TOWN OF ENFIELD E-NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2018

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 have begun producing 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 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: www.enfield.nh.us/subscribe

the needs of our residents.

- 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, if you have constructive feedback on how the depth and breadth of information provided in the newsletter can be optimized to meet

STATE LEGISLATURE LOWERS INTEREST RATES ON DELINQUENT TAXES

The State of New Hampshire has reduced the statutory interest rate on delinquent property taxes from 12% before liening and 18% after liening of the property to 8% before liening and 14% after liening of the property. Liens are place on properties for any unpaid property taxes as of that date. The NH Legislature is now looking at lowering the interest rate applied to refunded taxes due to abatement of property taxes.

STREETLIGHT DECOMMISSIONING

The Board of Selectmen held a public informational session on September 17th to discuss the decommissioning of specific streetlights. There were mixed sentiments regarding the decommissioning of the streetlights. The Town Manager Ryan Aylesworth and Chief of Police Roy Holland reviewed a list of approximately 45 streetlights that the Energy Committee recommended for decommissioning. They in turn recommended to the Board of Selectmen that 27 of those lights, which they found to be redundant or not serving a useful purpose, be decommissioned. Taxpayer savings would be approximately \$2,500 per year. While this is not a large sum in relation to the overall budget of the Town, every dollar counts. The Board has made no decisions at this time, but will be weighing the cost savings to maintain lights that may provide questionable value and the desires of the community.

THE 2019 MUNICIPAL CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

We have many talented photographers of all ages submitting entries for judging – 28 photographers in all. We take great care to keep the photographers anonymous during judging so all photos are judged on their individual merits. Winners will be announced on the Town's website once judging is completed. This is a fun project for us that provides useful information to you, including when and where Town boards and committees meet throughout the year, as well as the curbside rubbish & zero-sort recycling schedule. In an effort to save taxpayer dollars we chose to seek advertisers from local businesses to help support the costs of printing and mailing of our calendar. Many thanks to Shirley Green for seeking out and working with advertisers. We couldn't have done it without her! The 2019 Municipal Calendar goes to the printer soon.

We hope to have them mailed out by late October or early November.

MASCOMA LAKESIDE PARK

Members of the Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee are in the process of visiting with a wide range of community groups, local officials, and other stakeholders to obtain information regarding people's preferences for future uses and facilities for the Mascoma Lakeside Park property. It is our goal to ensure that the park provides the sorts of recreational experiences that our residents and visitors are looking for. A public forum will be held on October 29 (Monday) beginning at 6:00 PM at the Enfield Community Building to share input that has been obtained thus far, and also gather more input from our residents. We hope you will be in attendance. Your perspectives will help us better manage the property and make investments that deliver maximum benefits to our community.

As was reported in prior newsletters, in June officials from the Town of Enfield participated in a hearing with the legislature's Long Range Capital Planning and Utilization Committee (LRCPUC) to review the terms of the proposed sale of the Mascoma Lakeside Park property from NH DOT to the Town of Enfield. These parcels are located adjacent to the underpass on Main Street with convenient access to the Rail Trail and the downtown area, and offer stunning views of Mascoma



Lake. The Town wishes to purchase the property to enhance public access and enjoyment of the lake.

After the LRCPUC approved the terms of the sale, the matter was referred to Governor and Council for final approval in the month of August. Governor and Council ultimately approved the sale as well. Progress continues to be made toward realizing the goal of Town ownership of the property, which is shared by an overwhelming majority of our residents.

The Lakeside Park Committee wants to emphasize the importance of raising additional funds for future improvements and ongoing maintenance to the property. The Board of Selectmen has assured residents that all land acquisition and capital improvements to the property will be funded using grants, donations, and other "non-town" monies. If private fundraising efforts

are able to raise funds in excess of acquisition and capital improvements costs, the "surplus" funds will be applied to ongoing operations and maintenance costs.

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.

Finally, we also want to take this opportunity to announce that we were recently informed that Town of Enfield will be awarded a matching grant from the Northern Border Regional Commission (a a Federal-State partnership that promotes economic and community development in northern Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and New York) in the amount of roughly \$135,000 for the purpose of designing and constructing a pavilion for public use on the Mascoma Lakeside Park property. As the name implies, in order to obtain the federal matching grant, the Town has to raise an equivalent amount of funds through private sources. This pavilion – which was first conceived of during a stakeholder charrette convened in January 2015, would be available for group recreational outings, educational functions, and other purposes. Public meetings will be arranged in the near future to further discuss the grant award, possible designs and uses of the pavilion, and obtain feedback from residents before any final plans are made to move forward with the project.

