



Among the crew that turned out to clean up the town beach were (l-r) Lloyd Perreault, Josh Watkins, and Don Gould. Staff photo: Charlie Darling

Dozens Turn Out For Town Clean-Up Week

By Dana Hadley
Andover Town Administrator

The town's first annual Clean-Up Week was a great success. The clean-up week endeavor was a collaborative effort sponsored by the Andover Conservation Commission and the Town of Andover.

A total of 31 volunteers signed up to spruce up 40 out of our 74 town roads. Co-Chairmen Pat Moyer and Dana Hadley wish to thank every-

one who participated in Clean-Up Week: the volunteers, the New Hampshire Department of Transportation who assisted us to get the blue bags, area merchants who allowed us to post a notice at their place of business for the event, and J&B Landscaping of Andover for their generous donation of collecting bags left on the roadside.

We are all enjoying the results of ev-
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FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION NEEDS YOUR DONATIONS!

By Charlie Darling
Beacon staff

The Andover Fourth of July Committee is hard at work putting together another memorable celebration for Andover and the surrounding communities. As always, there will be a big flea market on the Village Green, a parade at noon, fireworks in the evening, and many other events.

The money to stage Andover's biggest event of the year is raised by the Fourth of July Committee through sales of advertisements in the printed program and through donations from many Andover residents. The money goes toward:

- Fireworks – These are very expensive, and getting more so every year. This year's bill for the fireworks show:

\$6,000.

- Marching Bands – Not one ... not two ... but three! This year we'll all enjoy the Bektash Shriners Drum and Bugle Corps, the Muchachos Drum and Bugle Corps, and the Bluff Point Quohog Diggers Band, too.

- Parade Prizes – There are prizes in many categories, plus prizes and goodies for the Children's Parade.

Every year the Fourth of July Committee organizes a door-to-door fundraising drive in May in selected neighborhoods around town. Even if no one has asked you yet, there's still time to show your support for this important community celebration. Send a donation today to The Andover Fourth of July Committee, c/o Irene Jewett, PO Box 36, East Andover 03231.

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AE/MS Gym Contracts Come In Under Budget

By Charlie Darling
Beacon staff

The Andover School District Meeting in March voted to spend \$60,442 to eliminate the asbestos hazard with a new floor for the AE/MS gym and to clean the accumulated dust out of the rafters. Both projects have now been contracted, and the total cost will be \$1,800 less than the meeting approved. The extra funds will be returned to the Town to reduce next year's tax bills.

Rafter Cleaning

The rafter cleaning has been contracted to Andover's Mr Steam and Son Services for \$1,800 – a substantial savings from the \$6,500 quote received from ServPro. The dust bunnies and ceiling tiles in the gym have been tested for asbestos, and none was found.

Dan Labonte and his crew will tackle the rafters the week of July 6, after the Andover Lions Club has used the gym for its annual Fourth of July breakfast.

The work is only expected to take a few days.

Gym Floor

The School Board has contracted with Advantage Sports of Winooski, Vermont, to install Taraflex Multi-Use Model 5.0, a very heavy-duty continuous vinyl flooring with a dual-density foam backing. The new gym floor will have a thick vinyl protective sheet under it to seal in and protect the old asbestos tiles. The contracted cost for the new floor is \$56,842.

Work on the gym floor is expected to begin on August 3 and be finished in time for the opening of school at the end of the month. With the new floor in place, the AE/MS gym will be a major step closer to being approved by the Red Cross as an emergency shelter.

Eagle Logo

The Andover Parent-Teacher Organization is working to raise funds for
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Chuck Ellis Is New Chief Of Andover Fire Department

By Heather Makechnie
Beacon staff

John Landry has retired as Chief of the Andover Fire Department, and Chuck Ellis has become the new Chief. Darren Gove has stepped up to replace Chuck as Deputy Chief, and Eric Tilton will now serve as Captain.

Chuck is not new to the fire service. He has served in many positions, most recently as Deputy Chief of the Andover Fire Department. With John's retirement, Chuck has taken on the mantle of chief. He has also recently become certified as an EMT-basic.

Chuck lives in East Andover, works at Labsphere in Sutton, and is the father of three. He has a great rapport established with chiefs of surrounding towns and has been assured by them that they will aid and support him in this new position.

Andover Fire Department has some rather big responsibilities, as Proctor



AFD Fire Chief Chuck Ellis

Academy, AE/MS, and RP Johnson and Son are all within the precinct. Chuck has prepared well, through training and experience, to handle this responsibility.

Chuck would like to join the community in thanking John Landry for his years of service being Chief.

The Swap Shop will be open on June 13 from 8 AM to 2 PM and welcomes (before 1 PM) reusable items in working condition like toys, clothing, books, bicycles, and kitchenware. Please, **no** upholstered furniture, tires, windows, doors, electronics, or porcelain fixtures.

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