



Enfield Community Currents

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All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them.

Walt Disney

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Hello Enfielders,

As Covid makes a resurgence in Tompkins County, I urge everyone to stay safe. The holidays were just here. Remember that we are all connected to each other all year round. Call that friend, neighbor or family member. Check in and see how they are doing. And also remember, the phone works both ways. Just because they haven't called you doesn't mean they aren't thinking of you. Don't want to disturb a busy person, send a text or email. Then they know you are thinking of them and can respond when they have a free minute.

Stay safe,
 Cortney Bailey

Newsletter Alert

Received more than one newsletter, have an address correction, or want to receive it via email? Please send an email to dlteeter58@gmail.com. Receiving your newsletter via email saves us printing and postage. Past newsletters are available on our website (www.enfieldcommunitycouncil.org).

Volunteers needed

The Enfield Community Council is always in need of volunteers! Contact a board member (top left) to join us. We have Library hours to fill, events to plan, ideas needed, and so much more! We want to partner with the Town, Enfield Fire Company, Grange, Seniors, and more in fun events like Trunk or Treat, Deck the Halls, and more. To do this, we need volunteers for an event, cleaning, planning, fundraising. We have also included the membership form on page 7. Simply fill out and send to Enfield Community Council (162 Enfield Main Rd Ithaca NY 14850).

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

Vendors needed for the Holiday Craft Fair Please contact Debbie Teeter (607-280-1495 dlteeter58@gmail.com) for more information.

Important Links section:

our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/EnfieldCC>, ECC webpage <http://www.enfieldcommunitycouncil.org/> for late breaking updates — who knows, maybe by the time the newsletter goes out we'll have a clue what is possible? Building photos and rental policies: <http://www.enfieldcommunitycouncil.org/ecc-building-rental/>

Social Organizations Throughout Time In The Enfield
Sue Thompson, Enfield Town Historian (historian@townofenfield.org)

There have been many social organizations throughout time in Enfield, political, religious and school related. To name a few: The Enfield Valley Grange, Women's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU), Mother's Club, Home Bureau Unit, 4-H, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Baseball Teams, Enfield Falls Home Bureau and Community Association, Others Club (later name Enfield Social Club – 1947), KOTM (Knights of the Maccabees) and Enfield Historical Society.

I recently discovered two Enfield organizations that I had not heard of, "Good Templars" and "Sons of Temperance". Both these organizations operated on a basis of "temperance" as their goal.

The Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars (I.O.G.T.) was organized in 1851 in Utica New York by Daniel Cady. Forest City Lodge #3 was instituted at Ithaca and the Templar Grand Lodge of New York was organized at Ithaca in July 1852. Three of the first 6 women who were initiated into the Templars were members of the Forest City Lodge. By 1852 eight lodges were organized in Tompkins County, 20 men and 5 women. By June 1853 there were 93 lodges within New York State.

I did not locate any documents in the Town of Enfield records for either of these organizations. The information is from the Ithaca Daily Journal and various webpages. I am looking for additional information on both of these organizations. In 1875 the Sons of Temperance of Enfield met with members of the Perry City division at their "Hall in Enfield Center". The paper reported the visit was "enlivened by speeches, music and singing". The Hall was either referring to Wortmans Hall (201 Enfield Main Road) or Teeter's Hotel (186 Enfield Main Road).

In August of 1875, the Good Templars of Enfield was officially organized and registered as No. 170 Laughing Water. Tompkins County Grand Templar Lodge met in Slaterville on November 14th and 15th, 1876. A report of this meeting listed members including, Laughing Water, No. 170 Enfield Center – Regular – A.F. Murray, Mrs. Mary Murray, J.P. Topping. Alternates – Miss Mary Murray, Eugene Curry, and M.R. Curry. Discussion during the meeting was, Duty of the Church as relates to Good Templars, How can the County Lodge keep up the interest and promote the interest in the county and subordinate Lodges. What is the duty of Good Templars as relates to Juvenile Templar.

