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Enfield Community Currents

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New year is the glittering light to brighten the dream-lined pathway of future.

Munia Khan

Hello Enfielders,

So with 2020 craziness hopefully in the rear view mirror, I have great news to announce! Thanks to the generosity of the Hetheringtons, ECC has (or soon will have) bought the former Living Waters Church building. We have been running our teen program out of the building (or pavilion) for a few months now. This will become the Enfield Community Center in the very near future. We at ECC are beyond excited to finally have a stable space to host our various programs. We have many projects lined up to make it a vital part of our community for all of our residents.

We will be renting out the space to help cover the costs associated with owning such a lovely property (and maintaining it). Please contact one of the board members listed to the left if you would like to volunteer, have ideas, or wish to donate. We are a non-profit, so all donations are tax deductions. Check out our website (www.enfieldcommunitycouncil.org) for future happenings.

One way to help is to shop on Amazon Smiles. Simply search for Enfield Community Council and pick it for us to receive a portion of every purchase you make. Another is to donate to the United Way and tell them it is for us. Thank you in advance for your support. It means the world to us that we have our community's support and that we can continue to support our community!

As always, please check up on your neighbors. I know face to face is not advised, but call, leave a note, or drop off a basket on the porch. It's been more important than ever for people to feel that someone (anyone) actually cares.

Stay safe,
Cortney Bailey

Enfield Community Council Seeks New Members

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

Talk to your friends, search your thoughts and your hearts. Contact Ann @ 227-1891 or Cortney @ 279-4702, if you can help in any way.

Happy Birthday Enfield

Enfield will celebrate its 200th birthday on March 16, 2021. Between 1821 and 1846 the town went from 2,000 residents to 2,283 residents. There were 4 churches and Post offices were open at Applegate Corners, West Enfield and Enfield Center. Town of Enfield paid Tompkins County school money amounting to \$123.73. Roads were surveyed in 1825 and there were 10 cemeteries in use the oldest burial in Rolfe Cemetery, Applegate Road, 1818. Some of these cemeteries are on the edge of the town but used by Enfield residents. The town government conducted meetings and elections in private homes. The only minute records are the Board of Supervisors of the County of Tompkins which budgets were recorded at (Tompkins County Clerks website under laser fiche has these records).

Between 1847 and 1871 the population went from 2,283 to 1,693. Maps of Tompkins County were published in 1853 and 1866 showing homes, businesses, schools, churches and cemeteries. Town meetings were held at VanMarter Hotel in Enfield Center. The town purchased bonds to help support the The Pennsylvania and Sodus Bay Railroad or "the train that never was".

Between 1872 and 1896 the population went from 1,693 to 1,332 (1892). Enfield Center's post office was renamed from Enfield Centre to Enfield Center and a new post office was opened at Enfield Falls. Enfield Valley Grange #295 was organized. There was a lot of moving of buildings in Enfield Center with the Methodist Church building, the First Baptist Church, and the Presbyterian Church. The town still held meetings and elections at Teeter Hotel, formerly VanMarter Hotel, and at Wortman Hall (the old Presbyterian Church).

Between 1896 and 1921 the population dropped to 867. Enfield Falls and Enfield Falls post office was discontinued. The town purchased land to house town machinery in Enfield Center. Kennedy's Corners Church burned in 1917. Robert H. Treman gave the state the area of Enfield Glen for a State Park.

Between 1921 and 1946 population went up to 1,316 (1950). The town and the Grange built their first buildings. Due to the Depression wages of town officials and highway laborers were reduced. Company 1265 (Civilian Conservation Corps Camp) was set up at the new State park. There was a flood in 1935 that caused lots of damage. Schools Budd, Tubbs, and Rollison closed. McFalls Store basement (Wortman Hall) was designated as additional polling place.

Between 1947 and 1971 population went to 2,208. All the one-two room schools closed and Enfield Elementary School was built. Enfield Volunteer Fire Company (EVFC) was started and the first Fire Station was built. EVFC held their first fund raising carnival at Millers Corners. A new town hall was built in Enfield Center. Enfield and Newfield combined into one legislative district and Town Supervisors were not required to serve on the County Board.

Between 1972 and 1996 population grew to 3,054 (1990). Enfield Harvest Festival was first held. Town Clerk and Town Tax Collector positions were combined and Justices of the Peace no longer served as Town Board members. Three roads received new names. Enfield Elementary School was considered for closing. Agape Church built a new building on Applegate Road. Kennedy's Corners church was officially closed. A new EVFC first station was built and the Town uses the old fire station as a community building. The First Baptist Church celebrates 175 years. The Town celebrates its 175 birthday March 16, 1996.

