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Enfield Community Currents

Brought to you by the Enfield Community Council (ECC)

2023 July—September

Free

If summer had one defining scent, it'd definitely be the smell of barbecue.

- Katie Lee

ECC is committed to creating a safe, inclusive, and diverse environment that actively embraces the uniqueness of every Enfield community member and supports equitable youth and community development

Welcome summer!

According to the most recent US Census, 318 Enfield households have children under age 18; is your household one of them?

In case you missed it, The Enfield Community Council received \$45,000 in Covid Relief funds from the Enfield Town Board for youth and family programs through the end of 2025. We've got some good ideas for using these funds to benefit our youth and families, but we think you have some thoughts as well. On the second to the last page of this newsletter there is a form to complete and return to share your family's ideas and to help us figure out where our children are, how many of them there are, and their ages (note: you can e-mail this information as well). This is a wonderful chance to provide new opportunities for Enfield residents; we've been hampered in our program efforts for years by the fact that our children attend four different school districts: Ithaca, Newfield, Trumansburg, and Odessa—let's all join together for our families!

Summer is well underway in Enfield. Check out the new library opportunities on page 2, bring your children to the Community Center to check out the new Story Walk (page 3), and mark your calendars (or keep the one on the last page of this newsletter) for Ice Cream Socials (page 4), a Community Yard Sale, and Community Cafés (page 3) and wrap up the summer with the Enfield Fire Company's 75th anniversary celebration (page 5) and the annual Enfield Community Council's Harvest Festival (page 4), both in September!

We'd like to thank everyone who came out for this year's second annual Rhubarb Festival, especially our volunteers. We counted over 400 people in attendance and they enjoyed a breakfast of pancakes with rhubarb syrup, a lunch of smoked pork with rhubarb barbecue sauce, and twelve rhubarb recipes to sample. The most popular sample item was Ann Rider's Asian style meatballs with rhubarb sauce and my own rhubarb cobbler. Other favorites included rhubarb compote, rhubarb tapioca, rhubarb fool, rhubarb shortbread, and rhubarb upside down cake. Attendees were also able to buy rhubarb crowns, fresh rhubarb, rhubarb pies, and rhubarb wine, and many great craft items from the craft sale vendors. Mark your calendar for the Saturday after Mother's Day for next year's event!

Please don't miss this issue's "Know Your Neighbor" by Karen Friedeborn, which features Rhoda Linton. What a fascinating life story, and an inspiration to all, especially young women everywhere!

We are now gearing up for our annual Harvest Festival on September 23rd. We are always looking for volunteers and could especially use cakes for the cake wheel. If you can help during the event and/or bake a cake or two, let me know—Debbie Teeter, dlteeter58@gmail.com.

Just a quick reminder that spaces at the Community Center are available for rent year around—please check our website for further information. Our pavilion has water and electricity, plenty of parking, access to the kitchen and bathrooms indoors, and is right next to the playground. This is a great location for your summer gatherings—again, please contact me if you'd like more information.

Finally, I'd like to congratulate Enfield's own Pam Whittaker for being honored by the Quilts of Valor Foundation with a Quilt of Valor (page 7). Pam has long been a volunteer in our community, currently with the Enfield Fire Company, and I know many people know and love her. Congratulations, Pam!

Enjoy summer,
 Debbie Teeter, Editor

Enfield Community Council Programs

Summer to Fall Programming

Summer is a busy time for families and for us at the community center as well. We are always looking for new program ideas and interests so keep your ideas coming and we will try to make them happen! Contact me, Colleen at cms326@gmail.com, or check out our website enfieldcommunitycouncil.com for what is happening!

Senior Fitness will be continuing on Tuesdays with Geoffrey @10am and Tae Kwon Do will continue on Thursdays @5:30pm. Geoffrey has some new programs he is working on so stay tuned. Chair Yoga and Family Yoga will be taking a summer break and returning in September with some wonderful new classes for all kinds of skill and intensity levels. We are so pleased with Anna DiPilla our local yogi! Line Dancing class will start in September!! I will post updates on dates and times as September gets closer.