In September 1876 the group met at Garrett's. Garrett's was owned by Captain Henry Garrett, of Krums Corners. It was the Glenwood Falls Property on Cayuga Lake.

In February 1877, the newly installed officers of the Laughing Water Templars were reported as: Worthy (W) Chief Templar(T) M.R. Curry; W. Vice T. Ida Wortman, Secretary A.F. Murry; W. Financial Scribe, B. Oltz; additional members: Mary Murry; Mary Willis; H. Murry, E. Curry, Sarah Willis, Mrs. Mary Murry, Josie Curry, Will T. Graham.

Our Tompkins County Muncipal Historian group met with Ethan Dickerman who is working on the Tompkins County Rural Black Residents Project (TCRBR) <https://www.thetcbrproject.net>. The project merges history, genealogy, census records, and maps to spatially contextualize the stories of rural black residents in Tompkins County between 1820 & 1870. He reported there is still lots of research information to add into this project. The History Center of Tompkins County's project called **History Forge**, <https://www.historyforge.net/> an interactive digital mapping project lead by Bob Kibbee and Eve Snyder, is also involved in the project.

In January our group will be starting a project comparing different years through out Tompkins County towns. The first is December 1941 and January 1942. If you want some good history books about Tompkins County check out the Ithaca History Center <https://thehistorycenter.net/>, you can order on line. The book Permanent Residents where I tell about John Applegate and Jannette Cone Wickham, is available now. This is a collection of life stories by Tompkins County Historians and edited by Susan Holland.

The ECC Library and Media Center

We have two laptop computers for your use to access the internet, send email, or create documents and a fast growing collection of books (now over 1000!) for adults, young adults, and children. The WIFI is always available for use from the parking lot, whether we're open or not. Look at what we have so far: <https://cloud.collectors.com/enfieldcommunitylibrary/books>.

Hours: Sunday 1pm to 4pm, Tuesday 4pm to 7pm, Thursday 4pm to 7pm and Saturday 9am to Noon

The library is temporarily closed now (late December) due to the rise in COVID numbers, but will reopen as soon as we safely can. In the meantime, check ECC Facebook for updates <https://www.facebook.com/EnfieldCC> - we're working on ways to get books to you even though we're closed! Are there books you wish we had? Have ideas for book groups or other programs? Interested in being a volunteer? Want to return a book? Contact us! enfield.community.library@gmail.com!

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ENFIELD CENTER

The weekly sermon is posted on our website at: thefirstbaptistchurchofenfield.com as well as information about our ministry.

FUND RAISER: Please take your deposit cans and bottles to Ithaca, 614 Elmira Rd. and donate them to the Enfield Food Pantry. For every 6-cent return we can get 1 pound of food from the Food Bank to distribute to folks in our community.

The Enfield Food Pantry is a ministry of the First Baptist Church of Enfield Center. We are an emergency food source moving from a charity model to one of empowerment and food security. Our current working facility is inadequate and unsustainable. We currently function out of the 50-year-old former fire station with very limited parking making the building inaccessible, physically challenging and not inclusive. There is no room for expansion.

Our vision for our new facility includes:

Being welcoming and accessible:

We operate more like a grocery store model with adequate parking and accessibility and extended hours.

Nutrition Education: Focusing on building healthy bodies.

Food Security: Provision of a gardening space, skills taught from soil preparation to harvest, food storage and preservation.

A kitchen to teach food preparation and provide hot meals with space for meetings and gatherings.

Space to accept donations and distribute clothing, furniture, health products, and other needed household items.

Cooler space to preserve produce until distributed.

Our goals include:

Acquiring 5 to 10 acres of land for the facility, parking and community gardens

Build a multi-functional facility 8,000-10,000 square feet.

Provide food, clothing, furniture, hygiene and other needed items. Open extended hours.