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

COMMUNITY & BUSINESS EVENTS CALENDAR

We've created a Community & Business Events Calendar on the Town Website, which can be accessed here:

https://www.enfield.nh.us/community-businesses

Check this calendar for events open to the public and sponsored by local organizations or businesses. For instance, on October 11th you can get a free flu shot (adults and children ages 10 and older)

FREE FLU SHOTS

AT THE

Enfield Community Center

For Adults and Children Ages 10 and Older

Thursday, October 11th 4:00 - 7:00 PM

[Also: Thursday, October 18th, 4 to 7 PM at Mascoma Community Health Center, Canaan]

Directions: Take Exit 17 off I-89. Merge onto US-4E and continue about 4.4 miles to 308 US Route 4, Enfield, New Hampshire 03748

Sponsored by the Public Health Council of the Upper Valley and Dartmouth-Hitchcock
Staffed by students and medical professionals from The Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth.

www.uvpublichealth.org







2018 ANNUAL REPORT PUBLICATION

The 2018 Annual Reports will not be mailed in 2019. Times are changing. Printing and mailing costs are soaring. More and more people want convenient access to information on-line. We have posted our Annual Reports on our website for many years and you'll find the 2018 Annual Report posted there as well. It should be available in late February 2019. We'll still print a limited number of 2018 Annual Reports that people will be able to pick up at the Town Offices if they desire a printed copy. By printing a limited quantity and not mailing the report we'll save thousands of taxpayer dollars. Annual Reports dating back to 2013 are available here: https://www.enfield.nh.us/board-selectmen/pages/annual-reports

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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

Road Grading

The Town Highway crew will be continuing with the grading of gravel roads during the month of October. Motorists are urged to use caution when driving through these moving work zones often with three or four working pieces of equipment.

Hydrant Flushing

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

Water/Sewer Bills

The Water/Sewer Department will be mailing third quarter bills the first week of October. This is the second billing on our new billing software so please review the information on the bill carefully. 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.

The Town will no longer be 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.

Fall Lake Drawdown

The NH Department of Environmental Services has published its planned drawdown schedule for lakes across the state. Both Mascoma Lake and Crystal Lake will be drawn down three feet, and these drawdowns are scheduled for October 15. The complete drawdown schedule can be accessed here: https://www.des.nh.gov/media/pr/2018/20180917-lakes-drawdown.htm

Crystal Lake Road Culverts

The Enfield Highway Department will be replacing several culverts on Crystal Lake Road that are required to be done during lake drawdown per the issued Wetlands Permit. Crystal Lake Road may be closed at these sites for part of the day. Signs will be placed to notify residents of closures.

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 BetterTM campaign.

It is Casella's stated goal to not only invest in recycling technology to improve its outbound materials, but to also educate our 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

Enfield Vegetative Management Facility

The Enfield Vegetative Management Facility will be closing November 3, 2018

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

Construction and Demolition Material (C & D)

The Enfield Transfer Station and Enfield Vegetative Management Facility do **NOT** accept any volumes of C & D at this time. These materials are accepted by the Lebanon Landfill, 370 N Plainfield Road, West Lebanon and Hammond's Grinding and Recycling just East of Canaan Village on US Route 4.

Cemetery Decorations

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

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Dates - 2018

Household Hazardous Waste 2018 COLLECTION DAYS



All collections are Saturday, 9:00 am-Noon

May 12—Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street (off Route 120)

June 16—Claremont Highway Garage, 8 Grandview St (off North St)

August 18—Sunapee Highway Garage, 621 Route 11

October 13—Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street (off Route 120)

FREE to residents from Claremont, Cornish, Enfield, Goshen, Hanover, Lebanon, Lempster, Lyme, New London, Newbury, Newport, Orford, Piermont, Plainfield, Springfield, Sunapee, Unity, Washington, and Wilmot. Others residents and businesses welcome for a fee. Businesses and ANYONE with 25 gallons or more must pre-register 3 WEEKS IN ADVANCE.

WHAT TO BRING:

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

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



For information contact the

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



Alkaline batteries: Most non-rechargeable batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, and 9-volt) are trash in NH. If in doubt, just bring to collection. Tape 9-volt terminals before disposal.

Ammunition and explosives: State Police at 271-3636.

Asbestos: Get a licensed asbestos specialist. Asbestos is hazardous to your health—don't even think about removing it yourself! Automotive batteries: Take to parts store for cash back or your transfer station Empty aerosol cans: Can be recycled with scrap metal. Talk to your town. Fluorescent lights: May be taken at your town facility. Check with your town. Food Co-ops and Home Depot take may take CFLs (spiral bulbs), not tubes. Latex paint: Use kitty litter, sawdust, or shredded paper to dry out latex paint, then throw in your trash. Empty, dry metal cans may be recycled as scrap metal at your recycling facility. If it says "clean up with soap and water," it's latex. Medicine: See www.twinstatesafemeds.com for police stations taking meds. Medical sharps: Place in a rigid container (e.g. detergent bottle), seal cap with duct tape, and label container with marker, "Sharps, not for recycling." Dispose of with regular trash by handing to a waste collector. See www.nh.gov/medsafety. Can drop off at Lebanon Police Station. Propane or helium tanks and fire extinguishers: Propane/helium tanks can be exchanged/refilled at a distributor; or contact town transfer station about empty tanks. Empty fire extinguishers can be recycled (NRRA takes from towns). Used motor oil: Take to town transfer station or a service station for recycling.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Fall is here and soon so will be the holidays. The Police Department is in the process of filling a full-time Sergeant position and look forward to being back to full staff soon.

