You may visit our offices at the DPW facility at 74 Lockehaven 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**

October was another busy month for us, with many changes happening behind the scenes. Two years ago the State Library system that we use for interlibrary

loan died. During this time, we've had to rely on phone calls and email to keep the program working. After a lot of work from the folks at the State Library, our new system went live this month. It's got some quirks and we're all still learning how it works, so bear with us as we figure out how to use the system most efficiently.

Did you know you can drop in any time and get help with your computer, e-reader, tablet, or phone? We're here to help you format a document, write a resume, set up an email, download an app... just ask! And if we don't know, we can steer you to someone who does.

Happening in November:

- **We will be closed November 28<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving.**
- 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.
- 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** will be reading *Lincoln in the Bardo* by George Saunders. The discussion will be held Thursday November 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm. Copies of the book will be available at the library.
- **Knitting Group:** Every Wednesday 10:30am-noon. For older teens and adults, an informal gathering for all levels of fiber crafters.

What happened in October:

- We circulated 2,131 items and had 33 programs with 372 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 has a great Thanksgiving later 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

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 picking up in the Tax Office. The tax bills and sewer betterment bills should be out by early/mid November and due early/mid December. As a reminder, the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter water/sewer bills are due November 15<sup>th</sup>.

For making any of these payments, utilizing the paperless billing option is 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 on 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 on line, 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 on line 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.

Beginning January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 the Tax Collector hours and the Town Clerk's hours will be changing to Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 8:30am to 3:30pm and Tuesdays will be 11am to 7pm. This better aligns with the State DMV office as they too have evening hours on Tuesdays.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

## BUILDING & FIRE INSPECTOR



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. Our ability to help needy families with their fuel needs is, in large part, dependent on the monies available in the fuel



fund. 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 on 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% 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.

# Holiday Baskets

## LISTEN Community Services Holiday Basket Program

**Holiday Gift Baskets are a wonderful tradition that unites our community during the holiday season.**

- Our holiday baskets provide warm clothing and a food certificate for a complete holiday meal.
- Receiving families fill out a wish list for warm clothing requests for children and senior citizens. Sponsoring families, businesses and religious organizations fulfill these requests.
- The donated items are delivered to a central location by the sponsors. Volunteers assemble each bag, ensuring each is complete. Recipients pick-up their completed holiday "baskets" on their assigned pick-up date in early December.

### **How to Apply:**

- Call LISTEN at (603) 448-4553 to make a Holiday Basket appointment. Appointments will run from October 1st through November 18th.

### **What families need to provide us:**

- Clothing sizes and needs for qualified recipients.

### **You can apply if you are:**

- The parent or guardian of children 18 and under or senior citizens age 65 or older.
- Live in one of these NH towns: Canaan, Dorchester, Enfield, Grafton, Grantham, Hanover/Etna, Lebanon/West Lebanon, Lyme/Lyme Center, Meriden/Plainfield, Orange, Orford, Springfield
- Live in one of these VT towns: Barnard, Bethel, Fairlee/West Fairlee, Hartland/North Hartland, Pomfret, Post Mills, Royalton/South Royalton, Sharon, Strafford/South Strafford, Thetford/East Thetford, Woodstock/South Woodstock
- Hartford/Norwich residents should apply to the Hartford-Norwich Holiday Basket Helpers <https://holidaybasketsvt.org/>.
- Families with a household income of not more than 200% of federal poverty guidelines\*

\*See next page for income guidelines



LISTEN Community Services | 60 Hanover Street | Lebanon, NH | 03766 | (603)448-4553 | [www.listencs.org](http://www.listencs.org)



## **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 will officially launch in mid-November, but if you are interested in pledging your support NOW please email Eula Lee Kozma at [elkozma@friendsofmascoma.org](mailto:elkozma@friendsofmascoma.org). No gift is too small! 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 13th 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 23rd, 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 13th!

## **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 launches on November 8th and we have a goal of \$10,000. Please stay tuned for more details and information on how to donate over the next couple of weeks.