For those who would like to contribute to our new facility, checks can be mailed to Treasurer Susan Howser, 17 S. Van Dorn Rd. Ithaca, NY 14850.

IF YOU NEED FOOD: A list of available foods at the pantry is provided on the website. (availability varies).

You may come to the pantry one time a week, either on Sunday or Monday. If you need food, please know that you will be welcomed at our pantry. We are here to help. Face masks are required. No children please.

Every Sunday HOURS 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

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Ways you can help!

There are many ways to help the Enfield Community Council Inc continue and expand 46 (yes 46) years of serving the Enfield community!

Amazon Smiles– This is so easy. Go to Amazon Smiles and pick Enfield Community Council Inc Enfield NY as your charity. When you shop on Amazon, make sure you shop on Amazon Smiles. The prices are the same! Amazon will send ECC a small percent of each purchase quarterly.

Volunteer– We are always in need of volunteers. These programs and activities only happen because of all the wonderful people who volunteer! (cbailey525@yahoo.com)

Donate– Monetary donations of any size are always welcome. They are also tax deductible! Send to ECC 162 Enfield Main Rd, Ithaca, NY 14850

Members– Become a member. Membership forms are available electronically or at the Center! Membership form on page 7, or at <http://www.enfieldcommunitycouncil.org/ecc-membership/>

Ideas– We are always looking for program and event input. Your idea might be something others would really enjoy! Contact Colleen McKenzie; Program Director (cms326@gmail.com with ideas.



Enfield School Age Program

The After School Program has openings for the 2021-2022 school year.

The program will operate from the Enfield Elementary School cafeteria with access to the gym and the playground throughout the school year.

We offer 2 snacks, homework time, free play, structured activities, quiet time, lots of outdoor play.

Adult:Child ratio is 1:10.

All staff have had background checks and training throughout the year. We are registered with the Office of Children and Family Services.

The program will follow all covid guidelines.

Monthly fees are as follows:

5 days/week = \$270.00 2nd child = \$245.00

4 days/week = \$260.00 2nd child = \$235.00

3 days/week = \$210.00 2nd child = \$185.00

2 days/week = \$185.00 2nd child = \$160.00

1 day/week = \$110.00 2nd child = \$ 85.00

Please contact Vera Howe-Strait for further information and/or registration form: 280-2317, 273-1413 or enfieldschoolageprogram@gmail.com

Enfield 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 will begin on July 5 and end August 12, 2022, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Activities offered will be Sports, Crafts, STEM, Outdoor Education, Hiking, Creek exploration.

Please be aware that camp will operate according to COVID/State and Health Dept regulations and recommendations..

Camp will be held at 162 Enfield Main Road, the new Enfield Community Council Community Center.

The fees have not been set yet for the 2022 camp season.

For further information please contact Vera Howe-Strait, **280-2317 and/or howestraitv@gmail.com**.

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. Camp applications will be available at townofenfield.org by March 2022.

ENFIELD VALLEY GRANGE #295

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a nice Christmas.

We want to thank everyone for your support this past year. Despite COVID, we did okay!

On Saturday February 5th at 8:00am, we are planning on having a Pancake Breakfast. Again we will be watching COVID carefully. We are hoping to do more fundraisers again this year, watch for our signs. Also on February 6th from 1 -3pm our Craft Club will be starting. Free and open to the community.

The Grange is available for rentals. Please contact Sandra Trutt for details, 607-273-4884.

Our meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at 7pm.

Feel free to join us.

Carol Baker, President
Enfield Valley Grange

If you have any questions please contact me. Again I apologize for the inconvenience, thank you for your understanding.

Thank you,
Carol

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

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

Area Churches, Missions, & Activities

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ENFIELD CENTER
174 Enfield Main Rd.
607-273-5682

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ENFIELD CENTER

The weekly sermon is posted on our website at:
thefirstbaptistchurchofenfield.com
as well as information about our ministry

We sponsor the Enfield Food Distribution, our local food pantry.

