

Christmas Swap Event Comes To AE/MS December 5

By Susan Schnare
Andover Recycling Committee

The Christmas Swap Event will be held from 9 AM to 3 PM on Saturday, December 5, in the Andover Elementary/Middle School gym.

Spread the spirit of Christmas by donating good things that you don't use for others to give as gifts (or keep). Bring in Christmas ornaments, new or like-new clothing, jewelry, books, CDs, DVDs, housewares, objets d'art, puzzles, toys for children and adults, and crafting supplies to keep us busy

all winter. Great re-gifting potential! All swap items are free!

Items may be dropped off at the school gym on Friday afternoon, December 4, from 4 to 5 PM, and on Saturday until noon.

Call Susan Schnare at 735-5389 with questions, if you need help arranging a drop-off, or to sign up as a volunteer Santa's Helper.

Once again the event will coincide with the AE/MS PTO Wreath-making Sale, and donations will be collected for Andover neighbors in need.

Rebates For Solar Power In NH

The Andover Conservation Commission passes along this information from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services' newsletter:

"According to the US Energy Information Administration, [New Hampshire] has average to above average solar resources for photovoltaic systems.

The state recently changed the tax laws to promote non-commercial renewable energy. Homeowners may qualify for a rebate of up to \$6,000 from the state if the solar or wind system meets the specified standards.

"For more information visit the Public Utilities Commission site at PUC.nh.gov."



Guillemette Tree Service takes down a tree that threatens Old Center Cemetery on Main Street in Andover.
Staff photo: Charlie Darling

Tree Work Protects Old Center Cemetery

By Pat Cutter

Andover Cemetery Trustees

Recently a large, dying maple tree that presented a threat to Old Center Cemetery, but was on land owned by Proctor, was taken down at their expense. If all or part of it had fallen, stones would have been damaged. Old Center Cemetery is on Main Street, just west of Andover village.

Repair in our cemeteries continued this

year, with the most significant being done in Boston Hill Cemetery on Putney Road. In 2008, six large, mostly dead trees, some encroaching on the burials, were removed, and this year the stones were reset and the wonderful old graveyard has been restored. This, one of the oldest graveyards in Andover, has 17 burials listed in the Eastman history of Andover.

A visual examination finds 17 stones in nine rows, but some are fieldstones with no identification. Samuel Scribner, soldier in three wars, and his wife Hannah are buried here, as are Gershom Durgin and Betsy, wife of early settler Simeon Connor.

In addition, work was done in Old Center Cemetery; Durgin Cemetery on Pancake Road; Hobbs/Sweatt Cemetery on Horseshoe Pond Road; and Philbrick Cemetery on Old College Road.



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