

East Andover Fire Department

By Rene Lefebvre
Chief, East Andover Fire Department

I think most people look at a fire truck and see a large red truck and not much else. Some may also see a large expenditure of taxpayers' dollars rolling down the road. Still others may see big boys playing with big toys.

I guess a fire truck is all of these. To a fire fighter, though, a fire truck is a trusted friend.

When you first bring a new truck into your station, you marvel at all the gadgets and start to outfit the compartments with your tools and equipment. Though you know how to drive the truck and work the pump, you still feel unsure of yourself and your ability to make the machine perform. Heaven forbid that you will be called to a fire until you have had more time to train.

For several weeks you and your team work every knob and check every pressure gauge until you and the machine work as one. Like life, a fire often does not go as planned, but the first fire with the new truck works out. In time, a quiet comfort replaces the anxiety that goes with new challenges.

On a warm summer morning almost fifteen years ago, our fire fighters were

called to a large mill fire in Franklin. Engine 3 was brand-new at the time. As we approached the city, a large column of black smoke filled the sky and an ominous red glow pointed the way to our assignment.

The Chief asked us to set up our truck and water cannon to help stop the advance of the fire. As we readied the new truck for this important task, a shadow of concern lurked in our minds. Are we and this truck ready?

Time during a fire takes on a life of its own, and before long five hours had passed. The fire was all but out, and our crew and truck had performed as a team. A smile and nod from the city Chief said all that needed to be said. We were all very proud of our new machine.

Engine 3 still sits in our station today, ready to answer the next call. The paint isn't as shiny as it was, and she has a few battle scars on her, but every fire-fighter on our team trusts her to work when needed most.

Stop by the station some time, and we will show you old Engine 3. You may see just a large red truck, but I don't think so. You will see the proud lady we have grown to trust with our lives, and with yours, too.

POLICE BLOTTER

The Andover Police Department responded to 170 calls for service from January 15 through February 15. The following is a partial breakdown:

- Motor vehicle accidents on Franklin Highway, Route 4, Plains Road, and Maple Street
- Domestic disputes on Franklin Highway, Hoyt Road, Putney Road, and Switch Road
- 46 motor vehicle warnings, four summons
- 911 call on Franklin Highway
- Criminal trespass complaint on Monticello Drive
- Criminal mischief on Main Street

Arrests

- David Gallagher, 63, Andover, electronic bench warrant
- Phillip Bryson, 34, Andover, resisting arrest, simple assault, second-degree assault, habitual offender, violation of probation
- Tamarlyn Kollar, 23, Franklin, bad check
- Shane Fortier, 18, Wilmot, theft by unauthorized taking
- Michael Mason, 51, Andover, theft
- Shelley Wells, 44, Andover, criminal mischief
- Ronald White, 50, Andover, operating after suspension

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Money was held for other landowners adjacent to or nearby the Hersey Farm who are considering a conservation easement.

Conservation Corner in the Beacon. Tina expressed a need to explain Current Use and conservation easements and will submit an article for a future issue.

Other New Business. Tina met with Dave Pilla about the ARC GIS mapping technology. Approved Tina's request for \$190 to attend a workshop on community mapping. Mary Anne, Tina, and Sandra will look into putting together a table for Town Meeting.

4TH OF JULY

By Judy Perreault Fourth of July Committee

The Fourth of July committee held an organizational meeting on January 4 at the Town Hall. The chair, Bob Ward, confirmed officers for the coming year. Fortunately, almost everyone agreed to another term.

Once again you will have an opportunity to vote for the Fourth of July theme at Town Meeting. We will have a number of choices – just put your sticker on your favorite.

The Board would like to see some new faces at our meetings. There are lots of jobs, and the more hands, the easier it is for everyone. We welcome representatives from various groups in town that participate in the Fourth of July activities. We are open to suggestions and new ideas.

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 PM at the Town Hall.

New Realtor Joins Franklin RE/MAX

Maria Laycox from Salisbury has recently joined the real estate team at RE/MAX Intentions in Franklin. Maria is new to real estate and focuses primarily in Andover, Boscawen, Salisbury, and Webster. She is a member of the Lakes Region Board of Realtors and the New Hampshire Association of Realtors.

Mark Seavey, broker, and Jan Wickens, owner of RE/MAX Intentions, said, "We are pleased to add someone of Maria's caliber to our RE/MAX Intentions team."

RE/MAX Intentions, at 780 Central Street in Franklin, opened in May 2005. Currently there are eight realtors in the office: Jan Collins, Cyndi Clogston, Tom Hanright, Heidi Wolf, Jesse Bryl, and Maria Laycox. You can reach RE/MAX Intentions at 934-9282.

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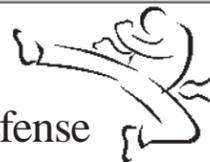
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Andover Academy of Self Defense

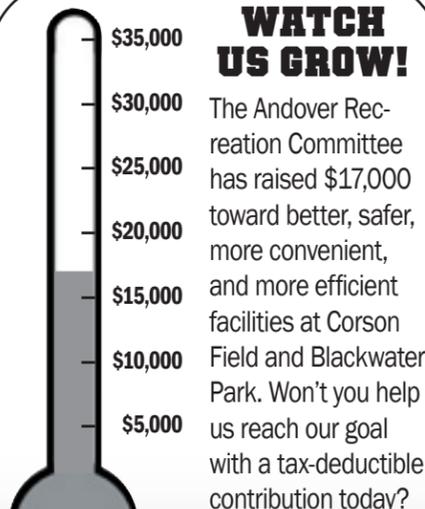


CLASSES

Little Tigers 4 - 5 years	M W	5-5:30 pm
Tigers 6 years +	M W S	6-7 pm 11 am-12 pm
Adults	M W	11:30-12:30
	M W	7-8 pm
Advanced & Juniors	T Th	6-7 pm
	S	11 am-12 pm
Women's Self Defense	T	7-8 pm

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Town Matters

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