

# HIGHLAND LAKE FOURTH OF JULY

By Jim Cooley  
HPLA President

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.

### Ice Cream Social

This year, our annual ice cream social will be at 7 PM on Saturday, July 2, at the East Andover Fire Station: \$4 per person for a big sundae!

### Boat Parade And Flares

On Sunday, July 3, we will host our whimsical boat parade at 4 PM (good viewing at the town beach), followed by the lighting of the flares around the lake at 9 PM. All boats, large and small, are invited to join the procession around the lake; the best-decorated boat wins \$50!

### Annual Meeting

HPLA's annual meeting will be on Saturday, July 16, at 10 AM, also at the East Andover Fire Station, where we will announce the winner of the Highland Lake Photography Contest.

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

# 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 over 100 runners. The majority of the runners were from the area, but runners from as far away as Kansas and Nevada 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.

## Library Book Sale Opens Early For Andover Residents

By Priscilla Poulin  
Andover Librarian

The Andover Libraries will be opening their annual Fourth of July Book Sale a day early – just for Andover residents and their families!

From noon to 3 PM on Sunday, July 3, the Stone Chapel on the Village Green will be open for business, giving our community the "first shot" at the record number of books available this year. Both town librarians will be there to take donations for the many thou-

sands of duplicate and old books that have been given to the libraries or withdrawn from the libraries' collections over the past year.

Also on sale will be videos on VHS and audio books on cassette; children's books; books for young adults; and antique and old books, all in fiction and non-fiction formats. Don't forget, if you bought an imprinted Andover Library bag last year, you can fill it again this year for free!

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on your favorite softball team as they vie for the championship.

"Seek" out the ice cream social later in the day. The Girl Scouts will be happy to cater to your sweet tooth and give you a "Big Dipper" full.

At dusk, treat yourself to a "celestial" display of colored "rocket-propelled" fireworks.

Let "moonbeams" or headlights guide you home after an "out of space" experience.

Our "log" this year is dedicated to Proctor Academy for their many years of generous support. A representative from Proctor will "captain" our parade from the Concord Coach, one of our obsolete vehicles.

There is handicap parking in front of and behind the town hall for "ground vehicles."

We still need some crew member to volunteer for "docking" duties.

Check the "log" for "take off" times for all activities. They should be available by the end of June at various locations around town and on the Fourth at the "Command Center" (grandstand). There is also a "log" of activities on page 1 of this issue of the *Beacon*.

Remember, it takes a lot of money to "launch" this ship. If you haven't donated, please do so. Petty Officer Irene

Jewett at PO Box 36, East Andover 03231 will be happy to have you "aboard."

Bill Leber and David Jewett will be at the "Command Center" throughout the day on the Fourth to coordinate our journey.

If you have any questions, call the following officers: Flea Market, Howard Wilson 735-5427; Parade, Jamie Thompson 455-5939 or Judy Perreault 735-5493; Chair, Bob Ward 735-5061; or e-mail 4thOfJulyCommittee@gmail.com.

**Thank You,**  
*Andover Fourth of July  
Committee and all the  
citizens, businesses,  
and organizations  
who support  
Andover's Fourth  
of July Celebration.*  
**You give us so much  
to be proud of!**

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MEN AND WOMEN; WHEN IT DIES  
THERE, NO CONSTITUTION,  
NO LAW, NO COURT CAN SAVE IT."  
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