

# Letters

## Dear Dr. Amy Schneider ... Trash And Recyclables

On behalf of the Baker-Hartwell family, I wish you a very happy retirement from your local medical practice. Brad and I, Meadow, and Kayla will miss you very much. You have been an extraordinary family doctor to each of us for 27 years! Although there are many fine doctors and nurse practitioners, I truly doubt anyone will ever measure up to the kind of practice and care that you have provided us.

Thank you, Amy, for answering your home phone at 10:30 PM on a Sunday night. Thank you for calming my nerves and speaking with me about a child overseas having a medical crisis. Thank you for advising me about a medical concern in the Post Office parking lot when you were probably trying to get through your list of Saturday chores. Thank you for crying with me in your office and laughing with me about my silly worries.

I will never forget the time – it was a Sunday morning – when we had a child who was bitten on the face by a mad dog, and I called your home. You said, “Bring her up here, I’ll take a look.” We sat at your kitchen table. You were right; she needed five stitches.

Those were the days that we didn’t have health insurance. I think we might have exchanged carpentry for health care. I have forgotten the details. However, I do remember that we managed, and you took care of us.

You were always respectful, honest, and accurate. You have been so very generous to us. I’ve spoken a lot about you to others, and I know that you gave the same kind of care to many. You have been the best, and we are grateful for your service.

Enjoy your well-deserved retirement. We wish you many years of good health and happiness.

With great respect and admiration,  
*Donna Baker-Hartwell*

As New Hampshire community organizations and other groups prepare to do roadside cleanup, partially done by paid employees of the state Department of Transportation (DOT) prior to you personally going out in the next week or two, consider the following as a better reason to explain why you do this roadside cleanup.

Part of what is done is for generalized beautification, yes. But there is also the monetary remuneration that all groups, and the DOT employees, avoid. This is to segregate what is picked up, whether in the ubiquitous blue bags or the other colored containers used, prior to tipping these collection bags at the local dump.

Your opinion matters! **Please send a letter to the Beacon** expressing your thoughts on any local matters. Our readers want and need to hear your voice!

Ordinary trash, being paper, cigarette butts, and paper cups with lids, can go into the trash hopper. The next set of items don’t go into the trash, having as they do either an intrinsic value or an artificially imposed value. These should either be delivered to the materials recycling area or taken home: plastic bottles, depending on local usage by town, are either recycled or defined as trash. Other plastic containers from fast food or grocery store sales of hot and cold foods to go may also partake of the #1 through #7 designation.

Then come the heavy-weight items: glass bottles and jars, followed by tin cans. Most towns have segregated drop-off containers for these, with the screw caps going with the tin cans, and the glass separated or commingled, mostly on color or type. Aluminum cans have their own value at a scrap yard or other purchase location.

I take aluminum cans home to crush and segregate. All the other items I segregate by type and local mandate for de-



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livery to my local dump. When things get tougher, aluminum cans delivered to the scrap buyer can provide a short-term benefit on the dinner table.

I also have volunteered to do a stretch of roadside cleanup on the road where I live. I did one pass several weeks ago,

getting 99% of the easy-to-reach aluminum cans. Next week, I will get all the other items, as well as a few aluminum cans to make it mildly profitable.

For Liberty,  
*Howard L. Wilson*  
Libertarian for US House 2012

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## AMY SCHNEIDER M.D. FAMILY MEDICINE

Dear Friends,

After almost thirty years of taking care of my patients, I have decided to leave my medical practice. I have truly enjoyed these years and I am grateful to all of you who have let me into your lives.

Sincerely,  
Amy Schneider M.D.

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