Chief Holland will be participating in the CHaD Hero Fun Run 2018 on October 14th to support CHaD and the Child Advocacy Center. If you would like to see what super hero he is this year come out and cheer on all the runners and walkers!

The construction of the new Jake's Market is well under way. This is a reminder that the construction site is a closed site, so please stay outside the roped/fenced off area and pay attention when walking on the side walk near the construction as there have been some changes.

The Enfield Police Department is hosting another "Coffee with a Cop" gathering at Dunkin Donuts on US Route 4 between 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM, Wednesday, October 3rd. We hope that residents will come and visit with Chief Holland and other members of the Department.

Halloween is October 31st and trick or treating in Enfield will be from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Please follow the safety rules: carry a flash light, walk in groups and pay attention to traffic as you cross the road. The station will be handing out candy as well that night so stop in and say hi to Paula.

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. You can also follow us on Facebook at http://www.facebook.com/EnfieldNHPoliceDepartment

We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable month of October!

RECREATION

Questions, concerns, ideas? Please contact me at recreation@enfield.nh.us

Mascoma Valley Parks & Recreation

Save time and paper with online registration! If you have not already created an account with Mascoma Valley Parks & Recreation, please check out our new site and make an account for you and your family!

Recreation Website: https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Home

Fall has announced its presence in the Mascoma Valley with cooler temperatures and changing leaves. Our fall programming has officially kicked off and we are looking forward to our winter programming next. Line Dancing on Mondays at MVRHS and on Thursdays at the Enfield Community Building, more painting classes, Halloween activities, Cross Country Skiing and the downhill ski and ride program. Please stay tuned and see below for more information!



Support the IRS Finding our Stride Cross Country and Track team! Participate in their fundraiser road race on October 28^{th} . You can choose to run 12K or 5K.

Link to Register: https://register.chronotrack.com/r/42535

In the spirit of New Hampshire's 12K race history, come join us on October 28, 2018 in scenic Enfield, NH. We will be offering race distances of 12K, which will be a certified course, as well as a 5K race for those who want a shorter distance. The race will benefit the Track and Cross Country programs at Indian River School. These programs are not school-sponsored sports, so fundraising is vital to the success of the programs.

A Halloween inspired kid's fun run will also be offered, with prizes for the best costume and candy offered on the course. For those familiar with the Shaker 7 race in Enfield, you will be familiar with the course, which is almost exactly the same as the 12K we will be offering. Football fans, don't worry, you will spend the morning on a beautiful fall course and be home by the 1:00PM kickoff.

Upcoming & Ongoing Recreation Events, Programs and Activities:

- *Mascoma Valley Guitar Orchestra*, weekly rehearsals on Sundays at the Department of Public Works starting at 6:30pm. \$3/session (Registration not required)
- *Adult Volleyball*, on Sundays from 6-8pm at MVRHS (Contact <u>mvalleyrec@gmail.com</u> for more details)
- *Adult Basketball*, on Sundays from 10am-12pm starting October 14th at MVRHS
- *Line Dancing*, on Thursdays at the Enfield Community Building from 5:10-6:10pm. Mondays starting September 10th in the CPL Room at MVRHS from 4:30-5:30pm. Drop-ins allowed, no advance registration required.
- Painting Classes (wet-on-wet technique) Friday Night Fun: BYOB! Classes are held at the Enfield Community Building. Bring a bottle of wine and some friends or family members to share it with!
 - o Dates:
 - October 5 from 6pm-9pm
 - October 12 from 6pm-9pm
 - October 26 from 6pm-9pm
 - November 16 from 6pm-9pm (downstairs meeting room)
 - o Cost is \$45 and all materials are included; participants take home their painting at the end of class
 - o \$5 off the registration fee for the designated driver, plus free nonalcoholic refreshment
 - o https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Home
- *Bob Ross Painting Classes* Classes are Saturdays or Sundays from 1pm-4pm at the Enfield Community Building.
 - o Dates:
 - Landscape: Saturday, October 6
 - Landscape: Saturday, October 20
 - Landscape: Saturday, November 17 (downstairs meeting room)
- Finding Our Stride: Indian River Cross Country Running (grades 5-8)
 - o August 28-October 25; practices are held Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.
 - o The team is currently full, but if you are interested in registering your child, please contact mvalleyrec@gmail.com and we will add your name to the "wait list"
- Coming Soon:
 - o Cross Country Ski Program at Canaan Elementary School
 - Grades 1-4; 3:30-4:30pm; Starting in January (weather depending)
 - o After School Ski & Ride Program at Whaleback Mountain
 - Grades K-12; Starting in January (weather depending)

PLANNING & ZONING OFFICES

Planning

The Planning Board had one meeting with two hearings and two conceptual discussions on September 26, 2018. The hearings were:

- A Minor Subdivision on Eastman Hill Road was approved. A 15-acre lot was subdivided into a 10-acre and a 5-acre lot with a common driveway.
- A request was made for another hearing for approval of turning two commercial storefronts into residential space along Blacksmith Alley (just off Main Street). A prior approval was overturned by the Zoning Board The applicant asked for a waiver of a state driveway permit. The request was denied.

