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Restoration Continues at 78 Main Street Property



Lee Carrier, chair and chief volunteer of the Property Committee, continues removals, renovations, and renewals on EVA's historic house at 78 Main Street. With the help of a corps of dedicated volunteers, the asbestos has been removed from the building, as has the old porch, which was beyond repair. The replacement porch is well underway, doors and windows are being relocated to their original configuration, and multiple layers of old paint are being stripped from the building's clapboards. Although unseen to the

passersby, the interior is undergoing changes as well; unneeded studs are being removed and new partitions put in place, as well as other repairs and improvements necessary to rehab the building. Volunteers have contributed untold hours of work to the project, and Carrier has successfully procured hundreds of dollars worth of donated materials and expert labor. At the same time, he is creating a vendor program that invites building trade professionals to donate their expertise in return for publicity and a chance to have their work highlighted at a public showcase when the building is completed.

In renovating this old house into apartments and office space, EVA hopes to further its goal of revitalizing downtown through historic preservation. Our wonderful downtown buildings can serve as attractive magnets for new enterprises while celebrating our town's unique heritage.



EVA Ventures Win Awards

Each May, the New Hampshire Main Street Center (NHMSC) recognizes outstanding achievements by Main Street programs statewide. This year, Enfield—one of New Hampshire's smallest Main Street programs—was honored



with two significant awards. The Enfield Farmers Market was named Best Ongoing Event. *Enfield Village News*, EVA's newsletter, won Best Printed Publication. Numerous EVA board members and volunteers attended the awards ceremony at the Capitol Center for the Arts in Concord and enjoyed a moment in the spotlight. EVA is proud to be among the "best examples of excellence in downtown development," as characterized by NHMSC director Kathy La Plante.



If you would like to help, call the EVA office at 632-7197.

Twigs Restaurant to Open Downtown

If you enjoy fresh-baked pastries with your hot coffee in the morning but don't like traveling to Lebanon or Hanover to buy them, you are soon in for a treat. Twigs, a bakery and café, will open its doors on the riverside ground floor of the Copeland Block sometime in December. Tuesday through Sunday, from 6:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Twigs will offer a variety of baked goods, including bagels, doughnuts, cakes, cookies, tarts, turnovers, and sandwiches that use meats fresh roasted on site, as well as custom-blended coffees and teas, homemade soups, crisp salads, and reasonably priced sandwiches and wraps. On-site seating as well as take-out service will be available.



space and talked it over with owner Larissa King, who, he says, "made [him] an offer [he] couldn't refuse."

**"In a week's time, nine people suggested the Copeland Block to me."
-Joe Russo**

Chef Joseph Russo and his business partners will own and run the eatery. Currently, they operate a bakery in South Royalton, Vermont, that supplies a line of wholesale baked goods to customers in the tri-town area. Russo says a desire to move closer to principal clients in Lebanon and Hanover prompted the group's recent hunt for a new locale. Their choice of the Copeland Block in Enfield was somewhat serendipitous.

"We looked at a warehouse in Lebanon and actually checked out the gray building next to Copeland Block here in Enfield, but these didn't meet our needs," notes Russo. "Then, in a week's time, nine people suggested the Copeland Block to me." He checked out the building's ground-floor

The luncheon menu at Twigs will include such classics as roast beef, turkey, and tuna salad sandwiches as well as more innovative fare—hearts of palm salad, roasted portobello on rosemary focaccia, and chicken artichoke on grilled panini. The restaurant also will be set up as an Internet café, with both wired and wireless access (fast-speed service through Adelphia).

Russo, who has 22 years' experience as a pastry chef, including a post as executive pastry chef at The Elephant Walk restaurants in Boston and Cambridge, initially will do all the baking. Once Twigs is up and running, he and his partners plan to open a complementary Italian restaurant next door. Basilico, Italian for "basil," will feature an Italian décor, stained glass windows, linen tablecloths, and dishes by Enfield potter Elizabeth Cadle. Russo expects Basilico to operate Tuesday through Sunday in the evening hours. The menu will change each month to take advantage of seasonal offerings in the marketplace.

Basilico's opening is slated for next spring. In the meantime, finishing touches are being applied to Twigs in anticipation of its grand opening.

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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“And the Award Goes to...”

EVA held its own version of the Academy Awards at its annual meeting on September 23 at Whitney Hall. More than 60 people turned out to enjoy a PowerPoint presentation of improvements to downtown Enfield and applaud the people who have made them possible. EVA President Sharon Carr praised Bob McQuade, owner of the Red Roof Frame Shop and Gallery, and Larissa King, owner/operator of the Copeland Block, for the refurbishment of their commercial properties, which have enhanced the downtown area, and lauded the Enfield-Mascoma Lions Club for constructing the new Enfield Community Building on Route 4—“a place where the community can gather.”

Carr further recognized the hard work of EVA volunteers, including Lee Carrier, for renovations on 78 Main Street; Barbara Crowe, for her organizational prowess on various EVA events; Bart

Thurber, for establishing the River Flows Through It program that sponsors student field trips to EVA's riverfront property; Carol Cusick, for arranging entertainment at the Enfield Farmers Market, sponsored by EVA again this summer; and Terry Kneeland for developing EVA's recently completed market survey.

