Enfield Community Currents

2026

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4th Thursday 5:15 PM at the Enfield Community Center

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Youth Fall Programming Opportunities

This fall, Enfield Rural Youth Services is excited to be back and is offering programs at the Enfield Community Center. From cooking basics to outdoor adventures, there's something for elementary and middle schoolers alike. Check out the full program descriptions here: bit.ly/rysenfield

- Introduction to Cooking Grades 6–8): Mondays 9/28 to 11/23 -- 3:30pm-6:00pm
- Outdoor Explorers (Grades 4–5): Tuesdays 9/22 to11/3 -- 2:00pm-5:00pm
- Outdoor Explorers (Grades 6–8): Wednesdays 9/23 to 11/4 -- 3:30pm-6:00pm
- Introduction to Cooking (Grades 4–5): Thursdays 9/24 to 11/5 -- 2:00pm-5:00pm
- Teen Night (Grades 6+): October 23rd, 6:00pm-8:00pm
- Additionally, we are seeking firewood donations for programs! Please reach out to Spencer Van Epps, the program manager at 607-288-2989, or at sve4@cornell.edu, to connect!

Notice from Enfield Food Distribution

We don't close for Holidays. Many of our of holidays now fall on Mondays. We are open Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays.
There is one exception. When Christmas Day lands on a regular distribution day, we announce well in advance that we will be closed on Christmas Day and Christmas Day only.

On Christmas Day, our Christmas dinner was about ready and the family was getting ready to gather at the table. I announced to the family that I was going by the pantry to make sure no one was in need of food. I figured I'd be back in 5 minutes tops.
When I got to the pantry, 12 families were waiting in hopes of getting food. I quickly opened up the pantry and began serving. One woman told me how grateful she was that I had gotten there to open up. She said when she left the house that morning, her son asked what they were having for Christmas dinner. She said she would let him know when she got back from the pantry.

We don't close for holidays.

Last year we provided food for almost 900 families for their Thanksgiving dinner. We are trying to prepare for 1,000 this year. We can provide dinner for a family of four for around $35 with careful shopping. If you are able and feel called to help, donations (checks can be made out to Enfield Food Distribution) can be mailed to :

Enfield Food Distribution c/o Jean Owens 830 Enfield Main Rd.
Newfield, NY 14867

Thank you.

Enfield Valley Grange Fall Offerings

Welcome Fall and the events Fall offers at the Enfield Valley Grange.

Come to our Fall Old Time Square Dance. The Enfield Valley Grange is looking forward to hosting "The June Bugs" on Friday, October 2nd at 6:30pm. Nancy Spero will be calling the squares. Everyone is welcome. All dances are taught. No experience or partner needed. Beginners welcome. Come to dance or to party to the great tunes. A suggested donation of $5-$15 will be accepted at the door. Refreshments will be available.

On Saturday, October 3rd, we will be hosting our Annual Fall Craft Fair. Our hours will be from 11:00am to 3:00pm. We will be hosting many local artisans featuring an array of talent. Handmade items such as knitted items, crocheted items, blankets, toys, wood burned items, Christmas ornaments, table runners, homemade jams, jellies, baked goods,
produce and much more. We will have a Historian Corner; with our Historian, Sue Thompson. There will be a Town of Enfield Historical Quilt Raffle. Lunch will be available.
Everyone is welcome.

On Tuesday, November 3rd from 4:00pm on we will host our Annual Election Night Dinner
featuring Traditional or Vegetarian Spaghetti with homemade meatballs, tossed salad, garlic bread and cupcake. The cost will be $10.00 per person.

Our grange meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at 2:30pm. We welcome
anyone interested in helping the community.

Our building is available for rentals at a reasonable price. If you or anyone you know is looking for a place to hold events; such as parties, showers, receptions, reunions, etc. the grange is an excellent place. Please contact Carol Baker at 607-272-2144 if you're interested.

Submitted by Carol Baker
Enfield Valley Grange

Update from County Legislator Rachel Ostlund:

Budget season is upon us, and I would like to hear from you! I welcome and encourage direct feedback about the budget—please let me know what County services are most important to you, and what you want to see prioritized in the Tompkins County budget.

