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**WANTED:
VOLUNTEERS**

Volunteers are the backbone of the Enfield Village Association's Main Street effort. Whether you choose to volunteer for a one-time event or dedicate your talents toward a year-round project, there is a place for you as a Main Street volunteer. Call us at the EVA office to find out how you can join our team and help make Enfield's Main Street vision a reality.

Annual Meeting Spotlights Volunteers

EVA's challenges in the upcoming year will be to increase its base of volunteers and work with other volunteer groups, according to new EVA president Sharon Carr. Sharon addressed her remarks to a crowd of about 50 in attendance at EVA's annual meeting on September 17. She also reminded the group that EVA's endeavors in the coming year will need support from the town in order to succeed.

Sharon heads a new board that includes vice president Dolores Struckhoff and treasurer Harry Trumbull as well as new members Charles "Bud" Baker, Tim Jennings, and Joyce Ruel. Becky Powell continues as board secretary.

Volunteers Leslie and Rick Barrow, Barbara Brady, David Foster, Shirley Green, Bob and Debbie LaCroix, June Marshall, Jean Patten, and Meredith Smith were recognized for their work on a variety of EVA projects. EVA engineered more than a dozen projects in the last year, from launching the first farmers market to cleaning up Main Street and promoting local businesses.

Outgoing program director Hildegard Ojibway received a standing ovation for her work with EVA volunteers. She resigned, effective at the end of September, to devote more time to her family.

Keynote speaker and Enfield town manager April Whittaker encouraged Enfield residents to share her personal philosophy that "there is always a silver lining—eventually." In her "state of the union of the town" address, she cited Enfield's economic revitalization, particularly along Main Street, as one of four critical challenges for the future and noted a chapter on Main Street has been added to the town's master plan.

Guest speaker and Shaker Museum director Rob Rudd announced the museum will be embarking on a major planning effort. The museum has been awarded funds to underwrite a planning workshop this month. *[For information on that workshop, call 632-4346.]*

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cast in the future by partnering EVA with other organizations, such as the Lebanon Chamber of Commerce, to stretch resources and provide more visibility for EVA events.

Gene admits directing EVA's programs will not be without challenges, particularly attracting businesses to Main Street while bridges are under construction downtown. "But the biggest challenge," he says, "is convincing the community of

the value of what EVA is doing and wants to do. A lot of it is hidden. EVA contributed a lot of hours to the design of those bridges, for example, and that's something the rest of the community may not know—but needs to know."

Contact Gene at EVA's office at 56 Main Street, Room 202 (Copeland Block second floor), 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, or by calling 632-7197.

A Better Downtown: It's Up to You!

The Enfield Village Association annual campaign is underway. Our downtown revitalization efforts are funded entirely by local contributions. With your help, we can continue to:

- Renew and rebuild our downtown area
- Hold fun community events, such as Cruise Night, Hometown Holidays, and Sweet Treats
- Sponsor the Farmers Market in Huse Park
- Help Enfield businesses thrive

Call (632-7197) or write (PO Box 763, Enfield, NH 03748) to make your donation toward preserving the best while making changes for the better in Enfield!

Talsky Named New EVA Program Director

When Gene Talsky assumed the reins as program director of the Enfield Village Association (EVA) last month, he was surprised to learn the extent of the group's activities. "I thought it was a relatively young organization with limited resources and time," he says. "But EVA is very fortunate to have a very active board of directors and strong committees so they can accomplish a lot, and that's something I have not seen in many other nonprofit organizations I've worked with. I hope to really capitalize on that."

Gene replaces outgoing director Hildegard Ojibway, who resigned in September. His career includes four

decades in the computer and marketing industries, including the founding of his own Enfield-based marketing



management company, PRO-MARK. Gene's record also boasts extensive experience in nonprofits. He was economic development program manager for the Randolph [Vt.] Area Community Development Corporation

and co-chaired the town's Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Committee. Currently, he is on the Grafton County Economic Development Council board of directors and serves on Enfield's Recreation Commission. He joined both groups because he is a firm believer in giving back to the community—a philosophy that prompted him to apply for the job of EVA's program director.

Gene likens his new role to that of a choreographer, "bringing all the right people to the table to make sure things get done," he says. "I need to learn the cast of characters and what the resources are." He hopes to expand that

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Second Annual Hometown Holidays

November 22-29 • Save the dates!

This year's Hometown Holidays event is expanding, giving shoppers more chances to shop local businesses, find great holiday deals, enter a drawing for gift certificates, and find crafts, food, and fun throughout Enfield. Starting November 22, local businesses will offer special incentives to visit their locations. Get your card stamped at participating businesses, then enter it by November 29 for a

chance to win one of three gift certificates. On Saturday, November 29, there will be goodies galore available at the One Day Café in the Copeland Building on Main Street, along with a display of fantastic, limited-edition crafts in the Copeland Gallery space. Looking for more crafts? The Enfield Shaker Museum Holiday Gift Extravaganza is back by popular demand! Cosponsored

by the Enfield Village Association, this popular holiday shopping event brings local craftspeople and specialty food producers to the Great Stone Dwelling on Route 4A November 29, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Enjoy holiday shopping in a beautiful setting, with live seasonal music and pub food available throughout the day. Bring your friends and enjoy hometown shopping in Enfield!

