

Andover Votes In Four New Districts In State Primary

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For the Beacon

This year's ballots may look a little unfamiliar to Andover voters when they go to cast their votes in the New Hampshire primary election on Tuesday, September 11, and in the general election on Tuesday, November 6. Andover's New Hampshire House, Senate, and Executive Council districts were changed in the statewide redistricting that took place in 2011.

House Districts 1 and 25

The most obvious change is that instead of voting for six candidates for state representative to represent a district that included Andover, Salisbury,

Northfield, Boscawen, Canterbury, and Loudon, Andover voters will now choose one representative for District 1 (made up of Andover, Salisbury and Danbury) and one representative for Floterial District 25 (made up of Andover, Salisbury, Danbury, Warner, and Webster).

A "floterial" district is a legislative district that includes several separate districts that independently would not be entitled to additional representation, but whose combined population entitles the area to another seat in the legislative body. In common usage, a floterial district is a multi-town or multi-district district that "floats" over towns or

districts that already elect one or more legislators.

Senate District 7

In another redistricting change, Andover is now part of Senate District 7 (with Franklin, Salisbury, Webster, Boscawen, Canterbury, Northfield, Belmont, Laconia and Gilford) instead of Senate District 5 (that spanned an area from Franklin to Hanover). Lastly, Andover has been redistricted into Executive Council District 1, which comprises much of the northern two-thirds of the state, instead of remaining in District 2 as previously.

While the boundary between New Hampshire's two US Congressional

districts has also shifted slightly with the recent redistricting, this change does not affect Andover, which remains in Congressional District 2. Statewide voting for the offices of Governor and Senator has not changed.

Appraisal from page 1

If you don't have any items for appraisal but would like to watch the proceedings, come to the firehouse and take a seat. No charge for viewing. Refreshments will be available.

A resident of Newfields, New Hampshire, Dan has been a full-time antiques appraiser and auctioneer since 1978. He bills himself as a generalist, dealing with most categories of antiques and collectibles and buying and selling "everything from furniture to fairly modern items, including books and paper items, photographs, military items, silver, jewelry, pocket and wrist watches, sporting items such as hunting and fishing and guns, old cameras, as well as all the glass and china and paintings and furniture that most people think of when they think of antiques."

A popular Master of Ceremonies at appraisal sessions around the state, Dan estimates that he's made about 100 appearances over the past 20 years in support of historical societies, women's clubs, libraries, museums, and other organizations. The town of Stratham's historical society, for example, has held regular appraisal days featuring Dan since 1992.

Though he cautions that most items presented for appraisal will not make their owners rich, participants in his appraisal sessions generally take satisfaction from knowing more about the origins of the items they bring to him, Dan says.

"And then there's the occasional rare and valuable find," he adds. As examples, he cites a vase of Marblehead pottery, uncovered in a kitchen cabinet, that sold at auction for \$14,000; and an anonymously carved wooden eagle rescued from the trunk of a junked car that brought the owner \$23,000 after Dan identified its rarity.

The non-profit Andover Historical Society was established in 1982 to preserve the history of Andover through the acquisition and conservation of property, artifacts, and stories, and to foster an awareness and appreciation for that history within the community.

The Society's headquarters are located in the village of Potter Place. Its major holdings there include the restored Potter Place railroad station and general store, both now museum and archival facilities. It also owns a restored one-room schoolhouse, dating from 1837, on Tucker Mountain Road in East Andover. All are open to the public at designated times between May and October. For additional information, go to the society's Web site at AndoverHistory.org.

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