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meet nice people, get out and have fun, and make an important contribution to your town at the same time? Volunteer for a Main Street Committee, work on a one-time project, help out at the office, design a poster. Call and let us know what you like to do—Main Street has a place for YOU!

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downtown, reinforcing her commitment to rebuilding the town's business district.

"I'm somebody who likes to be able to do things I want to do in my town with the people who live in my town, with my neighbors and friends, rather than always having to feel I have to go somewhere else to hear music or go to a café or do something fun with my neighbors," she says. "I'm kind of a homebody. So when I see the potential Enfield's Main Street offers, I think it's something that we could all be enjoying so much more. We could have a much richer life in our own town. It's just a matter of getting everyone's energy together. We can really do it. We just have to be willing to get together and do it."

Keep the Momentum Going

Enfield continues to grow even while undergoing considerable infrastructure work on Main Street and Shaker Hill Road. Three new businesses recently opened downtown (see page 2), and a meeting at the Copeland Block in October, organized by the Main Street Economic Restructuring (ER) Committee, attracted 30 business owners and EVA members committed to revitalizing the town's business community. The latter group discussed a range of ideas to attract area residents and tourists to town, including coupon books, media advertising, updated town maps, and even an Enfield home show. The ER Committee will reconvene this business forum in January to continue the discussion and implement some of the plans. Meanwhile, the range of services available to Enfield residents in their hometown is growing. Whether you're looking for food, art, gifts, or a variety of services, you can find it in town. This holiday season, check out your local merchants.

Enfield's Hometown Holiday

On Saturday, November 30, starting at 10:00 a.m., look for some special happenings downtown and all around town sponsored by the Main Street Promotion Committee. Holiday cheer and special deals at local businesses, a celebration of the reopening of the Rail Trail at the Shaker Hill underpass at 3:00 p.m., a Grand Prize Holiday Drawing at Ferngully and Moss Gallery, and more! Stop in at the "Cafe for a Day," in the Copeland Block across from the gallery, 10:00-4:00, to buy some light refreshments. Watch for details in the November 25 *Country Chronicle*. It's a great way to kick off the holidays, meet your friends, and support your hometown merchants!

78 Main Street—What Next?



EVA is looking at options to renovate 78 Main Street.

In May, the Enfield Village Association (EVA) bought the property at 78 Main Street consisting of a house and 2.8 acres of land. Donations and loans given to EVA specifically for this purchase allowed us to buy the property without expending funds pledged for other downtown revitalization efforts. The board feels this property is key to our downtown, and by making the purchase, we gained the time and opportunity to influence what will happen there and to ensure use of the property is consistent with our downtown goals.

A property committee appointed by the EVA board

has been exploring options for 78 Main. "We are looking at a number of possibilities," comments Nancy Smith, president of the EVA board. "In general, we would like to see the building renovated or rebuilt to include first-floor commercial space and upper-floor apartments, as provided for in our downtown zoning. The land, including as it does the adjacent island with historic mill foundations, lends itself to a variety of uses. There is sufficient space for public parking as well as conservation land for recreational uses, such as wildlife watching, a riverside history/nature walk, and a nature study area

for students and others."

Whether EVA will complete such projects in partnership with a developer sympathetic with our vision, or resell the building with protective covenants while maintaining ownership of part of the land, or pursue another plan, depends on the results of the Property Committee's research and some dedicated work by the board.

"Whatever we decide, we believe improvements to this property can only benefit downtown Enfield," adds Smith.

Enfield Village Association

The Enfield Main Street Program is administered by the Enfield Village Association (EVA), a non-profit corporation whose mission is to promote and facilitate ideas and projects that will provide community pride in our historical, cultural, commercial, recreational, and natural resources for residents and visitors to the Enfield Village.

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Main Street Welcomes Three New Businesses



America Insurance, a fraternal organization offering life insurance and retirement planning. As a nonprofit organization whose membership is open to all, Modern Woodmen is also dedicated to serving the community through youth programs, scholarships, and more.

While his career may be new, Scott himself is no newcomer to Enfield: he lived here for twenty-one years, was in the last sixth-grade class to attend the Enfield Village School, and graduated from Mascoma High School in 1993. After spending five years away from the area, Scott is happy to be doing business back in his hometown. Contact Scott at 632-9663.



