

# **TOWN OF ENFIELD E-NEWSLETTER**

## **NOVEMBER 2017**



### **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:  
<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

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

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

## **2017 VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY HOURS**

On November 10 (the day Veterans Day is being observed in 2017) and November 11 (Veterans Day), municipal offices will be modified in the following manner:

*Friday, November 10th*

Enfield Town Offices—CLOSED

Transfer Station—OPEN, normal hours

8:00 AM—4:00 PM

*Saturday, November 11th*

Transfer Station—OPEN, but shortened hours

8:00 AM—1:00 PM

Enfield Public Library—CLOSED

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Town Manager's Office at 603-632-5026.

## **MASCOMA LAKESIDE PARK FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN**

The NH Department of Transportation completed its work on Main Street at the old railroad underpass in August of this year. For several years now, the lakefront area (one parcel of which was formerly the site of the old motel) owned by NH DOT, has been managed by the Town of Enfield and used as an area for parking, small boat access, picnicking, and simply enjoying the lakefront. In 2015, a committee was formed to assist in creating a vision for the park (once the NH DOT had completed its work) and a charrette was convened to obtain valuable public input. In the time since, using private donations and small grants, the committee has purchased picnic tables and built a non-motorized boat ramp.

Where do we go from here? Currently, the NH DOT is in the process of declaring surplus the two lots which the Town has envisioned maintaining as a community park. It is anticipated that once this has been accomplished, the matter will be referred to a Legislative Committee to determine who will be the next owner of the parcels. The Town has received indications from NH DOT that Enfield will be offered the opportunity to purchase the land at fair market value. It should be noted that in anticipation of a possible purchase of the land, the Town retained the services of an independent appraiser to appraise

the properties in 2016. The findings of this appraisal will inform future negotiations on sale price.

In the weeks ahead, a fundraising committee will officially kick off a campaign to begin raising funds from private foundations, businesses, and individuals to purchase the two lakefront lots that collectively comprise the area that has come to be referred to as “Mascoma Lakeside Park.” It is anticipated that the fundraising goal will be in the range of \$150,000-\$175,000 (when the cost of the land and the immediate planned capital improvements are all factored in). The Enfield Village Association (EVA) will also be assisting in the fund-raising efforts. All donations will be tax deductible, but it is still being determined whether donations will be directed to the Town of Enfield (so that the Town will purchase the property from the state directly) or EVA (so that EVA will purchase the property from the state and subsequently donate it to the Town). Once these final key details are determined, additional information will be distributed regarding how interested parties can direct their donations.

Stay tuned for more information and important updates on this front! Please don't hesitate to contact Ryan Aylesworth, Town Manager, at 603-442-5405 or [raylesworth@enfield.nh.us](mailto:raylesworth@enfield.nh.us), if you have related questions or interest in this important project.

### **ENFIELD CENTER TOWN HOUSE RECEIVES “MOOSE PLATE” GRANT**

A grant of \$10,000 (the maximum award possible) has been awarded by the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources to the Town of Enfield. The Enfield Heritage Commission applied for the grant to stabilize the foundation of the Enfield Center Town House. Supporting beams and posts have deteriorated to the point that the building can no longer be safely used without structural repairs. The grant specifies that the proposed work has to be completed by September 2018, and the Town Manager and other municipal staff are in the process of developing a detailed request for proposals (RFP). Experienced construction contractors will have the opportunity to prepare a proposal in response to this RFP in the coming weeks. Qualified parties interested in submitting a proposal should consult the Town's official website for a copy of the associated RFP: [http://www.enfield.nh.us/Pages/EnfieldNH\\_Projects/RFP](http://www.enfield.nh.us/Pages/EnfieldNH_Projects/RFP)

Funding for these grants comes from the sale of Conservation License Plates, known as “Moose Plates” for the distinctive moose logo on the left side of the license plate. These funds are returned to the communities through grant programs to be used for preservation, conservation, and stabilization of historic and cultural resources.

To qualify for a Moose Plate grant, buildings must be publicly owned and

historically significant. The Enfield Center Town House, built 1845 – 46, is now on the NH State Register of Historic Places, and the National Register of Historic Places. Both of these designations were made in 2017.

