

Town Newsletter

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Welcome Message

Greetings!

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

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

Subscribing to the electronic newsletter is easy and straightforward. Simply:

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

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

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



A Message from Enfield's Town Manager

As summer comes to a close, so does a chapter in Enfield history. On September 19th, I had the honor of attending the final service held at La Salette, and the luncheon held afterwards. There were so many people in attendance it was standing room only. It was a great service that ebbed and flowed from the memories and history of La Salette in Enfield to hope and future of the La Salette Missionaries. Many people are thankful that the shrine and property will be owned by the Shaker Museum, in a kind of circular pattern with the property returning to the Shakers. The Museum does has not completed plans for what they are going to do with the property, but preservation is the priority.



As we inch closer to the start of construction on Whitney Hall, the Library and Town Offices have been cleaning closet spaces and preparing to move to the La Salette property, which will be our temporary home during the construction phase of the project. The Town of Enfield appreciates the offer and collaboration with the Shaker Museum for this lease opportunity.

Both Building projects are in the final budget stage, trying to finalize plans and complete final engineering and permitting. We are hopeful that Whitney Hall construction will begin in early 2024, with the Public Safety Building construction starting in the spring.

Besides the building projects, we are in the final phases of completing the Town's Strategic plan, finishing up summer construction projects, and preparing for winter. We are about halfway through the 2024 CIP plan and will start meetings with the Budget Committee in a couple weeks. The next few months will be focused on budget and preparation for the 2024 Town Meeting. I am working with the State of NH and Pathways Consulting to finalize a scope and pricing plan for the "Walk a Mile in their Shoes" trail project along 4A, we are starting the redesign of the Town Website and look forward to introducing more ways to get timely information about Town happenings.

All in all, things are going well in Town. I hope each of you enjoy the Fall season and have a chance to get out to all the harvest festivals and holiday events coming up over the next few months.

Ed Morris,
Town Manager

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>

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Special News Items

Blasting on Shaker Boulevard beginning October 2nd




Attention Enfield Residents:

Blasting will be taking place at
142 Shaker Blvd. starting on Monday, 10/2

There will be a warning horn sequence before and after each blast. Residents in the immediate vicinity may feel or hear rumbling, but no major disruptions are anticipated.

Blasting will be ongoing for a couple of weeks during daylight hours. Area residents have already been directly contacted by the blasting company.



Corrections & Additions to the Voter Checklist

The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet for Corrections & Additions to the Voter Checklist on

**Friday, October 6, 2023
7:00pm to 7:30pm
Town Office Conference Room
23 Main St, Enfield, NH**

October 6th, 2023 is the last time registered voters may change their party affiliation prior to the Presidential Primary. New voters may continue to register until election day, as permitted by law. (Someday, between 13 to 6 days prior to election day, as determined by the Supervisors of the Checklist.) The Primary date is still unknown. As soon as the primary date is known, we will post updated information.

If you do not know which party you are registered under, look it up on <https://app.sos.nh.gov/voterinformation> or check with the town clerk.

For more info, visit: <http://www.sos.nh.gov/.../inf.../faq/voting-party-primaries>

Employment News

We're Hiring! Part-Time Police Assistant

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

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

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

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

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

ENFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT NOW HIRING

FULL TIME OFFICER
TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY

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

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

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

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



TOWN OF ENFIELD

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



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2024 Municipal Calendar

We are hard at work on the 2024 Enfield Municipal Calendar. We have not judged the photo contest submissions yet, but I'll announce the winners in next month's newsletter. As the sole individual who sees the photo submissions prior to judging I can say we have a wide array of beautiful photos taken by your friends and neighbors. The photos showcase what makes Enfield such a beautiful place to live and work.

We'd like to thank all of the local businesses who purchased advertising space in our calendar which allows us to not only support our local businesses, but publish this useful calendar for our citizenry at minimal expense. We'd also like to thank Shirley Green for taking on the task of soliciting advertisements. We couldn't do it without her. Thank you Shirley! About 70% of the cost of getting this calendar to you is covered by advertising revenue.

We encourage everyone to support our businesses in Enfield and neighboring communities – shop local!

The calendar will again include municipal meeting dates, times and locations, other important dates and announcements, as well as the curbside rubbish and recycling collection calendar.

As in prior years, the calendar will be mailed to all postal patrons with an 03748 or 03749 zip code. Watch for it in your mailbox in the coming months.

Alisa Bonnette
Assistant Town Manager

Department & Committee Reports

Building Inspector/Health Officer

Enfield's lakes have exhibited an inordinate amount of water quality issues this summer. For those residents interested in mitigating stormwater runoff from their properties, the NH Department of Environmental Services has an informative publication available that's titled "New Hampshire Homeowner's Guide to Stormwater Management." The following information is edited from this publication. <https://www.des.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt341/files/documents/2020-01/homeowner-guide-stormwater.pdf>

Stormwater runoff contributes to over 90% of the water quality problems in New Hampshire. Common stormwater problems and pollutants include septic systems, soil erosion, pesticides, fertilizers, pet waste, automotive chemicals, and yard waste.

The following good housekeeping practices help reduce the volume of runoff created and help prevent pollutants from coming in contact with runoff.

