



Enfield Community Currents

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**May the best of your past be the worst of your future.
-unknown**

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Enfield Community Council (ECC)**

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*The next issue will be compiled in June
for publication at the end of that month.
Contact the editor with information you'd
like to see included.*

Hello all! As I type this, Christmas is just a few days away. Wow what a year to have flown so fast. New arrivals, birthdays, and deaths have made this year fly by. We should all take a moment to remember our loved ones who left and be thankful for the ones still here.

I keep hearing (and I believe it) that family is the best present we can have this holiday season. If you know someone with out a family, invite them to Christmas dinner, or church services, or Christmas eve dinner, or take them a plate. Maybe you know someone who has family, but is estranged or simply live far away and can't make the trip to them this year.

Winter hasn't really started yet, but we have had some cold spells. I hope everyone is staying warm (and had their heating appliances checked before it started). I've heard we will have deep snow and I've heard we will get very little. I quit trying to guess the season. We will get what we get. Everyone use common sense and a little extra space and slower speeds if the roads are slippery. That's all we can do! Stay safe! And please, remember don't drink and drive!!!

ECC is still looking for donations of skill and/or materials for our shed roof. It is in need of repair. If you can help out, please call Ann Rider at 227-1891 or myself at 279-4702. We are also (always) looking for volunteers. We have lots of projects (or perhaps you have one that needs some help). I would like to take this time to help all the amazing people who helped with our many projects and events through out 2017. We literally can't do all our activities with out you all! Just some of the things ECC oraganizes throughout the year: Teen Programming all year long, Summer Camp, Basketball in the elementary school, County Faire in May, Harvest Festival in September, Teen employment, and so much more.

I hope you all enjoy the newsletter and our other events. We would like to bring back Movies in the Middle, but need more help for that. An Ice Cream Social has been discussed also, but again, we need more help to do it. Please consider volunteering (even if it's with another group) in the new year!
Be Safe and Happy,
Cortney Bailey



Enfield Community Council Seeks New Members

The Enfield Community Council is prepping for a new building and a busy year. We would like to add to our board and find Enfield people to help us with our new projects. Tell us the type of things you can help with, and we will gratefully find a place for you. Our major focus is the youth of our community.

Talk to your friends, search your thoughts. Contact Deena @ 379-3420 or Cortney @ 279-4702, if you can help in any way.

The Enfield Valley Grange

The Enfield Valley Grange has been bustling with activity recently. Each Activity has been a great success. We thank you, our friends and neighbors here in Enfield and our surrounding areas for your support.

We were able to complete the trim around our windows; better protecting them from the elements and sprucing them up a bit. In January we will be jump starting our pancake breakfasts, with our first breakfast scheduled for January 6th from 8-11am (note the new time). Mark your calendars for future breakfasts scheduled for February 3rd; March 3rd; April 7th; and May 5th.

Our Craft Club meets on the first Sunday of each month at 1pm. We welcome ou to join us.

January 19th at 7pm the Grange will be hosting Game Night. Bring your favorite board game. We will enjoy a night of fun, fellowship, and food.

Beginning January 21st from 5-7pm the Grange will host "Enfield Community Conversation." An evening of conversation starting with a dish to pass at 5pm, followed by discussions with your neighbors and elected Town, and hopefully local Tompkins County Board of Representatives. Bring your ideas and suggestions for the betterment of the Town of Enfield. We hope to host these events the third Sunday of each month. Please bring a dish to pass along with your own table service.

Our dances have been a very big success. On Saturday, February 3rd at 7pm, we will host a Swing Dance. Many of our friends come from all over Central New York and ask when the next dance will be!

We are in the planning stage of a Valentines and/or St Patrick's Day event, watch for details.

On May 12th we have our annual Spring Craft Show scheduled from 9am-3pm. If you would like to be a vendor, please contact Sandra Trutt at 273-4884.

We have changed the night of our Grange meetings. They are currently held the third Thursday of each month at 7pm. We would welcome you to join us.

Our Grange hall is available for rentals at a reasonable rate. If you or anyone you know are looking for a place to host your event, whether for a shower, party or reception, the Grange hall is an excellent place. Please contact Sandra for information at 273-4884.

