



Master Firefighter Joshua Lee and Captain Robert Goodearl II of the Franklin Fire Department pose with a burning tree while crews from East Andover, Andover, Hill, Danbury, Wilmot, and Franklin take a quick break from fighting the March Hill woods fire near the Andover-Hill town line on April 4 and 5. For more about the fire, see pages 3 and 9.

Photo: Jake Johnson

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ANDOVER TOWN CLEAN-UP WEEK
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By Marj Roy, Andover Town Administrator

Here we are again! The piles of snow are melted, but what appears underneath is not a pretty sight around our beautiful town. Although we have some new beautiful sprouting grass and crocuses, there are also lots of cans, bottles, and other debris on the roadsides. It's time to help out the roadsides and clean up all those nasty items that have blown around our yards and streets.

An important part of Andover Town Clean-Up Week is a street-by-street litter clean-up in honor of Earth Day and in conjunction with New Hampshire the Beautiful. Everyone can be part of this community-wide clean-up. We all know what roadsides look like after the snow is gone, so get a group together, or go solo.

Sign up at the Town Office to clean an Andover street! Blue bags to put the trash in will be supplied by New Hampshire the Beautiful. The clean-up will continue at your convenience throughout the week.

Tallies will be submitted of what was collected, so we can receive gifts of daffodils or trees. In past years, we received hundreds of daffodil bulbs that were planted in Andover.

Our Road Agent, Jon Champagne, will once again generously pick up the blue bags along roadsides throughout the week. Recycling is encouraged, but not mandatory for this project. Most important is to clean up our beautiful town.

Among other clean-up events scheduled throughout the town:

- Town Beach clean-up on Saturday, May 19, at 9 AM. (See details below.)

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Fourth of July Committee members Judy Perreault and Shirley Currier kick off the 2012 Fourth of July fundraising campaign. Photo: Wanda Smith

FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION NEEDS YOUR DONATIONS!

By Judy Perreault
Fourth of July Committee

I've heard the expression, "Everyone likes a cheerful giver." That is what the Fourth of July Committee is looking for this year – lots of generous and cheerful givers.

Irene Jewett and Wanda Smith are heading up the Fourth of July Canvass Committee. With a team of volunteers, they will be going street to street and house to house asking for donations for our annual celebration.

Keep in mind that this has been a losing proposition for the past few

years, so please make a donation. Due to a change in program printing, all donations need to be in to the committee by May 15. You may mail one to Fourth of July Committee, PO Box 36, East Andover 03231. The Canvass Committee is short of volunteers, so if you can help, please call Irene at 735-5271 or Wanda at 735-5434.

The Andover Fourth of July celebration is known for its huge flea market on the Village Green, which offers a variety of goods and services. Space is going fast, so call Howard Wilson at 735-5434. See Fourth on page 2

National Emergency Medical Services Week

May 20 through May 26 is a great time to thank all the people our community relies upon for help when the unthinkable happens: our fire departments, police department, and – in honor of National EMS Week – the



Andover EMS team, whose members we list below. See also the article on page 10.

EMT Basics

Andover Fire Department Chief Chuck Ellis, East Andover Fire Department Chief Rene Lefebvre, EMS Chief John Kinney, John Bridgmon, Tim Joyce, Mac MacDuffie, Heather Makechnie, Jeff Miller, and Ben Seaver

EMT Intermediates

EMS Lieutenant Jeffrey Clark, EMS Captain Jennifer Coffey, EMS Deputy Chief Greg Stetson, Jon Collette, Philip Hackmann, Jason Jenkins, and Andrew Perkins

Paramedics

Franklin Fire Department Captain Stephen Fecteau and Brad Hardie

THE SWAP SHOP
REUSABLE ITEMS IN WORKING CONDITION

FIRST ONE OF THE SEASON!

PLEASE NO UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE, TIRES, WINDOWS, DOORS, ELECTRONICS, PORCELAIN FIXTURES.

The Swap Shop will be open on May 12 from 8 AM to 2 PM and welcomes (before noon) reusable items in working condition like toys, clothing, books, bicycles, and kitchenware. Please, **no** upholstered furniture, tires, windows, doors, electronics, or porcelain fixtures.

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