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## Andover Fire Department Invites Public to First Open House

Includes Touch-a-Truck event; October 15

Shawna Otis  
 Emergency Services Auxiliary

All are welcome to attend the Andover Fire Department's first annual Open House and Touch-a-Truck event on Saturday, October 15, from 10 AM to 2 PM. Meet our firefighters and EMTs. The fire department will

be open to the public, with lunch and snacks, goodies for the kids, games for all, giveaways, and demonstrations throughout the event.

Learn about fire safety and have a blast in our inflatable fire safety house (generously donated by Mike Prete). Smokey the Bear will even be making an appearance.

On top of having our fire department and  
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## Anonymous Benefactor Donates Telescope to Andover Libraries

Available to public for week-long loans

*The best thing that we're put here for's to see; The strongest thing that's given us to see with's A telescope. Someone in every town Seems to me owes it to the town to keep one. In Littleton it may as well be me.*  
 – Robert Frost, from *The Star-Splitter*, 1923

Chuck Will, Bachelder Library

Robert Frost would be delighted! The William A. Bachelder Library has a new item available to loan to the public: a fine telescope. A gift from an anonymous benefactor, this Orion Starblast 4.5 is a highly portable instrument designed for all aspiring astronomers to enjoy.

This model has been chosen for placement in thousands of libraries across the nation due to the combination of compact, lightweight design, simplicity of operation and robust optics. The New Hampshire Astronomical Society – recipient of the Out-of-This-World Award from *Astronomy Magazine* for outstanding public programming – began placing telescopes in local libraries for circulation to the pub-



Bachelder librarian Lee Wells looks over and admires the newly donated Orion Starblast telescope. Photo: Chuck Will

lic in 2008. Today, more than 130 New Hampshire libraries offer telescopes to patrons. Every one of these telescopes is a Starblast 4.5.

The Starblast is a "reflector" telescope of the kind invented by Sir Isaac Newton in 1668. Unlike earlier "refractor" scopes which employ finely crafted lenses to achieve magnification (like a spy glass or pair of binoculars,) a Newtonian reflector is a simple, open tube with a concave mirror at the bottom. This mirror reflects and focuses incom-

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Volunteers cleaning the gravestones and foot stones at Philbrick Cemetery include, from left to right: Susan Huntoon, Ashley Hicks, Lance Ford, Beth Frost, Melissa Spencer (kneeling in front), Joe Bonanno, Susan Nellen, Dana Swenson, and Cheri Swenson. Caption and photo: Cheryl Swenson

## Volunteers Scrub and Clean Gravestones at Philbrick Cemetery

Join the next work days on October 8 or 15

Cheryl Swenson, Andover Cemetery Committee

A group of eight hard working individuals gathered at Philbrick Cemetery at Old College Road and Maple Street to scrub and clean each gravestone and foot stone in this old graveyard. What a difference a few hours make! Drive by and take a look.



Photo: Dana Swenson

We will be meeting again on Wednesday, September 28, at 9 AM. We will also be working at the Taunton Hill Cemetery as well on Saturday, October 8, and Saturday, October 15 at 9 AM. Come join the fun.

For information or questions, email Cheryl.Swenson@tds.net.

## Free Community Lunch Offers Food, Conversation, at the Hub

Sunday, October 16, from 11 AM to 2 PM

Susan Chase  
 Andover Community Hub

Andover residents are invited to stop in at the Andover Community Hub on Sunday, October 16, for a Community Lunch between 11 AM and 2 PM. There's no charge, and lunch will be served in the studio, the former stage at the back of Andover's original 1879 town hall.

Food will be provided courtesy of local chefs and Hub board members Ty and Sam Morris. It's a great chance for conversation with friends and neighbors as well as with those in town you may not know – over chicken pot pie, soup, salad, fresh bread, and a variety of homemade pies.

Coffee and other beverages will also be provided. Local musicians will provide informal music.

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There is now a woodpile at the Transfer Station where you can donate cordwood if you have extra, or pick up some if you are in need. When I took this photo, there was just a fraction of a cord in the pile; there need to be many more donations if the pile is to be a meaningful help to some Andover residents this year. Caption and photo: Charlie Darling

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