- Handle and store gasoline and other vehicle fluids carefully to avoid spills. Clean up spills immediately with absorbent materials. For more information, see NHDES fact sheet CO-10 – *Consumer Tips for the Safe Management of Gasoline*.
- Take your vehicle to a local car wash that recycles and reuses the wash water and uses non-toxic cleaners.
- When washing your vehicle at home, park your car on a grassy or pervious area, use a non-toxic soap, and minimize the amount of water that you use by running the hose only when needed.
- Rather than washing your driveway with a hose, which may deliver pollutants to a waterbody, sweep it or use a shop vacuum to collect yard waste and other materials.

- For more information, see NHDES fact sheet WMB-14 – *Car Washes and Water Quality*.
- Reduce the amount of salt that you apply to your driveway and walkways. A thorough shoveling or possible sweeping of snow can reduce or avoid the need for salt. Use sand for traction.
- Reduce the square footage of your lawn area by planting low-maintenance groundcovers, trees, flowers and shrubs to help water infiltrate into the ground and prevent soil erosion.
- For new lawns, use six to 12 inches of topsoil to encourage deeper root growth.
- Choose native grasses and ground coverings as alternatives to conventional turf lawns on some or all of your property. Native plants have originated and evolved in your area and generally require less water, herbicides, pesticides, fertilizers and trimming.
- Test your soil to see what it really needs before you apply fertilizer or lime (contact your county UNH Cooperative Extension office for information on soil testing).
- When fertilizer is necessary, use a slow-release fertilizer to avoid excess nutrients running off your lawn. The New Hampshire Surface Water Quality Protection Act prohibits the use of fertilizer within 25 feet of public waters. For more information and great lawn care tips for all property owners, see NHDES fact sheet WD-SP-2 – *Proper Lawn Care within the Protected Shoreline*.
- If you have an automated irrigation system, make sure it has a rain gauge or soil moisture sensor to prevent watering when it isn't necessary – like when it is raining or immediately following a rain shower. For more information, see NHDES fact sheet WD-DWGB-26-22 – *Home Water Efficiency: In-Ground Irrigation Systems*.
- Aerate your lawn to help the soil breathe and promote stronger root systems.
- Raise and keep your lawn mower at a height of three inches.
- Leave mulched grass clippings on your lawn to naturally fertilize and prevent evaporation, reducing the amount you need to water. Typically, this will not cause thatching.
- Keep yard debris away from storm drains, waterbodies and wetlands. Dispose of yard waste at the Enfield transfer station between May 1-November 1, or compost in your backyard. For more information, see NHDES fact sheet WMB-SW-3 – *Municipal Composting of Yard Waste*.
- Maintain natural vegetation and buffers around your property. For more information, see NHDES fact sheet WD-SP-5 – *Vegetation Management for Water Quality*.
- To help prevent over-population of lawn and garden pests, consider using a variety of control tactics other than reaching for chemical pesticides. Lady bugs can be used to control aphids, for example. Pesticide use is restricted on and near public waters. For more information, see NHDES fact sheet WD-SP-3 – *Integrated Pest Management: An Alternative to Pesticides*.
- Find ways to reduce phosphorus sources from your property, such as planting native vegetation along shores, stabilizing eroded areas and maintaining your septic system. When phosphorus in runoff reaches waterbodies, it can cause problems like algae and cyanobacteria blooms. See NHDES fact sheet WD-BB-20 – *Phosphorus: too much of a good thing*.
- Limit the amount of impervious surfaces, such as paved driveways, decks, patios and roofs created on your property.
- Replace impervious surfaces with natural, native ground cover or materials that allow rainwater to seep into the ground, such as gravel, brick, stepping stones, wood chips or other porous surfaces.
- Direct runoff from impervious areas to pervious ones. For example, direct the downspout from your roof gutter away from your driveway and instead into a vegetated area, such as a swale or garden.
- Have your septic tank inspected yearly. If the sludge and surface scum combined are as thick as 1/3 the liquid depth of your tank, have it pumped out by a licensed septage hauler. You can find NHDES-licensed haulers in your area on the [New Hampshire Association of Septage Haulers website](#).
- Keep bulky items like flushable wipes, diapers, sanitary pads, cigarettes and paper towels out of the system, as they will cause clogging.
- Keep toxic materials like paint thinners, pesticides and bleach out of your system. The chemicals could kill the good bacteria that live in your septic tank that keep it functioning.
- Do not use septic tank additives. They could be harmful to the beneficial bacteria.
- Repair leaking faucets and fixtures promptly to reduce the amount of water the system has to treat. For more information, see NHDES fact sheet WD-DWGB-26-23 – *Home Water Efficiency: Fixing Leaks Indoors and Out*.

- Avoid putting food waste and grease into the system or using a garbage disposal. Food waste in your system requires more frequent pumping and can increase nutrient-seepage into the soils surrounding your leach field.
- Keep deep-rooted trees and bushes away from the leach field.
- Keep vehicles, equipment and heavy foot traffic away from the leach field to avoid compacting the soils.
- Use alternative cleaning products, such as baking soda and borax, to avoid chlorine and strong acids that could kill the good bacteria in the septic system.
- Pick up pet waste. Flush it down the toilet, put it in the trash, or bury it in the yard at least five-inches deep and away from vegetable gardens, wells and waterways.
- Do not put pet waste into storm drains; it can introduce bacteria to the waterbody that the storm drains leads to.
- For more information, see the NHDES Scoop the Poop Campaign.

