



Last month, a crew from J&B Landscaping removed the derelict chain link fence that separated the Annex from the AE/MS parking lot. A line of boulders will keep cars from driving on the Annex's septic field. Roy Carlson (l) of Andover and Kyle Coutu of Grafton mulched between the new boulders in preparation for lilies to be planted. Staff photo: Charlie Darling

FIRECRACKER 5K FUN RUN

By Tom Frantz, FNRT

The Andover Fourth of July Committee, in conjunction with the Friends of the Northern Rail Trail in Merrimack County (FNRT), is holding a 5K Fun Run/Walk as one of Andover's Fourth of July activities. The out-and-back event will be held on the Rail Trail and will start at 9 AM on July 4 at the Blackwater Park off Lawrence Street in Andover. Registration will begin at 8 AM and costs \$20 on the day of the race.

Last year's race drew approximately 90 runners. The majority of the runners were from the area, but runners from as far away as Park City, Utah and

Chicago competed for prize money and the gold, silver, and bronze spikes that were awarded to the top three finishers in each age group.

The out-and-back race is held on the rail trail that passes through Andover. The course is flat, fast, and scenic. There will be free t-shirts given to the first 100 entrants. The top male and female overall finishers will each receive \$50. Gold, silver, and bronze railroad spikes will be presented to the top three male and female finishers in each age category.

More information is available by calling 735-6490 or by visiting FNRT.org.

Please join us for this Andover Fourth of July tradition.



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HIGHLAND LAKE FOURTH OF JULY

By Jim Cooley

President, HPLA

It's the start of another summer season at Highland Lake in Andover, and the Highland Lake Protective Association (HPLA) invites you to join us in activities around the lake. It's a good way to get to know your fellow Andover residents and show your support for keeping Highland Lake a clean, safe, and healthy place to live and play.

This year, our annual whimsical boat parade will be on Saturday, July 3, at 4 PM (with good viewing at the town beach), followed by the lighting of the

flares around the lake at 9 PM. Parade boats will gather on the west side of the lake to begin the procession around the whole lake.

The next day, on Sunday, July 4, after enjoying the parade festivities in town we will host an ice cream social at 6:30 PM at the East Andover Fire Station.

Our annual meeting will be on Saturday, July 24, at 10 AM, also at the East Andover Fire Station, where we will announce the winner of our first Highland Lake Photography Contest.

We hope you will join us in celebrating the summer at Highland Lake.



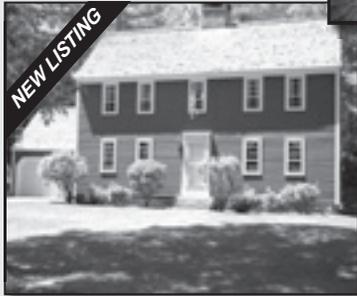
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We have two bands this year; Leap-in' Lena; Uncle Sam; Captain Morrill and his cannon crew; the Andover One Wheelers; the Concord Coach; and children's entries, scouts, floats, animals, cars, trucks, tractors, and probably some surprises.

Parade registration forms are available at the Town Office and Lake Sunapee Bank, or register that day at the Proctor Field House.

I'm happy to report that we found a car judge: Dino Green of Dino Green's Auto LLC on Main Street, Andover. He will be giving those cars, tractors, motorcycles, and trucks a good look. Dino not only can judge them, he can fix them!

Realtor Joyce Egge of Equine Homes has once again generously offered to provide the prize money for the animal category and find us a judge.

Jackie and Josh Watkins of Chase Hill Design will be judges of the floats.

It isn't just money that pulls this celebration together. It also takes lots of volunteers. We have close to 20

volunteers just for the parade. Our thanks to all who help in one way or another. I am reminded of that saying, "It takes a town to raise a child." I think it's also true for the Fourth of July celebration.

When you are enjoying the Andover Lions breakfast, the strawberry shortcake, ice cream, the flea market, food, music, the 5K foot-race, Barnyard Bingo, Closest to the Pin, the Andover One Wheelers, the parade, the flag raising, the baseball game, and the fireworks, please remember all the volunteers who are making it possible.

Come, bring a chair, and plan to spend the day. There will be plenty of food and entertainment. Three different musical groups will be playing throughout the day, as well as two soloists.

Let's hope the weather cooperates this year. It can't rain on our parade two years in a row!

Pick up a program at the grandstand, which will be manned by Bill Leber and David Jewett. They will keep you well informed throughout the day.

Call Howard Wilson for flea market space at 735-5427. Call about the parade at 735-5933 or 735-5493. It is not too late to make a donation. Irene Jewett will be glad to hear from you at 735-5271.