If you are curious about all these facts and want to know details or to continue after 1996 check out the Town of Enfield at www.townofenfield.org under historian and archived records you will find a wealth of information. You can also find on these sites more information regarding history before 1821. Happy New Year and Happy Birthday Enfield. Sue Thompson, Historian@townofenfield.org.

Would you like to advertise in our newsletter? We appreciate our advertisers as this helps offset the costs of producing the newsletter. Thank you's, well wishes, graduation announcements, birth announcements all welcome!

Please contact Cortney Bailey At cbailey525@yahoo.com or 607-279-4702.

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[Instagram.com/enfieldvfc](https://www.instagram.com/enfieldvfc)

Fire and EMS calls in 2020 to December 10: 249

January	27 calls	18 EMS	5 Service	2 MVAs	2 Fire
February	28 calls	11 EMS	10 Service	2 MVAs	2 Fire
March	23 calls	13 EMS	1 Service	2 MVAs	7 Fire
April	15 calls	10 EMS	3 Service	0 MVAs	2 Fire
May	17 calls	10 EMS	3 Service	1 MVA	3 Fire
June	18 calls	12 EMS	4 Service	0 MVAs	2 Fire
July	19 calls	11 EMS	2 Service	0 MVAs	2 Fire
August	25 calls	13 EMS	7 Service	1 MVA	4 Fire
September	19 calls	13 EMS	3 Service	1 MVA	2 Fire
October	19 Calls	13 EMS	2 Service	1 MVA	5 Fire
November	34 calls	15 EMS	6 Service	3 MVA	10 Fire

Look for our next 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 the Department of Emergency Response as we **continue to provide service to the Enfield Community.** **We have resumed meeting & training at our Fire Station & are welcoming new members!**

We train every Thursday at 7:30 pm. Our General Membership Meeting is the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm.

Call our Station @ [607-272-8757](tel:607-272-8757) for an application or send email to efcpresident@htva.net & efc661@htva.net to volunteer! 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.

Enfield Fire Company would like to thank our 2014-2020 Chief Roger Lauper & 2019-2020 Deputy Chief Wayne Lauper for their service to our Fire Company!

Please welcome our Line Officers for 2021: Fire Chief Greg Stevenson, Deputy Chief Jamie Stevens, 1st Assistant Chief Alan Teeter, 2nd Assistant Chief Tony Carlisle, Captain Bailey Stevens, Safety Officer Larry Stilwell.

Our Staff Officers for 2021 are: President Dennis Hubbell, Vice President Alan Teeter, Board Members Larry Stilwell, Denise Hubbell, Rodney Ike, and Luke Apgar. Our Treasurer is Debbie Teeter and our Secretary is Ellen Woods.

Enfield Fire Company appreciates our Firefighters who participated in State Fire Courses in 2020. **Congratulations to Firefighter Ellen Woods and Keven Morse for completing Interior Firefighter training. Congratulations to Firefighter Bailey Stevens & 2nd Assistant Chief Jamie Stevens for completing Fire Officer 1 Training, which includes training in Fireground Management, Safety, and Leadership!**

We have also had the opportunity to utilize our Rehabilitation Unit, #641 to provide EMS at several Live Burns this season! We have visited the New York State Academy of Fire Science, the Seneca County Fire & Police Training Center, and Ithaca's Training Facility.



Enfield Valley Grange #295

Welcome to 2021! We wish to thank you for your support of the grange during this past year. It has been a challenging year!

Our fundraisers have all been carry-out due to the pandemic, making activities very interesting. We apologize if you wanted to purchase an Election Night dinner and weren't able to get one. Hopefully we can iron out the wrinkles to avoid this situation going forward.

We are considering hosting a pancake breakfast in February carry-out only. There may be a change in our menu, watch for our posters!

Our Craft Club is on hold during this time as are many of our other in-house activities.

If you or anyone you know are looking to host an event and looking for space to rent, the grange is available. There are certain conditions we need to follow. If interested, please contact Sandra Trutt at 273-4884.

Wishing you a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Enfield Fire Company *Continued*

Members who donate their time to participate in these classes help better the Fire Company & our community by gaining critical knowledge about firefighting & rescue operations.

