

## Welcome!

Penacook provides all the comforts and necessities one expects in a town – schools, doctor and dentist offices, a library, parks, shops and restaurants. But in Penacook, you can also walk past a dairy farm where cows graze in view of the Merrimack River. Or pass houses built before 1815. Or stroll downtown, greeted by a friendly “hello.” Penacook is a friendly, quaint place to live, work, and visit.



*Postcard of the Village of Penacook*

## Our Rich History

Penacook has many historical places and buildings all within comfortable walking distance from each other. Wherever you wander in the village, history waits for you to discover it.



*Rotary Garden*



*The Penacook Historical Society's 1790's Rolfe Barn recalls a rural age of farms & saw mills*

Located along the Contoocook River which drops 100 feet in slightly over a mile, our community grew along both sides of the Contoocook just before it joins the Merrimack River.

Rapid growth of the village began after a stone mill was built in 1836. Long ago woolen, cotton, and furniture mills dotted the landscape along the river's edge, powered by dams on the river's four falls. Electric instruments have been produced here since the 1890's. The 1890 Holden Mill survives today, renovated to accommodate retirement housing. A landmark here since 1858, the United Church of Penacook's 150 foot spire rises over the town near the village center.

## Our Parks

Enjoy walking in three parks or canoeing two rivers, viewing ducks, geese and blue herons.

- The historic Contoocook River Park is an undeveloped wooded area with two miles of walking trails offering scenic views.
- Rolfe Park has a playground, athletic fields and an extensive woodland trail system.
- In the Penacook Riverside Park you can sit and enjoy views of the river and a granite cliff.



*Concerts at Rolfe Parks*

## Annual Events

- Penacook Farmers Market
- Penacook Historical Society Halloween Parade and Party
- Penacook Elementary School Fall Festival
- Penacook Village Association Christmas Tree Lighting



*The Contoocook River played a large part in Penacook's history and is still scenic today.*

## Our Schools

Penacook is proud to be the home of Merrimack Valley High School, Merrimack Valley Middle School and Penacook Elementary School. Both the middle and high schools draw students from Boscawen, Loudon, Penacook, Salisbury, and Webster.

Penacook Elementary School has strong support from the community through the volunteer program, and has consistently been awarded the Blue Ribbon of Excellence for Volunteerism from NH Partners In Education. For more information, call 753-4891.

Both Merrimack Valley High School and Merrimack Valley Middle School are past recipients of the School of Excellence Award from NH Excellence in Education.

For more information, call the middle school at 753-6336 or high school at 753-4311.



## Community Connections

- American Legion Post 31  
American Legion Ladies Auxiliary  
Sons of the American Legion  
[www.nhalpost31.org](http://www.nhalpost31.org)
- Horace Chase Masonic Lodge  
[www.horacechase.org](http://www.horacechase.org)
- Riverhill and Halloween Granges
- Knights of Columbus
- Penacook Community Center  
[www.penacookcommunitycenter.org](http://www.penacookcommunitycenter.org)
- Penacook Historical Society  
[www.penacookhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.penacookhistoricalsociety.org)
- Penacook Village Association  
[www.penacook.org](http://www.penacook.org)
- Immaculate Conception Church  
[www.icpenacook.org](http://www.icpenacook.org)
- Living Hope Community Church  
[www.livinghopeconcord.com](http://www.livinghopeconcord.com)
- United Church of Penacook  
[www.ucpnh.org](http://www.ucpnh.org)



## Penacook Village Association

We are leading our community renaissance with strategic planning — a key to revitalization. We are a village on the verge!

If you are interested in joining our efforts, bringing your business idea to life, or obtaining more information about living in our charming community,

- visit [www.penacook.org](http://www.penacook.org);
- send email to [info@penacook.org](mailto:info@penacook.org); or
- send inquiries to PO Box 6174, Penacook, NH 03303

We will get you connected to the right village resources.



## Annual Membership

For Year: 20\_\_\_\_\_

Type of Membership

Individual: \_\_\_\_\_ \$5.00/each person

Business: \_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Business \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_

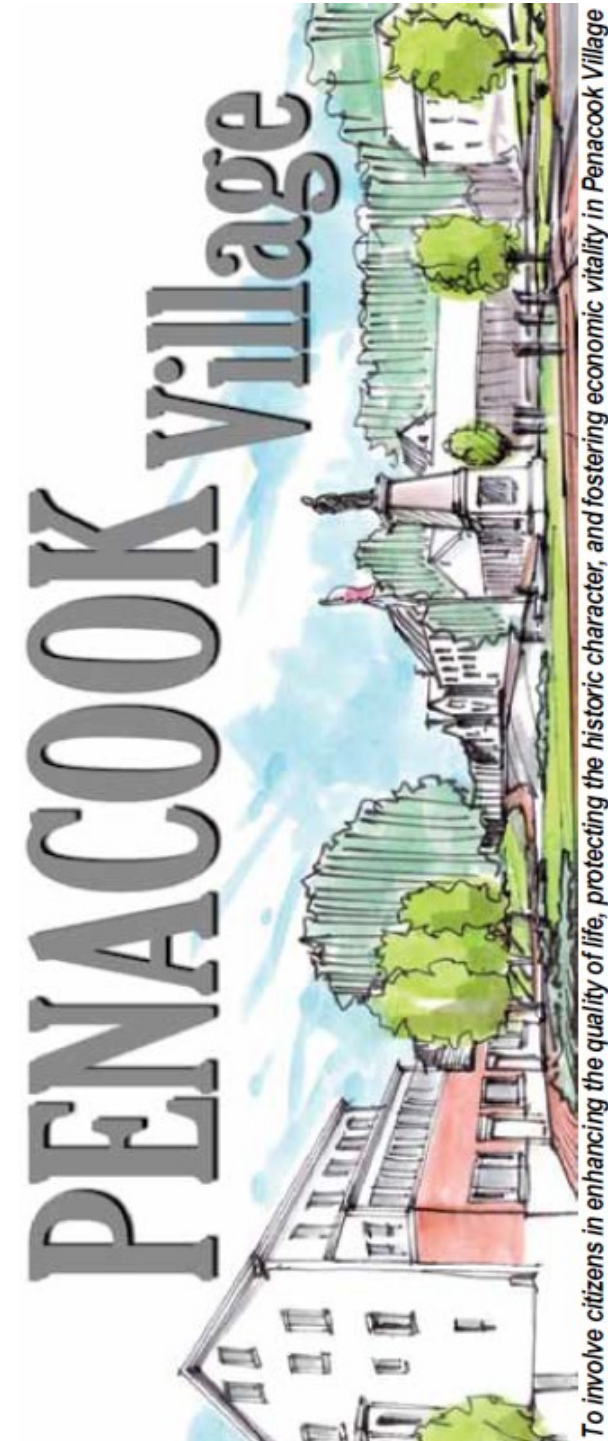
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Mail application & check payable to:

PVA  
PO Box 6174  
Penacook, NH 03303



To involve citizens in enhancing the quality of life, protecting the historic character, and fostering economic vitality in Penacook Village