



Enfield Community Currents

News from and for the Community

December 2010-March 2011

Free

To shorten winter, borrow some money due in spring.

~ W.J. Vogel

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Get ready to Bundle up—fall is giving way to blustery winter!

You've heard that what happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas? Well - what comes from Mecklenburg, stays in Mecklenburg. My friend, Liz Coates, very graciously donated the top for this year's Harvest Festival quilt and one of my other Mecklenburg friends, Karen Allen, won the quilt on a ticket that I sold her. Honest—I had nothing to do with the drawing! Karen's husband, David, figures that this \$5 ticket will cost him around \$1800-2000, what with a new paint job, new curtains, and probably a new rug. Yeah, he figures about \$2000! Karen swears that she had been shopping for a new bedspread and is thrilled with the quilt. How's that for serendipity? Many thanks to Monica Knight of the Tompkins Weekly for her great coverage of the Enfield Harvest Festival.

The long, warm fall is haltingly coming to an end and the holiday season is fast upon us. You have no excuse not to have your gardening and outside chores done but, if you're like me, there is still more to do. Please, just a few more warm days....

The editor wouldn't wait for me to do this from the Jersey Shore on my Thanksgiving trip so there is no travel color for this edition. I'm going to imagine it, though. Lots of wonderful food with a New Jersey twist (what will that be?), a trip to the Statue of Liberty at the request of Theo, the 9 year old. I got my \$10 Lifetime Geezer pass today from Hector. Seriously, if you're over 62, free admission to any National Park plus three others in your party!! Check it out at www.nps.gov. We'll also take in the Cornell/Colgate hockey game at the Prudential Center in Newark. That should exhaust me on my upcoming trip. I'll also be collecting lots of holly and boxwood, which grows wild down there, for the upcoming holiday decorations.

And lastly, a heartfelt thank you to the Town Board for my nomination as volunteer of the month. I am so very appreciative of the designation. Again, my many thanks to all the people who had a part in this. It means a lot to me.

~ Ann Rider, Interim ECC President

Harvest Festival 2011 Quilt

We already have next year's quilt top: a beautiful appliquéd top in bright Amish-type colors to be hand-quilted by our community. The organizational meeting will be Tuesday, January 18, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Ann Rider, 77 Halseyville Rd.

You do not need many sewing skills, but you need to be at least 11 years of age and have an interest in learning to quilt and getting to know other people in our community. We have several skilled quilters in our community who will guide us through this process. For more information contact:

Ann Rider: 277-3478/asr10@cornell.edu
 Bronwyn Mohlke: 277-4183/bjm9@cornell.edu
 Alice Linton: 277-3919/alice76@aol.com

Harvest Festival Results:

- Karen Allen won the beautiful queen size quilt.
- Orson Leonard took first prize in the Pumpkin Contest.
- Julie Seely won the 50/50 raffle.

Important Message to IHS Parents:

The Ithaca High School PTA *Word Newsletter* is no longer being mailed to families. Pick up a copy at Town Clerk's office or at Valley Corners store. If none are available at either location, call Mary Cole at 274-2221.

Enfield School Age Program

*The Enfield School Age Program currently has openings.
For further information please contact Colleen
at 274-2368 between 2:00-5:30 p.m., Monday-Friday*

The children have been busy with presenters, sports and outdoor education programs, besides the daily activities offered.

The presentation topics have been learning about the Hindi culture and learning basic Spanish words from the Asian program at Cornell, and EYES from Cornell, with a focus on science. We have had visitors from the Finger Lakes Independent Center talking to us about differences and similarities in people with and without various disabilities .

Each day the children have the option of playing organized sports activities and tournaments; we have even had athletes from the basketball and tennis teams at Cornell visit, and a visit from the Ithaca Youth Bureau to play indoor soccer. Other programs include the Outdoor/Nature Program where the children have learned about different plants, trees, camouflaging, and building shelters.

In between the above choices the children get to play outdoors daily, free play or organized gym time, computer time, free play in cafeteria (crafts, reading, building, board games, socializing with friends). During the group times the children have learned two new poems, focused on the topics of making friends and getting to know each other, golf, hockey, skateboarding, and soccer. As one of our community projects we wrote Thanksgiving cards to troops overseas.

Future topics are the gift of giving, pets, rain forest animals, and cars (racing, antiques). We are working on the possibility of future presenters from the SPCA, Cayuga Nature Center, local musicians, and college athletic teams. We, at the School Age Program, plan to stay busy throughout the winter months, hope you do too!