The recommended budget includes an 11.96% increase over the adopted levy from 2026, however, please know that this is our starting point and is not the final budget. The increase in the proposed tax levy is not the result of adding programs or increasing services; in truth, the maintenance of effort budget that would have allowed us to maintain services at current 2026 levels would have required a nearly 18% tax levy increase. If implemented, an 11.96% increase would result in an additional $167 to the County's portion of the tax bill for a median priced home (valued at $290,000).

This proposed increase is significant and would result in additional hardship for many residents, which is why I hope to gather feedback from residents about what services they value and hope we prioritize in the budget. The recommended budget has already required large cuts across departments, and we will continue to balance finding further cuts while still maintaining essential services.

In addition to emailing me directly to give feedback on the budget, there will be a Budget Forum from 5:00 to 7:00 pm on Thursday, October 1, and a public hearing on the budget at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, October 27. Both are for the public to attend and will be held in the Legislative Chambers.

If you have any questions, comments, concerns or need help accessing County services, please reach out to me at rostlund@tompkins-co.org or 607-793-0303 (cell).

Update on Town Sign Law and Billboard Moratorium

We would like to provide an update regarding the ongoing work on the town's sign law. The Planning Board, with input from the Town Board, is currently in the process of drafting new regulations for signage within Enfield.

As a reminder, the temporary billboard moratorium remains in effect while this work continues. This measure allows us the necessary time to carefully develop a policy that reflects the community's character and best interests.

We value your perspective and encourage residents to attend upcoming Planning Board meetings if you would like to provide input on the draft sign law. Your participation helps us ensure the final policy serves the needs of our community.

NOTICE – Continued Closure of Bostwick Rd to through traffic

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Bostwick Rd between South Applegate Rd and NYS 327 will continue to be closed until further notice.

Highway Superintendent Buddy Rollins can be reached at 607-272-6490.

The Town has been working with the Tompkins County Soil & Water Conservation District on the Bostwick Road Stream Stabilization Project. This project has been made possible by the awarding of an NYSDEC WQIP grant. Part of the project entails replacing the culvert on Bostwick Rd. While completing the project, Bostwick Rd will need to be closed for a period of time to through traffic. The closure will start at 1110 Bostwick Rd and end at Bostwick Run.

Enfield Town Historian Submission

Sue Thompson, Enfield Town Historian

Note: You may find files for the Bagley, Stoughton, and Bock information on: www.townofenfield.gov – For Residents – Archived Documents-Laserfiche repository-historian.

I recently received an interesting "sign" from Maureen Bolton, a resident here in Enfield. It was an old wooden sign that had been stored in the "old Wilkin Barn" on Enfield Main Road. The name E.S. Bagley is painted on the sign, apparently over an earlier sign that we have been unable to read. However, we were able to determine who E.S. Bagley was. The home where the sign was found was once owned by Edwin Smith Bagley, who was born in Enfield in 1861. His parents were William D. and Phoebe Ann Chase Bagley, and he was one of 16 children in the family. The Bagleys lived on a farm in Enfield, which is shown on the 1866 Enfield Map as being located on Enfield Center Road.

In 1897, Edwin married Sarah J. Cornell. In November 1903, Edwin and Sarah purchased the "Curry Farm" at Applegate Corners. They remained there until January 1924, when they sold the farm and moved to Enfield Main Road. Sarah died in September 1925, followed by Edwin in April 1926.
After Edwin's death, the home was left to his brother, Zalmon Frank Bagley, who died in 1930. The property then passed to another brother, Ezra Bagley, who eventually sold it to Claude Wilkin.

One question remains: why did Edwin Smith Bagley have a sign? I found no evidence that Edwin operated a business that would have required one. I did discover that from 1909 to 1915, he was listed as being responsible for maintaining a water trough for the Town of Enfield, although it is unclear whether this had any connection to the sign. Interestingly, Edwin's father, William D. Bagley, was a lawyer and counselor who conducted business with the Town of Enfield during the 1860s and 1870s. Could the sign have originally belonged to William D. Bagley and later been repainted with Edwin's name? Or did Edwin have some business or occupation that has yet to be uncovered? For now, the old wooden sign remains an intriguing piece of Enfield history—and perhaps there is still more to its story waiting to be discovered.