### ***Some history of the Town House***

Following the Toleration Act of 1819, which prohibited taxpayer funds from being used to support buildings where religious services took place, towns across New Hampshire began building town houses to fill the need for municipal meeting space. The Enfield Center Town House was constructed for this purpose in 1845-46, then moved and expanded in 1859.

The building's pedimented gable front, original sash windows and nine-panel door, corner pilasters, white clapboards and green shutters are all characteristic of the Greek Revival style that was popular in the early and mid-19th century. A Gothic-style bell tower over the front gable was removed at some point and not replaced.

Enfield Center Town House underwent major renovations in 1909 that expanded its functionality. A raised stage with proscenium arch and canvas backdrops of countryside scenery painted by West Lebanon artist William Culver were added, and the original slanted floor was replaced by a level one, turning the hall into both a theater and dance venue. Other changes at the time included replacing the plaster walls and ceiling with varnished bead board, adding a kitchen area with a tin dry sink behind the stage and installing an ornate potbelly stove.

Enfield Center Village Improvement Society helped transition the Town House to a social center by hosting plays, masquerade balls, game nights and more; the first event the Society sponsored was a whist party attended by 35 people. The Society was replaced by the women-only Earnest Workers Club in 1913 that organized events to raise money for social causes in the community.

The last town meeting held at Enfield Center Town House took place in 1916. Today, the building is open for town-wide events and some selectmen's meetings. Enfield Center Union Church, which is also on the National Register of Historic Places, is across the street.

In recent years the building, which has a stage, has been the venue for a play, a dance, and some summer selectmen's meetings.

## **FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

### **Sewer Fund Deficit Reduction – Anticipate Changes to Rate Structure**

In late-July 2017, the new Town Manager, Board of Selectmen and members of the Budget Committee participated in a public meeting with the Town's independent auditor to discuss the financial condition of the Town, including a significant operating deficit in the Sewer Fund that had materialized over the last several years. In addition to other valuable budgetary information and fiscal trends that were discussed during this meeting, consensus emerged that inadequate revenue collection relative to rising annual operating expenses was the primary factor behind the current Sewer Fund deficit.

Subsequent to the July meeting, the Town Manager, DPW Director and other local officials have been actively examining strategies that can be used in combination to ensure that the Town generates sufficient revenue from sewer user fees to cover total annual operating expenditures (the lions share of which are paid to the City of Lebanon for the raw sewage they collect and treat from Enfield's system) and completely eliminate the deficit over a roughly 5-year period. Some of the strategies relate to bringing new customers onto the municipal sewer system. For instance, the Route 4A sewer extension project will result in over 130 new users from Lakeview Condominiums being brought "online" by the end of 2017, and property owners on Route 4 that historically had private septic systems are being mandated to comply with provisions of the Town's Municipal Sewer ordinance and connect to the municipal system in the coming months (unless they have a valid justification to obtain a waiver). Additionally, a one-time infusion of funds from other available sources (i.e., the sewer capital reserve fund) is also being considered to help address the problem.

Unfortunately, the reality is that significant adjustments will have to be made to the current rate structure in order to achieve financial sustainability and ensure that annual revenues collected from sewer users are covering the costs of operating the system. The extent of these rate changes will not be known until more information is available regarding the fees the City of Lebanon will impose on the Town of Enfield in 2018, and rates for 2018 will not be officially set until the Water & Sewer Commissioners (Board of Selectmen) conduct a public hearing in December 2017. However, in the interest of transparency and accountability, we feel it is important to let sewer customers know that the bills they receive in April for the first quarter of usage in 2018 will represent a significant increase over the fees assessed in 2017.

If you have questions or concerns related to sewer fees in 2018, please don't hesitate to contact the Town Manager at 603-442-5405 or [raylesworth@enfield.nh.us](mailto:raylesworth@enfield.nh.us), or the Director of Public Works at 603-632-4605 or

[jtaylor@enfield.nh.us](mailto:jtaylor@enfield.nh.us).

### **Brush and Yard Waste Dump**

The brush and yard waste dump at the DPW facility on Lockhaven Road will close November 11, 2017 (Saturday), which is a full week later than previously planned in order to help accommodate this year's weather/leaf drop patterns. Off season, clean brush can be brought to Hammond's Grinding and Recycling off Route 4 at 11 Hammond's Way at no charge.