Colleen and Vera

Come to the December Enfield PTA Meeting!

Monday, December 6th
5:30 pm Food; 6:00 pm Meeting
Enfield Elementary School Library
Dinner and Childcare Provided!

On the Agenda:

- Update from the Principal
- Holiday Breakfast
- Holiday Basket Raffle
- Spring Fundraisers/Book Fair
- Membership: sign up as a member of the PTA; give your input and get the insider scoop!

Meeting schedule for rest of 2010-2011 school year:

- December 6
- February 7
- March 7
- April 4
- May 2 (at IHS)
- June 6

We are in need of a treasurer for the next school year and always in need of volunteers and ideas.

Ways to help the Enfield PTA:

- Get a Target card and link it to Enfield School
- Take your redeemables to K&H Redemption from credit to Enfield PTA
- Save Labels for Education and Box Tops for Education and drop them off at the school

Cortney Bailey,
PTA President Enfield School

Youth Programs!!!

By Beth Bannister, Enfield Youth Program Manager

This Fall:

Autumn has been busy for the Enfield youth who have attended Enfield Community Council's Youth Programs—Magic and Juggling, Primitive Pursuits, Wacky Wednesdays, as well as our new program, Geocaching and Photography. This program gives youth a chance to get to know the Enfield Community, through the lens of a camera. We received a grant to fund this program, and will be having a gallery of all the great photography from in and around Enfield, in December! Young people were also very active in preparing for and helping at the Harvest Festival—helping with set-up, games, activities, and clean up at the festival itself. Many youth helped with the Enfield Halloween Party as well, leading games and hosting creepy 'autopsy table'.

Check out upcoming Winter Programs:

Enfield Youth and Families can contact me if you would like more information on any of these future programs. Most programs are free!!

****For 5th Graders at Enfield Elementary****

Primitive Pursuits--an outdoor program where youth learn to build shelter from wood and snow, create nature crafts such as baskets, learn about the animals and plants that live around them, and learn other outdoor living skills.

****For Enfield Middle School Students****

Formerly Monday Makers (Now Wacky Wednesdays)—This long-standing program features cooking, arts, crafts, gardening, and more. We have made stone mosaics, paper, jewelry, baskets and hula-hoops!! We also hope to make things with hypertufa as well as create birdhouses! Come join us any or every Program!!! *Enfield Community Building*

Primitive Pursuits--An outdoor program where youth learn to build shelter from wood and snow, create nature crafts such as baskets, learn about the animals and plants that live around them, and learn other outdoor living skills. Participants will be invited to optional overnight campouts. *Enfield Elementary School*

Lunch Bunch!—Join other Boynton youth for a time away from the cafeteria during your lunchtime. We bring fun new foods to share, you participate in teambuilding activities, games and crafts. *Boynton Middle School*

And contact Beth for other great programs...

An official brochure will be coming out in early January—please let me know if you would like one and I will get it to you.

You can contact me with questions or comments at 272-2292 ext 229, or email at bab47@cornell.edu—You will find more information and the program brochure on our web page at www.cce.cornell.edu/tompkins/rys/index.htm

Have a great winter!

Enfield Preschool Program 2010-11 Applications Available

There's still time to get your child's application in for the Ithaca City School District PreKindergarten Program for the 2010-11 academic year.

Developed to meet the learning needs of preschoolers, the Pre-K Program supports children's social-emotional, cognitive, physical and language/literacy development and learning. Children attend Pre-K at Enfield School Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Friday 8:00 to 10:30 a.m. and get the experiences they need to be ready for kindergarten.

If your child will be 3 or 4 on or before December 1, 2010, he or she is eligible for Pre-K. Priority is given to children who will be 4 by December 1, 2010 and children who are eligible for free and reduced lunch.

To get an application or more information, either inquire at the Enfield School office, or go to the Ithaca City School District website, www.icsd.k12.ny.us, and click on District Offices/Early Childhood, or call the Early Childhood Office at 274-2208 and ask for Deb Mahool.



CityVan: A Rider's Perspective

Have you used CityVan? It is the newest public transportation option in Enfield and Newfield with service to Ithaca.

Newfield resident Gloria is one of many satisfied CityVan riders. "CityVan has been such a wonderful program for me. I was always wondering when such a program as this would be available in our community and it has helped me out tremendously. I was able to keep my job in Ithaca when my car broke down. And I was still able to get to other places like the store—plus the price is amazing! The driver, Paul, is so pleasant and kind. I hope that others find CityVan as great a resource as it has been for me."