We are very excited to be in the planning stages of our Enfield Youth Entrepreneurs Program! I am hoping for a late summer start, but I am putting in some flexibility for participants. This program will be offered for High School to College age Enfield residents 1 to 2 days a week. In this program participants will learn skills for marketing their small business ideas, how to get your product out there, how to make your brand logo and business cards, and anything else they may need help with like budgeting for supplies, keeping inventory, attracting investors, etc. I am hoping some of our business minded residents will want to come by and share their knowledge and stories of inspiration with us. Please, please if you want to take part in this program get in touch, with the help of the community we can really make this a fantastic program for our Enfield Youth and make some dreams come true!

The Enfield Community Council has lots of programs and activities happening, check out the Website enfieldcommunitycouncil.com and our Facebook Page too.

Enjoy your summer!
Colleen

Summer Library—Yay!

Playground & Library Night at the Community Center

Monday nights in August at the Enfield Community Center, 162 Enfield Main Road. The library is open 5:30-7:30 and Playground Night is 6-7 Wednesday

Bookmobile from July 5th to August 23rd

Summer Camp at the Enfield Community Center, 162 Enfield Main Road from 11-11:30

Enfield Community Library

Tuesday & Thursday 3:30-6:30 * Saturday 9:00 to Noon * Sunday 1-4 Enfield Community Center, 162 Enfield Main Road

Tompkins County Public Library

Monday-Saturday the library is open to check out books, movies, and music. Check out www.tcpl.org for Summer Programs, including story hour, reading challenges, and special guests

Any Time, Any Place

Ebooks and audiobooks available from the Enfield Clibrary on the sora app From the public library on the libby app

Enfield Community Center WISH LIST

If you can fulfill any of these wishes please contact Cms326@gmail.com

- Electric fireplace, in good repair
- Can opener, electric or manual
- Four slice toaster
- Bus bins (the ones restaurants use for dirty dishes)
- Clean white table clothes to fit 5' round tables and 6' rectangular tables
- Help plan and build a pizza oven or fireplace for the pavilion
- Carpenter to hang an interior door
- Carpenter to replace bathroom countertops

Save Some Trees, Save ECC some Money

You can view this newsletter in full, fabulous color on our website, enfieldcommunitycouncil.com and/or by getting it by e-mail!

I know a lot of folks prefer to have a paper copy and that's absolutely fine, but if it really doesn't matter, how about saving us some money and a few trees!

We'll send you an attachment as soon as we go to print, so you'll have it before anyone else! Email the newsletter editor, dltteeter58@gmail.com.

Easy Ways to Support ECC

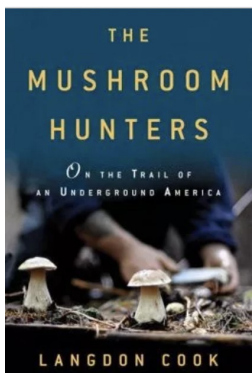
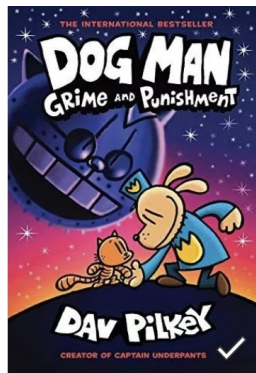
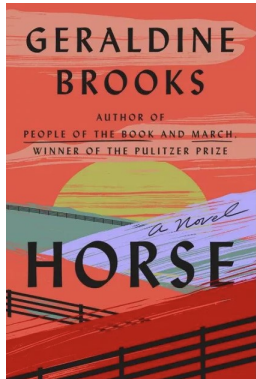
- **IthaCan:** Return your 5 cent cans to IthaCan Bottle Return, 614 Elmira Rd, Ithaca, NY during their normal business hours (M-F 9am-6pm, Sat from 9am-4pm) and say you want the return money to go to the Enfield Community Council. They will save the money for us and we will pick it up from them every 3 months. They pay 6 cents every day for your cans. They told me recently that they were going to reinstitute their 7th day (Sunday) which they have about once a month. Watch for its return on their Facebook page. Vera, thanks so much for the 1,000 cans!
- **Volunteer:** for a one-time event or reoccurring activity—or join a committee! Contact Colleen, cms326@gmail.com and share your availability and interests.

