

# THE REST OF THE TOWN REPORT

The annual Town Report includes reports from all the Town committees, boards, commissions, and other entities that form our local government. It also includes reports from some agencies and organizations that serve our community.

To round out this annual update, the Beacon asked over 20 other organizations that serve our community for a short report on their activities in 2007. Here, in alphabetical order, is "the rest of the Town Report."

## Andover After-School Program Andover Five Alive Program

The Andover After-School Program (AASP) and Andover Five Alive Program (AFAP), located in Hamp House next to AE/MS, offer daytime child care for kindergarteners and after-school care for school age children. Both programs are separate non-profit entities and are governed by one six-member board of trustees. We are open from 7:30 in the morning until six at night for two sessions consisting of 16 kindergarteners in the Five Alive groups and 22 school-age children in the after-school group.

2007 was a busy year:

- The AFAP program was re-licensed by the State of New Hampshire and hours expanded
- Many improvements, repairs, and

- upgrades were made
- New staff members were hired
- Kindergarten program was expanded to meet increased enrollment need
- Almost full enrollment all year
- Many donations were received, including a dishwasher, refrigerator, couch, foosball table, games, books, snacks, and many ongoing volunteer acts of time and service
- Proctor students enrolled in community service program working with AASP several days each week

Fundraising efforts will focus on scholarships and saving for additional capital/maintenance improvements to Hamp House, such as window replacements and carpeting.

The Hamp House and its grounds provide for a variety of activities in a homelike atmosphere. A group of children can play cards and board games on the living room coffee table while others can sit on the living room rug and play with blocks. Children can do art activities or play house in the dining room, or they can play instruments, read, or perform puppet plays in the library.

There is room in this five-bedroom family home for large bins of dress-ups, play kitchen cupboards, and doll cradles. The large windows provide natural light, and the yard has a variety of trees and

shrubs for imaginative play and lawn areas for sledding and ball games.

We will strive to continue to do our best to serve the families and children in our community. Feel free to visit or call Susan Nellen, program director, for more information at 735-6566.

## Andover Fish and Game Club

Some of the things we do and provide for the community each year include:

- Host a kids' ice fishing derby in February and a kids' spring trout fishing derby in May
- Sponsor an ice fishing derby open to anyone in February
- Send one to three kids to the Barry Conservation Camp in Berlin for a week in the summer
- Hold a rabies clinic in April
- Clean up an adopt-a-highway section on Route 11
- Run a Deer Pool in the fall
- Donate money to needy causes or people
- Arrange informational speakers and seminars about topics such as learning to fish and hunt responsibly, how wild game and fish are faring, and state and federal laws and regulations
- Assist the local game wardens by planting small trees for food and cover for animals, fish stocking, boat landings, and general all-around help

Each year we have various fund raisers – a Beef Barbecue and Chinese Auction in August, a turkey raffle and gun raffle in October, and various other raffles.

Money we raise is needed for general expenses, upkeep, and improvements to the clubhouse as well as the fish derbies, sending the kids to camp, seminars, and various other things. It is a never-ending battle to stay ahead of the game.

This year is our 75th year since the founding of the club, and we are trying to spruce up the clubhouse – new vinyl siding on the clubhouse and the pump-house, new paint on the windows, and future projects of inside floor refinishing and new paint.

Our meetings are the last Tuesday of every month at 7:30 PM. For more information, contact Richard Gross at 735-5311.

## Andover Historical Society

The freight shed, donated to the Society by the Johnson family, will become a museum for the display of tools, farm equipment and related items. On Feb. 27, 2007, an agreement was signed with the Andover Lions Club for the display of the Concord Coach. A committee, chaired by Sally Nicoll, worked out the details of the renovation. Judy Oates, architect, agreed to assist on this project. It was decided to move the public entrance to the east end of the building to preserve the loading platform. Dale McLeod donated his time and equipment to create a new parking lot and a memorial gift will cover the cost of the new entrance and a handicapped ramp.

The publication of *Elder Moody's Hat*, a collection of newspaper articles from the '60s by Ralph Chaffee about Andover people and places, became a reality this year with special thanks to Larry Chase and Charlie Darling. The book is \$20 and is available at the museum store or at Morgan Hill Books in New London.

The gift shop was moved to the Emons store and the space in the station is now devoted to a changing annual display of some aspect of life in Andover. In 2007 it was sports, and in 2008 it will feature summer camps in Andover. The store has become a vital and interesting part of our museum thanks to Ken Reid and Bob Hamilton who have used their talents to create displays within the store and in the ever-changing windows.

Our Old Time Fair, always the first Sunday in August, was a wonderful day with music, parades, games, food, a flea market and auction, demonstrations and a magician for the children. It is our only fund raiser, and you can support us by donating your usable, saleable items for the auction.

The folks who rode the pumper car



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