West Hill Community Church
3049 Van Dorn Corners Rd
Ithaca, NY 14850
607-387-4282

Web: www.whcchurch.com

Email: whcchurch@aol.com

Pastor Bill Lower

Mecklenburg United Methodist Church
6063 Turnpike Rd.,
PO Box 66
Mecklenburg, NY 14863

Sundays at 9:30 with lots of music

Susan Wissick, Pastor

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.

Jacksonville Community United Methodist Church

1869 Trumansburg Rd,
PO Box 244
Jacksonville, NY 14854
607-387-6296
www.jcumc.com
Geri Judd, Pastor

We welcome visitors and invite you to join us for services at 9am Sundays. Sunday School runs concurrently.

Support our New Community Center

Want a painless way to support us? Return

your 5 ¢ cans to IthaCan Bottle Return, 614 Elmira Rd, Ithaca, NY during their normal business hours (M-F 9AM-6PM & Sat from 9AM-4PM) and say that you want the return money to go to the Enfield Community Council. They will save the money for us and we will pick it up from them every 3 months. They

pay 6 ¢ every day for your cans. Give us even more \$ by taking your cans back on their

7 ¢ day which they have about once a month. Watch for it on their Facebook page.

Tax Assistance

Alternatives Federal Credit Union is the only CDFI credit union in Tompkins and the seven surrounding counties. We are certified by the U.S. Treasury to expand economic opportunity in low-income communities. We offer unique programs that help families finance their first homes, start or expand businesses, build credit, etc.

Our VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) program offers free tax preparation for low-income families. This year we hope to offer this service at the Enfield Community Center. Our program helps community members get the tax help they need, and the refunds that are vital to their finances. Volunteers are needed for greeting, screening, or preparing returns for clients. We will provide both remote and in person training for volunteers. Volunteers can respond by emailing vita@alternatives.org.

Enfield Volunteer Fire Company News * December 2021

Fire Chief: enfieldvfc.chief@gmail.com * President: enfieldvfc.president@gmail.com

Secretary: enfieldvfc.secretary@gmail.com

172 Enfield Main Road * Ithaca, New York 14850 * 607-272-8757

Connect with us on Facebook and Instagram

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Fire and EMS calls in 2021

January: 20 Total Calls, 14 EMS, 4 Service, 1 MVA, 1 Fire

February: 25 Total Calls, 16 EMS, 2 Service, 1 MVA, 6 Fire

March: 14 Total Calls, 10 EMS, 2 Service, 2 Fire

April: 20 Total Calls, 14 EMS, 2 Service, 4 Fire

May: 16 Total Calls, 13 EMS, 1 Service, 2 Fire

June: 19 Total Calls, 14 EMS, 4 Service, 1 HazMat

July: 16 Total Calls, 9 EMS, 4 Service, 1 HazMat, 1 Severe Weather, 1 Fire

August: 14 Total Calls, 7 EMS, 5 Service, 1 MVA, 1 Fire

September: 26 Total Calls, 17 EMS, 4 Service, 3 MVA, 1 Fire

October: 35 Total Calls, 21 EMS, 6 Service, 1 MVA, 2 Fire, 1 Severe Weather, 2 False Alarm

November: 22 Total Calls, 16 EMS, 2 Service, 4 Fire

Look for our next monthly report presented during the Regular Town Board meeting!

During the COVID-19/Corona Virus Pandemic, our leadership continues to work closely with the Tompkins County Health Department and Department of Emergency Response as we **continue to provide service to the Enfield Community. COVID-safe practices including masking, social distancing, and immunization are strongly encouraged and modeled by our leadership.**

Is there a Fire in YOU? We meet every Thursday night at our Fire Station & are actively recruiting new Firefighters and EMS Providers! We offer FREE training & cool sweatshirts. Serve, grow, and learn right here in Enfield!

We train in Fire & Rescue Skills every Thursday at 7:00 pm. Our General Membership Meeting is the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm.

