



Lloyd Perreault (left - "the tractor guy") and Faith Clendenen were among the crowd of volunteers who made the town beach clean and safe on May 7, the kick-off of Andover's Town Clean-Up Week.

Volunteers Make Town Beach Clean And Safe For The Season

By Judy Perreault
Beacon volunteer

The Town beach and picnic area look great due to a large group of volunteers who brought their rakes and shovels and worked diligently from 9 AM to noon on Saturday, May 7, the first day of Andover Town Clean-Up Week. An old aluminum chair and a cement-filled tire (part of the old float anchor) washed up on the beach this year. I don't think

anyone would have liked to step on these while having a swim.

Butts, cans, and quite a bit of broken glass are a thing of the past, and hopefully it will stay that way throughout the summer. The picnic area no longer has a covering of leaves and sticks.

We would like to thank the person who took the time to totally wrap the tree on the beach with toilet paper. Per-
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Transfer Station Changes Could Save Thousands

By Charlie Darling
Beacon staff

The Andover Recycling Committee and Reggie Roy, supervisor of the Andover Transfer Station, have instituted a number of changes – some small, some large – that could save taxpayers thousands of dollars this year and make the Transfer Station a safer place for workers and "customers" alike.

About 20% of Andover's \$190,000 Solid Waste Disposal budget goes toward the cost of hauling trash to the incinerator in Penacook. In the past, this was a twice-a-week affair, the thinking being that if you didn't empty the hopper after Wednesday's "dump day," you might run out of space in the hopper on Saturday (by far the busier of the two days).

With some new data in hand and some new ideas in place, Reggie is now able to eliminate many of the Wednesday hauls to Penacook. He has collected data on the number of customers who use the Transfer Station each Wednesday and each Saturday. With the help of hauler John Thompson, he has also collected details on the number of pounds hauled in each trip.

By doing some simple math, he has come up with rules of thumb that let him



Sean Cox tries out the new glass recycling container that sits outside the "back door" of the Recycling Building at the Transfer Station.
Staff photo: Charlie Darling

estimate with some degree of accuracy how full the hopper is when the dump closes on Wednesday night. When these estimates (and the reading on the pressure gauge of the compactor) give him confidence that the hopper will hold all the trash likely to arrive on Saturday, he can tell John to skip hauling Wednesday's trash to Penacook, saving taxpayers \$250 for each trip avoided.

Town Administrator Dana Hadley says that based on early results, this new approach could save \$6,000 in hauling fees this year.

New Glass Container

In line with Reggie's philosophy of
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