Cemetery Department

The Trustees next meeting is scheduled for [October 19, 2023](#) at the Town Hall at 6:00 PM. If you're interested in what the Board does this meeting is open to the public so feel free to attend!

Reminder- ALL cemetery decorations must be removed by November 1st

Please contact Bridget Labrie at cemetery@enfield.nh.us or (802) 332-5363 to schedule burials or if you have any questions.

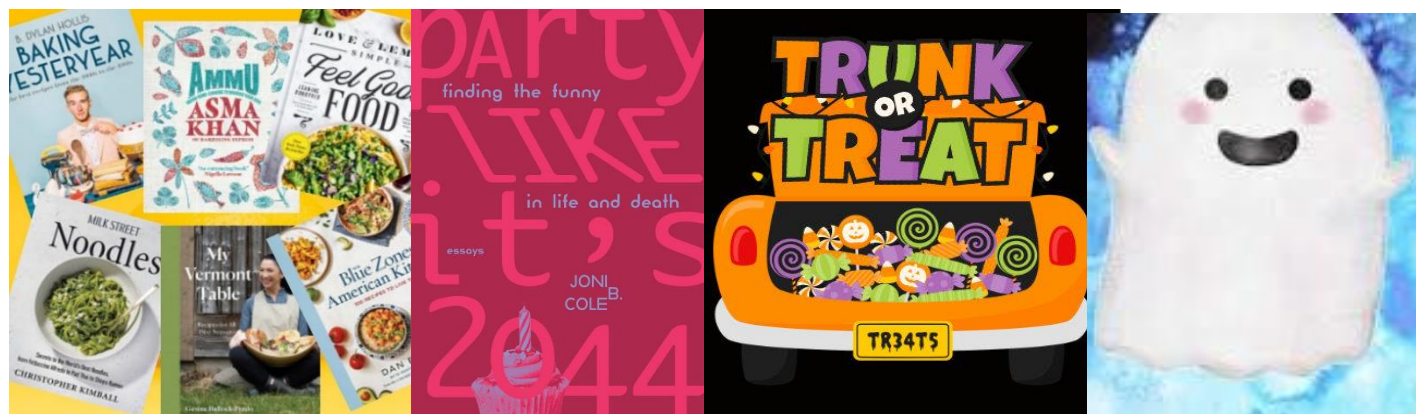
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Cemetery Sexton

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OCTOBER 2023



SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Cookbook Chat & Recipe Swap

Wednesday, October 4, 6 p.m.

Got a favorite recipe? Bring it! Samples appreciated but not required.

Finding the Funny

Join us **Wednesday, October 18 at 6 p.m.** for a reading and Q&A about by Joni B. Cole about her new collection of humorous essays.

PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

October Means HALLOWEEN!

Come see us at **Enfield Halloween Night Trunk or Treat** on Saturday, October 28, 3-6 p.m.

Then join us for **Halloween Stories** on October 31, starting at 4:30 p.m., at the library.

Outdoor Storytime

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

Story Time is back outside through October. Join Miss Kate at **Huse Park**.

LEGOS are available every **Thursday!**

Kids Craft Table

We'll have something new each week, and the crayons and stickers are always out for creative doodling!

ADULT PROGRAMS

Knitting Group

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Join your neighbors for fiber fun.

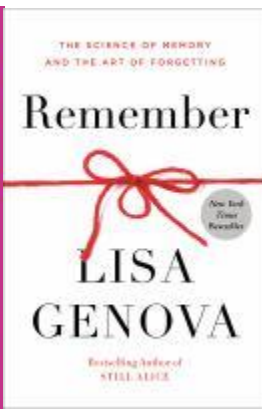
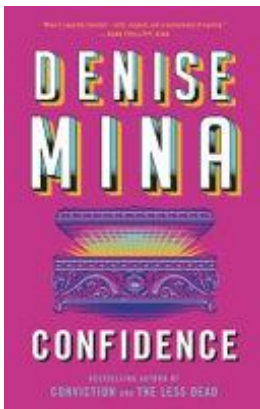
Community Jigsaw Puzzle

Come see what we're working on now!

LibTech Help By Appointment

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

BOOK GROUPS



Mystery Lovers' Book Group

Thursday, October 12, at 6 p.m.

[Confidence](#) by Denise Mina

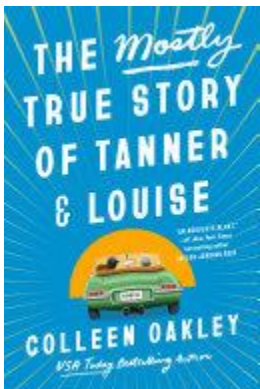
Enfield Public Library Book Group

Thursday, October 26 28, at 6 p.m.

[Remember](#) by Lisa Genova

RECOMMENDED READING

[The mostly true story of Tanner & Louise](#) by Colleen Oakley



"A wildly entertaining road trip novel featuring a college dropout and an eighty-four-year-old woman off on the adventure of their lives, full of tremendous heart, wit, and wisdom"--Provided by publisher.