A large collection of photo albums, individual photographs, and genealogical records belonging to the Bock, Harvey, and Gray families was also recently donated by the Bock family of Enfield. The albums originally belonged to Sarah Jane Harvey Gray (1855–1938). Her daughter, Martha Gray Bock, taught at the Woodard Schoolhouse, District 7, on Woodard Road in Enfield, from approximately 1930 until the school closed in 1957.

One of the albums is particularly special. It was given to Sarah Jane by her mother, Martha Rumsey Harvey, as an 18th-birthday gift in 1873. Another album, dated 1883, contains photographs of family members and friends.
A picture of the Clarence Stoughton farm located on Hayts Road (863) was donated by Norman Smith. The picture is dated 1953. The farm was bought by Clarence Stoughton in 1928 from Elizabeth Wallenbeck.

Enfield Community Library News

Toddler Story Time will be coming soon! Wednesday, Thursday or Friday mornings seem most likely now—we hope to find a time that works for young children and the people who care for them. Interested in helping plan Story Time? Does your stuffed animal have a favorite book? Please contact us at Enfield.Community.Library@gmail.com, or text 607 279-5380.

The Enfield Community Library, right in the Enfield Community Center at 162 Enfield Main Road, is small, but our shelves are bursting with adult fiction, mysteries and thrillers, science fiction, adult graphic novels, children's chapter books, children's graphic fiction (Dogman is a favorite!), picture books, board books for toddlers, young adult books, biographies, nonfiction, how-to books, and nature guides for all ages,

We are grateful to the Friends of the Tompkins County Public Library for donating hundreds of books—we get to go to the sale and pick them!—and to the Tompkins County Public Library for rotating 6-month loans—we have about 80 books from the downtown library at a time. Please send us suggestions for books we should look out for!

Our library is open:

*Saturday 9 AM to noon
*Sunday 1 PM to 4 PM
*Tuesday and Thursday 3:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Enfield.Community.Library@gmail.com
Or text 607 279-5380

We'd love to see you, and send you home with books!

Sure, the Pigeon wants to drive the bus—our animals want to drive the tractor!

Enfield Town Resident Submission- Allis Chalmers C by Robert Lovelace, *formerly of Breezy Corners Farms, Enfield*

This tractor was purchased by my grandfather, (Ralph Andrew Lovelace Sr.) with steel wheels in 1943. It came that way because of the rationing of rubber (among other things) during WW II. His ability to get this tractor was through a lottery system. Shortages were handled in each state by individual counties. New farm machinery was included in this rationing system. Claude Wickard, the Agriculture Secretary, set up this system in 1942 which continued for two years.

Depending on what a county had, a rationing committee or war production board, the vicinity reviewed applications and decided by drawing names from a pool of candidates, allowing them to purchase said machinery or tractors. Because so many manufacturers had cut down their agriculture production, or gone to only military manufacture, 1943 has been seen to be the most restrictive environment for agricultural production in the WW II era in the United States. Farmers applied for equipment, and hoped their name would be chosen. Sam Moore cites an April 1943 Farm Implement News article that states, "The greatest obstacle to the production of more (farm) equipment is the inability of the manufacturers to obtain the raw materials required to fabricate machinery." This was the truth even though this type of machinery was given an "AA-1 priority rating." The War Production Board of the time set limitations: 1942 quotas were set to only 20% of farm equipment manufacturers based on 1940 or 1941 sales, the decider going to the highest production year. In 1943 such quotas of production were based on 80% of previous sales, supply dictated output, not demand of the nation's farmers longing for new tractors and implements.

My family has a photograph taken of Ralph Sr. driving the Allis C, with mostly bald tires, and Ralph Jr. standing on the side of the equipment on a platform, bagging the seed coming out of the Allis Chalmers combine. Given that Ralph Jr was born in 1933, the undated photograph may be from the mid to late 1940s when Ralph Jr. would have been 12 to 17 years of age. This one plow tractor was used with a short sickle bar mower that was 6 feet long if my recollection is accurate, it was a side mounted mower. I remember Ralph Sr and my father, Ralph Jr using this tractor to mow areas that had difficult access problems. It was also a great tool to use the windrower, turning over hay for baling, with the Allis Chalmers Roto Baler to capture the harvest. I recall being sat on this tractor to do some raking. It was an introduction to spatial relationships as I attempted to combine two windrows of hay into one that the baler could handle. As I recall, my mother was allowed to farm hands-on only once. She wanted to work alongside my father, but Ralph Jr. did not share that interest in the late 1950s and 1960s.

