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FUNDRAISERS**

EVA is looking for people with interest or experience in fundraising to join our team. This summer, the New Hampshire Main Street Center will provide expert training in fundraising as part of the services provided to Enfield as a Main Street community. Come put in your two cents' worth and help revitalize your downtown!

Bridge Progress Report

Project manager Chuck Flanders of the state's Department of Transportation reports good progress on the downtown bridges and expects the Shaker Hill Road bridge to reopen this summer. Meanwhile, construction has begun on the temporary bypass bridge that will keep Main Street accessible while the Main Street bridge is worked on. Some good news: state permission was received to change the location of the temporary bridge so the permanent bridge can be completed in one stage instead of the two originally planned, thus saving time. The one-lane temporary bridge should be in operation by middle to late June.

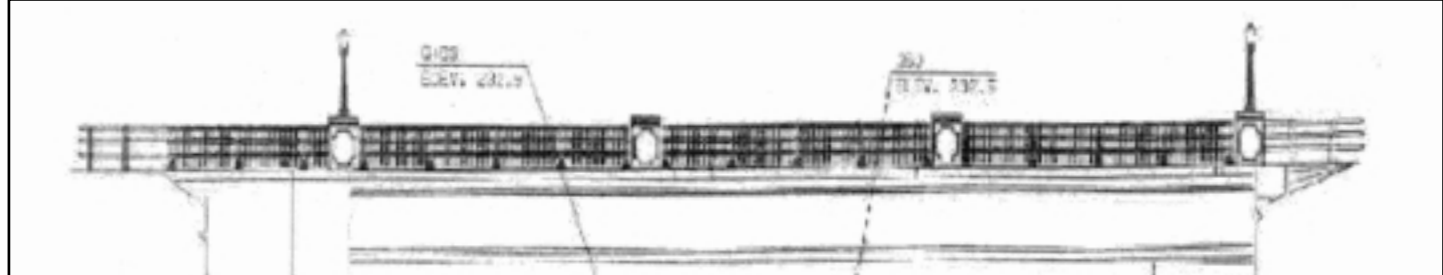
The sketch below gives an indication of how the finished Main Street bridge will look, with a carefully selected railing and decorative pedestals supporting graceful lampposts. Once complete, the project will include eleven paved and marked spaces for public parking opposite the Copeland Block.

Town to Business: Get Involved

Enfield town manager April Whittaker urged Enfield business owners to "get involved" in decisions that affect the town. "We need your help," she told a crowd of about forty business owners at EVA's Business Forum in January. "The more people we hear from, the better decision making that comes out."

At issue was the impact of skyrocketing sewer system rates on the business community. User fees nearly tripled in January for the fewer than 500 business and residential Enfield users because of a sharp rise in operating costs and Lebanon wastewater treatment plant fees.

Whittaker noted she had begun talks with Lebanon about reducing the rates, but said the long-term answer is to bring in more users to defray costs. And she asked business owners to help the town become more business friendly by talking over their ideas with town officials. "You have to generate some ideas about what business friendly would be," she said.



*Upcoming
Events*

(Dates and times may change.)

- Thursday, April 24**
Quarterly Business Forum
Time and place TBA.
- Friday, April 25**
Special Opening:
Vermont Watercolor Artist
Gary Milek
Red Roof Frame Shop and Gallery
High Street & Rt 4
5:00-7:00 p.m.
For more information,
call 632-5143.
- Sunday, May 4**
Volunteer Recognition Event:
Mud Pie/Ice Cream Social
- Saturday, May 24**
Clean-Up Day on Main Street
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- Monday, May 26**
Memorial Day Parade
- Thursday, June 12**
Bridge Project Presentation by
DOT Representatives
Whitney Hall, Main Street
7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 9**
Farmer's Market Debuts
Huse Park
3:00-6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, September 17**
EVA Annual Meeting
Whitney Hall
Public meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.

To Market, to Market...



Illustration by Tim Jennings

Norwich already has one. Lebanon is planning one. Hanover is thinking about one. But there most definitely will be one in Enfield this summer. One what? Why, a farmer's market. The Enfield Main Street Economic Restructuring (ER) Committee is organizing the thirteen-week event, which will run in Huse Park every Wednesday afternoon, 3:00-6:00, from July 9 through October 1.

The market will provide a much needed outlet for homegrown produce and plants, and locally made baked goods and crafts. EVA president and ER committee member Nancy Smith says farmers in Grantham, Warner, Canaan, and Enfield have called already, asking for information. Because the market primarily will be an outlet for farmers, advertising has targeted that audience.

Information has been posted in the state's Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food literature and distributed at farmers' market training sessions, for example. But about 30 percent of available space will be allotted to artisans, and one space will be reserved for community organizations, such as 4-H, school groups, and churches. The critical criterion is that goods offered for sale be locally grown or produced.

Vendors may commit to the market for the entire season, in effect becoming a "member," or may opt to offer their goods on a single-event basis. Members will receive a discount on the already low vendor fees. All vendors committed to the market will receive further details at an organizational meeting scheduled in May.

