



Enfield Community Currents

January to March 2025

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

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Enfield Summer Camp

2025 Summer Camp

July 7th to August 15th
8:00 am–4:30 pm

Location: Enfield Community Center

Fee:
Enfield residents: \$1,050 (all six weeks) or \$220 per week
Non-Residents: \$1450 (all six weeks) or \$275/week.
Fees need to be paid by the first day of camp.

Online and paper applications will be available soon so stay tuned!

Enfield Summer Camp is available to all children ages 4–13. Our camp is open to Enfield residents and non-residents. We strive to be an inclusive environment; promote positive, respectful, interactions and friendships. We lovingly refer to our camp as 'the 6-week family reunion.' Each day the campers have structured activities: Arts, Outdoor Education, STEM, Sports; Free play with board games, playground, outdoor spaces!

For Older Youth There is a Counselor-In-Training (CIT) program for teens 14-15 year olds interested in working with youth and gaining work experience.

Questions contact: **Athena Steinkraus**, RYS Assistant Director, ahs38@cornell.edu

Groundswell Incubator Farm: Apply Today – 7 Spots Left

We're excited to announce that Groundswell is accepting applications for our Incubator Farm – and we have 7 spots open for the upcoming season! It's a great opportunity to start farming in a supportive and sustainable environment, grow your skills, and connect with a fantastic farming community. We're especially focused on supporting historically underserved communities, but all are welcome to apply.

Apply now and join us today!

Deadline: February 15th.

We also provide assistance with filling out the application, so don't hesitate to reach out if you need help!

For more details, check out www.groundswellcenter.org or reach out to Paloma at paloma@groundswellcenter.org.

Please share this opportunity with your network!

For drop-off, I'll plan to come by during the library hours to bring some informational materials.

Submitted by Paloma

Submissions & Contact

eccNewsletter@yahoo.com
[EnfieldCommunity Council.com/Newsletter](https://www.enfieldcommunitycouncil.com/Newsletter)

Due Date for April June 2025 Newsletter: March 17, 2025 EOD

The opinions presented in this newsletter are of those who submit items and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the editor, nor the members of the Enfield Community Council.

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)

Enfield Resource Hub—Community Justice Center

Enfield Community Center
162 Enfield Main Road, Ithaca, NY 14850
Open First and 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

Community members are encouraged to visit the hubs during open hours, appointments are not necessary. Those looking for more information can contact the Community Justice Center at **607-793-0473** or mmsmiley@tompkins-co.org.

Learn How To Sew · Learn How To Mend · Learn To Use Your Sewing Machine Better

Ann Rider will be offering several sewing classes this winter to the community. She will start teaching beginning sewing on Sunday, January 26th starting at 1 PM until 4 PM. We will meet at the Community Building, 162 Enfield Main Rd. You need to be in 5th grade or older to join this class. Boys are excellent sewers. If you have something you would like to make, bring your pattern and material and we will get started. If you don't have a project, you can start with a beginning project, flannel PJ bottoms. Ann will have the pattern and you will bring the cotton flannel fabric (JoAnn's is going out of business and has greatly reduced fabric prices.) If you are under 14, you will need 2-2 ½ yards of fabric. If you are a teen, you will need 3 to 3 ½ yards of fabric. If you are an adult, you will need 4 yards of fabric. You do not need a sewing machine for this class. We have several at the Community Building.

If you would like to mend anything, including replacing a zipper or repairing a pair of jeans, bring the garment with some coordinating fabric and we will make it wearable again.

If you would like to learn more about your own sewing machine, bring it and we will broaden your skills.

Call Ann at **(607) 277-3478** with any questions you may have.

Submitted by Ann Rider

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

Enfield Valley Grange

Welcome to 2025! We wish everyone a very Happy and healthy New Year!

On Friday, January 17th the Enfield Valley Grange will be hosting an Old Time Square Dance Night from 6:30 pm. Live music by The June Bugs with Nancy Spero and Marc Faris calling. All dances taught from scratch, no experience necessary. Everyone is welcome. Bring your friends, no partner needed! \$5-\$15 dollars suggested donation to benefit Enfield Valley Grange.

We look forward to having our pancake breakfast once again. Our first of the season will be Saturday, February 1, 2025 from 7:30 to 10:30 am. Our menu will include pancakes, french toast, sausage, eggs, hash browns, applesauce, orange juice, hot chocolate, tea, and coffee. Next scheduled pancake breakfast will be held; March 1, April 5, and May 3.