Feel free to follow us on Facebook @ Enfield Valley Grange; and you can also sign up for our news and events at Enfieldvalleygrange@gmail.com.

We wish you a safe, happy and healthy 2018!

Carol Baker, Master, Enfield Valley Grange #2950

Any Enfield resident in need of food is eligible to receive free food. The application is available on line at <http://townofenfield.org/enfield-food-distribution> or at the distribution site. Please bring proof of address. Rent receipt, NYSEG or other utility bill, or received mail with your name and address on it from an official source is accepted.

For Emergency Food Distribution Help Please Call 273-5682.

The free food distribution is located at the Enfield Community Building, 182 Enfield Main Rd.

Volunteers are needed and welcome. Please call 273-5682 to volunteer and for hours of distribution.

The Enfield Food Distribution is sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Enfield Center in cooperation with the Food Bank of the Southern Tier and the Town of Enfield. Many local volunteers make the distribution happen.

Tax deductible donations are gratefully received at the following address:

Enfield Food Distribution

17 S. Van Dorn Rd.

Ithaca, NY 14850



**American
Red Cross**

Please be on the look out for the blood drives that take place at the Enfield Volunteer Fire Department. These drives keep life saving supplies available for all of us. Thank you for those who give!

**Red Cross Blood Drive
At the Enfield Volunteer Fire Company**

Red Cross Blood Drive: The 3rd Tuesday of every other month (the odd months: November, January etc.) 1:30 until 6:30 PM., walk-ins are welcome or call the American Red Cross at 273-1900 for an appointment.

Next Blood Drive: Tuesday, January 17th

Thanks to the community for helping us meet or exceed our monthly goals! However, there's always room for more!

**Enfield Volunteer Fire Company
172 Enfield Main Road
Ithaca, NY 14850**

The 2017, January 01 to December 10, informational report for the Enfield Community Council Newsletter.

2018 officers:

Chief: Roger Lauper
Deputy Chief: Tony Carlisle
First Assistant Chief: Mark Stilwell
Second Assistant Chief: Alan Teeter
Captain: Wayne Lauper

Total Calls: 296

Total Call Hours: 5,270

Training Hours: 1,097

Have safe holidays and a happy, healthy 2018.

Area Churches, Missions, & Activities

First Baptist Church of Enfield Center
172 Enfield Main Rd.

Sunday School 9:30 AM
Kids of all ages stories, music, crafts

Sunday Worship 10:15 AM

Fellowship Meal Dish to Pass 11:00 AM
the last Sunday of the month

We are an American Baptist Church associated with American Baptist Churches New York State and American Baptist Churches U.S.A. We support missions throughout the world.

Everyone is welcome.

Agape Bible Church

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

Agape is a non-denominational, charismatic fellowship, with a diverse group of people from different cultures and backgrounds.

Our Purpose

- To be a house of restoration, refreshing, and rest.
- To worship the Lord and seek his face.
- To share His love, and build up and equip God's people.
- To spread the gospel both here and to the nations.

8:30 am Morning Service: A 70-minute service, with a short time of worship, followed by the teaching of the word of God.

10:00 am Morning Service: A service of around 2 hours and 15 minutes, with expressive charismatic worship, and opportunity for body ministry and testimony. Nursery and Children's Church are provided during the 10:00 am service.

**Jacksonville Community
United Methodist Church**

PO Box 224, Jacksonville, NY
14854
607-387-6296 www.jcumc.com
Pastor Geri Judd

We welcome persons of any faith, background into our fellowship, either as a member or as a friend.

Sunday Worship at 10:00 am
Sunday School and Nursery are available during worship

We are family-you belong.

Community Businesses

Be safe. Keep your computer running efficiently.

Free anti-virus and cleanup software.

PC Doctor makes housecalls - \$25

Robotics1

lcrombie@htva.net
(607) 220-3517

To see your local business in our newsletter, please email cbai-ley525@yahoo.com for information about advertising. This will help to offset costs.