### **Seasonal Boat Launch Dock Removal**

Please note that the dock located at the Enfield Mascoma Lake boat launch will be removed November 1, 2017 and will not be reinstalled until after "ice out" next spring.

### **Proper Leaf Disposal**

Leaves should not be raked into road ditches. Doing this creates drainage problems which lead to serious, potentially dangerous ice issues during the winter. Please take care to bag and/or otherwise properly dispose of your leaves away from roads and drainage ditches to avoid unnecessary safety risks.

### **Shoulder Work on Lockhaven Road**

Shoulder gravel will be placed on the new pavement sections of Lockhaven Road beginning October 3. Expect minor traffic delays or seek alternate routes.

### **Thanksgiving Holiday Curbside Collection**

We would like to inform residents that there will not be any curbside collection of solid waste or recyclables on Thanksgiving day. Customers who have collection performed at their property on Thursday and Friday will experience a one-day delay.

### **Winter Parking Ban**

The Enfield Board of Selectmen wishes to remind citizens of Enfield that the Winter Parking Ban is in effect from November 1 through April 1. No vehicle shall at any time be parked on any public or publicly maintained street, alley, roadway or way open to the public, in a manner that hinders the maintenance of the way. We thank you for your help and cooperation in keeping our roads and parking areas safe for passage! If you have any questions about this policy, please contact the Department of Public Works at 603-632-7301.

## **Project Update - Route 4A Sewer Extension**

The sewer extension project along Route 4A (beginning at Landing Road and extending to Lakeview Condos) is expected to be completed before November 15. At this time, all of the pipe and manholes have been installed along Route 4A from Lakeview Condominiums to Landing Road. Kingsbury (the contractor) is in the process of testing the piping and manholes. Repaving of the roadway is also in progress but has had some delays due to the significant amount of rain of the last two weeks of October. On-site gravity sewer main lines are approximately 50% complete. Construction of the pump station at Lakeview Condominiums is underway. Service connections on-site are expected to be completed following pump station startup which is expected at the end of November into early December. At this time Kingsbury still anticipates the project will be substantially complete by late-December. Additional cleanup with revegetation of disturbed areas and decommission existing wastewater components will be completed in the spring of 2017.

The purpose of the sewer extension project is to provide an immediate and long-term solution to the sanitary sewage problem that Lakeview faces, as well as eliminate the risk posed to the surrounding environment and public safety concerns, by extending the municipal sewer service to include the Lakeview property. The project is being funded through a combination of loans administered by the USDA and State Revolving Fund (SRF), and grants administered by the USDA. Although the funds are being borrowed by the Town, all long-term debt service costs will ultimately be recovered from Lakeview in the form of assessments that will be mailed out semi-annually in conjunction with (but separately from) property tax bills.

Roadside construction of this nature imparts certain unavoidable traffic delays, noise, dust, and other relatively short-term inconveniences. All construction activities are being conducted in accordance with pertinent state law and Town ordinances and regulations. We appreciate everyone's understanding and patience while this important project is being completed.

If you have questions or concerns about matters related to road maintenance, the municipal water/sewer system, or solid waste management, please don't hesitate to contact the Director of Public Works at 603-632-4605 or [jtaylor@enfield.nh.us](mailto:jtaylor@enfield.nh.us).

## **FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

The members of the Police Department will be participating again in the "No Shave November" to bring attention to Cancer and support Norris Cotton

Cancer Center at DHMC.

With the holidays fast approaching we want to remind everyone to have a designated driver. Officers will be out looking for drivers who are impaired. If you find yourself without a designated drive please call the Enfield Police and we will provide you with a ride home. We want everyone to make it home safely. Let's avoid a serious accident and a trip to our booking room.

If you have questions or concerns about matters related to public safety in our community, please don't hesitate to contact the Police Chief at 603-632-7501 or [rcrate@enfield.nh.us](mailto:rcrate@enfield.nh.us).

