

Beacon Bits

Our search for an office for the *Beacon* is in full swing, but no luck so far. We've eliminated several possibilities, but one that we haven't crossed off the list is an entire building that's for rent for offices in Andover village.

The *Beacon* can't afford the whole building, of course, but if we could come up with two or three "building mates" to share the rent with, we could make a go of it. If you know anyone who's looking for a small office in town, please let me know! You can reach me at 735-6099 or Charlie@AndoverBeacon.com.

Covering Town Government

With the kids back in school now, it won't be long before our town government starts gearing up for a new budget season and Town Meeting. A lot of people on our boards, committees, and commissions will put in a lot of hours trying to figure out what needs to be done around town in 2008; what our local, state, and federal rules allow (or require); and where the money's going to come from to do it all.

The *Beacon* has a vital role to play in helping the community understand all the issues involved and the often arcane and frustrating legal framework within which our town government has to work. To fulfill that role, we need "Civics 101" articles on how the budget works. We need "issue" articles that explain the ins and outs of a particular proposal. We need Town Forums that air the views of people who find themselves on opposite sides of an issue.

This is a big challenge for a small volunteer staff! **We really need more help from the community**, from writing and editing to fundraising and volunteer development. Please let me know if you can help, or know someone who can.

Charlie

Next Month's Beacon...

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

Letters To The Beacon

I'd like to take a moment and share the most wonderful "welcome" I received by the Andover police.

I am a relatively new resident of Andover, having purchased the Bock house in March. This being our first Fourth of July in town, we were excited to participate in all the festivities.

My mother-in-law came up for the day, and we parked the car in handicapped parking behind the Town Hall. About 40 minutes after arriving at the Village Green, I reached into my pocket to find that the cash I had been carrying was gone! I was very upset, but my husband consoled me and told me not to let it ruin my day. I took his advice and we had a very enjoyable time.

About three hours later, we were at home entertaining friends with a cook-out when the phone rang; it was my son. He had just heard a PA announcement that the police had found a substantial amount of cash, and if the person could identify it, it would be returned to its rightful owner. I shared the details with my son, never believing that it was my cash. Well, an hour or so later he came home and had my cash in his pocket!

I can't thank the Andover Police Department enough. What a wonderful gesture to find cash and then make such an effort to get it back where it belongs. My husband and I were so impressed; we felt that this kindness necessitated "paying it forward." So we took this money and donated it to a local organization.

We knew Andover was the place we wanted to live, and we can't be any happier! Thank you, Andover police!

Carol Ryder

At midnight on August 4, as I turned on a metal bedside wall fixture by my daughter's bed, current arced from behind the switch plate and up the wall in a wide arc as the wires behind the plate burned and broke, causing a large sparking pop, and filling the room with acrid smoke when the circuit failed to break.

As my brother, Ted, threw the circuit manually and gathered our kids and our

new puppy to the door, I called 911. In less than three minutes, Chief Lefebvre was at our house taking the fixture apart, and less than a minute later, the East Andover Fire Department volunteers and trucks and the Andover Rescue Squad had also navigated our long, narrow drive and were also inside, calmly awaiting the Chief's assessment.

Fortunately, there was no fire in the wall, and Chief Lefebvre clearly explained what had happened, taped the wires, and instructed us on getting an electrician in as soon as possible. Despite the previous two weeks of almost constant emergency calls, with no sign of fatigue, the crew encouraged us to call at once in any further emergency and left us feeling profound admiration for their professionalism, courtesy, and kindness, and deeply reassured.

No longer tense with fear, my brother and I also shook our heads in wonderment at how easily the volunteers backed their rigs up our quarter-mile driveway in the dark!

It is hard to express just how grateful we are, and how much it means to know that our volunteers will jump up from sleep and risk themselves for a neighbor

in this way. We recall our mother telling us of a similar middle-of-the-night incident when she was home alone with four young children nearly 50 years ago. It makes us proud to live in a town of such unflagging commitment.

We are grateful beyond words to Chief Lefebvre and the East Andover Fire Department and Andover Rescue Squad, and thank them from the bottom of our hearts .

Sincerely,
*Julie Agoos
Ted Agoos
Peter Agoos
Kathy Agoos
and families*

I moved to a road in Andover a few years ago, and I found that the post office does not deliver mail as far out as we live. The post office told me I would have to secure a box at the Post Office, which didn't seem to be a problem to me.

Recently, my neighbor asked the Post Office how to go about petitioning for delivery on our road. The acting Post Master informed her that we who are denied delivery to our home are entitled

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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	Mary Smith
Andover Service Club	Cookbook	Sarah Denz
Blackwater Junct. Rest.	Gift Certificate	Stephanie & Robert Doucet
Vera Dunn	Handcrafted Scarecrow	Brian & Judy DeRoy
East Andover Marketplace	Gift Certificate	Bill & Betty Bardsley
Forest Cone & Evergreen	Yankee Candle	Donna Baker-Hartwell
Jake's Market and Deli	Gift Certificate	Tay & Oscar Clark
Kearsarge Magazine	1-Year Subscription	Jack & Judy Manning
MacKenna's Restaurant	Gift Certificate	Betsy McDonald
Mary Kay - Laura Condon	Gift Certificate	Mary Dowse
New Horizons Hairstylists	Hair Care Products	Betsy Woodman

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

Prizes not redeemable for cash.

BECOME A BEACON MEMBER!

Seasonal	Gift	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 Subscr. (\$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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