

Waste Disposal Fees To Rise More Than 40%

By Vicky Mishcon

Andover Board of Selectmen

On December 1, the cost of dumping Andover's trash at the Penacook incinerator will increase from \$46 per ton to \$65 per ton. The reason for the increase in tipping fees is this:

Andover's contract for tipping is tied to Wheelabrator's profit. (Wheelabrator operates the Penacook incinerator.) The more profitable Wheelabrator is, the lower our tipping fees will be.

Wheelabrator gives Andover and other members of the regional trash cooperative a low "sweetheart" tipping fee, so most of its profit comes from accepting trash (at a higher tipping fee) from towns which are not members of the trash co-op, and from commercial haulers such as Naughton and Sons.

But Wheelabrator's ability to contract with these profitable "spot markets" is dependent upon having capacity available at the incinerator. If the incinerator is at full capacity with trash from the co-op towns, Wheelabrator's profits decline because it can't take as much spot-market trash. Therefore tipping fees to the co-op towns increase. With co-op towns sending more and more trash to Penacook, we can expect tipping fees to continue to increase.

In the 2009 Town budget we planned on spending \$57,900 in tipping fees (plus \$35,000 in trucking fees to get the trash to Penacook). In the 2010 budget, the Tipping Fees line item will have to be almost \$82,000 – an increase of over \$24,000! – just to deal with the rise in

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Andover Beacon

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Despite cold rain and a little snow, Concord's annual Making Strides walk topped the half-million-dollar mark for the third year in a row.

"Making Strides" Tops \$529,000 To Fight Cancer

By Kimberly Laro
Making Strides Against Breast Cancer

A little rain, some snow, a lot of heart, and plenty of dedication created the spirit of Making Strides 2009! \$529,498 was raised at this year's event and we know that number is still growing.

Thousands of people came to share in Making Strides on October 18, and we know that we supported many people, touched their hearts, gave them a vehicle to heal, shared precious memories, honored those we have lost, and celebrated countless survivors.

Our theme this year was Transcend.

Some transcend the disease, some transcend their treatment, and some transcend their loss. The Event Chair, Wendy Dampier, shared from under a pink umbrella at Memorial Field yesterday, "We transcended the weather to Make Strides Against Breast Cancer."

Andover made a big difference again this year. Veteran teams Sarah's Soldiers and Just for Jill were joined by three new teams – Heidi's Fight for a Cure, Hope's Marvelous Mammograms, and a team from Proctor Academy – and by many individual walkers

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Beacon To Combine December and January Issues

By Charlie Darling
Beacon staff

Again this year, *The Andover Beacon* will combine its December and January issues. The Holidays 2009 issue will arrive in Andover mailboxes on Friday, December 11. Following the Holidays 2009 issue, the *Beacon* will resume its regular monthly schedule with the February 2010 issue arriving in Andover mailboxes on Friday, January 29.

Deadline For Holidays 2009 Issue

The deadline for articles, photos, and ads every month is usually the 15th. For

the Holidays 2009 issue we'll move that to Wednesday, November 18 – but if you can possibly get things to us earlier than that, please do!

And as always, if there's an event that happens after the deadline, just let us know in advance how soon after the deadline you can get us the article and photos covering that event. That way we can plan to include it even though it's "late."

For the February 2010 issue, the deadline will be January 15, as usual.

But again, earlier is always much, much better!



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Dear Andover Veteran,

You are cordially invited to Andover Elementary / Middle School on Wednesday, November 4, at 9 AM for our Veterans Day Program. Our school will have a ceremony to honor our nation's military veterans, past and present, and it will mean a lot to us if you can attend.

It is important for our school community to educate our students on the contributions veterans have made throughout the years. We celebrate America's veterans for keeping this nation "the land of the free and the home of the brave." This has become a significant event at AE/MS and one we look forward to every November.

Selected essays will be shared. Students will express their gratitude and respect through musical selections and other presentations.

Please remain after the ceremony for refreshments, a group picture, and a chance to visit with other veterans.

I hope that you will join us on November 4 at 9 AM. We look forward to seeing you!

Sincerely,

Jane Slayton



Crews from Andover, East Andover, Salisbury, and Wilmot had a training exercise on October 4 to burn a home at Ragged Mountain Fish and Game Club. The training started at 6 AM and finished after noon. The house had been stripped of hazardous materials and tested by the state before the training could begin.

The Explorers from Andover and East Andover were able to have a hands-on experience days before, preparing the house for the drill. The house site was cleaned up and will have a new home in place of the old.

A job well done by all, after a long day's work!

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