Town of Enfield-

Save the Date!

We are excited to announce that on Saturday, October 17th there will be a special celebration and dedication of our beloved new statue in Enfield.

Come out at 10am to hear from the artists who conceptualized and created this addition to our town landscape.

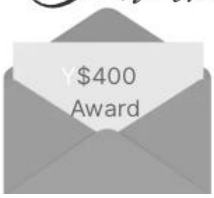
There will be live music and the opportunity to get a glimpse at what the future of the park and playground could look like very soon and learn how you can get involved!

For more information, please contact Terry Bloom at deputysupervisor@townofenfieldny.gov

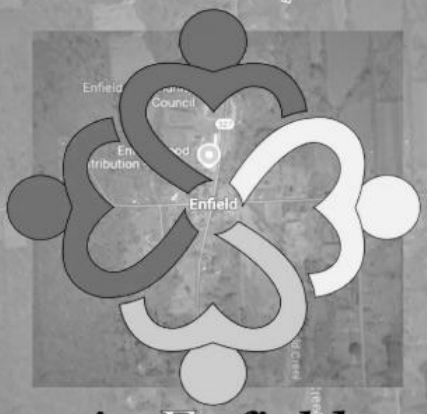
Know a deserving Enfield teen?

Martha Louise Smith Community Service Award

A Little Something



Anti Racists in Enfield



Who We ARE

Antiracists in Enfield (**ARE**) is a council of residents and community leaders who work with intention to dismantle racism in its many forms. We work to make Enfield a welcoming community for all people regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, ability, and income. We engage in and propose initiatives that foster racial justice and counter white supremacy and privilege.

antiracistsinenfield@gmail.com

How to Apply?

Are you or do you know someone interested in applying? You can apply for yourself or you can apply on behalf of someone you know.

Write an essay or letter explaining how you or the nominee fit the selection criteria. Be sure to highlight any specific contributions you or your nominee have made and how they impacted the community. If you are nominating someone other than yourself please let the nominee know.

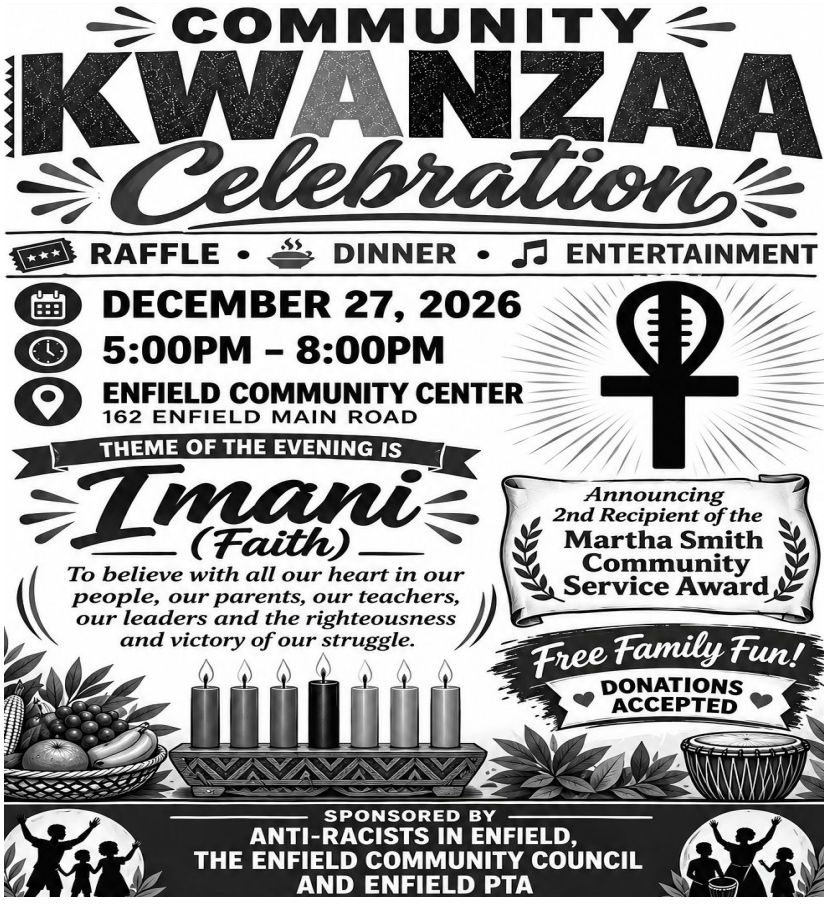
Submit the letter or essay as an attachment to an email to: antiracistsinenfield@gmail.com

Be available in case additional information or an interview is required.