Enfield Community Council Programs

Enfield Community Library

We were happy to add over 100 books to our library, fiction and nonfiction, for adults and children, thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Library. Come check them out! Our regular hours are Sunday 1-4 PM, Tuesday and Thursday 3:30-6:30 PM, and Saturday 9 AM-Noon. In August we'll also be open all four Monday evenings from 5:30 to 7:30 for Playground Night (Playground Night itself is from 6:00 to 7:00 PM those nights)!

Many thanks to the volunteers who have stepped up to staff our library, and to the Enfielders who have visited and borrowed books. Read—the dinosaurs never read books, and look what happened to them!



Enfield 2023 Raffle Quilt

This year's queen-size quilt is a real beauty (as usual), in various blues with purple, pink and yellow highlights. Many thanks to Linda VanNederynen of Quilters Corners for donating the beautiful fabric needed. A full-size quilt is currently on display at Quilters Corners if you'd like a closer look!

As our quilting volunteers have dwindled, we were very lucky to make an arrangement with members of the Tompkins County Quilters Guild. The Community Center has storage space for the items they use for their bi-annual open house, and in return Guild members agreed to make the squares for our quilt top! The quilt is finished except for the binding, and we've already been showing it and selling tickets!



Tickets are \$2 each or five tickets for \$10, and you can contact Debbie Teeter, 280-1495/DLTeeter58@gmail.com, or Ann Rider, 227-1891/daylilyann10@yahoo.com anytime for tickets!

Financial Education at the Community Center

Megan Ward, a Financial Specialist from Alternatives Federal Credit Union, provides information for navigating the financial world every other Thursday at the Enfield Community Center. If you have questions about managing your money, paying your debts, dealing with collections, etc., please come talk. Megan will be available every other week, dates and times to be announced. Questions? Email Megan at mward@alternatives.org. Walk-ins welcome!

Come talk to Megan. Don't let your credit score or old bad credit keep you from realizing your financial dreams. Meet with Megan. All information is held in the strictest confidence.

Alternatives is the only financial institution in Tompkins County certified by the U.S. Treasury as a [Community Development Financial Institution \(CDFI\)](#). CDFIs exist to serve low and moderate income families and those who have been historically marginalized by the mainstream financial industry.



Community Council Café Saturday

The Saturday morning Community Café continues! We offer fresh baked goods, juice, fruit, yogurt parfait, coffee and tea. You can bring a newspaper, magazine, a friend or partner, a book to read or browse through our Library. Visit with friends, meet new neighbors or neighbors you have never had the opportunity to chat with. Discuss Enfield happenings or informally brainstorm other fun, educational, inclusive community events/classes/programs.

The Cafe environment is friendly, respectful, and comfortable. You can toast your own bagel and wash your own dishes or leave it to us to take care of you for several moments of your day.

The Cafe Saturdays will be July 15, August 12 and September 12. August 12 will be a special full breakfast from 9 am to 12 pm; all other cafes end are 9 am to 11 am.

Questions? Want to donate baked goods for Cafe days or want to co-host... contact Vera 273-1413 or howestraityv@gmail.com See you on Cafe Saturdays at the Enfield Community Center, 162 Enfield Main Road.

Enfield Valley Grange #295

Carol Baker, President

Our community Easter Egg hunt was very successful; as well as our community yard sale, both of which were of no charge to the public. We wish to thank everyone for your participation. Here are our upcoming events:

- Friday, July 21st, we are planning a Chicken barbeque from 4-7 pm. The dinner will include barbeque chicken, salt potatoes, baked beans, sweet corn, cole slaw and desert.
- We are planning on hosting some dances again. Watch for more information. Everyone has a wonderful time!
- In August we are planning a picnic for our members and volunteers. Watch your mail for more information. We would like to show our deep appreciation for all you have done to help us.
- We are planning on hosting a local 4-H club during after school hours beginning September 2023. We are considering starting with a cooking class. Contact Sandra Trutt at 607-273-4884 for more details.
- Our Annual Holiday Craft Show is scheduled for Saturday, October 21 st from 9:00am to 3:00pm. We are now accepting applications for vendors. If you are interested in being a vendor, please feel free to contact Carol at 607-272-2144.
- Along with the craft show we are hosting the Lourdes Mobile Mammography. This is free to men/women over 40, and the results will be sent directly to your medical provider. Walk on's are welcome, please bring a photo I.D. and an insurance card if you have one.
- We would like to host a meet the candidate night before November's Election. We are planning on Saturday, October 14 th at 7:00pm at the grange hall. Hope you can attend.
- We are planning our Annual Election Night dinner on Tuesday November 7 th from 4:30pm on. Stop into the grange after voting to fellowship with your neighbors and enjoy a good meal!