We are always looking for new members. We welcome you to join us. If you would like to serve your community, come join us.

Our grange meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at 2:30 pm. We are always looking for new members and volunteers that are interested in helping 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, receptions, reunions 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 George Trutt at **607-273-4884** if you're interested. Decorations are available for special events if needed.

Submitted by Carol Baker

Elementary School Basketball

Please join us in supporting our elementary school aged children at their basketball home games:

January 18 vs North East: 9:00 3rd grade girls team, 10:00 3/4rd grade boys, 12:00 4/5th grade girls, 1:00 5th grade boys

February 1 vs BJM: 10:00 3rd grade girls, 11:00 3/4th grade boys, 12:00 5th grade girl, 1:00 5th grade boys

February 15 vs Cayuga Heights: 10:00 3rd grade girls, 11:00 3/4th grade boys vs South Hill, 12:00 4/5th grade girls, 1:00 5th grade boys.

Submitted by Vera Howe-Strait

A Few School and Family Reunions in Enfield

One of the earlier school reunions in Enfield was that of District 8, Purdy School, located on Bostwick and Colegrove Roads, built in 1833. The reunion was held on September 20, 1936 on the school grounds. Mrs. Elizabeth Baker, Fred Jackson, Homer Cochran and Charles Titus were the oldest students who attended the reunion.

In 1993, Blanch Stout organized a one- and two-room school reunion for the 14 plus schools that once existed in Enfield. There were other schools just outside Town lines that children went to from Enfield. The reunion was held at the Enfield Grange and advertised that "at least" 2 of the former teachers, Ruth Boyer and Doris Lovelace, would be attending. There were 79 people signed up to attend this reunion. In 2004 special entertainment was advertised to be held at the reunion. Harold Bush of Ithaca, entertained the group with a musical harmonic program. These reunions were held yearly until 2010.

After a quick newspaper search of the Ithaca Journal, I discovered many family reunions were held in Enfield, either in private homes or at the Robert H. Treman State Park (The Glen). The VanMarter family had 37 members of their family present at the home of Mrs. Lynn Ferguson in 1913 at their fourth annual family reunion. The Curry family reunion in August 1918 was held at Willow Point, Cayuga Lake. The presence of 10 of the 11 sons and daughters of Lucius and Mary Curry, who lived on the old Curry homestead in Enfield (I think this was located on Tucker Road) were present. In 1919 the Rumsey Family held a reunion at the "The Glen". On August 10, 1921 the third annual reunion of the McDaniels family was held at the home of William and Ida McDaniels Laughlin on Enfield Center Road. A large tent was erected on the lawn where the company sat down to a fine dinner. August 1937 the Teeter reunion of the descendants of George Keller Teeter and Sarah Anne Grover Teeter took place at Enfield Glen State Park. Officers were elected, vice president, Luther Teeter, secretary and treasurer, Frances Teeter, and family historian, Mrs. Charles (Nora) Dodd.

In 1926 it was a busy year with the Douglas and Davenport family reunion held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L.D. Rumsey and the Kisor-Minton family reunion held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur and Lillian Sheffield, 75 were present. August 1927 The Laughlin Family held its annual reunion at Upper Enfield Glen. The Manning reunion was held at Enfield Falls State Park with 40 present from Syracuse, Willseyville, Newfield, Trumbulls Corners, Enfield Falls, Enfield and Wheeling, W. Virginia on September 19, 1929. In June 1938, the 14th annual reunion of the descendants of Ephraim and Lydia Allen was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter and Clarissa Steenburg of Christian Hill with 44 members of the family in attendance. Fred. D. Rumsey of Trumbulls Corners was elected present of the reunion for 1939 replacing Mrs. Neva Laue of Enfield Center. The Stilwell and Hull reunion was held at the home of Larry and Linda Stilwell in July 2002.

The School reunion pictures and documents and Teeter and Rumsey family reunion pictures, can be located on the laserfiche site for Enfield, www.townofenfield.org – For Residents – Archived Documents.

Submitted by Sue Thompson, Enfield Town Historian

Calendar of Events

January

18th Café 9–11 AM

24th Dinner at the Center 5–7 PM

February

8th Cafe 9–11 AM

15th Adult Gala (hors d'oeuvres, drinks, music, dancing)

22nd Cabin Fever 2–6 PM (craft activities, snacks, dinner, movie)

March

15th full breakfast 9–11 AM

21st Dinner at the Center 5–7 PM

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.