Attend the AntiRacists in Enfield Kwanzaa Celebration in December for the announcement of the award winner.

Application Deadline

November 30



Available Community Resources:

For resources right away, dial 2-1-1. A local person will listen to your needs and get you connection and information.

Catholic Charities (607) 272-5062
Cayuga Medical Center (607) 274-4011
Dept. of Social Services (607)274-5689
Suicide and Crisis Hotline 988
LAW NY Legal Aid (607) 273-3667
Mental Health Clinic (607) 274-6200
Pregnancy & Parenting (607) 274-6604
St. Johns Shelter (607) 354-8990
Salvation Army (607) 273-1616
TCAT Bus Service (607) 277-7433
Community Action (607) 273-8816
Women, Infants, and Children (607) 274-6630
Housing Authority (607) 273-8629
Tenants Union (607) 277-4080
TC Assigned Counsel (607) 272-7487
REACH Medical (607) 273-7000

Town of Enfield Contact List

Enfield Town Board

townofenfieldny.gov
Meetings are held in the
Enfield Town Courthouse, 182 Enfield Main Road, upstairs
2nd Wednesday, 6:30 PM

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Jude Lemke jude-lemke@townofenfield.gov
Cassandra Hinkle chinkle@townofenfield.gov

Planning Board
Meetings are held in the
Community Building, 182 Enfield Main Road, upstairs
1st Wednesday, 7 PM
Dan Walker **Chair**
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Ann Chaffee
Michael Carpenter
Henry Hansteen
Rich Teeter

Town Offices

Town Clerk 607-273-8256
168 Enfield Main Road
Mary Cornell Town Clerk townclerk@townofenfield.gov
Pat Baker Deputy Town Clerk
deputytownclerk@townofenfield.gov
Office Hours: M–Th 11 AM–4 PM
Town Website: TownofEnfield.gov

Highway Department 607-272-6490
475 Enfield Main Road
Barry Rollins Highway Superintendent
highway@townofenfield.gov
Office Hours: M–F: 6 AM–2:30 PM

Town Court 607-272-0529
Town Courthouse, 182 Enfield Main Road, upstairs
Justice Knutsen-King: Tuesday, 5:00 PM

Code Enforcement Office 607-277-0266
Enfield Town Courthouse, 182 Enfield Main Road, upstairs
Alan Teeter Code Enforcement Officer
code-officer@townofenfield.gov
Office Hours: M–Th 8:30–11 AM; Wed. 5–7 PM

Town Historian
162 Enfield Main Road
Sue Thompson historian@townofenfield.gov

Enfield Fire District

enfieldnyfire.org

Board of Fire Commissioners;
(Terms expire at the end of the year noted)

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The 2026 regular meetings are scheduled for the first and third Tuesdays of each month. The meetings are all public and will begin at 6:30 PM at the Enfield Fire Station located at 172 Enfield Main Road. The meeting schedule is subject to change. All legal notices, including notices of changes to the meeting schedule are posted on the public notice board on the front, exterior of the fire station.

2026 Regular Meeting Schedule;
January 6 & 20, February 3 & 17, March 3 & 17, April 7 & 21, May 5 & 19, June 2 & 16, July 7 & 21, August 4 & 18, September 1 & 15, October 6 & 20, November 3 & 17, December 1 & 15

All meetings begin at 6:30 PM at the Enfield Fire Station, 172 Enfield Main Road.

ECC Wishlist

- Various sizes of ski boots
- Volunteers!

Rent Us!