Newly installed on the Copeland Block's second floor is the massage therapy practice of Robin Williams and Debra Henault. Robin and Debra offer a range of services, including neuromuscular, hot stone, and Swedish massage, as well as reflexology, to any individuals seeking the health benefits and relaxation offered by massage. Both women became licensed practitioners after studying at New Hampshire Community Technical College in Claremont, where, says Robin, "they have a

great program!" A commitment to continuing education keeps Robin and Debra up-to-date with the latest techniques and knowledge.

In addition to their Enfield practice, Robin also works with pregnant women, oncology patients, and others dealing with serious illnesses at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center and the Women's Health Resource Center, while Debra works in conjunction with a chiropractor. Contact Robin at 632-6043, or Debra at 632-5824.



Bill King Flooring will hold its grand opening at 58 Main Street on Saturday, November 30, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This full-service company offers sales and installation of a wide range of flooring, including carpet, vinyl, VCP tile, and wood laminate. Bill brings more than thirty years' experience to his business, including twelve years in the Upper Valley. Low overhead allows him to offer lower prices, so he encourages Enfield customers to stop by. Hours before November 30 are by appointment. After November 30, Bill will be open evening hours, 6:00-9:00 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, and daytime Saturdays. Contact Bill at 252-5892.

Office Volunteers Wanted

The Main Street Program is looking for volunteers to assist program manager Hildegard Ojibway a few hours per week in the Main Street office. We need someone to help with mailings, data entry, and filing, as well as bookkeeping (knowledge of QuickBooks would be great). The rewards? You'll contribute to Enfield's downtown revitalization, enjoy the great view of the river from our beautiful Copeland Block office, and be in the know about what's happening on Main Street.

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Volunteer Profile: Becky Powell



You may not know Becky Powell personally, but you probably have seen her around town—manning the polls on election day, demonstrating weaving at the Shaker Museum, or perhaps planting flowers at the traffic island across from Huse Park. The Newton, Mass., native has been an active, seemingly tireless volunteer since she arrived in Enfield fifteen years ago.

Becky and her husband Steve, a professor at Dartmouth's Tuck School of Business, moved to town from Pennsylvania in 1987. Within that first year, she attended an event at the Shaker Museum and agreed to demonstrate her skills as a weaver at the museum's seasonal festivals. Over the next decade, she worked with a variety of groups dedicated to enhancing the village, including the Recycling Committee, which studied the feasibility of (and recommended) curbside recycling in Enfield, and the Enfield Renaissance Committee. The latter group spun off the Enfield Community Development

Committee (ECDC) and the Enfield Community Gardeners.

While on the ECDC, Becky attended a workshop of the newly formed N.H. Main Street Program. "I remember thinking, 'Oh, this sounds like the perfect program for us,'" she says. "But when I looked at what was involved in terms of applying and raising pledges, I thought perhaps we weren't ready for it. The ECDC was a small group, and even though the Main Street Program helps you do some of the things you want to do, you need some support already in place."

She kept the information, however, and when the Enfield Village Association (EVA) evolved two years ago, she got a call from one of the

board members asking her to share her knowledge about the program. She did, and soon after EVA applied to the Main Street Program, she joined the EVA board and the Main Street Organization Committee. This year, she was elected secretary of the EVA board.

Becky's efforts on behalf of EVA include organizing the first Sweet Treats event and founding the group's newsletter. She has even recruited her 13-year-old son Nick to participate in EVA events, lending his computer expertise at a recent annual meeting and picking up trash on Main Street during Clean-Up Day. Last year, she moved her weaving company, Tessitura, from its home base to a studio in the Copeland Block

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Focus On: The Organization Committee

Much of this committee's work, setting up the infrastructure needed for downtown revitalization, goes on behind the scenes. This year, the committee conducted a successful fundraising drive, expanded to attract new support for revitalizing Main Street. The group also connects EVA to the public, ensuring media coverage of events, publishes the EVA newsletter, and has established an EVA website, linked to the town website at www.enfield.nh.us/MainStreet/home.htm.

The Organization Committee also conducted EVA's annual meeting in September, at which new board members and officers were installed and recognition given to some special volunteers. Nearly 70 attendees heard updates on a number of projects affecting the Main Street area and enjoyed a PowerPoint presentation covering the year's accomplishments.

In the coming year, the committee will continue the activities underway, create detailed work plans for all our proposed projects, install procedures to insure EVA's smooth operation, and recruit more volunteers excited about the prospects for our downtown.