This is a delightful novel! Full of fun and a mystery too. The perfect read when you need both distraction and some uplift. --Nancy

ABOUT EPL

What's New

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

Wowbrary

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

The current plan for the library is to move into the former La Sallette gift shop during the renovation. Follow the renovation discussion on the town's Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee web page:

<https://www.enfield.nh.us/municipal-facilities-advisory-committee-design-team>

Hours

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

Monday: 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Tuesday: 9:00 am-7:00 pm

Wednesday: 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Thursday: 11:00 am-7:00 pm

Friday: closed

Saturday: 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Sunday: closed

Fire Department News

The Fire Department is looking forward to celebrating Fire Prevention Week with the Village School again this year October 8th- 14th. This year's theme is "Cooking safety starts with YOU". EVS students will be participating in a poster coloring contest with the winner from each grade level riding to school on Oct. 13 in a fire truck. We will also be spending time in the classrooms promoting fire safety and awareness.

Training that department members have participated in recently and that are upcoming have included: auto extrication, swift water rescue, lithium-ion battery awareness and electric vehicle training. Advance Transit hosted area departments to introduce us to their new fully electric busses, this will be presented at our department level in October.

We invite anyone interested in the Enfield Fire Department, either to become a member or see who we are, to contact us at firechief@enfield.nh.us.

For the Enfield Fire Department
Phil Neily

Heritage Commission

"Know your Town" is presented by the Enfield Heritage Commission. Each month we bring you a bit of insight into the origins of street names or places you see every day and more. Check out "Know your Town" features from [past issues](#)!

Home in Enfield

With housing on the minds of many here in the Upper Valley, let's look at some building types that Enfield residents have called home.

Native American Sokoki, Enfield's earliest residents who lived between the Connecticut and Saco rivers, do not appear to have left traces of any permanent settlements. However, flints and arrowheads found near the head of the lake and the South Family Shaker settlement, along with reports from the 1800s of cleared land, suggest that they camped near the

Knox River's entry into the lake. There, like today's residents, they would have enjoyed both Mascoma Lake's fishing and its natural beauty.

Many of Enfield's early European settlers purchased land sight unseen, knowing little more than that it was thickly forested. Working themselves or with neighbors, they built homes and agricultural buildings as they needed. The home that Jonathan Paddleford built on the land he acquired in 1765 was a log one, which was later supplemented with a grist mill.

Although referred to by a single family's name, such as the Paddleford homestead, several generations and family groups lived together in these homes. They cannot truly be called "single family" in the sense of the single, detached building inhabited by a nuclear family, which is the model typical of the United States today.

These early houses were typical of rural New England and reflected the needs and resources of the time. They were built from the abundant local wood and faced with clapboards. They had simple gable roofs and limited windows, which made them suitable for New Hampshire winters and allowed homesteaders to build them. Their rooms served several purposes; cooking, socializing and sleeping might all happen in the same space. Over the years, these residences grew as their owners put on additions that meander back from the original core and occasionally join up with the barn.

The Shakers lived communally and used "family" in a collective sense, referring to wider groups that included both biological families and fellow Shakers, e.g. the North, Church and South families. The largest and most impressive Shaker residence is the Great Stone Dwelling, which was completed in 1841 and had separate sections for men and women.

Whether Shaker believers or not, Enfield residents tended to live in multi-generational households.

As the Shaker community shrank, their buildings were moved and repurposed, including the Hacienda and another multi-family dwelling on Wells Street. (See Enfield Newsletter of September, 2021).

The shift of Enfield's population and economic center to what is now Main Street introduced new types of residences. Mill owners and executives built larger homes on Shaker Hill Road and Wells Street in the Queen Anne style, popular in the late Victorian era. In contrast to the settlers' first homes, their size and architectural flourishes, such as bay windows or multi-gabled roofs, called for professional building skills. They also incorporated new materials, such as plate glass windows.

An influx of workers for the mills called for more housing in town. On Pillsbury Street, named for the carpenter Joseph Pillsbury, lots for tenements to house millworkers were laid out in 1902. In addition to the multi-family units known today as the "Mill Houses" several duplexes were also built on Shedd Street. Shedd Street was sometimes called "Finn Street" after the many Finnish workers who moved there.

The Shakers also had a residential presence downtown in addition to the Shaker buildings on Wells Street. One of the most prominent buildings at the intersection of Main Street and Shaker Hill Road was the Shaker boarding house, which provided rooms for workers at the Shakers' mills and businesses.

None of this development had any legal regulation until Enfield's first zoning ordinance was introduced in 1991. This plan designated six specific areas for conservation, business, strictly residential as well as mixed residential/commercial/agricultural use. With the ordinance, the town also made specific provisions about the size of lots and the placement of buildings on them.

The goal of the ordinance is to guide development in Enfield, to balance individual and community needs, conserve the town's residential character and protect its tranquility and wildlife.

Enfield's housing needs and types continue to cycle as they have since Native Americans camped on Mascoma's shore. Recent zoning changes reflect the town's current demands, while alluding to the past. A zoning adjustment at 71 Main Street will bring a new multi-family residential building into the historical setting of the former Shaker boarding house. A recent modification to the zoning ordinance will permit accessory dwelling units ("ADUs"). Often referred to as "granny flats", these small units continue the multi-generational arrangements typical of Enfield homes in the past.