Our grange meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at 7:00pm. We are always looking for new members and volunteers that are interested in helping to serve the community.

Our building is always open for rentals with reasonable pricing. If you or anyone you know is looking for a place to hold events such as showers, birthday parties, wedding receptions, reunions, memorials etc., the grange hall is an excellent place to host any such event. If you need help with food preparation or serving, please let us know, we'd be glad to help with that also. Please contact Sandra Trutt at 607-273-4884 if you're interested.

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Story Walks Move to Enfield Community Center!

Welcome Story Walk to the Enfield Community Center! The Story Walks program, a partnership project of the Family Reading Partnership and area parks and municipalities, takes high quality children's books and transforms them into an interactive outdoor experience that both children and adults can enjoy together. Book pages are laminated and mounted on posts, which are installed along a path at an outdoor location. Stories that are well suited to being read in this dynamic way are selected in consultation with our early childhood specialist, and rotated out throughout the year, or for different seasons. Caregivers walk along the path with their little ones and read each page as they come to it.

The current Story Walk starts in front of the playground at the Community Center and is a great way to explore the Center grounds, then enjoy some family time on the playground!

2023 Harvest Festival!

This year's Harvest Festival will be Saturday, September 23 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Enfield Community Center, 162 Enfield Main Road. Stop by and let your children enjoy fall-themed games and activities like pumpkin painting, try your hand at corn hole and tell us if you're interested in leagues or tournaments, check out the fantastic array of arts and crafts at the craft fair and get some great information from the community service organizations in attendance, learn about farm animals and meet the people who care for them, get your face painted, bid on some cool items in the Silent Auction, try your luck at the cake wheel, enjoy light snacks from the concessions stand, and chow down on some chicken barbecue while listening to great live music!

If you'd like to participate in the arts and crafts fair, please contact Colleen McKenzie, 342-2822/cms326@gmail.com. For more information and an application. Non-profits and community service organizations welcome!

Ice Cream Socials

Brand new this summer! Join your friends and neighbors for an old fashioned ice cream social at the Community Center. Come after dinner, bring a blanket or lawn chairs and enjoy some live music from your neighbors with your ice cream. Dates and times:

Sunday, July 9th, at 6:30
Sunday, September 10th, at 6:30

Community Yard Sale

Enfield Community Council is once again coordinating a community-wide yard sale on Saturday, August 12th. Contact Ann Rider/ daylilyann10@yahoo.com for a form to complete for our use to create a map of sales that day and for publicity.

You can also reserve a space at the Community Center for a "trunk sale" if you have a smaller amount of items for sale—again, contact Ann.

Town of Enfield History
Town Historian, Sue Thompson, historian@townofenfield.org

I was recently asked about the history of a home on Aiken Road. After researching the home I discovered, I think, the answer to the home owners question. I read the book, "Stories From My Life With the Other Animals" by James McConkey to discover some interesting facts and stories about the home and the surrounding area. James "Jim" talked about the building of the home back in 1831. Half mile down the dirt road from the home was a sawmill, located on the 1853 map of Enfield. He wrote about the possibility of logs taken to this saw mill and transformed in to planks and joists and siding for the house. The house was built by a carpenter, according to the information passed on to each new owner by the last one, for fifty dollars and all the hard cider he could drink, and its assorted barns, the wood for which had come from the white pines which had been cleared for the farmers crop lands and pastures. The question to answer was who the judge was that occupied the "judges chambers" a name given to a part of the home. Thomas Kelsey was the first owner of the home. The farm area was approximately 173 acres. Thomas died in 1885 leaving his wife Clarissa d. 1890, daughters Susan d. 1900 and Sarah d. 1890 living in the house during the time of 1886 – 1897. Frank Aiken, husband of Mary Kelsey Aiken, daughter of Thomas Kelsey, was Justice of Peace of Enfield from 1886 to 1896 and Enfield Town Supervisor 1896 – 1897. At that time in history town officials worked out of private homes. We will guess that maybe the home had an extra room for Frank to use as an office, Frank and Mary lived in a home down the road from the Thomas Kelsey home. Researching the deeds for the property was a little confusing. I also found more information regarding Thomas Kelsey in the Journal of Adaline Cleveland Hoser (Tompkins County Library Site) about horses and poisoning.