The conceptual hearings were:

- The owner of the roller rink on US Route 4 asked the Planning Board to comment on a potential change of use.
- Jake's Market asked the Planning Board to comment on a change to the approved Site Plan for their new store (under construction) on US Route
 4. The change would be to rotate the gas island to create more space and enable traffic to better access the islands.

Zoning

The Zoning Board had no meetings or hearings in September.

Activity of the Zoning Administrator over the last month included:

- Submittal of an application for a Transportation Alternatives Grant to NH DOT. If we are successful this grant will provide over \$400,000 of funding for about 2,000 feet of new/upgraded sidewalks along sections of US Route 4, Maple Street and Maple Street.
- Attendance at meeting hosted by the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission with the NH DOT Traffic Advisory Committee on September 24. Two presentations were given. One of the presentations pertained to a federally funded program of noise reduction from highways in residential and commercial areas. A set of standards to implement the mitigation was presented. The other presentations, which was provided by officials with the NH Department of Environmental Services, detailed the Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) grant program, which is being partially funded by the Volkswagen Settlement. Three rounds of applications over the next 6 months will be held. Applicants include municipal owners of old diesel powered equipment for awards to replace them with less pollution emitting engines.

Have questions about planning or zoning matters? If so, please contact the

Planning and Zoning Administrator at 603-632-4067 or sosgood@enfield.nh.us for assistance.

ENFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Welcome to Autumn!

Happening in October:

- *Make It Take It Monday* starts again on *October 1st*. We are going to be making Halloween crafts: bat bookmarks, mummies, and creepy puppets. Drop in any time between 3:30 and 5:00pm. All ages welcome!
- Saturday My First Story Time: October 20th at 9:30am. Babies to age 2½ on a caregiver's lap will enjoy books, songs, and rhymes supporting early literacy, lots of movement, and socializing.
- Our book group will be reading *The Shape of Water: an Inspector Montalbano mystery* by Andrea Camilleri. The discussion will be held on Thursday October 25th at 6:30pm.

Did you know?

- The Library provides online access to the *New York Times*. Now you can read as many articles as you want: anytime, anywhere! Call or email us for details.
- We are going to start planning our 2019 program schedule soon. If there is a topic or speaker you are interested in, please let us know!

What happened in September:

• We circulated 2,229 items and had 29 programs with 349 participants.

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

OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK & TAX COLLECTOR

Town Clerk

I can't believe the summer is over and soon it will be Halloween and then on to Thanksgiving and the holiday season!

Our second customer service station seems to be a huge success. Sometimes you will find that my station is closed as I am working on other things.

With a successful state primary now behind us it is onto the GENERAL

ELECTION. Please be sure to cast your vote on Tuesday November 6, 2018. If you haven't registered to vote yet, you may do so at the Town Office. The last day to register is October 23, 2018; after that you will have to register at the polls. Fastest way to register is with a birth certificate and passport. Driver's license or other photo ID combined with mail or pay stub showing your current street address also works well.

Happy fall!

Please don't hesitate to contact the Town Clerk at 603-632-5001 Ext. 5404 with any questions about motor vehicle registration, boat registrations, voter registrations, dog licenses, marriage licenses, or other matters handled by the Town Clerk's office.

Tax Collector

Greetings all! Late October will mark six months for me in the role as your Tax Collector/Deputy Town Clerk. Boy did that go by FAST! I appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as I have been working at getting myself up to full speed in both positions. Thank you! Next on the agenda is getting geared up for the 3rd quarter water/sewer payment collection. To make online secure payments by either credit card or ACH (electronic check) go to https://nhtaxkiosk.com/?KIOSKID=ENFIELD. We strongly encourage residents to utilize this highly convenient option. As a reminder, payments for taxes or utilities over the counter may be made by cash or check only. Happy October, enjoy the cool air and the beautiful foliage!

Please don't hesitate to contact the Tax Collector at 603-632-4201 Ext. 5403 or by email whuntley@enfield.nh.us with any questions about your tax bill or other matters handled by the Tax Collector's office.

FIRE DEPARTMENT & FIRE INSPECTOR

As Fire Prevention Week approaches, the Enfield Fire Department encourages residents to "Look. Listen. Learn." What does that mean?

Today's home fires burn faster than ever. In a typical home fire, you may have as little as one to two minutes to escape safely from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Knowing how to use that time wisely takes planning and practice.