Living Water Christian Fellowship

162 Enfield Main Road, Ithaca
607-277-6301
Rev. Chris Lynch, Senior Pastor

The Living Water Christian Fellowship welcomes you! We are a full Gospel community fellowship. We believe and practice the gifts of the Spirit (I Corinthians 12). Please check out our web site LWCFIthaca.com

Regularly Scheduled Events:

Sunday	
Worship Service	10:00 am
Sunday School	11:00 am
Tuesday	
Bible Study	7:00 pm
Saturday	
last Sat of the month	
Men's Breakfast	8:00 am

Open Hands Blessing Shop will be open on the first Saturday of each month from 9:00am to 12:00pm at Living Water Christian Fellowship. Free clothing and household items. Taking high quality, clean donations at that time as well. All are welcome. Please call 594-3922 for more information.

Enfield Elementary Basketball Teams

The Enfield Community Council co-sponsors the Enfield Elementary Basketball Teams with the Enfield Volunteer Fire Dept.

The Girls and Boys team each have a 3rd/ 4th grade team and a 5th grade team. The coaches for the Girl's Teams are Kyle Ellis and Brendan O'Brien and the Boy's Team are Jaimy Allen and Matthew Stalher. Practices started the week of December 11th. Games start on January 20th. Once the game schedule is out it will be posted on the townofenfield.org youth programs site. Please come to some home games (at Enfield Elementary School) to support Enfield youth.

Vera Howe-Strait

Enfield Community Council Summer Day Camp

The Enfield Community Council has a summer day camp program for children ages 4-13 years old. It is a 6-week program that begins on July 2 and ends August 10, 2018. It will be held at the Robert Treman State Park's lower level (the North Shelter).

The campers start their day at 8:45 a.m. with a cold breakfast and have activities until 11:30 which is lunchtime (except for field trips, most lunches are hot food items). The daily activities include a combination of most of the following: sports, arts, science, sewing, cooking, hiking, literacy activities, swimming, outdoor education (the last activity is for campers 9 years old and up). We have access to open fields, creeks and the playground. There will be field trips to Hangar Theater, Sciencenter, Taughannock Park, Watkins Glen, Greenwood Park, bowling and some new trips.

All fees are per child and is based on resident or non-resident of the Enfield community. The Community Council is currently working on the 2018 budget so I cannot give the fees information, at present. Please know that there will be a slight increase from the 2017 fees.

The Community Council is offering a prepay reduced rate for the BASE FEE ONLY(camp hours of 9:00 – 3:00). If the base fee is paid by May 31 the fee is \$15 less.

Completed applications and all fees are due in by June 15 to guarantee space at camp.

If you currently receive temporary assistance or need help with the cost of childcare, you may be eligible for assistance through DSS. Please contact Vera Howe-Strait 280-2317/vstrait18@htva.net or DSS 274-5677 for further information. The DSS acceptance letter must be received by Vera Howe-Strait before camp starts.

The Enfield Community Council strives to provide activities that are free or low cost. It is our goal that no one is turned away because of the inability to pay. Please contact Vera Howe-Strait if there are any issues regarding income and/or ability to pay.

Camp applications will be available at the Enfield Elementary School Main Office, Enfield After School Program, Enfield Town Clerk's Office, townofenfield.org by March 15, 2018.

Enfield Town Board:

Meetings are held in the Community Building, 182 Enfield Main Road, upstairs
2nd Wednesday, 6:30pm

Town Supervisor:

Beth McGee - (607) 288-2384
supervisor@townofenfield.org

Town Council Members

Virginia Bryant 607-280-0487
virginia-bryant@townofenfield.org
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Becky Sims (607) 564-2005
becky-sims@townofenfield.org

Planning Board:

Meetings are held in the Community Building, 182 Enfield Main Road, upstairs
1st Wednesday, 7pm

Chair, Dan Walker – 387-6394 dan-walker@townofenfield.org
Ann Chaffee
Steve Givin
Henry Hansteen

TOWN OFFICES

Town Clerk 273-8256
168 Enfield Main Road
Alice Linton, Town Clerk
townclerk@townofenfield.org
Sue Thompson, Deputy Town Clerk
Office Hours: M-Th 3 pm – 6 pm
Town Web Site:
www.townofenfield.org

Highway Department 272-6490
475 Enfield Main Road
Barry Rollins, Highway Superintendent
highway@townofenfield.org
Office Hours: M-F: 6 am – 2:30pm

Town Court 272-0529
Community Building, 182 Enfield Main Road, upstairs
Justice Poole: Monday, 5:00 pm

