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to a free PO box at the Post Office.

I wonder how many other people are unnecessarily paying a PO box fee in our community, and for that matter, nationwide, and are unaware that they are entitled to free delivery of mail, if not to their home then to a PO box.

I just wanted this postal regulation to be known, as it is not something the Post Office necessarily advertises to the general public.

David M. Mason

[Since I'm in the same situation as Dave and his neighbor, I searched USPS.com and found section 508 of the Domestic Mail Manual. Paragraph 4.6.2 says, essentially, that a postal customer "may qualify for free (Group E) post office box service" if USPS chooses not to provide carrier delivery to his or her physical address. You can read all the details here: pe.usps.com/text/dmm300/508.htm#wp1052479. If you think you qualify, the Post Office has the form you need to fill out. - Charlie]

Body Found In Andover May Be Missing New London Man

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The state police have yet to identify human remains found deep in the Andover woods in late July. But neighbors worry that the body is that of an elderly New London resident who disappeared from his senior housing apartment several months ago.

According to state police detective John Marasco, a logger found the badly decomposed body of an adult male in woods near Tucker Mountain Road in East Andover. Marasco said the body had likely been there for several weeks and was essentially skeletal remains by the time the police arrived. The medical examiner is trying to determine the man's identity with dental records, he said.

New London neighbors of 60-year-old Richard Baldwin fear that the body is his. According to New London Police Chief Dave Seastrand, Baldwin was listed as missing in May. His disappearance was discovered indirectly, he said. Baldwin had dropped off his pet cat with a local veterinarian for several days and never come back to collect it. The veterinarian called the police to ask how long they should keep the cat, and when the police interviewed Baldwin's neighbors, they learned he had been missing for some time.

Seastrand said that the police didn't do a major search for Baldwin. He said there was no real reason to think he was

in danger just because he had left town.

"We're just trying to locate this person's whereabouts. He wasn't in any trouble," said Seastrand, who said Baldwin's name and information remain on a national database of missing persons. "People can surely go and do what they like."

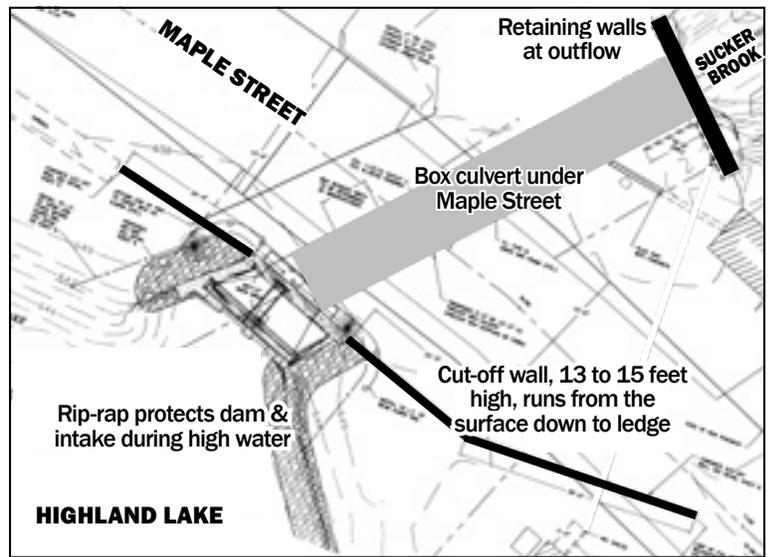
Seastrand said that several neighbors and business owners who saw Baldwin regularly were concerned about his whereabouts. An interview with Baldwin's doctor revealed that he might have had some cognitive problems. But no one had any specific concerns that Baldwin might be hurt or that he was likely to harm himself, Seastrand said.

The remains were found nearly 15 miles from Baldwin's home. Marasco said a maroon shirt, blue jeans, brown belt, and backpack were found near the remains. Seastrand said that Baldwin was last seen carrying a backpack. That detail has led George Cooper, a neighbor of Baldwin, to think Baldwin died in the Andover woods. He became suspicious after seeing an entry in a local police blotter that said Andover police had notified New London's department about a body.

"There's been nothing in the papers about it," he said of Baldwin's disappearance.

Marasco said an autopsy could not determine the cause of death because of the body's state of decomposition, but he did not believe the death was the result of foul play.

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Superimposed on this engineering drawing of the Highland Lake Dam project are the important new elements that will make the dam safer and allow it to handle major rainstorms better. What you can't really see on this drawing are the old outflow structure, which will be removed, and the new catwalk and other changes to the inflow structure to allow it to handle more water more safely during a major rainstorm.

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dam, from the surface down to ledge (about 13 to 15 feet), for the entire length of the dam

- remove the obsolete water control structure on the outflow (north) side of the dam
- pour new retaining walls on the outflow side
- replace the culvert that runs under Maple Street with a large box cul-

vert that runs all the way from the inflow structure to the new outflow retaining walls

Maple Street Right-Of-Way Drainage Project

Road Agent John Thompson and his crews have finished laying new culverts and installing new storm drains in the part of the Maple Street right-of-way that has been prone to flooding. All that remains at this writing is to patch the asphalt.

Prices Stable, Inventory Up

The New Hampshire Association of REALTORS® recently sent out a statewide update. "...first half of 2007 saw prices remain stable but sales volume drop, leaving plenty of inventory for those looking to purchase a home in the Granite State." This has been noticeably true in Andover, too.

For Andover, in the first half of 2007, there were four fewer sales than in the first half of 2006. The average sales price was up approximately 5%. Values in Andover are holding up quite well, especially in comparison to other parts of New Hampshire and nationwide.

The average (mean) Days on Market for homes sold in Andover increased significantly. The increased time it is taking to sell properties has led to a large number of residential listings. As of August 20, there were 29 homes listed for sale in the MLS system for Andover.

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