The Enfield Fire Department is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) -- the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week™ for more than 90 years -- to promote this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere™," which works to educate

the public about basic but essential ways to quickly and safely escape a home fire.

NFPA statistics show that the number of U.S. home fires has been steadily declining over the past few decades. However, the death rate per 1,000 home fires that are reported to fire departments was 10% higher in 2016 than in 1980.

"These numbers show that while we've made significant progress in teaching people how to prevent fires from happening, there's still much more work to do in terms of educating the public about how to protect themselves in the event of one," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA's vice president of Outreach and Advocacy. "This is particularly critical given the increased speed at which today's home fires grow and spread."

Carli also notes that although people feel safest in their home, it is also the place people are at greatest risk to fire, with four out of five U.S. fire deaths occurring at home. That over-confidence contributes to complacency toward home escape planning and practice.

- Look for places fire could start.
- **Listen** for the sound of the smoke alarm.
- **Learn** two ways out of every room.

While NFPA and the Enfield Fire Department are focusing on home fires, these fire safety messages apply to virtually anywhere.

For more information about Fire Prevention Week and home escape planning, visit www.firepreventionweek.org.

Please don't hesitate to contact the Building Inspector at 603-632-4343 or pneily@enfield.nh.us with any questions.

UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS (SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

- October 2 @ 3:30 PM (Town Hall) Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee
- October 4 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) Conservation Commission
- October 8 @ 6:00 PM (DPW Building) Board of Selectmen
- October 8 @ 6:00 PM (Town Hall) Library Trustees
- October 9 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) Zoning Board of Adjustment
- October 11 @ 2:00 PM (Enfield Center Cemetery) Cemetery Trustees

- October 16 @ 3:30 PM (Town Hall) Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee
- October 16 @ 6:00 PM (Town Hall) Recreation Commission
- October 16 @ 6:30 PM (DPW Building) Budget Committee
- October 22 @ 6:00 PM (DPW Building) Board of Selectmen
- October 23 @ 5:30 PM (Town Hall) Trustees of Trust Funds
- October 24 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) Planning Board
- October 25 @ 4:30 PM (Town Hall) Heritage Commission
- November 1 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) Conservation Commission
- November 5 @ 6:00 PM (DPW Building) Board of Selectmen
- November 6 @ 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM (Town Hall) State General Election

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS (SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

- **Enfield Market** (Enfield Community Building) October 13 (and every "second Saturday" through November 2018) from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Shop for various products for your home, lifestyle and family. Vendors will vary month to month, so each shopping experience could be different!
- **Mascoma Lakeside Park Public Forum** (Enfield Community Building) October 29 beginning at 6:00 PM. This meeting is intended to share feedback that the Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee has been received from members of the community to date regarding the future use of the park, as well as solicit additional public input. Please come!
- **Bingo** (Enfield Community Building) –Every Tuesday hosted by the Firefighter's Association. Doors open at 4:00 PM, games begin at 6:30 PM. Cards begin at \$20. Optional dinner (a wonderfully homemade meal) is served at 5:00 PM at a cost of \$6 (dinner includes an entrée, beverage and dessert).

POLICE CHIEF SELECTION

In mid-August, Detective Sergeant Roy Holland – who had been serving as Enfield's Interim Chief of Police for some months – was selected as our next Chief of Police. Roy was officially appointed Police Chief at the September 4 meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

After initially receiving 25 applications for the position and completing an intensive multi-step review process that included administering essay questions and phone interviews with the applicants, MRI (the firm assisting us with the search process) ultimately selected Roy as one of four finalists. Each of

the four finalists interviewed in-person with an eight-member panel consisting of Enfield residents and other stakeholders that I asked to participate in the

process. As Town Manager, I subsequently conducted separate interviews with three of the four finalists. Each finalist for the position demonstrated the professional competencies, training, integrity, character, and judgment needed to be an effective chief of police.

Although each of the finalists would likely capably serve Enfield as our Chief of Police, I believe that Roy is the best fit for our community for several reasons. He has the trust and respect of members of the Enfield Police Department as well as other municipal departments, local officials, residents and other stakeholders (including law enforcement



professionals in neighboring communities). Given his decorated military service (Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and Army Commendation Medal for Valor – to name just a few) and experience with our Police Department, he possesses the job knowledge and leadership/command experience the position requires. He is committed to community policing and shares my view that modern day law enforcement requires a proactive and collaborative approach that goes well beyond simply enforcing laws. He has a warm and welcoming personality that belies the inherent stresses of the job/profession. He will lead by example and hold himself to the same standards as the officers he commands. He is a consummate team player who demonstrates enthusiasm for assisting other departments in pursuit of our shared goal of delivering high-quality municipal services and meeting the needs of our community. He is an inherently positive and optimistic individual (the world needs more of this). Finally, he is a long-time resident who knows the community inside and out.