Enfield Fire Company is preparing for our January Chicken BBQ! We are only doing halves in January due to the Pandemic. Reservations are strongly recommended. Call 607-272-8757 between 8 and 10 am, Sunday, January 10, 2020.

We will start serving at 11am until we are done! This BBQ will feature curbside service, with all precautions followed. Please wear a mask when you come to pick up your meals!

Enfield Fire Company is distributing our Annual Calendar in the next month! Look for it to be delivered to you by our members during the month of January!

We thank the Enfield Town Board for their work on our 2021-2023 Contract! This contract has been approved by the Board and will provide our members with some needed Turnout Gear, vital for their personal protection on the Fire Ground!

EFC thanks you, our Enfield Community, for YOUR support as we work to keep our community safe! We wish you a safe & happy holiday and winter season!

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 tentatively begin on July 5 and end August 13, 2021. Please be aware that camp being operational is contingent on COVID/State and Health Dept regulations and recommendations.

Camp will be held at 162 Enfield Main Road; in near future the Enfield Community Council's Enfield Community Center.

The fees will be: Enfield residents = Base (9:00-3:00) \$600 Before Camp (7:30-8:30) \$195, After Camp (3:00-5:30) \$270. For Non-residents = Base \$660, Before Camp \$195, After Camp \$365.

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

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

If you currently receive temporary assistance or need help with the cost of childcare, you may be eligible for assistance through DSS.(274-5677) Please contact **Vera Howe-Strait**

280-2317/howestraitv@gmail.com for further information. The DSS acceptance letter must be received by Vera Howe-Strait before camp starts.

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

Camp applications will be available at the Enfield Elementary School Main Office, Enfield After School Program, Enfield Town Clerk's Office, townofenfield.org by March 15, 2021.

Please contact Vera Howe-Strait with questions, concerns and/or application.

**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.

2021 Blood Drives: January 19th, February 2nd, March 19th, May 18th, July 20th, September 21st, and November 16th
Thanks to the community for helping us meet or exceed our monthly goals! However, there's always room for more!

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

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

PO Box 224, Jacksonville, NY 14854

607-387-6296/www.icumc.com
Reverend Nelson Reppert, Pastor

We welcome visitors and invite you to join us at any time. The church is located on Route 96 in Jacksonville Center, Jacksonville.

Worship & Meetings:

Sunday Worship at 10:00 a.m. year-round (Sunday School & Nursery concurrent)
Bell Choir, Thursdays at 6:30 pm

The ENFIELD FOOD DISTRIBUTION BELIEVES IN THE POWER OF FOOD.

We are broadening our focus. We continue to be an emergency food source but we are moving from a charity model to one of empowerment and food security. Our vision includes nutrition education to build healthy bodies. Provision of a space, gardening skills and tools for community gardens. A kitchen to teach food preparation and provision of hot meals. Meeting people where they are at.

We strive to avoid the signs, symbols, and procedures that contribute to the stigma often experienced by people attending food programs in charitable organizations, and to positively communicate our respect for all participants through respectful procedures. We invite community involvement. We believe that people are healthiest and happiest when they are making their own choices, meeting their own needs, and contributing to their communities.

We have established an **Expansion Fund** in order to plan and build a facility to achieve this mission. You can make a donation at our **GoFundMe** on our website, or you can send a check. Please make the check out to: The First Baptist Church of Enfield Center, and send it to:

The First Baptist Church of Enfield Center c/o Susan Howser, Treasurer 17 South Van Dorn Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850. Your support will help us leverage additional grant funds from many sources, which we will need to achieve our goal. Thank you for joining me in building a more food secure community! And please share this message with others.

We are presently distributing on average 40,000 pounds of food a week to between 375 and 570 households.

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 and available if you need one. We apply social distancing and hand sanitizer.

Please don't bring children if at all possible.

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

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Regularly Scheduled Community Meetings & Activities

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

Enfield Community Council (ECC): TBA on the Town Website

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

Ladies Auxiliary: 1st Monday after 1st Thursday, 7 p.m. at the Fire Station

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

Senior Citizens: 3rd Wednesday, 11:30 am-1:00 pm at Living Waters Christian Fellowship Church; meetings include a dish-to-pass luncheon

Calendar of Events

January

February

March

Due to Covid please check with individual organizations for updated information

ECC is looking for volunteers! With the added issues caused by Covid we are looking for creative ways to keep our community active and engaged! Please contact one of our board members listed on page one with ideas or to volunteer! See our web site for further information: www.enfieldcommunitycouncil.org.

**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.