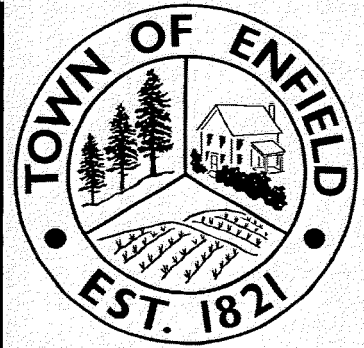
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Town of Enfield Municipal Newsletter

168 Enfield Main Road
<http://townofenfield.org>

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News From the Supervisor

A new year is a perfect opportunity for a Town Board to value what we've learned through our connections and work and look forward to what we have yet to achieve. The work of 2017 has set us up to complete several tasks in 2018 that will guide much of our agenda for the new year.

A few of the goals we're hoping to meet include:

- Completion of the Comprehensive Plan update
- Update of our Wind Facilities Law
- Development of a solar law/oversight
- A long term plan for Highway Dept. equipment inventory replacement
- Mitigation of Highway building problems
- Assess municipal facilities and develop a strategy to resolve wasteful building deficiencies
- Find grant opportunities to enhance our ability to provide needed facilities and services
- Engage and inform residents for better municipal accountability and transparency
- Creation of a Budget Committee for better financial oversight

In January, we will see several changes in the Town Board. Becky Sims has been elected to fill the two-year Councilperson term left by Henry Hansteen in the Spring of 2017. Mimi Mehaffey and Virginia Bryant will serve four-year Councilperson terms. I will serve for the two-year term as Town Supervisor, and Mike Carpenter has two years remaining in his term as Councilperson. Buddy Rollins (Highway Superintendent), Betty Poole (Justice), and Alice Linton (Town Clerk) will continue to serve in their respective positions as well. Congratulations to all!

New Board members means new ideas, talents, skills, and goals, and an opportunity to collaborate in new ways. I have confidence that this group will work hard together to accomplish the important work mentioned above and more.

Much of our success, and that of our town, depends upon community engagement with meetings, projects, committees, and representation outside of Enfield. Your input is very important to us! There are many opportunities for residents to participate. For instance, we hope a budget committee will include staff, representatives, and several residents who follow the budget throughout the year and make recommendations to the Town Board regarding current conditions and new budgets.

The beautification committee works to decorate our town throughout each through gardens, banners and holiday decorations. The Facilities Development group will work to assess our building needs and recommend a long-term plan to develop efficient and sustainable town facilities. The Renewable Energy Advisory Committee will be active throughout the term of our Moratorium on commercial solar and wind development, which will expire in the Summer, to make recommendations on the goals mentioned above for renewable energy projects. The Comprehensive Planning committee will be working with a planner to assess the update that has been created and to make changes that come to light through that process, as well as formatting the final document. The Tompkins County Environmental Management Council works on projects that impact our environment and make recommendations to the County

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From Code Enforcement

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As always make sure you have operating smoke and CO alarms as they are required in all homes. If you have any questions on what's required or proper placement feel free to give me a call. Stay safe and warm this winter.

Alan Teeter Code Enforcement Officer

Enfield History Update by
Sue Thompson, Enfield Town Historian – historian@townofenfield.org

Enfield Center School Pupils Stage Walkout

Sue Thompson, Enfield Town Historian

On May 3, 1937 fifteen children in the Enfield Center School, refused to return to classes because the contracts of their two teachers had not been renewed. The lone pupil who returned to class was son of Miss Mabel Sheffield, who with Miss Martha Patterson was refused contracts for next year by the board of trustees. Charles VanGorder and Gordon Stark leaders of the strike said they would circulate petitions and present them at a school district meeting. Alan Rumsey a member of the board of trustees, called the parents of the striking pupils and warned them that unless the children returned to their classes he would be obliged to take drastic measures. Tuesday morning, however, found the pupils still absent from their classroom.

The strike ended May 5 with students returning to classes and the announcement by the district trustees that they were standing pat on their selection of two new teachers. The strike followed refusal of Trustees Alan Rumsey and Leroy Whittaker to consider a petition signed by 29 taxpayers asking reinstatement of Mrs. Bertha Patterson and Mrs. Mabel Sheffield as teachers. The trustees said contracts had already been signed with May Savercool and Mrs. Alice Clawson.