## **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



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

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

- November 4 @ 6:00 PM (DPW Building) – Board of Selectmen
- November 5 @ 3:30 PM (Town Hall) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee
- November 5 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) – Budget Committee
- November 7 @ 5:30 PM (Town Hall) – Trustees of Trust Funds
- November 7 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) – Conservation Commission
- November 12 @ 4:00 PM (DPW Building) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee
- November 12 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) – Zoning Board of Adjustment
- November 13 @ 5:30 PM (Town Hall) – Library Trustees
- November 13 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) – Planning Board
- November 18 @ 6:00 PM (DPW Building) – Board of Selectmen
- November 19 @ 3:30 PM (Town Hall) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee
- November 19 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) – Budget Committee
- November 25 @ 6:30 PM (DPW Building) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee
- November 26 @ 6:00 PM (Town Hall) – Energy Committee
- November 26 @ 6:00 PM (DPW Building) – CIP Committee
- December 2 @ 6:00 PM (DPW Building) – Board of Selectmen
- 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 14 @ 8:30 AM (DPW Building) – Budget Committee

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

**SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY**

November 30, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
Enfield Community Building (308 US Route 4)

- Support local business and direct sales consultants.
- Come see a sample of what the Upper Valley has to offer!
- Visit vendors to shop for services for your home, family and lifestyle.
- Shop local; shop small!

### **FROSTY'S WORLD AT THE ENFIELD VILLAGE SCHOOL**

The Enfield-Mascoma Lioness Club will host their annual Frosty's World at the Enfield Village School on Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9 a.m. Santa will arrive at 10 a.m. and will be there until noon for people to take pictures. Bring your own cameras. There will be an area for kids to shop for their Christmas presents. A wonderful homemade luncheon and bakery treats will be displayed for sale as well.

### **ANNUAL THANKSGIVING PIE SALE**

The Enfield – Mascoma Lioness Club will have their Annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale the day before Thanksgiving, on Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Enfield Branch of Mascoma Savings Bank. Pies are very reasonable at \$10 to \$12 each; 6-inch pies are available for \$6.00. You may pre-order your pies ahead of time by calling Mary Magnell at 632-7356 or email her at: [mary@magnell.com](mailto:mary@magnell.com).

In lieu of the Community Bulletin Board on the Town's website we are now using 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**



Find us on:  
**facebook.**

**CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS – TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON!**

We had so many amazing photos submitted again this year for the municipal calendar photo contest. We're in the process of choosing the winners, but unfortunately ran out of time to complete the process before the release of this newsletter. 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 Masecar  
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. For instance, during this year of the

full town-wide revaluation of property we'll post updates to our progress on the Assessing Department page. Community news items will appear on the Community & Businesses page – we currently have two scholarship Announcements on this page – check it out!

## **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

### **Inter-municipal Sewer Agreement with Lebanon**

The Town of Enfield and City of Lebanon have completed negotiations on the draft inter-municipal agreement (IMA) for sewage collection and treatment services. Although there were some minor modifications that benefitted the City of Lebanon, there were others that will ultimately benefit Enfield. As such, the adjustments balanced each other out and the result is a mutually agreeable and equitable IMA that will preserve the Town's ability to potentially disconnect from Lebanon's sewer system if it were financially more advantageous to construct and operate our own local wastewater treatment plant in the future. The feasibility of constructing a local wastewater treatment plant is the focus of an engineering study the Town recently commenced using funding from the NH Department of Environmental Services.

### **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**

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).

## **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 one full member vacancy and up to four 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>



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

**Subscribing to the electronic newsletter is easy and straightforward. You simply have to:**

- **Go to the below page on the town's website:**  
<http://enfieldnh.vt-s.net/Subscriber>
- **Enter your email address in the "Your Email" field**
- **Check the box for "Town News" under the News & Announcements sub-section**
- **Click the "Send My Request" navigation button at the bottom of the page**