Land Use & Community Development

Land Use and Community Development - We are excited to be hosting a Stormwater Management seminar on October 19th at the Enfield DPW Facility (74 Lockhaven Road) from 5:00-7:30 pm. The event is being billed as ***"Rain, Rain, It doesn't just go away!"*** and will be open to anyone who wants to learn more about managing stormwater and the latest advancements in this important area. As storms and rain events become more severe and more prevalent, it is imperative that we change our thinking and strategies for dealing with the deluge of precipitation that is likely to impact us all. There will be a round table of local stormwater professionals and stakeholders as well as an opportunity for Q & A with attendees.

Planning Board (PB) - The Planning Board met twice in September. At their first meeting on the 13th, they heard a continued Land Use Case # P23-08-03, where Vickie Pellerin applied for Major Site Plan Review (SPR) approval to add a bingo hall/ entertainment venue use to the used auto sales facility (in the space currently occupied by Shaker Valley Auto) at 453 US Route 4 (Map 14, Lot 69). The parcel is owned by Carl and Vicki Pellerin and is 2.17 acres. It is located within the Route 4 zoning district. After working through the site plan review regulations, the Planning Board approved this application.

At their second meeting on the 27th, the PB heard Land Use Case # P23-09-01, where MK Fine Cabinetry LLC (Matt Knittle) was seeking Major Site Plan Review approval to expand a woodworking shop at 26 Smith Pond Road (Map 6, Lot 43). This business is located within the "R5" - Rural Residential-Agricultural District on 22 acres. The parcel is owned by MK Property Enterprises LLC. The Planning Board approved this application as well.

Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) - The ZBA met on the 12th to hear two cases. As only three ZBA members were in attendance, the applicants were given the opportunity to wait until October for a full board to hear their case or proceed with the three member board. The first applicant elected to proceed with Land Use Case # Z23-09-01, where Cameron and Sara Roberts were seeking variance relief from the Enfield Zoning Ordinance, Article IV, section 401.2, paragraph K to subdivide a lot to less than 3 acres. The subject parcel is currently 11.66 acres and is located at 804 Shaker Hill Road (Tax Map 8, Lot 1) in the "R3" Residential zoning district. The parcel is owned by Cameron and Sara Roberts. The ZBA granted this variance.

The second hearing was continued to October, as the applicant decided to wait for a full ZBA to attend. This was Land Use Case # Z23-09-02, where Gordon Bagley Jr. is seeking variance relief from the Enfield Zoning Ordinance, Article IV, section 401.1, paragraph M to construct a deck within the prescribed setback to Mascoma Lake. The subject parcel is 0.2 acres and is located at 43 Meadow Lane (Tax Map 21, Lot 34) in the "R1" Residential zoning district. The subject parcel is owned by Gordon (Jr.) and Blanche Bagley. No action was taken on this case as it will be taken up again in October on the 10th.

The ZBA is still in need of alternate members. Alternate members are available to cover for regular members in the event of an absence. Interested persons are encouraged to reach out to the Land Use Administrator, Rob Taylor, with questions or to get more information.

Land Use and Community Development Office - Please contact the Land Use office with any questions, complaints or new ideas between Monday and Friday at 603-442-5427 or by email at: planning@enfield.nh.us You may also drop by

the office at the DPW facility at 74 Lockhaven Road. It is always recommended to call ahead first to be sure we are available or to schedule a meeting. We hope you all have a great month of October... enjoy the fall!

Parks & Recreation

Program listing and Registration

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

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

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

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



NOW SHOWING at Enfield Movie in the Park!

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

Show Dates:

Ghostbuster – October 28th

Elf – December 23rd

Enfield Farmers Market

The Enfield Market only has one more market this year! We invite you out to our last market for the Trick or Treat Halloween & Holiday Market! Bring your kiddos to the market (Costumes optional) and get an early start on Trick or Treating while checking out all the wonderful items brought to the market. Now is the time to start Christmas shopping and what better than getting Christmas shopping done early and supporting local! If you are interested in and have questions, please reach out to Recreation@enfield.nh.us for all inquiries





2nd Annual Halloween Night – Call for Volunteers

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

Enfield StoryWalk at Shaker Recreation Park

We are excited to announce that the StoryWalk at the Shaker Recreation Park is now done, and we have our first story for you to enjoy! This is the first of its kind in the Upper Valley and we are so excited to be the first! The first story to explore is *A Good Place* by Lucy Cousin. We again would like to thank the Eastman Charitable Foundation for their gracious donation to help make this StoryWalk come to fruition and help continue the support of literacy in our community! We thank you!

Yoga with Sonya

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

Chair Yoga & Strength Class

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

Line Dancing

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

Bone Builders

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

Other Fun Items/Opportunities

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

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



Kevin Marker

Enfield Recreation Director

recreation@enfield.nh.us

[Online Registration](#)

Follow us!



Police Department

The weather has changed, and Fall is here. With the change of the season, it will be getting darker earlier so please watch out for those who share the road. If you are walking, riding a horse or bike or other activity it is much safer to wear reflective clothing or carry a light.