## **FROM THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

### **Huse Park Playground Structure has been Fixed!**

The Town of Enfield and the Enfield Recreation Commission would again like to thank the wonderful volunteers who gave their time on a beautiful day to help repair the Huse Park Playground. Thanks to their effort, the expertise of MTD's Property Maintenance, the generosity of local organizations and individuals who donated to support the project, and the nourishing lunch from Enfield House of Pizza (EHOP), our playground is open and safe for use!



*The playground is temporarily opened to children over the age of 12; it is "tested" and deemed safe by the crew at the end of the work day.*

*Volunteers:*

- Holly West
- Wayne Tucker
- Denis Ibey
- Bill Finger
- Wendy Huntley
- MTD's Property Maintenance & Matt Dow, Owner

*Contributors:*

- MTD's Property Maintenance
- LaValley's Building Supply
- Enfield House Of Pizza
- Enfield Mascoma Lions Club
- Casella
- Numerous additional generous individuals and organizations!

## **General Updates**

If you have not already created an account with us, please check out our new site and make an account for you and your family!

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

As summer came to a close, MVPR welcomed in the fall with the ***Indian River Cross Country Running Program*** for students in 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade. The team had 23 participants and runners competed in cross-country meets at Cardigan Mountain School and Hanover, as well as participating in a few local races such as the Run For Kehoe and the CHaD Hero 5k. Thank you to Coaches Rick Currier and April Guinness! We hope to have another great group of runners in the spring when the program transitions to running *and* track events.

MVPR also started up the Flow Yoga Series on Wednesdays at Mascoma High School and introduced a new Zumba class on Thursdays, also at Mascoma. Both these classes will be on-going through November and hopefully into early December.

Enfield Recreation continues to offer Chair Yoga on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30am-10:30am at the Enfield Community Building for the low price of \$3/class, and MVPR offers Mat/Flow Yoga on Thursdays from 8:30am-9:30am also at the Enfield Community Building.

## **Save the Date!**

The "Small Business Saturday Vendor Fair" will be held on Saturday,

November 25<sup>th</sup> at the Enfield Community Building from 9am-3pm. Stop by to shop for items and services for your home, family and lifestyle. Vendors include Scentsy, Mary Kay, Tupperware, the Vagabond Vintner and more! This event is sponsored by the Enfield Recreation Commission.

The Enfield Recreation Commission and Mascoma Valley Parks & Recreation have some other great events and activities coming up this fall and winter! Below is a short list of our current and upcoming programs. For more details and online registration for some of our programs, please go to our new site <https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Home>

You can also find out more about upcoming activities and community events in the Fall/Winter edition of *Play Mascoma Valley! Active Living, Recreation and Community Resource Guide*. Hard copies are now available at the Enfield Town Office, and will also be distributed to the students at Enfield Village School and Canaan Elementary School. Copies will be available for pick-up at Indian River and Mascoma High School as well. Get your copy today!

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

- Chair Yoga, Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays from 9:30-10:30am at the Enfield Community Building
- Beginner Flow Yoga Series, Wednesdays from 4:00-5:00pm at Mascoma High School
- Mat/Flow Yoga, Thursdays from 8:30-9:30am at the Enfield Community Building
- Zumba, Thursdays from 4:30-5:30pm at Mascoma High School
- Line Dancing, Thursdays Enfield Community Building from 5:10-6:10pm
- Mascoma Valley Guitar Orchestra, weekly rehearsals on Sundays at the Department of Public Works starting at 6:00pm
- Youth (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) Indoor Field Hockey at Grantham Indoor on Thursdays starting November 2<sup>nd</sup> – games at either 5pm or 6pm (Session 1: November – December 2017 and Session 2: Jan. 2018 – March 2018)
- Adult (18+) Indoor Field Hockey at Grantham Indoor on Thursdays starting November 2<sup>nd</sup> – games from 7:00-8:00pm (Session 1: November – December 2017 and Session 2: January 2018 – March 2018)
- Adult Volleyball, on Sundays at Mascoma High School from 5-8pm
- Adult Basketball, on Sundays at Mascoma High School from 10am-12:00pm

#### **Registration Open Now! Go to:**

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

- Elementary Cross Country Skiing (January – February 2018)
  - For children in 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grade

- Ski & Ride Program at Whaleback (January – February 2018 )
  - For children in K – 12<sup>th</sup> grade

## **FROM THE TOWN CLERK & TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE**

### **Town Clerk**

When you come in to register your motor vehicle we are required by law to see your driver's license. A friend or family member may renew the registration for you if you give them a copy of your registration or your mail-in notice; then we need to see their driver's license. This is an effort to curb fraud in Motor Vehicle transactions.