So, do you know who lived in your home and what what happen there? If you visit the towns web site www.townofenfield.org – For Residents – Archived Documents – Historian Documents – House History Group, you can find documents to help you discover more about your home in the Town of Enfield.

Enfield Food Distribution

Jean Owens Director/CEO

jowens11@aol.com/607-273-5682/830 Enfield Falls Rd, Newfield, NY 14867

The Enfield Food Pantry is a ministry of the First Baptist Church of Enfield Center. Food security in our community has been a mission of the Church for more than 200 years. We are the largest food pantry in New York State's Southern Tier region. The Pantry is one of the charter member agencies of the Food Bank of the Southern Tier.

IF YOU NEED FOOD: You may come to the pantry one time a week, either on Saturday, Sunday or Monday. If you need food, please know that you will be welcomed at our pantry. We are here to help.

Every Saturday HOURS 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Every Sunday HOURS 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Every Monday HOURS 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Meeting people where they are and providing access to nutritious food is the primary objective of the Enfield Food Distribution. Over the last 45 years, the Enfield Food Distribution has served as a beacon of hope in combating food insecurity and providing education on nutrition within Enfield, New York. In 1985, The First Baptist Church of Enfield Center began to see an increase in the need for their emergency food distribution program, resulting in the church adjusting and beginning to serve up to 80 families regularly.

In 1990, the EFDC moved its operations out of the church and shifted food distribution to the Enfield Community Building (the former Enfield Firehouse) as the need for adequate and nutritious options for food continued to grow. Today, with the rise of inflation, the pantry has seen a significant increase in need (approximated at 350%) and now serves 45,000 pounds of food to nearly 600 families per week. Without the support from the Town of Enfield, partnership with the Food Bank of the Southern Tier, and help from the 40 motivated and selfless volunteers, the EFD wouldn't be able to operate at the capacity it does today.

As we move this project forward, we keep front and center the ultimate focus which is to fulfill our mission to build a hunger-free community while addressing the advancement of Food Security through Empowerment.



Red Cross Blood Drive
At the Enfield Volunteer Fire Company

Red Cross Blood Drive: The 3rd Tuesday of every other month (the odd months: January, March, May, July, September, November) 1:30 until 6:30 PM., walk-ins are welcome or call the American Red Cross at 607-273-1900 for an appointment.

Enfield Volunteer Fire Company Inc.

75th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, September 9th, 1 to 4 pm

172 Enfield Main Road

Stop by and celebrate with your friends and neighbors, the members of the Fire Company! There will be tours of the Fire Station, guest speakers, raffles and door prizes, lots of great pictures to check out, and great food!

There's always room for more members, so if you've ever thought about joining the Fire Company, this will be a great opportunity to talk to members and learn a lot!

Know Your Neighbor: Rhoda Linton, Ahead of her time

Written by Karen Friedeborn



Rhoda Linton, now 86, has lived in Enfield for about 50 of those years. She grew up on Enfield Center Road with her parents, and two older brothers, Jimmy (James) and Oppie (Robert). Her older sister, Mary, spent most of her 70 years in State-run mental health hospitals and homes around the central New York area. Rhoda went to Enfield School (District 6), a two-room schoolhouse at the crossroads in Enfield Center, from first to eighth grade. Both of her parents upon graduation from high school, had intentions of furthering their education—her mother, Nina, completed a Normal College program in teaching in Norwich in 1928 and her father, Roy, went to Syracuse University for one semester hoping to eventually become a lawyer. However, with the crash of the stock market in 1929, followed by the depression of the 30's, their dreams were only partially realized as they worked on farms and raised a family for the following years. Her mother, Nina Linton, finally restarted her college education in 1950 while teaching first in the one room school at Van Dorns Corners and moving to the new school in Enfield in 1958—Nina taught most of the older generation in Enfield to read and write as they passed through the first grade.