Please join me in congratulating <u>Chief</u> Holland on his selection as the Town of Enfield's next Chief of Police!

Very respectfully,

Ryan J. Aylesworth Town Manager

STRATEGIC PLANNING & GOVERNANCE

As has been reported in previous issues, the Town of Enfield's municipal departments have been working diligently with the Amherst-NH-based Center

for Strategic Governance, LLC. (www.strat-gov.com) on department-level strategic plans. This is the first such effort initiated by the Town, and it is being done to promote innovative thinking and community engagement. Looking ahead, these department strategic plans with be integrated with and help inform updates to the Town's master plan and capital improvements plan. Collectively, this effort will serve as a roadmap for ongoing enhancements to municipal services and overall community development.

Over the past four months, Enfield's operating departments have completed 10 work activities that collectively have helped them understand their past, envision the future, and manage the present. The primary deliverable from this ongoing project are a series of 5-year strategic departmental plans that include desired citizen-oriented/measurable outcomes along with detailed information regarding the strategic initiatives that are being proposed by each department and investments needed to achieve those outcomes. These plans will enable the Enfield Town Manager, Board of Selectmen, and Budget Committee and residents to frame broad priorities and make informed financial tradeoffs by looking at such quality-of-life factors as public safety, infrastructure, emergency services, town character, housing, business development, financial health, recreation, environmental quality, etc. Plans will be refreshed annually to reflect real-world changes and ensure that desired citizen-focused outcomes are being achieved.

The majority of department strategic plans (including Administration & Finance, Public Works, Police, Ambulance, and Library) were presented over the course of three evenings of public meetings (July 30 & July 31, and August 7) with the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee. The Fire Department is still in the process of completing its strategic plan, and we anticipate that this plan will be presented within the next month. We very much appreciated and valued the public involvement in the first two evenings of presentations, and we hope residents will take part in the remaining session taking place in August. [Update: The Fire Department plan was presented to the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee on September 18th.]

The draft plans that have been prepared and presented by each department will soon be published on the Town of Enfield's website so that all residents will have the ability to review them. Citizen input on the priorities and general direction the community is headed will soon be actively sought via a combination of surveys and public meetings. The objective is to ensure that each department's vision for the future is strongly supported by the residents we serve. However, the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee must first continue its deliberations regarding the goals, desired outcomes, and strategic initiatives proposed in each of the plans. The strategic plans completed this summer will then enable the 2019 planning and budgeting process to serve as the first year of a multi-year planning window.

For more information on Enfield's strategic planning and governance efforts, please contact the Town Manager at 603-442-5405 or raylesworth@enfield.nh.us.

2019 TOWN MEETING SCHEDULE - IMPORTANT DEADLINES

The Town Elections and Deliberative Session for the 2019 Town Meeting will be held on March 12 (Tuesday) and March 16 (Saturday), respectively. The following are important filing deadlines pertaining to this year's Town Meeting.

 Monday, November 12, 2018 First day to accept petitions to amend zoning ordinance, historic district ordinance or building code for consideration at the 2019 town meeting. [RSA 675:4-120 days prior to town meeting]



- Wednesday, December 12, 2018 Last day to accept petitions to amend zoning ordinance, historic district ordinance or building code for consideration at the 2019 town meeting. [RSA 675:4-90 days before town meeting]
- Wednesday, January 23, 2019
 First day for candidates in towns with non-partisan official ballot system to file declarations of candidacy with town clerk. [RSA 669:19; 652:20 seventh Wednesday before town meeting]
- Friday, February 1, 2019
 Last day for filing declarations of candidacy with town clerk in towns with non-partisan official ballot system. Town clerk's office must be open at least from 3 to 5 p.m. [RSA 669:19; 652:20 the Friday next following the first day for candidates to file declarations of candidacy on 1/23/19]
- Tuesday, February 5, 2019
 Last day for 25 or more voters or 2% of the total, whichever is less, but in no case fewer than 10 voters, to petition select board to include an article in the warrant. [RSA 39:3 fifth Tuesday before town meeting]
- Saturday, March 2, 2019
 Last day for town clerk to accept voter registration applications for town meeting day (Voters may register on election day for all town elections).
 [RSA 64:8; RSA 654:27, deadline for town clerk to accept voter registration is the same date as the date for the last checklist session correction the Saturday no less than 6 and no more than 13 days before town meeting]
- Saturday, March 2, 2019
 Supervisors to hold session for correction of checklist prior to annual meeting for no fewer than 30 minutes. No corrections or additions may

be made after this session until election day, except as provided in RSA 659:12. [RSA 654:27; 654:28; 669:5; 40:13, II-d, VII]

- Tuesday, March 5, 2019 Last day to submit zoning ordinance protest petition to require 2/3 vote at town meeting. [RSA 675:5- at least 7 days before town meeting]
- Monday, March 11, 2019