Early in the season, market goers will enjoy entertain-

ment as they wander the park. The Main Street Promotion Committee is lining up musicians to provide a festive background atmosphere. Smith says this added feature may be extended if demand warrants and weather allows.

"This market is something we really need out here," she adds. "We're doing this to show Enfield is a good place to do business and to provide an opportunity to bring the community together—bring people back to Main Street. It's another step forward in revitalizing Enfield's downtown."

For more information on Enfield's farmer's market, contact the EVA office at 632-7197 or eva@interdial.net. Or call Smith at 632-4519 or EVA vice president Sharon Carr at 632-4241.

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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Volunteer Profile: Barbara Brady



Barbara Brady is making up for lost time. She didn't have much opportunity to work as a volunteer before moving to Enfield with husband Earl and their six children in 1968. Earl's Air Force career required frequent relocation over the years, making it difficult to commit to any single organization for long. And too Barbara had her own career as a school nurse at both Enfield and Canaan Elementary Schools and as a part-time employee at the Shaker Museum. Then one day she volunteered to help out with the museum's Harvest Festival—and she was hooked.

Today Barbara is helping to revitalize Enfield as a member of the Main Street Economic Restructuring (ER) Committee; works to beautify the town as a member of Enfield Community Gardeners; assists in cleaning up the bike trail with the local chapter of Rails to Trails; helps out with Enfield Methodist Church functions as well as efforts to upgrade its facilities; and continues to serve the museum as a volunteer. She also volunteered her services for fifteen years as a nurse

for local Red Cross blood drives and the Visiting Nurses' Well Child Clinics. "I enjoy giving back to the community and working with people," she says simply. "I'm what you call a 'people person'." Although not an Enfield native, Barbara is, in fact, a native of the Upper Valley. She was born at Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital in Hanover and grew up in Thetford Center, Vermont. She and Earl chose to plant roots permanently in Enfield, after years of moving across the U.S. and even to Japan, because relatives lived in nearby Lebanon. Enfield's Main Street offered a post office, drugstore, and several other small businesses when the Bradys moved to town. Barbara watched each enterprise slip away one by one and decided to do what she could to stem the exodus. She was a vocal proponent of keeping Enfield Elementary School close to the town's center during discussions several years ago about relocating the school. She got involved in fundraising activities to support the Shaker Museum. And three years ago, she joined EVA to help attract more businesses downtown.

"The ER Committee has been working to get local businesses to distribute customer coupons, and we're working on doing a market survey," she says. "I'm very optimistic. I just wish we could get more longtime Enfield residents to be involved."

packed with furniture, paintings, prints, kitchenware, wooden tools, and more. How does owner Frederick Kull choose what to stock? A self-confessed obsessive collector, Mr. Kull has been guided by his eclectic taste. You'll find one-of-a-kind primitive wood carvings from untrained but wonderfully intuitive artists of the past; Victorian furniture; Art Deco posters; watercolors and oil paintings by undiscovered regional talents; rare tools; and Dartmouth memorabilia reflecting Mr. Kull's former career as a visiting professor of chemistry at the college.

Hours vary with the season. You can usually find the store open Thursday through Monday, 10:00-3:00, but call ahead at 632-9813 to verify.

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We're Making Things Happen!



Main Street Clean-Up Day:

You thought being president of EVA's board meant running meetings in high heels and pearls? Here, board president Nancy Smith and husband Al haul a load of trash from the riverside during Clean-Up Day last May.

Main Street Tours:

Program manager Hildegard Ojibway gives a taste of history and future potential as she guides visitors along Main Street last summer.



Hometown Holidays:

Candy canes for the kids from Santa (that's Don Crate behind the beard) were just part of the fun as visitors took advantage of special offers from businesses throughout town, entered a drawing for local prizes, and enjoyed the One Day Cafe on November 30.



Sweet Treats:

This year's third annual Sweet Treats on Main Street included low-fat and low-sugar desserts among the elegant offerings, accompanied by the sweet tunes of local group Mountain Aire.



Money for Facelifts

The Design Committee of Enfield's Main Street Program has set up a grant program to assist owners of commercial or mixed commercial/residential property in making facade improvements. This has proved a win/win proposition in other Main Street communities, as owners get an incentive to make improvements, and the downtown and community benefit from the spruced-up facades. If you are a commercial property owner who has not received an application and guidelines but would like to, or if you want more information, contact EVA at 632-7197 or eva@interdial.net. Applications are due by Friday, May 16.

Two-Year Planning Process

In January the board appointed past president Doug Smith as planning coordinator to guide the Main Street committees in preparing a two-year master plan of projects to be undertaken. Through this process, the committees create a work plan for every EVA activity, detailing the tasks to be done, the deadlines, the volunteer hours required, and the projected expenses and income of each project. These plans will be compiled and consolidated by late April; the board will review and approve them in May. Budget information from the plans will be used as part of EVA's budget planning process, to be completed in June.

In addition to helping EVA run our projects smoothly, the work plans serve as records of what we have done, enabling staff and volunteers to repeat projects more easily and track what worked and what requires improvement.

The board is enthusiastic about this process, which will help our volunteers apply their time and efforts as efficiently as possible.