In 1950 when Rhoda entered Ithaca High School, like most kids from Enfield, she was tracked into non-academic classes, for example, Home Economics and Business for the girls and Ag, Wood Shop, Automotive Mechanics for the boys. Moving from 8 years in the two-room school in Enfield, where there were about 7 kids in her class, to Ithaca High School where she knew no one, was a shock, but it offered many new ways to learn. To fit in, she describes herself as a “social climber”. Not many of Rhoda’s friends she grew up with were thinking about college, nor was she until she made friends with the college professors’ kids and got involved with city-based extra-curricular activities. She recalls a meeting with the principal during her senior year that co-chairs of extracurricular committees were invited to attend. The principal assumed that these student leaders were going to college and asked each to say where they had applied. When Rhoda said she didn’t have the language, science, or math classes she needed for college admission, the principal nonchalantly said she should apply anyway—and passed on to the next student. Being a star business student, Rhoda worked in the Guidance Office organizing college catalogues, yet none of the counselors had asked if she planned to go to college. Thinking about the principal’s casual suggestion to apply to college, one college’s catalog, with a plaid strip across the front caught her eye—the College of Wooster in Wooster, Ohio. She applied and was very surprised to be accepted—with the condition that she would have to take Biology and Geometry at the local High School during her freshman year. She was already taking two years of Spanish in her senior year. Even though her parents supported the idea of her going to college—her father saying that she would have something that could never be taken away--no one at the high school offered help applying to college. She had to do it herself and create her own path, which was to become a theme in her life. Although she didn’t know it, Rhoda was a trail blazer for rural kids in high school and often found herself ahead of her time.

She graduated from Ithaca High School in 1954 and attended Wooster College in the Fall, thinking she would be a Spanish or History major. She was assigned a new young and handsome Psychology professor as an advisor, and he just waived the high school classes needed. She didn’t know that could be done! In her Junior year, Rhoda wanted to experience a year abroad and went to New College at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland; this was a graduate program where she became friends with divinity students who were radical activists. She began to learn about herself and to see the U.S from a new perspective. When Rhoda went back to Wooster for her senior year, before she would be allowed to graduate, the Dean forced her to transfer all her history courses as religion credits since they were from the Divinity School, and to take a math course (Math for Dummies) to fulfill her 3-year-old entrance requirement. Despite this annoyance, she graduated with a BA degree in Religion in 1958, not knowing what would come next.

Dissatisfied with how life was going in the US, Rhoda again wanted to leave the country. In 1958 she was accepted into a Methodist short term (3 years) missionary social work program in Rangoon, Burma. She comments that if it had been 1960 when the Peace Corps was established, she probably would have gone into that program—again she was ahead of her time. In Rangoon, Burma, she worked as a social worker and high school teacher and learned about how colonialism affects both local people and foreigners. When she returned to the U.S. in 1961, Rhoda worked in a Methodist settlement house in the south side of Chicago for several months. In 1962 she enrolled in graduate school in Syracuse University and learned that she did not want to be a social worker as then defined; she wanted to help poor and disenfranchised people organize themselves to make social change. She joined the Community Action Training Center at Syracuse University where she learned how to organize from renowned organizers Warren Haggstrom, [Fred Ross](#), and Saul Alinsky. She graduated in 1966 from Syracuse University School of Social Work with an MSW in Social Action. For the next few years, Rhoda did neighborhood and welfare rights organizing in Brooklyn, NY, served as Associate Field Director for the National Welfare Rights Organization in Washington, DC, and consulted for Regional Action programs. Her work took her to many cities across the US to assist poor people in learning to organize to gain their rights.