Senior Fitness Class

Tuesdays at 10:00 AM

Family Tae Kwon Do Class

Thursdays at 5:30 PM

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>

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

Enfield Elementary PTA

Email EnfieldPTA@gmail.com or text 607-342-3037

Food Scrap Collection

Saturdays 9:00 AM–11:00 AM behind the town clerk's office.

Town of Enfield Contact List

Enfield Town Board

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.org
Cassandra Hinkle chinkle@townofenfield.org

Planning Board

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

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607-387-6394
dan-walker@townofenfield.org
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.org
Pat Baker Deputy Town Clerk
deputytownclerk@townofenfield.org
Office Hours: M–Th 11 AM–4 PM
Town Website: TownofEnfield.org

Highway Department 607-272-6490
475 Enfield Main Road
Barry Rollins Highway Superintendent
highway@townofenfield.org
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.org
Office Hours: M–Th 8:30–11 AM; Wed. 5–7 PM

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

Town of Enfield Updates

2019 Comprehensive Plan Review – Input Requested

The Town of Enfield Comprehensive Plan was updated on November 1, 2019. The Town is in the process of doing a five-year review of the Comprehensive Plan. The Planning Board has been reviewing the Comprehensive Plan and has the following observations. In general, the 2019 plan is a well-constructed document. It is still a valid tool to guide the Town Board and Planning Board in maintaining and updating current town policies and regulations. The overview section of the plan should be updated with the data from the 2020 census for population and income. The eight sections of the Comprehensive Plan elements continue to be relevant for the Town of Enfield. The Planning Board has reviewed each section and the goals in each section are consistent with current activities in the town. The actions for each of the goals in each section should be reviewed and updated as some have been accomplished others need to be addressed and some additional actions may be identified. The Comprehensive Plan Survey was very detailed, and the results and comments appear to be relevant to the current public opinion based on the comments from the public that have been received during public hearings for projects that have been reviewed by the Planning Board. The Planning Board recommends that the Comprehensive Plan be updated with an addendum that looks at the eight sections of the Comprehensive Plan and update the status of actions that have been completed and consider other goals and actions that need to be addressed in the Town. We encourage residents to read the current Comprehensive Plan which is available on the Town's website and is available in the Town Clerk's office. To assist the Town in the Comprehensive Plan review we are seeking input from town residents and property owners for several areas of concern that have been expressed by residents regarding land use as the Planning Board has been reviewing subdivision and site plan proposals.

The following questions are the most common and we would like your opinion:

- Should the Town require a minimum lot size for subdivisions?
- Is water supply a major concern for you?
- Is stormwater management a major concern for you?

Please submit comments to
planningboard@townofenfield.org

Join the Town of Enfield Conservation Advisory Council!

The Town of Enfield is considering formation of a Conservation Advisory Council (CAC). As a first step, we seek community interest among our residents toward joining such a council. A Conservation

Advisory Council, composed of 3-9 appointed members, would play a key role in promoting environmental stewardship and sustainable community planning. CAC members would conduct policy research, deliver educational programs, and implement stewardship projects while gathering and sharing important information with town agencies, land-use applicants, and the public. Members would advise the Town Board and its departments on best-practices for management of Enfield's natural resources.

A primary focus of the CAC would be to maintain an inventory and map of our local open spaces—such as forests, fields, and wetlands—providing essential data for smart community planning. CAC members would collaborate to prepare an annual open space assessment. By assisting our planning board with environmental reviews, the CAC would contribute significantly to preserving our natural resources. Members would have the opportunity to conduct site visits, analyze environmental impacts, and explore how natural areas relate to surrounding resources.

If you are passionate about conservation and eager to make a positive impact in our community, please express your interest in applying for a position on the CAC. Letter of interest can be sent to the Town Clerk at townclerk@townofenfield.org or mailed to **168 Enfield Main Rd, Ithaca, NY 14850**.

Celebrating Our Community Champions!

We are thrilled to announce the recipients of this year's Citizens of the Year awards, honoring those whose dedication and volunteerism have made a lasting impact on our community.

Ed & Helen Hetherington have been pillars of our town for many years, most recently enhancing our streetscapes with their beautiful flower barrels and fall displays. Their commitment to beautification has truly transformed our environment, and we are grateful for their tireless efforts.