CityVan service takes people between the Towns of Newfield and Enfield to Downtown Ithaca and also directly to Cayuga Medical Center, plus medical offices within the CMC medical complex on Dates Drive. CityVan can be used for in-town trips in Newfield and Enfield too. The price of a one way ride for an adult from Enfield or Newfield to Ithaca or Cayuga Medical Center is \$3.00.

CityVan riders use the service to get to work, shopping, appointments, volunteering, and just coming into Ithaca for fun. CityVan Driver Paul enjoys getting to know his riders and helping folks get to where they need to go. To his riders, he says "We are happy to see you and don't be bashful about calling us for a ride."

See for yourself why CityVan is a great transportation resource! A CityVan ride is made by calling Ithaca Dispatch at 277-7777 the night before to schedule your trip. Remember to say that you are calling to schedule a CityVan ride so the dispatcher will know that you are not calling for a taxi and schedule your round trip ride on CityVan. CityVan is available from early morning to early evening on weekdays, Monday thru Friday. For more information on CityVan, call Ithaca Dispatch at 277-7777 or go to www.cityvan.weebly.com.



Enfield Ladies Auxiliary News

The Ladies of the Enfield Ladies Auxiliary have had a very busy summer. In June, Judy Hetherington was elected 1st Vice President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Central New York Firemen's Association. In August, Pam Whittaker was elected to the office of President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York.

We were in charge of the Cake Wheel for the Community Councils Harvest Festival on Sept. 25. All money's taken in from this booth went directly to the Community Council; each member of the auxiliary were responsible to bring in at least two cakes to make this project a success.

September brought another surprise for Pam Whittaker by being selected as the first recipient of the Volunteer of the Quarter by the Town of Enfield. This was such a popular idea that the Town Board changed it to a Monthly recognition program. In October, Ann Rider was selected as the Volunteer of the Month.

We have had our election of our new officers for the coming year. President: Denise Hubbell, Vice President: Judy Hetherington, Secretary: Sue Howser, Treasurer: Carol Barriere, and Conductress: Helen Hetherington. Past Presidents Linda Stilwell and Pam Whittaker installed them at the November meeting.

At our November meeting it is was decided to join with the Fire Department to help fund the Enfield School Holiday Project. We also will be collecting food goods at the annual Banquet to donate to for that Project. We also welcomed two new members to our group, Barbara Masser and Terry Haskin.

On January 9th 2011, the Chicken BBQ's will begin at the Fire House. The auxiliary will be holding their bake sale and also will have two-year planners on sale. We will also be helping the firemen prepare the food for the BBQ's and help with serving to the community.

If you would like information on the Auxiliary or would like to join our group, please feel free to contact any of the officers or members. We are always looking for ladies to join us to support the community and the Fire Department.

Pam Whittaker
Publicity

Beautification Committee

The Beautification Committee has been very busy this summer and fall sprucing up the looks of the Town. This is due, through a small part, to the monies from our County hotel room tax. The Town, several years ago, applied for some of this money and over the years, significant improvements are evident. Actual funds expended by the Town are reimbursed from this fund and we match the funding with donations of resident's time and services. So, this improvement to our community comes at no cost to the residents. This year we hired a pair of strong, young arms: Trent Lucas, a young man with deep ties in the community, has weeded, mulched, weeded some more, weed-whacked, weeded some more (he's always amazed at how fast the weeds grow back), planted spirea bushes at the bus stop and weeded some more. If we get the pink (of course!) glacial erratic in front of the Welcome sign before snow, I'll be well satisfied.

After beautiful petunias this summer in the barrels, we had gorgeous chrysanthemums this fall. We have new holiday banners and will be looking forward to a holiday touch to the barrels through the center of town. Many thanks to Roy Barriere for helping us do the ladder work on all our installations. And the utmost thanks to Highway Superintendent Buddy Rollins and his crew for dumping gravel at the bus stop, filling the pot holes, leveling out the parking area and brush-hogging around it so residents have a larger, safer place to park - a nice bonus is that there's even an area where signs can be placed without threat of them falling. There are regularly 12-15+ cars parked here during the day.

Ideas for other improvements can be made to a committee member, Helen Hetherington, 273-6699, Ann Rider, 277-3478 or Debbie Teeter, 277-4547. Better yet-join our committee. We'll be meeting in March to plan next year.