If you sell or trade-in your vehicle and wish to use the plates on a newly acquired vehicle we must, by law, have the original registration from your old vehicle. An auto dealer may keep a photocopy of it but you need the original. There is a \$15.00 fee charged by the State for us to do a certified copy of the old registration, to then be used for the transfer of plates from one vehicle to another.

When you do transfer plates the new registration will only be for as long as the old registration was good for, usually through your next birthday month. If it is within 4 months we can renew the registration after the transfer is completed.

### **Tax Collector**

As of this writing we are waiting for our annual property tax rate to be set by the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) in coordination with the Town Manager and our finance staff. We have received indications from the DRA that the tax rate will be set within the next week. Once the rate is set the bills will be calculated immediately thereafter, and mailed with a due date at least 30 days after the mailing date.

Please remember that by law the Tax Collector has to send a copy of the tax bill to the property owner of record and that it is the owner's responsibility to contact their bank or mortgage company to have them pay the taxes from an escrow account. The Tax Collector does not send the bills to banks or mortgage companies, although many companies do employ a tax service to obtain the amounts, which the Collector reports the amounts to.

## **FROM THE FIRE INSPECTOR**

On November 5 remember to turn your clocks back, this is also time to change

the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, then test the unit once the battery has been replaced. Most detectors have a life expectancy of 10 years, at that time the unit should be replaced. If your detectors do sound, leave the building, have a meeting place outside, call 911 and wait for the fire departments arrival. The Fire Inspector is available to answer questions you may have on these units. He can be reached by phone at 603-632-4343 or e-mail, [pneily@enfield.nh.us](mailto:pneily@enfield.nh.us)

### **FROM THE HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR**

Tis the season of activities for the office, community and surrounding agencies. With the upcoming busy season fast approaching, donations of supermarket gift cards would be greatly appreciated. The food pantry administered by the Friends of Mascoma does amazing work to help those in need, but there are a wide range of items that families look for which are infrequently donated or otherwise in short supply. Donated gift cards help families in need acquire these other items. Gift cards can be dropped by the Town Office during normal business hours or deposited in the drop box after hours. Thank you!

### **Listen's Holiday Basket Program**

The program is open to families with children, along with seniors who are 65 and older with an income of not more than 200% of the poverty guidelines. (Families above the guideline level may be considered due to extenuating circumstances affecting your income). Listen's program provides warm clothing for children and seniors along with a \$50 food certificate for each family. Applications are being accepted until November 15, 2017. Contact Listen at 603-448-4553 for an appointment and more information.

### **2017 Annual Thanksgiving Basket Ingathering**

Each year, several area churches work with the local Scout units collecting food, organizing and distributing food boxes to those who need some help with their Thanksgiving celebration. If you would like to receive a food basket, applications are on our website under Human Services at this link: [http://www.enfield.nh.us/Pages/EnfieldNH\\_HumanServices/FoodBasketApp.pdf](http://www.enfield.nh.us/Pages/EnfieldNH_HumanServices/FoodBasketApp.pdf). Applications are being accepted until November 10, 2017.

### **Other Information of Interest**

\*Medicare's open enrollment is October 15<sup>th</sup> – December 17<sup>th</sup>

\*This year the Healthcare Marketplace open enrollment is November 1 – December 15<sup>th</sup>

\*Tri-County Fuel, Electrical and Weatherization assistance programs are open. Contact the Ashland office at 603-968-3560 for your application. Weekly appointments are available in Lebanon, NH.

## **FROM THE PLANNING AND ZONING OFFICES**

The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) heard two cases in October. One was to replace an old camp on Crystal Lake with a new home. Town action is required by the ordinance where a structure was being rebuilt within 50 ft of the Shoreline (requiring a variance) and a driveway was going through a wetland (thus requiring a special exception). With the strong support of the neighbors, and the fact that access to the lot was not viable without the driveway, the Board approved both requests.

