

Work On Life Safety Issues Continues At AE/MS

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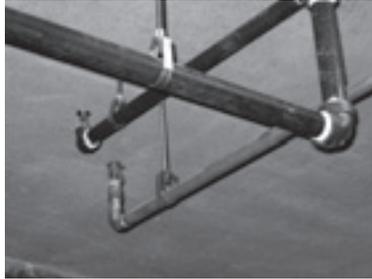
Corrective action in response to the New Hampshire State Fire Marshal's report of life safety code violations approach completion at the Andover Elementary/Middle School.

The kitchen, long a prime area of concern, is now equipped with fire-rated tray return window and access doors to contain a fire that might originate there, and sprinklers to quickly extinguish it. This provides effective fire safety with no interruption of this important hub of the school.

Another primary fire hazard area, the boiler room, has also been approached with this "contain and extinguish" technique. Sprinklers have been added to this area, which is enclosed with fire-resistant surroundings.

Major electrical safety improvement has been accomplished by adding 59 new outlets, three new load centers, and 3,250 feet (six-tenths of a mile) of metal-

shielded conduit throughout the building. Myriad extension cords and other



New sprinklers in the boiler room.

improvised methods deemed to be unsafe by the Fire Marshal have now been replaced by the new outlets to power the ever-increasing number of electronic and electrical classroom devices.

All this has been done between 3 PM and 10 PM to avoid classroom interruption.

"Safety first, last, and always" of the Eagle Code continues to be at the center of School Board activity.



Lauri Clark, an AE/MS alumnus and son of Tay and Oscar Clark, is lead electrician for Masse Electric on the project to improve the wiring at the school. Here, he works in the science classroom. Staff photos: Charlie Darling

Beacon Needs Volunteer To Help Track Submissions

By Charlie Darling
Beacon staff

The *Beacon's* new office in the basement of the Town Hall is working out wonderfully well! I've installed "daylight" fluorescent bulbs in the fixtures and picked up a number of inexpensive house plants, so it's really quite a pleasant place to work now.

All of this is in aid of attracting more volunteers to help publish our community newspaper. With five years under our belt, I'm very concerned that we build a strong volunteer base to see the paper through the next five years and well beyond.

I'm going to try to write an article every month about volunteering for the *Beacon*, focusing each month on a different area in which we need help. (If I miss a month now and then, it's because we don't have enough volunteers to free me up to write the article!)

Tracking Submissions

This month I'd like to focus on the challenge of keeping track of all the articles and photos that go into the *Beacon* every month. This is a big job and takes up many hours of my time every month. Even just a little help in this area would make a big difference, allowing me to shift some of my energy to other areas that need attention.

We have a very well designed system for tracking articles and photos. In most cases, the process starts with an e-mail to Articles@AndoverBeacon.com that contains an article, a photo, or both. We access our e-mail through the Web, and volunteer Brenda Brown does a great job sorting the e-mail for us, so the article/photo ends up in a particular

folder in our Web-based e-mail.

The volunteer I'm looking for would log in to the *Beacon's* e-mail – you could do it from home, if you like, or you could come to the *Beacon's* office – and move the article/photo along to the next step in the process by logging it into our "Article Scorecard," which is an online spreadsheet (much like an Excel spreadsheet) that you can access over the Web from home or from the *Beacon's* office.

This logging process is "mission critical" because until the article/photo has been logged, we don't know that it's available to be moved along to the next step of the process.

Almost anybody who has ever sat at a computer keyboard can do this job. It may be just the volunteer opportunity you're looking for if you're:

- a student who wants to help out in the community.
- a working person who would like to get some experience with Web-based e-mail and spreadsheets. (We're happy to train you – no experience required!)
- a senior who would like to give back to the community or learn about Web-based e-mail and spreadsheets.
- anybody who has some experience with e-mail or spreadsheets and would like to help!

If you have any questions about tracking articles and photos for the *Beacon* or any other of the many volunteer positions we're trying to fill, please contact me at Charlie@AndoverBeacon.com or 735-6099. Thanks – your help will make a big difference!



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