



Make Plans to Help with Town Clean-Up Week

No sign-ups this year – just get out there!

By Mary Anne Broshek
Conservation Commission

The fifth annual Town Clean-Up Week will begin on Saturday, May 4. The event this year is a joint effort by the Andover Conservation Commission and the Town of Andover.

Andover residents are encouraged to adopt a road or roads to clean up. We are not having the usual road sign-up sheet, so stop by the Town Hall or the Transfer Station to pick up your blue

bags any time. The clean-up does not have to occur during Town Clean-Up Week but is expected to be completed sometime during the first three weeks of May.

Once again the blue bags are being provided by New Hampshire the Beautiful. When you fill a bag, you can bring it to the Transfer Station or leave it by the side of the road. Bags left on the side of the road will be picked up and brought to the Transfer Station by J&B Landscaping at no cost to the Town.

We hope that you will join this clean-up effort.

Geothermal Workshop Comes to Andover on April 6

80 residents attended earlier solar workshop

By Larry Chase
Andover Energy Group

A workshop on residential geothermal energy systems – which capture the nearly constant 50- to 60-degree temperature trapped below the earth's surface and use it to heat and cool the home – will be offered by two local experts on Saturday, April 6, between 10 AM and noon in the Andover Town Hall meeting room. The workshop is open to the public at no charge.

The workshop is the second in a series sponsored by the Andover Energy Group, a local organization of volunteers. The first, held in February and focusing on solar energy, drew over 80 attendees.

Leading the workshop will be Dan Grace of Dunbarton, whose Capital Well Clean Water Center is described

as “one of New Hampshire’s most experienced geothermal well installers, with over 16 years of time-tested, successful geothermal well installations”; and

Bill Wenzel, head of a Merrimack heating and air-conditioning company that bears his name, and a certified installer for the International Ground Source Heat Pump Association, a non-profit organization established to advance geothermal heat pump technology.

Experienced in team presentations, Dan and Bill will offer an illustrated “Geothermal 101” session describing “the magic that is geothermal heating and cooling” and answering questions from attendees. Refreshments and handout materials will be offered.

To help the presenters with logistics, advance registration is encouraged, although non-registrants are welcome as well. To register, or for additional information, e-mail Maria Glorioso at Glorioso@tds.net, or call 735-6128.

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Town Meetings Pass Budgets; Taxes Could Rise 10%

Appropriations up, estimated revenues down

By Ed Hiller, for the Beacon

The Andover town budgets for 2013 have been finalized by the several annual meetings. The School appropriation is up \$264,927, or 6.1% over last year. The Town appropriation (net of pass-throughs) is up \$101,089, or 6.6% over last year. The Fire Department appropriations show a slight decrease of \$3,445. As a result, the total net appropriations for 2013 are up by \$360,461, up 6.2% over the total appropriations for last year.

Based on current estimates of offsetting revenues and available unused surplus funds, it is estimated that these appropriations will result in a tax rate

for Andover of \$20.58 for the Andover Fire District and \$20.29 for the East Andover Fire District, each up \$1.91 or 10.2% over last year's rates. This increase equates to an increase in the tax bill for a property appraised at \$200,000 of \$382.

Andover School District Meeting

The Andover School District Meeting was attended by approximately 150 voters, only 9% of the 1,669 total registered voters. This meeting rejected the Budget Committee's proposed total budget of \$4,484,528. It voted to accept and appropriate funds for the School Board's recommended total budget of \$4,615,296. This budget includes funding for a new three-year teacher contract, adding an additional fourth grade

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Governor Maggie Hassan tapped a maple tree in recognition of Maple Weekend, March 23 and 24. Eric Johnson of Tucker Mountain Maple was on hand to supervise.
Photo: Tina Cotton

Call An Andover Contractor For Your Spring Projects

By Charlie Darling, Beacon staff

Our town is full of talented, hard-working tradesmen of all kinds. For anything from a spring clean-up for your yard to building a new home, there are local contractors and handymen to fill the bill.

In last month's Beacon we asked local contractors and handymen to contact us so we could offer our readers a list for their consideration. Listed be-

low are those who responded. If you'd like to be included in next spring's list, watch for the reminder in the March 2014 Beacon.

- Stephen Barton and Sons Carpentry does additions, decks, garages, remodeling, and new homes, as well as replacement of doors and windows, roofs, and siding. Contact Steve at 735-5984 or SAJBarton@tds.net.
- Dave Bates does general contract-

ing, site work, decks, and patios – small handyman jobs to a new addition. 848-4239 or Wondrful@comcast.net.

• Doug Bent of Bentwoods Contracting is a general contractor and degreed

landscape architect specializing in design-build homes, renovations, and additions. 455-5973 or 735-5847.

• Justin Carey specializes in carpet, See Projects on page 24

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