District 6 Enfield Center School Tax List October 15, 1937

Herbert Bailey, Baptist Parsonage, Bert Berlew, Stephen Berlew, John Bohach, Charles Bonnett, Byron Bowers, Anthony Brable, Melvin Brown, Tomes Brown, Harry Bullard, Louise Carpenter, Lloyd Connors, Asa Cumming, Ina Drake, Clarence Fitchpatrik, Gas & Electric, John Giba, Grange Hall, Hattie Harver, Ralph Hess, Mrs., Estella Hubbell, Raymond Hubbell, Lester Johnson, Williams Jones, Jason Jones, Maude Kerr, George Laue, Neva Laue, Warren Laughlin, Leon Laughlin, A.G. Lokken, William Madge, Fred McFall, Dorothy Mengel, Howard Miller, Anna Moray, Omar Newman, Clarence Pool, Walter Pool, Clayton Purdy, Purdy & Thall Store, Harry Rea, Russell Road, Frank Rothermich, Henry Rothermich, Homer & Allan Rumsey, Herbert Sheffield, Clayton Stanton, Ward Starks, Alton Swester, Frank Teeter, C.F. Teeter, NY Telephone, John Thall, Joel Wallenbeck, Leroy Whitaker, Claude Wilkins, Harry Willis.

News from Tompkins County Government

A Message from Maureen Reynolds, Tompkins County Clerk: County Clerk and DMV Ready to Chat!

The **Tompkins County Clerk's Office** is located in the Tompkins County Courthouse at 320 N. Tioga St. and the **Department of Motor Vehicles** is conveniently located at 301 Third Street in the Hancock Plaza - **and now, we are available to chat and answer your questions online! Go to <http://dmv.ny.gov/office/ithaca> and click the chat now button.**

Both offices are known for our fast-moving lines, quick turnaround of documents, friendly and helpful staff, and ease of access – either in person, phone or online. Our goal is to provide excellent service to our customers.

County Clerk's Link: <https://tompkinscountyny.gov/cclerk>

- Need a copy of your deed?
- Renewing your driver's license?
- Transferring a pistol permit?
- Planning to travel abroad and need a passport?

How may we help you?

Maureen Reynolds, Tompkins County Clerk

Flu Vaccinations Available at the Tompkins County Health Department

Protect yourself and your community from the flu and get vaccinated! There are many opportunities for flu vaccination including health care provider offices, pharmacies, and the Tompkins County Health Department. Everyone over the age of six months should be vaccinated every year against the flu.

Flu vaccination is the best protection against the flu – it protects you and limits the spread of flu to others. These include infants under the age of 6 months who are too young to be immunized and those who are immunocompromised such as people who are receiving cancer treatment.

Tompkins County Health Department (TCHD) is providing flu vaccinations at its location at **55 Brown Road** – across from the airport. There is plenty of free parking. Flu vaccinations will be available at the Health Department beginning, **October 6**. Appointments are necessary for all clinics and can be made by calling the Health Department at **607-274-6616**.

Flu vaccinations will also be available to the public on Tuesday, **October 13** from **9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Lifelong**, 119 West Court Street. Call TCHD at 274-6616 to make an appointment.

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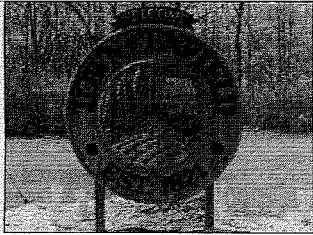
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(susan-thompson@townofenfield.org)

A few sites to check on the “Top Menu” of the website:

- “Resources” – Documents - Public Laserfiche, you can do your own “historical research” with the many town documents we have placed there.
- “Throw Back Thursday” weekly historical articles under “News” on the top menu.

Don't forget to sign up to receive the “posting” notices from our website!

Dates to Remember

January

3 Planning Board 6:30-9:00 pm
6 Grange Pancake Breakfast 8-11 am
10 Town Board Meeting 6:30-9pm
24 Free Rabies Clinic 6-8 SPCA

February

3 Grange Pancake Breakfast 8-11am
7 Planning Board 7pm
14 Town Board @ 6:30pm
21 Grange Meeting 3pm
22 ECC Meeting 6:30pm

March

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