A second case was to consider a variance or special exception to re develop an existing mobile home park. The ZBA decided to not grant a variance or special exception on the request as the use was not new, and had been in effect since the 1960s, or possibly earlier. The applicant may come to the Planning Board for approval to add new manufactured homes and a new septic system on the site.

The Planning Board held a second hearing on allowing two more residential units at 60 Main Street. The plan for parking was not complete and a future hearing will be held.

Work on the Master Plan was looked into at the October 25 meeting. A copy of a draft Energy Plan for the Town was reviewed and seen to offer some insight into how energy uses are impacted by zoning. The Land Use Plan and Vision chapters for the Town will be specifically addressed in upcoming meetings. Topics related to the Master Plan, to be explored by the Planning Board and other local officials, will be posted and public input is strongly encouraged (in fact, it is critically important).

Charrettes and other types of public forums will be convened at the Community Building beginning this winter to start gathering input from stakeholders across Town to inform the development of the Vision Chapter and other components of the Master Plan.

If you have questions about matters to come before the Planning Board or ZBA, the master planning process, or other related topics, please don't hesitate to contact the Town Planner at 603-632-4067 or [sosgood@enfield.nh.us](mailto:sosgood@enfield.nh.us).

## **FROM THE ENFIELD TOWN LIBRARY**

It seems like all of a sudden we are saying goodbye to October... here is what happened at the Library:

- Make It Take It Monday, our first Monday of the month craft, started again on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Patrons of all ages created an autumn tree out of brown paper bags.
- We continued with our Summer Reading theme of Build a Better World by having our Homeschool families make place mats for the Canaan Senior Center for their home delivered meals program.
- Hampstead Stage put on amazing performance of Frankenstein, we will definitely have them back!

Continuing in November:

- D.E.A.L.: Drop Everything And Listen every Wednesday 3:30-4:30pm. 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders come relax, have a snack, and be read to.
- Make It Take It Monday: November 6<sup>th</sup>, drop in anytime between 3:30-5:00pm. Our project will be suncatcher windchimes.
- Our last book club meeting of the year! The meeting will be Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm and the book is *To the Bright Edge of the World* by Eowyn Ivey.

HOLIDAYS:

The Library will be CLOSED November 11<sup>th</sup> for Veterans' Day and November 23<sup>rd</sup> for Thanksgiving.

New Items:

- *The Vietnam War* a documentary by Ken Burns (DVD)
- *The Rooster Bar* by John Grisham
- *The Midnight Line* by Lee Child (Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>)
- *Hard Core Twenty-Four* by Janet Evanovich (Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>)
- *End Game* by David Baldacci (Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>)

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](mailto:mhutson@enfield.nh.us) for assistance.

## **ANNOUNCING WINNERS OF THE 2018 ENFIELD MUNICIPAL CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST!**

With 21 individuals submitting a total of 95 photos in this year's contest we had our work cut out for us! Congratulations to the winners!

- Melissa Hutson
- Debbie LaCroix

- Yan Zubo, Ph.D.
- Heather Warren
- Janice Nunn
- Jane Carpenter
- Jim Bonner
- Deborah Mashibini-Prior
- Maria Yamburenko
- Dolores Struckhoff

For those who didn't win this year, keep trying! As last year, we had so many great photos we simply couldn't use them all. We encourage our community members of all ages to think about what you'd like to submit for the photo contest next year.

We won't post all the winning photos at this time (although we will "tease" one down below) as we don't want to spoil the surprise! The calendar has been submitted to the printer and we hope to have them in the mail, to Postal Patrons with Enfield and Enfield Center mailing addresses, during the first half of November.

Thank you to everyone who participated, and congratulations again to this year's winners!



*Photo by Dolores Struckhoff*

=====RECENT NEWS (FROM PAST ISSUES)=====

## **OPPOSING ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES ON THE NORTHERN RAIL TRAIL**

The Board of Selectmen recently adopted a resolution formally opposing all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) on the Northern Rail Trail. This resolution specifically opposes any modification in federal law that would allow ATVs on the Northern Rail Trail. A copy of the resolution was transmitted to all members of the New Hampshire congressional delegation (Senators Shaheen and Hassan, and Congresswomen Kuster and Shea-Porter).