And with the earlier onset of darkness, you may notice a streetlight that is out. If you wish to report a streetlight being out, please contact Emily Curtis, Public Safety Administrative Coordinator, at 632-7501 or psac@enfield.nh.us. Please provide the name of the utility company and the pole number or nearest house number. Please be advised that it's taking an average of 6 to 8 weeks for the utility company to address the problem. We report each streetlight that is out as soon as we're made aware of the issue, and we follow up with the utility company regularly. Your patience will be greatly appreciated.

October Movie in the Park is on October 28th, the film will be the classic Ghost Busters – the same day as the Trunk or Treat, come out and enjoy a night celebrating this holiday.

The fall Drug Take Back will also be on October 28th from 10-2 at the transfer station. If you have old or unused medications, you can drop them off with the officer at the transfer station or anytime in the lobby of the station during open hours.

Last but not least, if you see something say something. No issue is too large or too small, you can always reach an officer by calling 603-632-7501 or thru Hanover Dispatch at 603-643-2222

Roy Holland
Chief of Police

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

Brush and Yard Waste

The Enfield Brush and Yard Waste Facility will be closing on Wednesday November 1, 2023. Until then material can be delivered during the business hours of the Transfer Station Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday. Loads can also be brought to the DPW Facility weekdays 8:00 – 2:00. Brush can be brought to Hammond's in Canaan. The facility can take clean brush and limbs up to 8" and leaves and yard waste. The Town cannot take any invasive plant species, stumps or dimensional lumber. **Residents wishing to use the facility must have all loads checked by Town staff.** The facility cannot take commercial volumes.

Water and Sewer Billing

The Enfield Water and Sewer began reading meters the last week of September and bills will be out by mid-October. Third quarter pool and outdoor water use credits are due October 1, 2023.

Driveway Sand

Driveway sand will be available at the DPW during their business hours (Monday-Friday from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM) beginning November 1st. It is open to Enfield residents with a current Transfer Station Sticker. It is not intended for commercial applicators or to be taken in commercial volumes. Salt, ledge sand and materials in the shed are NOT available.

Please Use Curbside Trash and Recycling Services

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 costs over \$50 per ton more to handle from the Transfer Station.

Lake Draw Down

Lake drawdowns in Enfield will begin October 9, 2023.

Mascoma Lake; 3' down from full

Crystal Lake; 4' down from full

<https://www.des.nh.gov/news-and-media/state-announces-its-2023-fall-drawdown-lakes>

Improper Leaf Disposal

This is a reminder to residents regarding leaf removal. Leaves and garden waste cannot be raked or blown into Town roads or ditches. Doing this will cause water problems during storm events and can be a safety concern to motorists and cyclists. Please compost them or use the Enfield Vegetative Management Facility, in season, or the options mentioned above November through April.

Paving

The Town of Enfield will be paving Maple Street in October weather permitting.

Town Clerk / Tax Collector's Office

Greetings all! I trust everyone enjoyed the final days of summer. Now it's time for fall! Warm sweaters, hot apple cider, pumpkin carving, apple picking, trick-or-treaters and raking leaves.

Please note that the Town Clerk and Tax Collector Offices will be closed Wednesday and Thursday October 11th & 12th for the annual conference.

On the Tax side:

The Tax Office begins to buzz in October. Water/sewer billings will be sent out for the 3rd quarter 2023, and hopefully we will get our 2023 tax rate finalized in October so the Tax Bills can be printed and sent out in early November to be due early December. Also, the Sewer Betterment billings will be processed to be due roughly around the time Tax Bills will be due.

On the Town Clerk side:

As we gear up to the 2024 Election season, we encourage all those who have not yet registered to vote, to come in and do so ASAP. There is always the option of same day registration at the polls at the Enfield Community Building – 308 US Route 4, but why spend more time at the polls when you can register here at the Town Clerk's office now? Please bring your Driver's license (with your Enfield Physical address on it, or proof of residence) AND either your passport or birth

certificate. If you don't have these documents, there are affidavit forms that you would also need to complete. The last day to register to vote prior to any Election Day is sometime between 13 and 6 days prior to the election day when the Supervisors of the Checklist meet to finalize the checklist. The exact date of the Presidential Primary has not been set, so stay tuned!

Regarding the future primary, for those who are currently registered to vote but are unsure of their party affiliation, you may check your party affiliation at <https://app.sos.nh.gov/voterinformation> (once you hit search scroll down the page for the answer). Should you need to change your party affiliation, the last day to do so is October 6th.

We are no longer sending out Motor Vehicle Renewal Notices monthly by USPS. We do offer notification by email. Please provide us with your email address and then all future renewal notices will be emailed to you!

Thanks again to everyone who has taken advantage of paying their tax bills, water/sewer bills, betterment bills and motor vehicle registration renewals online during the past three plus years. Although we love to see people face-to-face, continuing to utilize the online payment option helps to relieve congestion in the lobby. Of course, if your transaction cannot be done online, we're happy to help in the office.

Should you need to contact the Town Clerk's office, you may call 603-632-5001 or email me at whuntley@enfield.nh.us or Daisy McGraw-Coppins, Deputy Town Clerk at Clerk2@enfield.nh.us.

Should you need to contact the Tax Collector's office, you may call 603-632-4201 or email me at whuntley@enfield.nh.us or Jerusha Howard, Deputy Tax Collector at Tax2@enfield.nh.us.

We hope everyone enjoys the fall and remember to watch out for the little ghosts and goblins on October 31st!