For the Farm Community

Reminder: Agricultural Assessment Forms have been mailed to farmers, with a due date of April 1st. If you need new soils worksheets, contact the Tompkins County Soil and Water Conservation District office at 257-2340.

If you have questions about Agricultural Assessment, contact the Tompkins County Assessment Department at 274-5517.

House Story

by Sue Thompson, Enfield Town Historian

What did you say? You heard whispering in your house - but was it the wind or is it your own home telling you stories of who lived there? Did it say that the Ervay quadruplets of 1855 were born there, or that the music from the Exorcist was created right in your living room, or many children learned their ABC's in your kitchen because it was a school, or that "Aunt Becky", a well known Civil War nurse, lived in your home with her father and mother? When was your home built and by whom? Who lived in it through the years? How were they connected to the community?

The Municipal Historians of Tompkins County have started a "House Story" project to preserve your house history. You do not need to live in an older home - or an historic house - to participate. The project is documenting your house now so the next occupant will know its history. The major part of the project involves a "House Tag". The tag asks for your address, today's date, date of purchase, current owner, names of residents, who built the house and a list of others who have owned the house. It also suggests additional items you could attach to the tag for a more detailed description of your home. After filling the tag out it is suggested that you store the tag in a space where it can be found by the next owner such as near the main fuse box. It is also suggested that you send a copy of the material to your Town Historian, Sue Thompson, and Historic Ithaca.

You can pick up one of these House Tags, which are free, at the Enfield Town Hall. Also with the house tag you may pick up:

- Detailed two-page form for homeowners, making it easy to record changes to a property (adding of a room, a new roof or major renovation) and the surrounding neighborhood.
- How To Research Your House History
- Books for Tompkins county Home Public History Project

The forms may also be found on the Historic Ithaca website www.historicithaca.org. The website provides information about upcoming workshops or how to request a "house tag" so homeowners can begin genealogy projects for their home.

ENFIELD VALLEY GRANGE

What an amazing time we had serving, approximately 150, of our friends and neighbors at the Election Night Dinner. Thank you to all that came and enjoyed a great meal.

December events:

December 17th- 5th Annual Holiday Decorating Contest judging

Contest will be based on outdoor lighting, and festive holiday decorations, for Enfield residents only. Send applications to: 121 S. Applegate Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850, or call 277-0940.

December 18th - Grange will host a community dinner starting at

6:00 p.m., decoration contest winners will be announced and awarded prizes. Bring your own table service. Beverages will be provided. Please join us in this festive community event.

2011 Pancake Breakfast schedule:

Mark the following Saturday's on your calendar:

January 8th, February 5th, March 5th, April 2nd, and May 7th.

Menu: pancakes, waffles, french toast, sausage, homefries, coffee, etc.

We invite you to join, we meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7p.m. at the Enfield Grange.

**Ends not Meeting?
Food Stamps Can Help**

More and more families are struggling to put food on the table while worrying about how they will pay their other bills; Food Stamps can help. New Food Stamp policy allows higher income limits for families who pay child care expenses while working, attending employment training or seeking employment.

Did you know that about only half of New Yorkers who are eligible for Food Stamp benefits are actually receiving them? In order to help eligible people get the nutrition they need, the *Nutrition Outreach and Education Program* (NOEP) at Catholic Charities of Tompkins/Tioga counties offers free and confidential pre-screenings and application assistance. Please contact Ellin Corrigan, NOEP Coordinator, at 607 272-5062 ext.21

Enfield Food Pantry



The Enfield Food Pantry is available to Enfield residents who need help providing food for themselves and their family.

PLEASE NOTE NEW HOURS:

The pantry is now open **1:00 - 2:00 p.m.** on the second Tuesday of every month and **3:00 - 5:00 p.m.** on the fourth Tuesday.

The pantry is located at the Enfield Community Building at 182 Enfield Main Road and is a ministry of the Enfield Baptist Fellowship. The Town of Enfield provides the space and utility costs.

Enhance Fitness

**Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays
10:15 - 11:15 a.m.
Enfield Community Center**

This evidence-based exercise program helps participants at all levels of fitness become more active, energized, and empowered to sustain independent lives. Classes focus on stretching, flexibility, balance, low impact aerobics, strength training exercises, and deep breathing exercises. Join us for classes at the Enfield Community Center. All are welcome! Suggested donation of \$0-\$3. for more information contact Lifelong at 273-1511.