The Northern Rail Trail is a valuable recreational, scenic, and economic resource to Enfield and many communities across the State of New Hampshire. The Trail is heavily used by a wide range of user groups for an even wider range of purposes. It is the belief of the Enfield Board of Selectmen that allowing ATVs to use the Northern Rail Trail would significantly impede the ability of myriad user groups, residents and visitors to enjoy the trail due to a variety of reasons – including public safety risks and physical damage to the trail itself.

In transmitting the resolution, the Enfield Board of Selectmen is asking members of our congressional delegation to carefully consider our concerns and ultimately oppose any changes to federal law that could result in ATVs being permitted on the Northern Rail Trail.

Please don't hesitate to contact the Town Manager at 603-632-5026 or [raylesworth@enfield.nh.us](mailto:raylesworth@enfield.nh.us) with any questions.

## **GENERAL INTEREST**

### **Did you know?**

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/Pages/EnfieldNH\\_Assessing/index](http://www.enfield.nh.us/Pages/EnfieldNH_Assessing/index) and click on GIS Maps & Property Record Cards link.

### **Holiday Schedule**

Town Offices will be closed on these dates:

Friday, November 10 – Veterans’ Day Holiday  
Thursday, November 23 & Friday, November 24 – Thanksgiving Holiday  
Monday, December 25 & Tuesday, December 26 – Christmas Holiday  
Monday, January 1 – New Year’s Day

The Transfer Station will be open on Veterans Day from 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM only and closed on these dates:

Thursday, November 23 & Friday, November 24 – Thanksgiving Holiday  
Monday, December 25 & Tuesday, December 26 – Christmas Holiday  
Monday, January 1 – New Year’s Day

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Monday, January 1 – New Year’s Day

### **ENFIELD LAUNCHES OFFICIAL FACEBOOK PAGE!**

The Town of Enfield has launched an official Facebook page (“Town of Enfield, New Hampshire”) that can be accessed at the following web link:  
[www.facebook.com/EnfieldNH](http://www.facebook.com/EnfieldNH)

This page will be maintained by town officials and be 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](http://www.enfield.nh.us)). We hope you will “Like” this page and start receiving regular updates on your Facebook news feed!

### **FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

#### **Narcotics Investigations**

The Enfield Police Department conducted several narcotic investigations in recent months. The cases focused on individuals selling heroin. These investigations are very complex and require a coordinated and regional response; we applied for a state grant to work with the Lebanon and Canaan Police Departments over the next year in an effort to reduce the flow of these deadly drugs into our communities. We continue to maintain a visible presence on the streets to prevent thefts. Most addicts spend anywhere from \$500-

\$1000 per week on their drugs. Thefts are one of multiple ways they are able to support their habit. We also need your help. If you see someone or something suspicious please call us immediately.

## **Speeding**

Complaints of speeding vehicles continue to be an issue. We have deployed our radar trailer as well as patrols to help bring attention to motorists speed. Most of the complaints take place on our neighborhood streets. Please be mindful of your speed and respect your neighbors concerns.

If you have questions or concerns about matters related to public safety in our community, please don't hesitate to contact the Police Chief at 603-632-7501 or [rcrate@enfield.nh.us](mailto:rcrate@enfield.nh.us).

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!**

Do you want to become more involved in your community? Then you're in luck! Several volunteer positions are open. You can access our Application for Committee Membership here:

[http://enfieldnh.vt-s.net/Pages/EnfieldNH\\_Manager/MiscDocs/MembershipApp.pdf](http://enfieldnh.vt-s.net/Pages/EnfieldNH_Manager/MiscDocs/MembershipApp.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, Katherine Lary Jopek, 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 PM! You can see what the committee has been up to on their webpage here:

[http://www.enfield.nh.us/Pages/EnfieldNH\\_Bcomm/RecCom/index](http://www.enfield.nh.us/Pages/EnfieldNH_Bcomm/RecCom/index)

Kati Jopek also serves as the Mascoma Valley Regional Recreation Coordinator. You can check out the publication of regional events in the 2017 Spring/Summer issue of *Play Mascoma Valley!* Here:

[http://www.enfield.nh.us/Pages/EnfieldNH\\_Bcomm/RecCom/mvalleyrec/Spring\\_Summer2017forweb.pdf](http://www.enfield.nh.us/Pages/EnfieldNH_Bcomm/RecCom/mvalleyrec/Spring_Summer2017forweb.pdf)

Look for the 2017-2018 Fall/Winter issue of *Play Mascoma Valley!* online in mid-September. Printed copies will be available by October. Also, be sure to check out <https://mvpr.recdesk.com/Community/Program> for the recreation programs we now have with ONLINE REGISTRATION!

