

Area Memorial Day Events

By Wayne and Sally Nicoll
For the Beacon

Five events are planned in our area to help us all observe Memorial Day.

Memorial Day Observance at the Franklin Pierce Homestead in Hillsborough. Ceremonies begin at 10:30 AM on Saturday, May 26, and will include a band concert and scout displays.

The Visitor Center will feature tours of the 1804 Franklin Pierce Homestead plus seldom-seen pictures of patriotic occasions and members of the military.

Road Race and Fun Run at Pat's Peak in Henniker. The Russell M. Durgin Memorial Road Race 5K Run/Walk & Kids' Fun Run kicks off with the Fun Run at 7:40 AM on Monday, May 28. The 5K follows at 8 AM. The events are in memory of Russell Durgin, who was killed in action in Afghanistan on June 13, 2006. Proceeds will benefit veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars and their families. Visit Durgin5K.com.

Memorial Day Parade in Concord. The parade starts at 9 AM on Monday, May 28, at the corner of Storrs Street and South Main Street. It stops for a ceremony at the Franklin Pierce gravesite on North State Street. The parade ends at the State House for the official wreath laying ceremony.

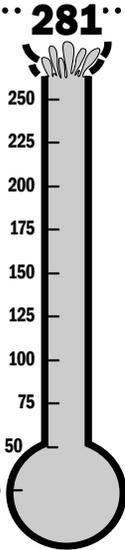
Memorial Day Observances at the New Hampshire Veterans Cemetery in Boscaawen start at 9 AM on Wednesday, May 30, with services conducted by the Marine Corps League. At 10 AM there will be ceremonies conducted by the

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YOU DID IT!

Thank you to everyone who helped us beat our goal of 275 Andover households supporting the Beacon with a voluntary donation. If you haven't sent your 2007 donation, there's still time - please do so today! You'll find a handy form on page 2.

THANK YOU!



Town-Wide Meeting To Create A Vision For Andover's Future

By Paul Currier
Master Plan Update Committee

The Andover Master Plan Update Committee invites all Andover residents to an open forum on "A Vision for Andover's Future" at the Andover Elementary/Middle School gym, from 7 to 9 PM on Wednesday, May 23.

Please come! The committee needs your participation in order for the revised Master Plan to truly represent the ideas and opinions of Andover residents.

The meeting is planned to begin promptly at 7 PM and will end by 9 PM. There will be two parts - first, the group will be asked to respond briefly to the questions:

- "What is Andover like today?"
- "What would you like Andover to be in the future?"

Responses will be recorded and used in writing the Master Plan.

Then, to dig into the details, there will be breakout groups to discuss topics like Business & Industry, Housing, Conservation and Natural Resources, Cultural and Historic Resources, Village Districts, and similar topics. These groups will develop more in-depth ideas on Andover's present and future for the committee to use in writing the Master Plan. All groups will have a facilitator and a recorder.

This is a great opportunity to participate in planning for Andover's future - please come!

The results of the Andover Vision survey will be used as a starting point for discussions. If you haven't yet filled out the survey, please do! You can find it on the Web at TinyURL.com/25wyyf, or pick up a copy at the Town Office.

Don't miss these important opportunities to have a voice in shaping Andover's future!

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Three drivers dared flooding on Route 4 at Fenvale and lost. Photo: Scott Kidder

Tax Day Flood Tears Up Roads

By Charlie Darling
Beacon staff

The Big Rain of April '05...the Columbus Day Flood of '05...the Mother's Day Flood of '06...and now the Tax Day Flood of '07. Once again a strong low pressure system swept into New England, and once again Andover's Emergency Operations Center was called into action for a tense couple of days.

Several inches of wet, heavy snow followed by heavy rain and warming temperatures set the stage. On Monday morning, April 16, on the advice of Road Agent John Thompson, Emergency Management Director Ed Becker and deputy directors Jane Hubbard and Phil Hackmann opened the Emergency Operations Center in the basement of the Town Hall to keep an eye on the situation as the rain continued to pelt down.

Late in the morning, the students at AE/MS were sent home, but not before a leak in the roof sent water into an alarm sensor, causing the alarms to go off.

Around noon the road agent, the two fire departments, the police, and the Rescue Squad met in the EOC to update each other and make plans. John Thompson reported damage to many town roads, including washouts three or four feet deep in some places. Many roads were closed, and the road agent's crews were hard at work making the worst of them at least passable for emergency vehicles.

The pond at Proctor Academy was rising fast. Andover Fire Department had a four-inch hose in the lake and was pumping, but students and faculty were preparing Shirley Hall and the base-

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Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

You are formally invited to stop by the Andover Elementary/Middle School "Castle" during Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week, May 7 to 11, and let the ROYAL staff know how very much they are worth to us

In case you are wondering, the AE/MS staff will be the ones wearing CROWNS!

The Swap Shop will be open on May 19 and welcomes reusable items in working condition like toys, clothing, books, bicycles, and kitchenware. Please, **no** upholstered furniture, tires, windows, doors, electronics, or porcelain fixtures. Details on page 3.

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