

# Beacon Bits

April 23 through 29 is National Volunteer Week. It's a great time to ask "Does Andover do enough for its volunteers?" If you ask me, we don't.

Stop and think for a minute what life would be like in Andover if no one volunteered for anything. Think of the impact on town government...on our schools...on sports for the kids...on cultural and historical resources like our libraries and our museum...on social activities like the Fourth of July celebration or our community breakfasts and suppers.

It just wouldn't be Andover anymore, would it?

So how do we thank the hundreds of our friends and neighbors who make Andover the place we love to live in? I don't know the answer to that one, but I think we'd all better start trying to figure it out. Things we take for granted have a funny way of disappearing, and our community can't afford – literally or metaphorically – to have our volunteers disappear.

If you have ideas for fun, meaningful ways to make everyone who volunteers feel appreciated, please let me know. Let's see if we can make National Volunteer Week 2007 a week to remember in Andover!

### Advertise In The Beacon

Every month we have to leave stuff out of the *Beacon* – interesting articles, fun photos, things our readers would enjoy – because there's no room. I'd like to see the *Beacon* at 28 pages every month, but we can't justify the extra pages until we have more advertisers.

If you know someone who does business in Andover, tell them they should advertise in the *Beacon*. If they hear it enough times from enough people, they'll get the message. Thanks!

*Charlie*

### Next Month's Beacon...

...should be in mailboxes on Friday, April 28. Please get all ads, articles, etc. to us by **Sat., Apr. 15** at the latest. And **earlier is always better!**

# Letters To The Beacon

The state owns Highland Lake, thus there must be one boat ramp for the public to access the lake. The required ramp is on the channel by the fire station. But in winter, the town beach is being used illegally and destructively to access the lake.

In the past two or three years, the beach parking lot has been plowed. Now the picnic area and parking lot are rutted from 4-wheelers and small 4x4s driving across town property to get to the frozen lake. (See photo below.)

With the snow and ice melting, trash is appearing. Examples are a spare trailer tire, styrofoam cups, cans, and some bottles. In the spring of 2005, a car battery was left on the beach with the caps off! Where did the acid go?

This damage to town property needs to be addressed. I urge our Selectmen to work with the Road Agent, the Police Department, and other interested parties to see that the law is enforced and public property protected. Jody Connor of NH DES is very concerned about the situation. Could NH Fish & Game or Andover Fish & Game help? How about our state representative?

The preservation of our lake and beach area are at stake here! Let's keep just the one lake access at the boat ramp on the channel and stop the damage and pollution at the beach area.

Tim Frost



Damage and misuse of Chaffee Park on Highland Lake. Photo: Tim Frost

Please accept our congratulations on the superb job done with the March Town Meeting Special Edition of *The Andover Beacon*. The *Beacon* team did its homework and presented the various budgets and other issues to be discussed in a clear and concise fashion. Your hard work brought a more informed public to Town Meeting, which in turn made our job easier, and for that we thank you.

Keep up the good work!

Dennis Fenton  
Roger Godwin  
Andrew Gupta

Andover Board of Selectmen

I was very pleased that Town Meeting passed the resolution about volunteering. If it weren't for the volunteer work I do in Andover, I would hardly know a soul in town. I think the volunteer work that I do is much more meaningful to me than anything else I do outside of my home.

I thought the resolution really said it perfectly.

Vicky Mishcon

For more about the resolution Vicky refers to, see the article on page 4. - Editor

I lived in Andover from 1985 to 1998. Although I returned to Hawaii, part of my heart has always remained in Andover.

I was happy to see that the ball field at Blackwater Park will be named the Howard George Ball Field. Howard has always been there for the kids of Andover.

My children have never forgotten him or his wife, Ellie. My son still talks about how Howard would let him watch and "assist" with mechanical tasks in the shop.

When people are good to your children, you never forget them. That's how I feel about the Georges, and I congratulate Andover for naming the field after Howard.

Aloha,  
Jameelah Peer  
Kailua, Hawaii

Thank you, volunteers, for the gift of the *Beacon* to our community. We feel it is a very vital part of the town and serves us all well.

Sandra and John Graves

## Donate!

The *Beacon* relies on voluntary donations for a substantial part of its budget.

## BEACON MEMBERS WIN!

Each month the *Beacon* holds a random drawing among its members to give away valuable prizes provided by area businesses. **Become a member** for a year, support the *Beacon*, and join the fun! This month's winners are:

Andover Pizza Chef	Large 2-Topping Pizza	Diane & Red Pilbin
Andover Service Club	Cookbook	Anne & Dave Hewitt
Blackwater Junct. Rest.	Breakfast for Two	Joan Gross
Bowie's Market	Breakfast for Two	Faith Downes
Forest Cone & Evergreen	Easter Bunny	Neil Turton
Handknits By Judy	Handknit Scarf	Wendy & Philip Pinkham
Jake's Market in Andover	\$10 Cash Card	Dane Loomer
Mackenna's Restaurant	\$10 Gift Certificate	Jane Palatino
Mary Smith of Andover	Plug-In Car Mug	Edie & Skip Powers
Mary Kay - Sarah Anderson	\$15 Gift Certificate	Margie & Bill Leber

Winners – contact the *Beacon* at 735-5331 to collect your prize.

Prizes not redeemable for cash.

## BECOME A BEACON MEMBER!

Seasonal	Local or Out of Town	Here's my member donation of \$_____ for (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal (\$25 min) <input type="checkbox"/> Out of Town (\$25 min) <input type="checkbox"/> Gift (\$25 min)
		Your Name _____ Address _____ City, State, Zip _____ Phone or E-mail _____
		Other Name _____ Other Address _____ City, State, Zip _____ Phone or E-mail _____
Seasonal: which months are you at the "other" address? _____		

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