

Letters

Appreciation to the Transfer Station Attendants

How often do we overlook the people who keep the functions operating? Quite frequently! Even in difficult situations, they are cheerful, helpful, and accommodating.

In my opinion, it is town service at its best. Keep up the good work, and special thanks to Bill Farrington and his crew.

Peter Zak

Summer is a great time for all: biking, hiking, and horseback riding. I realize many people do not understand horses, and I thought that it would be helpful to know how to pass horses on the road.

They are a flight-or-fright creature. It is wise to pass going very slowly – 15 miles per hour if possible. If there seems to be a problem, then come to a stop.

Most horses are fine, but if a dog or something else comes from the roadside, the horse could spook into the road. Most people go zooming by as quickly as possible. We all want to have fun with our sports, and horses have to travel on roads now and again to get to

the trails.

I hope this proves a bit insightful. A great summer to all!

Mary Howe

There was a meeting at the Andover Town Hall on June 14 regarding the title re: Emile Shaw / vineyard fields sludge site permit. This will be spread on the fields for hay.

If you go to Sludge News on your computer you can read about it. The video clip of Channel 5's investigative reporter, Anna Werner, and the *Los Angeles Times* story are also very valuable to educate yourself on this topic.

Harper Collins Dictionary of Environmental Science defines sludge as "a viscous, semi-solid mixture of bacteria, virus-laden organic matter, toxic metals, synthetic organic chemicals, and settled solids removed from domestic and industrial waste water at sewage treatment plants."

I care for this lovely little town and the future of the land that our children will inherit. I do not agree with having toxic waste spread on its land.

Thank you.

Mary Howe

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Corrections

• On page 4 in last month's *Beacon*, an article said that part of the 5% reduction in the Town budget was \$643 "saved by reducing the Town's contribution to the East Andover librarian's salary." That's not correct. The \$643 was simply a reduction to the Library

line item in the Town budget. How the libraries deal with that reduction is up to the Library Trustees, not the Board of Selectmen.

• Two photos of area Proctor grads were omitted from last month's *Beacon*, as well as some information about a third graduating senior. Please see page 49 for the missing photos and information.

The *Beacon* regrets the errors.

Around the World with the Beacon



Shelby, Koby, and Kristi Perreault (middle three, l-r) and their cousins Samantha (l) and Christopher Yurcak (r) took along the *Beacon* on their visit last month to Hershey Park in Pennsylvania. Photo: Doreen Perreault

Andover Recreation Comm. Offers Swimming Lessons

By David Powers
Andover Recreation Committee

The Andover Recreation Committee will offer a swim program this year at the Town Beach at Highland Lake. Sign-ups will be held on Monday, July 5, from 10 to 11 AM at the Beach.

Lessons will be broken into two groups, depending upon the swimmer's level, and will begin on Tuesday, July 6. Lessons for more advanced swimmers will be from 10 to 11:30 AM, July 6 through 8, and again on July 12 through 15. Lessons for beginners and less advanced swimmers will run the same days from 3 to 4:30 PM.

There is a \$20 fee for Andover residents and a \$35 fee for out-of-town participants. Parents for all swimmers

should plan on staying at the beach area for the lesson time period.

We are pleased that Henry Bendel, an Andover resident and senior at Merrimack Valley High School, will be running the program this year. Henry is a certified Water Safety Instructor, along with being certified as a Life Guard and for CPR. Henry has taught swimming for a number of years at a summer camp in Vermont and is looking forward to working with our young swimmers.

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