We partner with New York State's Office of Fire Prevention and Control to sponsor YOUR training in Fire, Emergency Medical Response, Fire Police & Emergency Management.

We have an active Junior Firefighter program for youth who are 14 or older and meeting their academic goals.

Call our Station @ [607-272-8757](tel:607-272-8757) for an application or send email to enfieldvfc.chief@gmail.com to volunteer!

Visit Enfield Fire Station to check out our Fire and EMS response vehicles, take pictures, and to discuss local opportunities in the Fire & Rescue Service! Due to the ongoing COVID Pandemic, we are arranging station tours on an individual/small group basis.

Our Line Officers for 2022: Fire Chief Greg Stevenson, Deputy Chief Jamie Stevens, 1st Assistant Chief Tony Carlisle, 2nd Assistant Chief Bailey Stevens, Captain Zachary Snyder, Safety Officer Larry Stilwell, EMS Director Ellen Mary Woods, and Fire Police Director Rodney Ike

Our Staff Officers for 2022 are: President Dennis Hubbell, Vice President Alan Teeter, Board Members Larry Stilwell, Denise Hubbell, Rodney Ike, and Anthony Podufalski. Our Treasurer is Debbie Teeter and our Fire Company Secretary is Ellen Mary Woods.

Congratulations to Enfield Firefighters Josh Carmack, Zac Snyder, and Savannah Stevens who recently completed the New York State Emergency Vehicle Operations Course.

Thank you to Firefighters & Members who worked with the Community Council and Enfield Valley Grange for a successful and safe Halloween in Enfield!

Enfield Fire Company recently trained together with Odessa Fire Department & Mecklenburg Fire Company on Water Supply Operations!

We congratulate EMS Director Ellen Mary Woods who recently certified as a New York State Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) through Arnot Health. Thank you to FingerLakes Ambulance and Arnot Ogden Medical Center for providing clinical training sites!

Thank you to Enfield Elementary School for welcoming our Enfield Firefighters for Fire Prevention Week in 2021! Deputy Chief Jamie Stevens, Assistant Chief Bailey Stevens, Safety Officer Larry Stilwell, and Firefighters Ellen Woods & Luke Apgar enjoyed teaching about Fire Prevention and Safety!

Enfield Fire Company currently has two Stop the Bleed Trainers, please reach out to us if you would like this life-saving civilian training for your organization! **In 2022 Enfield Fire Company looks forward to hosting CPR training for the Enfield Community.**

Stay tuned for upcoming dates!

Enfield Fire Company thanks you, our Enfield Community, for YOUR support as we work to keep our community safe! We wish you a safe and healthy Winter 2021 season!

Enfield Community Council APPLICATION
Please type or print in black ink (Revised February 2019)

If you are interested in serving as a member please complete this form; attach additional sheets if necessary. You may be called for an interview and you may wish to attend a meeting of the Enfield Community Council if you have not yet done so. Please contact the Cortney Bailey at 279-4702 or by e-mail: cbailey525@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

Name _____ Date of application _____

Address (residence) _____
Street _____ City ZipCode _____

Telephone (home) _____ (work) _____ (mobile) _____

Email address _____ **Length of residence in Enfield** _____

Why are you interested in this being a member of the Enfield Community Council?

What particular strengths would you bring to this organization?

Experience and community affiliations

Recommended by

References: (1) _____

name, address, and telephone number

(2) _____

name, address, and telephone number

Signature _____

Enfield Community Council
162 Enfield Main Road
Ithaca NY 14850

Presort Standard
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit No 780
Ithaca, NY

Regularly Scheduled Community Meetings & Activities

Craft Club at the Grange: 1st Sunday, at 1 pm. (On Hold)

Enfield Community Council (ECC): Fourth Thursday of the month at Enfield Community Center

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

Ping Pong at the Grange: every Sunday at 10:00am to 1:00pm

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

Please check with your group to ensure times and locations have not changed!

**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.