

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

Our Schools

Penacook is proud to be the home of Merrimack Valley High School, Merrimack Valley Middle School, and Penacook Elementary School. 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. Both Merrimack Valley High School and Merrimack Valley Middle School draw students from Boscawen, Loudon, Penacook, Salisbury, and Webster and are past recipients of the School of Excellence Award from NH Excellence in Education.



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 for more information about living in our charming community, contact the PVA.

Penacook Village Association
P.O. Box 6174
Penacook, NH 03303
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Annual Membership

Membership

Individual [\$10.00 per person]: _____

Business [\$35.00]: _____

_____ Date

_____ Name

_____ Business

_____ Address

_____ Street

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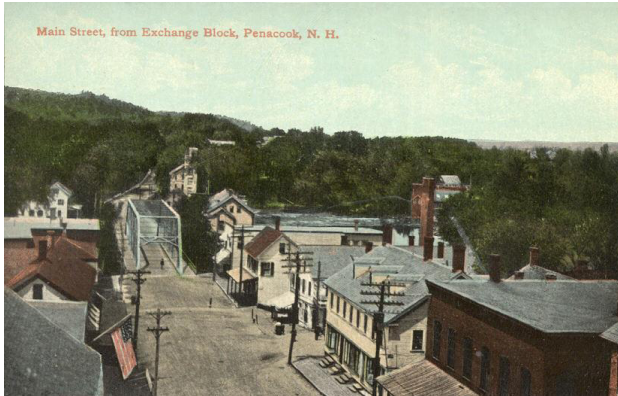
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Please make checks payable to the Penacook Village Association and mail to

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Welcome to Penacook, NH

Penacook provides all the comforts and necessities one expects in a town: schools, doctor's and dentist's 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, pass by houses built before 1815, or stroll along a historic downtown area where you're greeted by a friendly "hello."



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. Located along the Contoocook River, which drops 100 feet in slightly over a mile, our community was built along both sides of the Contoocook River just before its juncture with the Merrimack River to use the hydropower available from the falls in the area.

The village grew rapidly after a stone mill was built in 1836. In the short decades after that, textile and furniture mills dotted the landscape along the river's edge powered by dams on the river's four falls and electric instruments have been produced in the village since the 1890s.

Even though most of the industry has closed or changed, many of the buildings of the era have been renovated and serve various purposes today: the 1890 Holden Mill accommodates retirement housing, the Exchange, Fifeld, and Merchants Blocks have office and business space, and the United Church of Penacook's 150-foot spire has risen over the town near the village center since 1858.



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.



Annual Events

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