Do your interests lie in economic development? Then the **Tax Increment Finance District Advisory Committee** may be for you. This committee currently has two 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 two openings for **Zoning Board of Adjustment 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 Zoning Board of Adjustment are the second Tuesday of each month if there is business.

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 2017:

[http://enfieldnh.vt-s.net/Pages/EnfieldNH\\_Bcomm/Oldhomedays/OHDFlyer2017.pdf](http://enfieldnh.vt-s.net/Pages/EnfieldNH_Bcomm/Oldhomedays/OHDFlyer2017.pdf)

Is the preservation of our natural resources a cause that is near and dear to your heart? Then perhaps you'd like to join the **Conservation Commission!** The Commission has one opening. They meet the first Thursday of each month at 7 PM. Help make plans to preserve open space for wildlife, protect our watersheds, or provide education to others. A recent project of this commission was the development of the Harris Brook Scenic Area. Check it out!

[http://enfieldnh.vt-s.net/Pages/EnfieldNH\\_Bcomm/ConCom/HarrisBrook](http://enfieldnh.vt-s.net/Pages/EnfieldNH_Bcomm/ConCom/HarrisBrook)

## **FROM THE BUILDING & FIRE INSPECTOR**

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](mailto:pneily@enfield.nh.us) for assistance.

With the current beautiful weather we are experiencing no one wants to think about the upcoming winter months, but now is the time to plan for the needed yearly maintenance that our heating equipment requires. 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 [pneily@enfield.nh.us](mailto:pneily@enfield.nh.us) with any questions.

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

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

- November 2 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) – Conservation Commission
- November 6 @ 6:00 PM (DPW Building) – Board of Selectmen
- November 7 @ 6:30 PM (DPW Building) – Budget Committee
- November 8 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) – Planning Board
- November 13 @ 6:00 PM (Town Hall) – Library Trustees
- November 14 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) – Zoning Board of Adjustment
- November 20 @ 6:00 PM (DPW Building) – Board of Selectmen
- November 21 @ 6:30 PM (DPW Building) – Budget Committee
- November 21 @ 6:00 PM (Town Hall) – Recreation Commission
- November 22 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) – Planning Board
- December 4 @ 6:00 PM (DPW Building) – Board of Selectmen
- December 7 @ 4:30 PM (Town Hall) – Heritage Commission
- December 7 @ 7:00 PM (DPW Building) – Conservation Commission
- December 9 @ 9:00 AM (DPW Building) – Budget Committee

## **UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS (SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**

- Business “After Hours” - Enfield Village Association: Partners in Progress. November 8 (Wednesday) from 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM at the Enfield Community Building. This is an opportunity for residents to get together with business leaders and learn more about the Enfield Village Association and businesses in Enfield, Plainfield, Meriden, and Canaan!
- Vendor Fair. November 25 (Saturday) from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Enfield Community Building. Come see a sample of what the Upper Valley has to offer and support your local small business owners and direct sales consultants!
- Holiday Craft Fair. November 25 (Saturday) from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Mascoma High School and Indian River School (school gymnasiums, cafeterias and other locations in the schools). This annual event is sponsored by the Canaan Old Home Days Committee. Don't miss this opportunity to see all the talented vendors and purchase some wonderful gifts for the upcoming holidays. More information? Contact Tammy Scott at 523-4301 or Helen Rocket at 523-7712. Or email Bob Scott at [chdbob@canaannh.org](mailto:chdbob@canaannh.org)
- Every Tuesday (Enfield Community Building) – Bingo hosted by 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).



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- **Click the “Send My Request” navigation button at the bottom of the page**