Wendy Huntley
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Meetings & Events

Upcoming Public Meetings (Schedule subject to change)

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

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

If attending a meeting online via Teams, please note that background noise can be disruptive.

Please remain muted until called upon to speak.

Thank you for your understanding.

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

Simply go to our website and click on the Videos tab for a list of available videos. Or go directly to [YouTube](#) where you can subscribe to our channel.

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

- [October 3 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee \(Design Team\)](#)
 - [October 3 @ 5:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Methodist Hill Property Use Committee](#)
 - [October 4 @ 3:30 PM \(Town Office & Teams\) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee](#)
 - [October 5 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Conservation Commission](#)
 - [October 6 @ 7:00 PM – 7:30 PM \(Town Offices\) – Supervisors of the Checklist – Corrections & Additions to the Voter Checklist](#)
 - [October 9 @ 5:30 PM \(Enfield Public Library\) – Library Trustees](#)
 - [October 10 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee \(Design Team\)](#)
 - [October 10 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Zoning Board of Adjustment](#)
 - [October 11 @ 5:30 PM \(Town Office\) – Old Home Days Committee](#)
 - [October 11 @ 6:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Planning Board](#)
 - [October 12 @ 6:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Budget Committee](#)
 - [October 16 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Select Board](#)
 - [October 17 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee \(Design Team\)](#)
 - [October 17 @ 5:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Methodist Hill Property Use Committee](#)
 - [October 17 @ 6:30 PM \(Town Office & Teams\) – Recreation Commission](#)
 - [October 19 @ 6:00 PM \(Town Office & Teams\) – Cemetery Trustees](#)
 - [October 24 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee \(Design Team\)](#)
 - [October 24 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Energy Committee](#)
 - [October 25 @ 6:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Planning Board](#)
 - [October 26 @ 4:30 PM \(Town Office\) – Heritage Commission](#)
 - [October 26 @ 6:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Budget Committee](#)
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- [November 1 @ 3:30 PM \(Town Office & Teams\) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee](#)
 - [November 2 @ 7:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Conservation Commission](#)
 - [November 6 @ 6:00 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Select Board](#)
 - [November 7 @ 3:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee \(Design Team\)](#)
 - [November 7 @ 5:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Methodist Hill Property Use Committee](#)
 - [November 8 @ 5:30 PM \(Town Office\) – Old Home Days \(Tentative date change\)](#)
 - [November 8 @ 6:30 PM \(Public Works & Teams\) – Planning Board](#)

Community Events & Announcements

Community Bulletin Board

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

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

FREE FLU SHOTS

Enfield Community Building

308 US Route 4, Enfield NH

Thursday, October 12th

4:00 – 7:00 PM

and

Mascoma Community Health Center

18 Roberts Road, Canaan, NH

Friday, October 27th

4:00 – 7:00 PM

For Adults and Children Ages 10 and Older



No registration required.



Walk-In Vaccine Clinic.

Please practice social distancing while in line, both indoors and outside.



Everyone will be required to wear a mask. A mask will be provided for you if you do not have one.



Do not come if you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19.



Offering regular dose vaccine and enhanced vaccine for people 65+.

**Sponsored by the Public Health Council of the Upper Valley
and Dartmouth Health**

Staffed by students and medical professionals from Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth.

[www.uvpublichealth.org](https://uvpublichealth.org)



For a full list of PHC's upcoming free flu vaccine clinics, please check out our website: <https://uvpublichealth.org/2023-community-flu-vaccine-clinics/>

[Lebanon Flu Clinic Schedule](#)

Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center welcomes the community to our flu vaccination clinics. By appointment only.

Flu Hotline
[603-653-3731](tel:603-653-3731)

State Announces its 2023 Fall Drawdown of Lakes

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) announced the annual fall drawdown of the lakes and ponds controlled by dams owned by NHDES. This report includes excerpts from the State announcement. Please visit the [State website](#) for the complete announcement.

LAKE	RIVER	TOWN	START DATE	DEPTH (in feet) FROM FULL
Crystal Lake	Crystal Lake Brook	Enfield	Oct. 9	4'
Goose Pond ¹	Goose Pond Brook	Canaan	Oct. 9	7.5' to potentially full dewatered'
Little Sunapee Lake ³	Kidder Brook	New London	Oct. 2	27"
Mascoma Lake ⁴	Mascoma River	Lebanon	Oct. 9	3'
Newfound Lake ⁴	Newfound River	Bristol	Oct. 9	2.5'
Sunapee Lake ⁴	Sugar River	Sunapee	Oct. 9	2.5'

1. Goose Pond's drawdown will begin on the usual date and will proceed following the usual schedule for dropping the water level, but the plan is for the pond to continue to be drawn down fully over the winter to allow for dam reconstruction work of the dam. The water level will be lowered no more than 1 foot per day to a level of approximately 21.5 feet below the normal water surface to allow for the rehabilitation of Goose Pond Dam in 2025. However, should construction schedule changes occur, then this drawdown may be delayed. This drawdown level is expected to remain in effect for at least one full year and may be longer depending on the construction schedule.
3. Little Sunapee Lake will have its once every five year scheduled deeper drawdown.
4. These larger lakes generally do not reach their full drawdowns until mid or late March. The values listed above are generally the maximum levels reached, although during any given year the levels reached can be either higher or lower due to weather conditions.