EnfieldCommunityCenter.com/Rentals
See our website for all available options
Contact Debbie at 607-280-1495
dlteeter58@gmail.com, cbailey525@yahoo.com

Kitchen/Small Meeting Room
Under 4 hrs $60 ($50 for Enfield residents)
4–6 hrs $100 ($80 for Enfield residents)
Full day up to 8 hrs $150 ($120 for Enfield residents)

Great Room
Weekend – Fri, Sat, or Sun
Full day Sat $800 ($700 for Enfield residents)
Full day Fri or Sun $700 ($600 for Enfield residents)
Full weekend option available see website

Other events
Under 4 hrs $300 ($250 for Enfield residents)
4–6 hrs $400 ($350 for Enfield residents)
Full day up to 8 hrs $800 ($700 for Enfield residents)

Pavillion
Full day 9 AM – 9 PM $100 per day ($80 for Enfield residents)
Half day 9 AM – 3 PM or 3 PM – 9 PM $60 for half day ($40 for Enfield residents)

Other Regularly Scheduled Events & Business Hours

Senior Citizens
3rd Wednesday 11:30 AM–1:00 PM at the community center. Meeting includes a dish-to-pass luncheon.

Enfield Volunteer Fire Company
2nd, 3rd, and 4th Thursdays member training 7:30 PM. Community members interested in joining welcome.

Enfield Food Pantry
Saturdays & Sundays 9:00 AM–11:00 AM
Mondays 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Director Jean Owens 607-351-0613 or jowens11@aol.com

Enfield Community Library
Tuesdays & Thursdays 3:30 PM–6:30 PM
Saturdays 9:00 PM–noon
Sundays 1:00 PM–4:00 PM
https://cloud.clz.com/enfieldcommunitylibrary/books

Enfield Elementary PTA
EnfieldPTA@gmail.com or text 607-342-3037

Anti Racists in Enfield
1st Saturday of the month from 10 AM–noon at the ECC pavilion in warmer weather and the community center in the colder months. Contact antiracistsinenfield@gmail.com for details

Food Scrap Collection
Saturdays 9:00 AM–11:00 AM small shed behind the town clerk's office.

Enfield Resource Hub—Community Justice Center

Enfield Community Center
162 Enfield Main Road, Ithaca, NY 14850
Open Third Wednesdays of Each Month
12:00–2:00 PM

Resources available through the Community Resource Hubs include:

- **Computers and Internet Access**
  Get online and find information that you need, a printer is available so you can take information home
- **Find Transportation Resources and Schedules to Meet your Needs**
  We'll help you find reliable transportation
- **Get Help Finding and Filling out Forms for Benefits and Services**
  Free assistance to fill out online or paper forms
- **Take Medical Appointments Over the Phone or Internet**
  Free internet, computer and phone access are available

Those looking for more information can contact the Community Justice Center at 607-793-0473 or msmiley@tompkins-co.org.

Shoutouts- Thank You and Appreciation

- **The Enfield community** for donations of time and funds in support
- **Town of Enfield** for financial support
- **Summer Camp staff** for your hard work, dedication and energy
- **Summer Camp families** for sharing your child(ren)/youth
- **Three Sisters Garden** for time, energy put into the garden
- **United Way** for yearly funds support
- **Mindy McGill** for our new vacuum cleaner and can opener
- A "pre" thank you for **all** who **volunteer**/donate/participate at the Harvest Festival
- **Texas Roadhouse** for dinner roll donation to Harvest Festival

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162 Enfield Main Road
Ithaca, NY 14850

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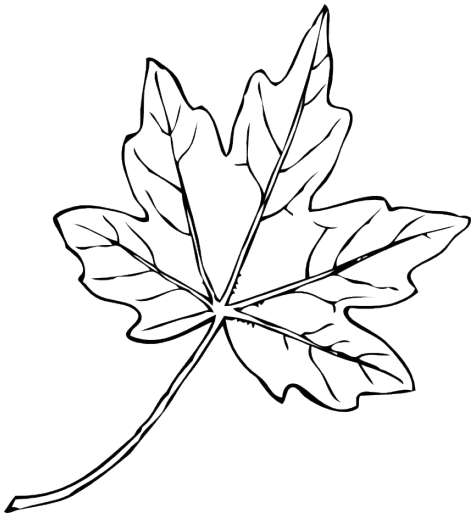
9/19 Harvest Festival
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