Area Churches

Agape Bible Church

264 S. Applegate Road, Ithaca NY 14850
607-273-7419/www.agape-ithaca.org
Pastor Mike Corriero
Pastor Chip Adams-Compton

We invite you to join us Sunday mornings for our 70 minute service, beginning at 8:30 a.m., with a bit more of a traditional flavor. Or, join us at 10:00 a.m. for our contemporary worship celebration. Nursery and children's church are provided in this service only. Youth group also meets twice a month during this 2nd service.

Our church community includes local residents from Enfield as well as many people from all over Tompkins County, including Cornell and Ithaca College students. We have an active outreach program which involves many from our church, including students, providing spiritual outreach to: Lakeside Nursing Home, Titus Towers, Beachtree, Oak Hill Manor, Lou Gossett Center, and Cayuga Addiction Recovery Services. Midweek Bible Studies, Men's Bible Studies twice per month and Echo's Women's Breakfast meets monthly. View our Cable TV broadcast "God is Greater" on Time Warner Cable Channel 13, Mondays 10 pm, Tuesdays 2 pm, & Thursdays 4 pm.

If you identify a need in your life for God, or have a spiritual hunger for Him, or you are seeking Him, join us!

**Enfield Baptist Fellowship
Worship Sunday 10:00 AM
Bible Study Tuesday 6:30 PM
Christmas Eve Service 6:30 PM**

All are welcome to join us at
7 West Enfield Center Road
The McMillan Art Center
Questions: Please call 607-273-5682

The Enfield Blessing Shop

The Blessing Shop is currently closed because the old church property has been sold.

There are plans for a new shop up by the new Church, and hopefully this will start next spring.

Enfield Baptist Church

162 Enfield Main Road, Ithaca, NY 14850
607-277-6301
Rev. Chris Lynch, Senior Pastor
Rev. David Leonard, Associate Pastor
Rev. Jim Clark, Youth Pastor/Assoc. Pastor

The Enfield Baptist Church

welcomes you! We are a full Gospel community fellowship, incorporating contemporary worship music with traditional hymns. We believe and practice the gifts of the Spirit (I Corinthians 12). We also offer a Bible-based Christian School for grades Pre-K through 12th.

Regularly Scheduled Events:

Sunday

Prayer	9:00 am
Worship Service	10:00 am
Youth Group, ages 13 & up	6:00 pm
Worship Warriors, ages 4-12	6:00 pm

Wednesday

Mothers Group, 2nd & 4th Wed	2:30 pm
Prayer	6:00 pm
Bible Study	7:00 pm

Friday 2nd & 4th Fri

Friday Night Live - Bible Study	7:00 pm
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Saturday last Sat of the month

Men's Breakfast	7:00 am
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**Jacksonville Community
United Methodist Church**

PO Box 224, Jacksonville, NY 14854
607-387-6296/www.jcumc.com
Reverend Nelson Reppert, Pastor
Jean Geuder, Organist & Choir Leader
Enid Zollweg, Christian Education Coordinator
Ed Williamson, Sexton

We welcome visitors and invite you to join us at any time. The church is located on Route 96 in Jacksonville Center, Jacksonville, NY.

Worship Opportunities

Sunday Worship at 10:00 a.m. year-round (Nursery provided)

Meeting September - June:

Children's Sunday School - During
Worship Service
Vocal Choir meets Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.
Bell Choir meets Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

GED Classes

at Enfield Elementary School
Tuesday & Thursdays 5-8 pm in Art Room
Ongoing enrollment: Come & start any time
Questions? Call Mary Cole at 274-2221

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Regularly Scheduled Community Meetings & Activities

Community Council: 4th Monday, 6:30-8:00 pm at the Community Building

Enhance Fitness: Mondays, Wednesday, Friday, 10:15-11:15 am at the Enfield Community Center, suggested donation is \$0-3 per person

Food Pantry: 2nd Tuesday, 1-2 pm & 4th Tuesday, 3-5 pm, at the Community Building

GED Classes: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 5-8 pm during the school year, at the Enfield Elementary school

Enfield Valley Grange: 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. at the Grange

Historical Society: Bimonthly, 3rd Wednesday of the month, 7 pm at the Community Building

Senior Citizens: 3rd Wednesday, 11:30 am-1:00 pm at the Grange; meetings include a dish-to-pass luncheon

**United
Way**



The Enfield Community Council thanks the United Way of Tompkins County for its funding in support of the Council's outreach programs, including this newsletter. Please note that United Way and Community Council funds are used only for the Enfield Currents with no funds directed to the Town of Enfield newsletter costs and postage.

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