Lake drawdowns are conducted each fall to reduce winter ice damage to shoreline properties and to reduce spring flooding. Drawdowns also give property owners an opportunity to conduct any necessary repairs to their waterfront property, provided they first secure a permit from the NHDES Wetlands Bureau at [\(603\) 271-2147](tel:603-271-2147).

Third Annual Community Disc Golf Day & Fundraising Event

Come join us for the Third Annual Community Disc Golf Day and Fundraising Event!

When: October 7th, 12pm – 4:30pm
Where: Whaleback

Donate what you can to play and help fundraise for the continued work and care of the 18-hole course at Whaleback.

Food and drinks will be available for sale through Whaleback's awesome team.

BYOP (bring your own partner) doubles competition. \$10 per team, per round. 50% to winners, 50% to the course fund

Innova discatcher EZ Basket (and more!) Raffle -drawing happens at 3:30

Live music by Of Conscious Mind

If you've never played, come try it out. If you already enjoy playing, come check out this great course Upper Valley Disc Golf Association (UVDGA) and volunteers have been working to complete for three years!

Hosted by Upper Valley Disc Golf Association and Whaleback.

Invasive Spiny Water Flea

The following press release from the NH Department of Environmental Services highlights the importance of cleaning boats, trailers and equipment before introducing them into our water bodies. Following the rules detailed in this press release could not only protect our local water bodies from this invasive aquatic animal, but also invasive plants.

PRESS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DATE: September 29, 2023

CONTACT: Kirsten Hugger (NHDES 603-271-1152) or John Magee (NHFG 603-271-2744)

des.nh.gov

New to New Hampshire – Invasive Spiny Water Flea Confirmed in Lake Winnepesaukee

Concord, NH – This summer, state biologists from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) documented the presence of a new aquatic invasive species to New Hampshire. The spiny water flea (*Bythotrephes longimanus*) was documented on September 13 in the deepest location of Lake Winnepesaukee, in the Broads in Gilford, New Hampshire. Subsequent sampling also confirmed spiny water flea presence in Alton and Wolfeboro areas of the lake. State biologists believe this is a recent infestation.

The spiny water flea is a microscopic animal, also known as zooplankton, that is native to Europe and Asia. Spiny water fleas were first introduced to the United States to the Great Lakes in the 1980s. The nearest locations of other spiny water flea infestations include Lake Champlain in Vermont, and Lake George and a few other waterbodies in New York. The tiny animal was likely introduced by transient boaters who visited a waterbody with an existing infestation. Live organisms or eggs were probably transported to Lake Winnepesaukee on recreational or fishing gear or in the live well or bilge of a boat.

There are no treatments available to control this species once it is established, therefore the best, and only management option, is preventing introduction into uninfected waterbodies by cleaning, draining, and drying all vessels and recreational gear after leaving a waterbody as required by state law (RSA 487).

The spiny water flea is not harmful to humans; however, it can be a nuisance when it builds up on fishing lines. It can also negatively impact aquatic food webs by changing the plankton community which can, in turn, influence fish populations. "Some of our native fish species could be impacted by this," said John Magee, Programs Supervisor with

the Inland Fisheries Division at the NH Fish and Game Department. “At high densities, the spiny water flea can outcompete native zooplankton on which some of our native fish species rely.”

NHDES biologists have been monitoring for this species for the past eight years, anticipating eventual detection in New Hampshire. “Invasive species are very good at spreading to new locations,” said Kirsten Hugger, an Aquatic Ecologist with NHDES. “We anticipated there was potential for introduction to Lake Winnepesaukee due to boater traffic, which is why we initiated a monitoring program in 2016. However, it is still surprising and disappointing to have confirmed that spiny water flea is in New Hampshire.”

Non-native aquatic invasive animals are those that are not naturally found in New Hampshire’s lakes, ponds, and rivers. Because they are not native, they have few predators or diseases, allowing them to grow quickly and dominate the freshwater systems. Aquatic invasive species, whether invasive plants or animals, can cause impacts to native aquatic species, reduced shorefront property values, water quality impairments, and problems with the aesthetic and recreational values of waterbodies. Further expansion of the spiny water flea to other waterbodies in New Hampshire is likely over time.

Boaters and other on-water recreation enthusiasts are urged to be aware of their role in the spread of aquatic invasive species, large or small, and practice good lake stewardship activities, specifically:

CLEAN off any plants, animals and algae found on boats, trailers, and other recreational gear, and dispose of it away from a waterbody. This includes anything attached to fishing line, tackle and nets and other equipment used in fishing activities. Pressure washing with hot water is recommended. For fishing and other gear, inspect and remove any organisms you find and wash with soapy and/or hot water. Dispose of unwanted bait and associated water in the trash or on land away from water, rather than dumping it in the waterbody.

DRAIN your boat, bait buckets, bilges, live wells, and other water-holding equipment away from the waterbody, leaving all drains in the open position during transport.

DRY anything that comes into contact with the water for at least five days.

For more information or to report a potential new infestation, please contact Kirsten Hugger at kirsten.a.hugger@des.nh.gov or John Magee at john.a.magee@wildlife.nh.gov.

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Recent News from Past Issues

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