 The town clerk's office shall be open to receive applications for absentee ballots, to provide voters the opportunity to complete absentee ballots, and to receive returned ballots on the Monday immediately prior to an election at a minimum from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The clerk may designate a deputy clerk or assistant to provide this service, provided the individual has taken the oath of office and has been trained in the requirements for using an absentee ballot and the procedures for issuing and receiving absentee ballots. [RSA 657:1, II (c)]
- Tuesday, March 12, 2019
 Last day for town clerk to accept completed absentee ballots; clerk, or clerk's designee, must be available at least between 3 and 5 p.m. No absentee ballots may be accepted after 5 p.m. [RSA 669:29; 657:22; 652:20]
- Friday, March 15, 2019
 Last day for any person for whom a vote was cast to apply to town clerk for a recount (to be conducted not earlier than 5 nor later than 10 days after receipt of the application). Town clerk must be available at least between 3 and 5 p.m. to receive application, and must provide at least 3 days' notice of recount date to candidates for that office. [RSA 669:30-:31; 652:20 Friday next following town meeting/election]

ENFIELD OLD HOME DAYS "THANK YOU" MESSAGE

Greetings Enfield!

Now that we have had a moment to catch our breath, we'd like to sincerely thank you all for coming out to our 2018 celebrations!

Even with the weather forecast giving us fits, we got lucky enough to hold all of events under mostly clear skies. The turnout for all events was great, and the community spirit could be felt all weekend. Definitely one of our best years yet!

We are on hiatus until February but are always looking for new members to bring new energy and ideas for next year's events. We also encourage folks looking for less of a commitment to volunteer throughout the weekend- many hands make light work!

In the meantime, do not hesitate to reach out with comments or ideas via

Facebook messenger or our town email.

https://www.facebook.com/EnfieldOldHomeDays/oldhomedays@enfield.nh.us

See you all next year! July 26-28, 2019!

Enfield Old Home Days Committee

Rob Bassett Ron Hill
Shirley Green Stephanie Hill
Daniel Harrington Brittney Shackett
Kristin Harrington Lindsay Smith
Lori Bliss Hill

ONLINE BILL PAY IS NOW AVAILABLE!

We are very excited to announce that Enfield residents now have the ability to

securely pay their property taxes online via the town's official website - www.enfield.nh.us. Similarly, residents are able to pay their water/sewer bills. This new payment method serves to accommodate those Enfield residents who want the convenience of paying their taxes and fees online, anytime day or night. It also benefits the town in that payments are processed automatically, allowing town employees faster balance reconciliation and more time to work on other town issues.

Local officials realize the importance of keeping with the times and offering this new online payment option. The Town of Enfield is fortunate to have found a financial services partner, InvoiceCloud, who has years of experience helping municipalities and other government entities administer online payments in a manner that protects a customer's personal information. In fact, InvoiceCloud uses state-of-the industry encryption methods to safely handle these transactions so bank account information remains completely confidential (not even being shared with municipal employees).

The process for residents to pay online is simple: with your bill and checkbook in hand, 1) Go to: www.enfield.nh.us; 2) Click on the "Online Bill Payment" Button; and 3) Complete each screen to process your payment.

Residents are able to make payments via "e-check" (applicable check routing number and account numbers will need to be provided) or Master Card, Visa Card, Discover Card, or American Express. Payments by e-check will be assessed a flat fee of \$0.95, and payments by credit card will be assessed a fee of 2.95% of the total amount due. In all cases, e-check and credit card

transaction fees will be retained by InvoiceCloud and not the Town. Online payment is highly encouraged, but the town will continue to accept physical checks. Please note that tax payments cannot be made by credit or debit cards in Town Hall.

If you have specific questions about online bill pay, please contact the Town Manager's Office, at 603-632-5026 or raylesworth@enfield.nh.us.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Municipal Cemetery Lot Pricing & Availability

The cost of a 4-foot x11-foot plot is \$400.00. The Town has cemetery plots for sale in Countryside Cemetery and Lockehaven Cemetery. Lakeview Cemetery is sold out. BURIALS ON SUNDAYS OR LEGAL HOLIDAYS ARE <u>NOT PERMITTED</u>. If you need more information, contact Will Shoemaker, Enfield's Cemetery Sexton at 603-442-5424.

Annual Water Quality Report

The Town of Enfield's 2018 Water Quality Report is available online: www.enfield.nh.us/Pages/EnfieldNH_Water/waterquality/CCR_2018.pdf
This report describes The Town's drinking water sources and quality, and programs that protect our water supply. The publication conforms to federal regulations that require water utilities to provide this information annually.

Please Use Curbside Trash and Recycling Services

Trash and Zero Sort recycling collected at the Transfer Station cost 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 <u>help keep our solid waste expenses down (and keep property tax rates as low as possible in the process)!</u>

The "Don't" of 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
(Styrofoam¹⁴, 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 or call 800-CASELLA

BUILDING & FIRE INSPECTOR



"COOK WITH CAUTION"

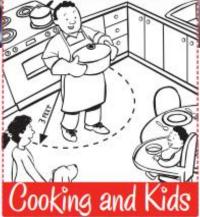
- Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol don't use the stove or stovetop.
- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, boiling, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains - away from your stovetop.