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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River Trail Nearly Complete at 78 Main Street Board Approves Building Rehab

At a presentation to EVA's board of directors on October 15, chairman Lee Carrier of the Property Committee proposed a spring ribbon cutting for a newly constructed walking trail at 78 Main Street that is "95 percent complete" and delivered the committee members' recommendation for the historic house on the property. Their conclusion, following several months of studying six options specified by EVA's board and after consulting engineers, architects, bankers, and tradespeople, is that EVA should proceed with rehabilitating the building for first-floor commercial space and two upper-floor apartments.

"The goal is to return the building generally to its appearance in the 1860s, while not attempting a complete historic restoration," says Lee. EVA would retain ownership of the building, and much of the initial work will be done by volunteers. Lee adds, "We feel that by rehab-



ilitating this building to create an attractive commercial and residential space that meets modern codes, we will set an example for future building improvements, create an income stream for EVA, and reaffirm our commitment to downtown Enfield." The board of directors voted to approve the committee's plan to begin volunteer work immediately.

The riverside trail, created by an all-volunteer crew, winds through property adjoining the house. It provides access to beautiful views of the river, clearings that highlight many varieties of trees and wildflowers growing on site, and glimpses of old stone foundations that hint at industry once located on the river. Finishing touches, such as benches, tree identification markers, and signage, will be added to the trail soon. Watch for a grand ribbon-cutting ceremony in the spring.

Dave's Glass Barn to Open in Enfield

Look for a new business downtown when Dave's Glass Barn opens this winter at the corner of Route 4 and Main Street, across from Mascoma Bank. After owning and operating G&L Glass in Lebanon with his brother for 24 years, longtime Enfield resident Dave Guay is moving his business to Enfield. Dave has co-owned the property at 12 Main Street for three years and will retain the apartments currently occupying the house while he converts the barn to a showroom and workshop. An impressive structure with much original detail, the barn nevertheless provided "not much but a roof" for the new business, says Dave. New wiring, plumbing, heating, insulation, and interior walls are needed before the business can open. Dave,



who is doing much of the work himself, is pleased to have received a façade improvement grant from EVA that will help him finance restoration of the building's original trim.

Dave's Glass Barn will offer new windows, insulated glass, window and screen repair, and mirror glass—most of the services offered by G&L Glass, with the exception of auto glass. The greater space offered in the new location will allow Dave to showcase some of his artistic work in leaded and stained glass, as well as custom glass cases for artwork, such as model ships.

With an established clientele to follow him to Enfield, as well as the great visibility offered by his new location, Dave is confident of success on Main Street.

First Farmers Market a Success!



Enfield's first farmers market of the new millennium officially kicked off Wednesday, July 9, and ran through October 1. An estimated 125-150 people frequented the market each week.

The Shaker Singers, under the direction of Mary Ann Haagen, were among the nine performing groups who entertained shoppers on various market days.

Enfield's market offered a bounty of locally produced foodstuffs, including fresh fruits and vegetables, jams and honey, goat cheese, baked goods, and meat, as well as such nonedibles as pottery, postcards, clothing, jewelry, artwork, plants, and yarn. Thirty vendors participated in the market.



N.H. Commissioner of Agriculture Steve Taylor, shown here with his grandson Doug Taylor and EVA program director Hildegard Ojibway, addressed a small crowd when he opened Enfield's market on August 6, N.H. Farmers Market Day.



Grants Spruce Up Downtown



The Main Street Design Committee awarded three façade improvement grants last summer to assist Enfield building owners with exterior upgrades. Aimed at nonresidential or multi-use buildings in the downtown area, the grants of up to \$500 were awarded to applicants submitting detailed written applications of their projects and are paid upon the projects' completion. This year's recipients are David Guay, for painting and maintaining trim on the historic barn that will house his new business (see page 2 "Dave's Glass Barn"); the town of Enfield, for three window boxes on Whitney Hall in a style complementing the historic entryway building to downtown; and Headstart, for replacement of two windows to provide critical air circulation at the Laundry Depot building where Headstart is located. Congratulations to the recipients, and thanks to the Design Committee members for their hard work preparing the guidelines and distributing, reviewing, and deciding upon the applications that were submitted.

Busy Fall for the ER Committee

The Economic Restructuring (ER) Committee released the newest version of the Enfield Business Coupons in October. Available in many locations around town, the flyers offer special deals at Enfield businesses. Pick one up to find a good deal, keep local dollars circulating in town, and help "Enfield Residents Support Enfield Business."

In other activity, the ER Committee has secured the help of the University of New

Hampshire's Survey Center to begin work on a market analysis for Enfield. Watch for more information, and do your part for downtown revitalization by responding to the confidential questionnaire. If you've used the *Enfield Directory* in the last few years, you know it's a great source for information about businesses, town services, recreation, and more in town. But it's long overdue for an update, and the ER Committee has adopted the project to bring a new, improved directory!