Maureen Bolton has demonstrated exceptional dedication to our town, particularly with her initiative to restore the beloved wreaths adorning our light poles. Spending countless hours replacing bulbs and ensuring the wreaths shine bright, Maureen brings joy to our community and embodies the spirit of volunteerism.

Roy and Carol Barriere have selflessly served our community for decades, contributing their time to the Enfield Food Distribution, the Enfield Community Council, and the Enfield Volunteer Fire Company. Their unwavering support and willingness to lend a hand to those in need exemplify the true meaning of community service.

Join us in celebrating Ed, Helen, Maureen, Roy, and Carol for their outstanding contributions and commitment to making our town a better place for all!

Exciting News: Town Hall to Go Solar!

We are thrilled to announce that our town has been awarded a NYSERDA grant to install rooftop solar panels on Town Hall! This initiative marks a significant step towards enhancing our community's sustainability efforts while also reaping economic benefits.

The installation of solar panels will not only reduce our carbon footprint but also lower energy costs for the town, allowing us to allocate funds to other vital community services. By harnessing clean, renewable energy, we are setting an example for environmental stewardship and encouraging residents to consider sustainable practices in their own lives.

Stay tuned for updates on this exciting project as we work towards a greener future for our community! Thank you for your ongoing support in making our town a more sustainable place to live.

Important Notice: Public Hearing on Updated Dog Law

Attention residents! We invite you to attend a Public Hearing during the regular Town Board meeting in February to discuss the recently amended Dog Law. This update includes revisions to the existing fees and introduces new late fees aimed at promoting responsible pet ownership within our community.

Your input is valuable, and we encourage all dog owners and interested residents to participate in this important conversation. The hearing will provide an opportunity to share your thoughts and ask questions about the proposed changes.

Mark your calendars, and stay tuned for the exact date and time. Together, we can ensure our Dog Law reflects the needs and values of our community!

Stay Informed: Tax Bill Details and Community Updates

Residents can now conveniently access their tax bill details online at www.townofenfield.org (<http://www.townofenfield.org>) under the "Tax Collection" tab. This resource allows you to view your payment status, print bills and receipts, and check prior years' bills. If you have any questions or need assistance, please reach out to the Enfield Town Clerk's Office.

Additionally, please note that Enfield transitioned from a fire protection district to a fire district last year. This change means the fire district is now responsible for adopting its own budget. We encourage all residents to participate in meetings and vote on fire district matters to ensure your voice is heard. Stay updated on upcoming meetings and voting dates by regularly checking the town website.

To further support our community, the Town Board will again use fund balance to reduce this year's tax levy, helping ease financial burdens during these challenging times. Thank you for staying

engaged and informed!

Enfield Fire District Quarterly Update

During the fourth quarter of 2024, the Enfield Fire District has focused primarily on the proposed 2025 budget, which totals \$620,475—a 28.28% increase over last year. This rise is largely due to new bonding payments for the \$825,000 pumper engine purchased in 2023.

The Fire District also held its annual elections on December 10, resulting in Donald Gunning defeating Chris Willis for the Commissioner position. Additionally, the Board of Fire Commissioners is expected to act on recommended line officers for the Enfield Volunteer Fire Company at their January meeting.

In other news, the Fire District is working to resolve ongoing delays regarding the fire station lease and is taking measures to secure its financial operations after an attempted check fraud incident. The Board is also exploring options for the disposal of firefighting foam containing PFAS chemicals, seeking cost-effective solutions.

As always, we encourage residents to stay informed and engaged with Fire District matters. Thank you for your continued support!

Exciting Update: Phase 1 of the Skate Garden Completed!

We are thrilled to announce that Phase 1 of the Skate Garden project has been successfully completed! The half pipe is now finished, and the garden beds have been constructed and beautifully planted. This marks a significant step forward in creating a vibrant space for our community to enjoy.

We look forward to starting Phase 2 next summer, which will bring even more enhancements to this exciting project. Thank you to everyone who has supported this initiative—your enthusiasm and participation are what make our community thrive! Stay tuned for more updates as we continue to develop this fantastic space.

Little Free Library Indigenous Library Program

We are happy to announce that our town has been awarded a grant through the Little Free Library Indigenous Library Program! This exciting addition will bring a Little Free Library to our skate garden, creating a unique space where community members and visitors can come together to share and enjoy books. The little free library will feature materials that celebrate Indigenous cultures, histories, and voices, fostering a deeper connection to knowledge and inclusivity in our community. Construction will begin soon, and we can't wait to see this special project come to life!

Submitted by Stephanie Redmond

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