In 1972, Rhoda wanted to adopt a child and decided to come home for support to do that. She bought 20 acres from Oppie on Porter Hill Road in Enfield. Some organizer friends from NYC, Gary Delgado, and Marcia Henry, transported a geodesic dome kit from New Jersey for her, which she built with many women friends, and where she lives to this day (still working on it...). She went back to school in 1981 and earned her PhD from Cornell University, majoring in Research Methods and Women’s Studies. Since that time, she has used her training to do *[continued on next page]*

Help us Develop Programs for Your Children and Family!

Household Adult(s) Names _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

School District _____ What barriers prevent participation? _____

Number of children in household _____ Their ages _____

What Interests your children? _____

What would you like your children to experience? _____

Please remit to: ECC, 162 Enfield Main Road, Ithaca NY 14850—OR—email responses to DLTeeter58@gmail.com

Quilt of Valor Recipient: Enfield's Own Pamela Whittaker

Congratulations to our friend and neighbor Pam Whittaker on this prestigious award from the Quilts of Valor Foundation, which honors service men and women and veterans from all branches of the military. There is a nomination process; more information can be found at QOVF.org. The certificate accompanying the quilt reads:

On Behalf Of the Quilts of Valor Foundation
In Recognition of Your Service and Sacrifice for This Nation
It is a Privilege to Serve Honor and Comfort upon You
Through The Award of This Quilt of Valor.

Though We May Never Know the Depth of Your Sacrifice to Protect and Defend
The United States of America,
As a Gesture of Gratitude from a Grateful Nation
We Award You This Quilt of Valor.



[continued from previous page] consultation and leadership development for a variety of progressive organizations while teaching at the college level. For 15 years she served on the core faculty of the Graduate School of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, Union Institute & University in Cincinnati, OH working with individuals earning PhD degrees. After retiring in 2003, Rhoda re-connected with work in Rangoon, Burma, spending the next 5 years working a few months a year as a community organizer/program evaluator/planner for a local Non-Governmental Organization called Metta Development Foundation. From 2008 until the military coup in 2021, Rhoda worked with women in Myanmar/Burma on Sexuality and Self Defense training (Whistle for Help is a film about this work—on YouTube). Here is a tribute to that project in Burma. <https://chieforganizer.org/2015/09/11/whistle-help-in-myanmar-and-beyond/> Her work has been varied and impactful from serving as the Line Producer for the internationally known Black Feminist music group, *Sweet Honey in the Rock*, to working for a Women in Prison Project in East Harlem, New York City.

Rhoda also applied her skills right here in Enfield after returning in 1972. She became a co-founder of the Enfield Community Council as well as co-organizer of the Rural Teen Women Project. She also represented Enfield on the Tompkins County Youth Board for several years. She took a documentary film class at Cornell where she and her student friends, Colin Crilley and Maggie Prendergast, made a film called *Born and Bred in Enfield* (2011, on YouTube, with Dennis Montgomery and the 505 Blues Band) The film is about five Enfield men (Jeff Juber, Robbie Linton, Doug Rumsey, Rodger Linton and Steve VanNederynen) talking about their lives. Over the past 8 years Rhoda has been a member of the Dorothy Cotton Jubilee Singers in Ithaca. She currently fosters kittens for the Tompkins County SPCA as a contribution to the community.

It is impossible to accurately relate the huge impact Rhoda has had, especially on women and youth in different parts of the world, through her professional and volunteer organizing, writing, film making and teaching. I hope Rhoda Linton's story can serve as inspiration for young Enfield girls and women who aspire to step out beyond what is expected of them and who are eager to blaze their own path.

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It's a Summer of Fun at the Community Center!

Regularly Scheduled Community Meetings & Activities

Enfield Community Council (ECC): 4th Thursday, 6:30-8:00 pm at the Community Building

Enfield Community Library: Sundays 1:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., and Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Check with our Facebook page for Saturday Story Times.

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

Ping Pong at the Grange: every Sunday, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Food Pantry: Saturdays & Sundays, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Mondays 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., downstairs of the Enfield Court House

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

Enfield Volunteer Fire Company: 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Thursdays, member training, 7:00 p.m. Community members interested in joining welcome

Calendar of Community Events

Summer Classes & Activities at the Community Center

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- Thursdays, Family Tae Kwon Do, 5:30 pm (pg 2)
- Mondays in August, Playground & Library Night (pg 2)

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