



Why Community Involvement Matters

When residents get involved, towns become stronger, more connected, and better prepared for the future.

Whether it's volunteering, attending a public meeting, or helping a neighbor, every act of participation builds trust, strengthens local decision-making, and improves resilience in times of change or crisis.



Stronger Together



When neighbors connect, communities thrive. Local involvement—whether through volunteering, attending events, or sharing local knowledge—builds trust, fosters collaboration, and strengthens a town's ability to respond to challenges.

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HOW TO CREATE A RESILIENT COMMUNITY

When flooding comes, it's our community that is there to help us

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TO FOSTER INVOLVEMENT

Resident Welcome Packet

Arriving in a new town can be overwhelming. Having a Welcome Packet/Guide can help new residents get plugged in to the community and feel welcomed!

Examples of what to include: Welcome Letter, how to register to vote, receive a transfer station permit, how to license a dog, what newsletters to sign up for

Citizen Academy

Knowing how local government works empowers residents to participate meaningfully—whether by attending meetings, giving public comment, or voting in local elections.

The Town of Enfield hosts an “Enfield Citizen Academy” through a series of lectures delivered by different department directors. Awareness of Town roles can help build trust and engagement among residents.

Examples of lectures: The role of the Board of Selectman, the Planning Board, the different volunteer boards, Emergency Services, Town Clerk.

Ways to get involved

- Attend Town Meetings
- Attend Town Events
- Volunteer in your community
- Food Pantries
- Sign up for town alerts or newsletters



Town Wide Event Ideas

- Block Parties
- Road Clean-up
- Food Drives
- Public Concerts
- Arts and Craft Fair
- Farmers Market
- Cultural Celebrations
- Book Clubs
- Pick up Sport Teams
- Food Fairs
- Old Home Days
- Holiday Parade
- Town Wide Block Party/BBQ
- Cook Off/Bake Off

TO PREPARE FOR EMERGENCIES

Designate Point Persons

Encourage neighborhood-based preparedness by establishing persons of contact or liaisons within neighborhoods across Enfield with contact information kept by Emergency Management Services

List of Residents Requiring Extra Assistance

During an emergency, certain residents may require extra assistance. The town having a list of who may need extra care can make the difference during an emergency.

The Town of Enfield has The GOOD MORNING ENFIELD PROGRAM. The Enfield Police Department checks in on members of their at-risk population on a regular basis.