The annual meeting also provided a forum for board members to pass the baton. Carr saluted retiring board members Florence Courtemanche, Becky Powell, Carol Robert, Doug Smith, and Nancy Smith, and welcomed new members Susan Brewer, Don Gamache, Lynn Martel, and Don Wyman.

Enfield town manager April Whittaker wrapped up the meeting with a brief “state of the town” address. And she praised EVA's work to date, noting that “economic development is the key to bring about revitalization.”

Downtown Welcomes New Businesses

GMR Payment Systems

Bill Beattie, principal owner of GMR (Global Merchant Response) Payment Systems, grew up in New York State and most recently lived in Florida but has local roots. His grandfather was born in the area and Beattie spent many years at Mascoma Lake, where he is currently building a home. Beattie's grandparents recommended the Copeland Block to him as a great place for a local office. GMR Payment Systems, the marketing arm of a national company located in Fort Worth, Texas, helps local merchants authenticate and process all forms of payment and protects customers from fraudulent checks, credit cards, and cash. GMR's local clients include Enfield House of Pizza and Family Pharmacy, as well as other local and area merchants.

Angels Nest Log Homes

After 15 years on the road as a motor-coach tour driver, Charley Vella was ready to be home for a while, home in the log cabin he'd dreamed of building since he was a child playing with Lincoln Logs. His search for just the right log home led him to Northern Log Homes, which offered him a job as the company's representative for much of New Hampshire and parts of Vermont.

Vella found the Copeland Block, with its high-speed Internet access, reasonable rent, and proximity to home, an ideal location for the office of Angels Nest Log Homes, the company name under which he markets Northern Log Homes



products. After building his own cabin on Potato Road on land he has owned since 1999, Charley is now constructing a model home that will showcase the variety of options he offers, from hand-peeled logs for a client's special design to complete homes ready to be put together. You can contact Angels Nest Log Homes at 632-6062, or angelstnloghomes@hotmail.com. Or visit the website www.northernloghomes.net.

See What's Happening...



Town Celebrates New Bridges



Steady rain didn't dampen the spirits of the more than 100 people who showed up to watch the official dedication of Enfield's new downtown bridges on September 18. Events included a parade, featuring District 1 Executive Councilor Raymond S. Burton and other state and town officials, two official ribbon-cutting ceremonies, and entertainment by the Upper Valley Community Band.

On September 19, the Design Committee proudly put the finishing touches on the downtown bridges. The jaunty welcome banners were based on a design by EVA volunteer Tina Nadeau and underwritten by Miller Construction, Inc. Barker Steel constructed the brackets and provided them at materials cost, and Shaker Valley Auto painted the brackets without charge.



More Enjoy Farmers Market

The Enfield Farmers Market completed its second successful year on October 13. An average of 20 vendors per week offered a wide variety of goods

for the market's 15 weeks. Figures for the first 13 weeks showed receipts up 30 percent from last year. An informal survey showed attendance increased by about 25 percent. Entertainment at the market ranged from salsa and steel drum bands to jugglers, clowns, and food demonstrations. Below left, Henry Homeyer demonstrates how to construct a garden scarecrow.



Dreamin' of Classy Cars

The Street Dance & Cruise Night on August 28 gathered cars of many vintages for the aficionado, the curious, and the would-be owner to dream over.



Shaker Seven Draws 113

EVA's revival of the Shaker Seven Road Race on June 27 was a great success—as a fundraiser, as an attraction for local and out-of-town participants, and as an opportunity to connect Enfield's downtown, Mascoma Lake, and the town's beautiful surrounding hillsides. A Fun Run for children began the event, followed by the challenging seven-mile course for adults circling the Enfield end of the lake on Route 4A and through town. A lakeside picnic, an awards ceremony, and raffle awards for participants capped the event. Plans already are underway for the 2005 Shaker Seven race. If you would like to help plan this event, call the EVA office at 632-7197.



Hometown Holidays Returns

Scheduled for Saturday, December 4, this year's event, EVA's third Hometown Holidays, will have new fun activities for children and adults to welcome the holidays. Ornament making, tree decorating, seasonal storytelling, and cookie decorating will fill the afternoon. For updates on this event, check out EVA's website at www.enfieldmainstreet.org.

Market Analysis Moves to Next Stage

The first phase of a market analysis conducted by the Economic Restructuring Committee was completed in early summer. Approximately 65 people were approached outside local businesses to answer questions about their shopping patterns, use of town recreational opportunities, and hoped-for uses of the new Community Building. The results will be used to help formulate a larger, follow-on survey planned for winter, which will be conducted by mail or phone to reach a wider audience. The results of the initial survey will also be used to help existing businesses understand local market forces and explore new opportunities. The survey work is being done in concert with UNH's New Hampshire Survey Center. The next phase survey will be coordinated with a town effort in support of the town's master plan.