

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 2008. Here, in alphabetical order, is "the rest of the Town Report."

Andover After School and Five Alive Programs

This year we have again increased our enrollment and serve 33 children. This fall, we passed our health, fire, and state inspections to renew our Health and Human Services child care license. Becky Smart has joined me, Susan Nellon, as assistant in the after school program.

We have made several improvements to the Hamp House. We have painted all the woodwork and sealed and winterized our doors and windows. Bob Hurlbutt has kept our roof shoveled until future roof repairs can be made. Deb Parker has continued to keep us clean. We plan to replace our carpets and refinish the maple flooring once our lease is renewed. The

sun porch windows have been repaired but need replacing soon.

Our Board has worked hard to obtain a new lease from the school district and keep our much-needed service alive for our 25 families and future children.

Board members are: Bonny Morris, chair; Barbara Hawk, parent liaison; Brenda Lance, treasurer; Emily Furtkamp, organization liaison; Brian Kellogg, press secretary.

The Board and I greatly appreciate and give heartfelt thanks to all those who have contributed time and materials to our programs over the past year. Please pardon me if I have left off anyone's generosity:

- Sandbox – the Chamberlins
- Doll cupboard – the Hanlons
- Video-taping and advice – Tina Cotton
- Refuge in case of emergency – Town Library Trustees
- Step repair – Shane Smart
- Plumbing repair – Dana Newton
- Sage advice – Don Gould and Vicky Mishcon
- Taping – Marilyn Gould
- Plant stand – Roy and Ann Meir

AE/MS PTO

"AE/MS PTO" could stand for: Ability to Enrich and Motivate by Supporting the Parents and Teachers Onward.

The Andover Elementary/Middle School PTO is a group of parents and teachers who hold monthly meetings at the school to discuss the ways and means of enriching the school experience for the children and staff. We are a non-profit organization, and all proceeds from fundraisers directly benefit the students, school, and staff. We welcome anyone interested in making a difference to come to a meeting. We would love your input, ideas, and helping hands. We believe that working together, we can make a difference.

Our Goals

- to encourage and recognize our students and staff
- to address the staff's wish list
- to contribute in meaningful ways
- to support the families of AE/MS
- to help provide a safe, healthy, and enjoyable environment for learning
- to be a voice for our children

Did you know that you are already a member of the PTO simply by having a child who attends the school? By helping in just one small way during the school year; you are an active member of the PTO. There are a variety of ways to be involved throughout the year, and you can choose to help with events that interest you. We welcome anyone to come and join us or request to be on the

e-mail list.

For more information, contact Carmen at 735-5589 or CandDplus4@comcast.net.

Andover Historical Society

Last year began when George Packard started production of a "Welcome to Andover" video with the first segment about the Historical Society narrated by Ed Hiller. Two raffles this year were very well supported, and we thank Jodi Sleeper of American Cottage who donated a beautiful rug for the first and two rugs and a pillow for the second and everyone who bought tickets.

Our special display in the Potter Place Railroad Station museum highlighted bygone summer camps in Andover with wonderful photographs of camp activities and an interesting video made from old 35-millimeter film from Camp Marlyn. We had a table on the Village Green for the Fourth of July, and our float in the parade, featuring the railroad pumpercar, was deemed "most unique."

Tucker Mountain Schoolhouse got a new wooden-shingled roof this year thanks to the generosity of the Baker and Hartwell families. Donna Baker-Hartwell did a wonderful job
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