If you have a small (grease) cooking fire and decide to fight the fire...

- On the stovetop, smother the flames by sliding a lid over the pan and turning off the burner. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.
- For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

If you have any doubt about fighting a small fire...

- Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.
- Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from outside the home.



Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet (1 metre) around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

FACTS

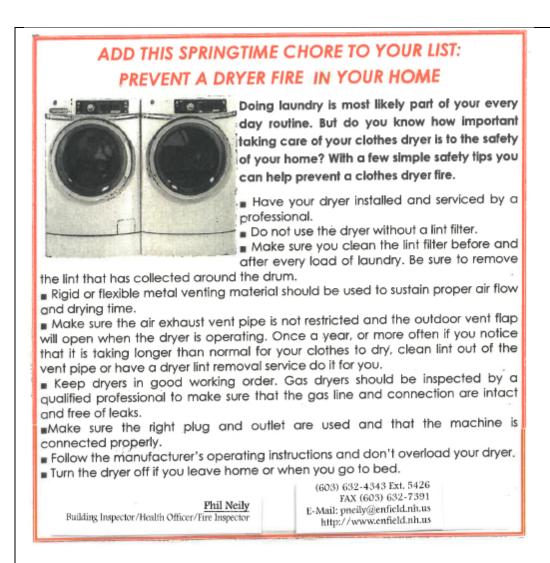
- 1 The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking.
- (!) Most cooking fires in the home involve the kitchen stove





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

nfpa.org/education @NFPA 2018



New Policies & Fees, General Reminders

With the start of a new year a few updates from the office of the Building and Fire Inspector.

- Building Permit fees were increased effective September 2017, be sure your calculating from this schedule prior to submitting.
- Permit copy to post is **green** this year, check last year's **red** copy as it may need to be renewed if the project is not completed.
- Most projects undertaken in the Town of Enfield will require a permit, a couple of exceptions are roofing and siding as long as structural features are not being changed or upgraded.
- All single and multi-family housing units are required to have smoke detectors, and in most cases C/O (carbon monoxide) detectors are required as well. We have seen many units without these. Most detectors have a 10 year life span, after that time they need to be replaced. If you need help to determine if units are required or should be replaced, please

contact this office.

• Work on an escape plan and meeting place with your family in the event of a fire or emergency. The Fire Department continues to visit local schools, preschools and daycares bringing fire prevention information to this audience.

As always this office is available to answer questions, do not hesitate to contact the Building & Fire Inspector at pneily@enfield.nh.us or 603-632-4343

Private Septic System Maintenance

One of the more frequently asked questions of the Building Inspector is "how do we maintain our private septic system?" and "how often do we do it?" The NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) has compiled a useful fact sheet which is available at:

https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pip/factsheets/ssb/documents/ssb-13.pdf

This helpful resource provides details on the workings and maintenance needs of your system. Included is a sheet to record the maintenance that has been performed. As always, if you have further questions do not hesitate to contact the Building Inspector at 603-632-4343 or pneily@enfield.nh.us for assistance.

The National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) "Heating Safety" fact sheet explains what is necessary to help prevent fires and safely operate our heating equipment. This is accessible at:

http://www.nfpa.org/public-education/by-topic/top-causes-of-fire/heating/heating-safety-tips

Please don't hesitate to contact the Fire Inspector at 603-632-4343 or <u>pneily@enfield.nh.us</u> with any questions.

PROPERTY RECORDS AND MAPS

Did you know that property assessment 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.

ENFIELD OFFICIAL FACEBOOK PAGE

Last year the Town of Enfield launched an official Facebook page ("Town of

Enfield, New Hampshire"). The page can be accessed at the following web link: www.facebook.com/EnfieldNH

facebook.

This page is maintained by town officials and used to help disseminate important updates about community affairs and alert residents when new/detailed information is available on the Town's website (www.enfield.nh.us). We hope you will "Like" this page and start receiving regular updates on your Facebook news feed!

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

Do you love our wide selection of recreation programs for children and adults alike? Then join our **Recreation Commission!** We currently have one opening. 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. Check our Town Calendar for meeting times as they are trying out a new earlier time – 6:00 PM! 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 Planning and Zoning. They are both judicial bodies that have the responsibility to judge if new Subdivisions and business Site Plans meet the Town Zoning Ordinance. We have one opening for a **Planning Board alternate** and one opening for **Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) alternates**. The Planning Board's regular meeting schedule is the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, however they'll meet just once a month if there is not enough business to warrant two meetings. Meetings of the ZBA are the second Tuesday of each 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. Check out the wide array of entertaining events held in 2018:

http://www.enfield.nh.us/sites/enfieldnh/files/uploads/2018ohdevents.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