



Bob Welch (l) and Doug Sargent take advantage of the greatly expanded shoreline as Highland Lake approaches a historic low. Photo: Bob Bussey

Work Begins At Highland Lake Dam And Elbow Pond Road

By Charlie Darling
Beacon staff

By the time you read this, work should have begun on the two remaining major projects that the Town is undertaking this year.

With Highland Lake approaching its lowest drawdown in many years, work was slated to begin on September 24 on repairs to the dam at Maple Street. The large concrete culvert that will run under Maple Street and carry the outflow from Highland Lake into Sucker Brook was scheduled to be delivered in late September, but it has been delayed until late October. Therefore, workers from Alvin J. Colman and Son, Inc. of Conway, the contractor selected by the Town for the project, will be starting work on the long concrete cut-off wall to be installed in the dam. The wall will run from the surface down to ledge (about 13 to 15 feet) and will prevent water from seeping through the dam.

Maple Street is closed at the dam and will remain closed until the project is finished later this year.

Elbow Pond Road

Road Agent John Thompson and his crews have started work repairing the flood damage to Elbow Pond Road and replacing the two old culverts under the road with much larger concrete structures.

Work will start on the west side of the problem area, replacing the culvert that handles most of the water from Mountain Brook. Crews will put large concrete abutment blocks in place on either side of the old steel culvert, then remove the culvert and all the fill between the new abutments to create a wide channel. The final step will be to set concrete deck slabs from abutment to abutment to form a road bed.

With the new, wider channel established on the west, the side stream that runs to the east culvert will be temporarily diverted into the new west channel so the east culvert can be removed and replaced with concrete abutments and deck slabs.

Work is planned to be finished and the road re-opened later this year.

Area Quilt Shops Welcome Quilters At Harvest Shop Hop

By Linda Barnes
Owner, The Constant Quilter

On October 4 through 7, enthusiastic quilters will hop into their cars and join their friends in the Third Annual New Hampshire Quilters' Harvest Hop. Eight quilt shops, including Andover's own The Constant Quilter and Tilton's The Quilting Corner (owned by Irene Haley of Andover), will welcome quilting enthusiasts from New Hampshire and the surrounding area.

When a participant buys a passport for \$7.50 at any of the participating shops, she (or he) will receive a passport holder and information booklet, including directions to all of the shops and the

rules for a scavenger hunt. After visiting all the shops and getting their passports stamped at each one, they will receive a free quilt pattern book and be entered in a drawing for a brand new Pfaff sewing machine and a quilt made by one of the quilt shop owners.

Those who complete the scavenger hunt will be entered in a drawing for a rolling sewing machine trolley. Each shop will have daily door prizes, refreshments, and lots of great things to buy.

For more information, visit the shop hop Web site at HarvestHop.com or call The Constant Quilter at 735-4100 or The Quilting Corner at 286-3437.

New Beacon Ad Rates For 2008

By Charlie Darling
Beacon staff

After three years without a change in ad rates, *The Andover Beacon* will raise its rates an average of 16% on January 1, 2008. Over half the increase is to catch up with the inflation of the last three years. The rest will hopefully allow enough "head room" that the *Beacon* can use the new rates for several years to come.

New and current advertisers can "lock in" ads at the old rates by pre-paying by January 1 for up to a year's advertising. For more information, please contact Connie Powers at 735-5454 or Connie@AndoverBeacon.com or Joy Langtry at 735-4473 or Joy@AndoverBeacon.com.

The rates shown in the ad below are the current rates, unchanged since 2004. The new rates, for ads pre-paid after January 1, are:

- 1/16 page: \$24
- 1/8 page: \$44
- 1/4 page: \$79
- 1/2 page: \$159
- Full page: \$289

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New Ad Format

All our ads (except full page) come in two formats: horizontal or vertical. With our new rates we are also introducing a new format for quarter-page ads. We'll call it the "golden rectangle format" since it approximates a rectangle that incorporates the golden ratio of 1:1.618.

The actual dimensions of the new quarter-page golden rectangle format are 7.75" wide by 4.71875" high. It's an awkward size for us to fit into the *Beacon's* layout, but it's available for designers who need a quarter page that's not as vertical as our quarter page vertical nor as horizontal as our quarter page horizontal.

Other than new rates for 2008 and a new quarter-page ad format, the *Beacon's* rate card is essentially unchanged. Ads must still be pre-paid before they run, and pre-paying for multiple months still earns you discounts of up to 20% off our published rates. All the details are on the *Beacon's* Web site at AndoverBeacon.com/rate_card.pdf.

Lock in 2004 Rates for Andover Beacon Ads!

The *Beacon* is Andover's most eagerly read source of good news from Andover, East Andover, West Andover, Potter Place, and Cilleyville. Ad rates are going up on January 1, 2008, but you can still pre-pay for up to a year of ads at 2004's monthly rates (below). For more information, call our ad sales team or visit AndoverBeacon.com

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Ad Size	12 months prepaid	6 mo ppd	3 mo ppd	1 mo ppd
Sixteenth page	\$182	\$102	\$54	\$19
Eighth page	\$374	\$210	\$111	\$39
Quarter page	\$662	\$372	\$196	\$69
Half page	\$1,334	\$750	\$396	\$139
Full page	\$2,486	\$1,398	\$738	\$259
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