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Fourth of July Committee Desperate for Volunteer Help

Important fundraising and ad sales kick off in May

By Judy Perreault
Fourth of July Committee

The Andover Fourth of July Committee is focusing its efforts in May on the annual fundraising campaign. Volunteers will be canvassing from street to street for donations to support the Fourth of July celebration.

If no one has done your street in the past, please think about being a volunteer. We desperately need help. We are not a line item in the Town budget; our becoming a Town committee was based solely on insurance issues. Expenses run high for this event, and we need lots of those little green bills or checks.

Ads for our program are another source of income, so think about an ad for your business or organization, or just a personal message. Wanda Smith (735-5434) and Irene Jewett (735- 5271) are in charge of both ads and donations. They each wear two hats, as do most of the committee members.

Once again, Rose Tilton has made a beautiful red, white, and blue quilt, quilted by Linda Barnes of The Constant Quilter. Raffle tickets will be available at various events, as well as on the Fourth. The drawing will be in the fall.

Proceeds will go into the Fourth of July fund. Last year we managed to just about break even, after going in the red the previous years.

Remember, our parade theme this year is "Summertime." We are hoping to have a lot of entries, floats, vehicles, and animals. There is prize money for these categories.

We encourage children to participate in the Children's Parade, which meets in front of the ProClaim building. They will be judged, and ribbons and prizes will be awarded.

Activities on the Village Green will be very lively this year. In addition to the vendors that provide many goods and services, three and possibly four bands will be playing throughout the day.

There is still space available on the Green. Contact Doug Phelps at (802) 310-1045 or DPhelps@us.ibm.com to reserve your spot.

Parking is a problem on the Fourth. If anyone has an area near the center of town, it would be a big help if you would make it available.

Sadly, no one has answered our appeal for committee members or volunteered for various jobs, which are parade line-up, parking, flea market helper, raffle ticket seller, car judge, set-up and clean-up, and putting out the signs on either end of town.

We are very hopeful that this is an event that you wish to continue and that volunteers will come forward. For questions about the parade and raffle tickets, call 735-5493; for all other questions, call chairman Bob Ward at 735-5061.

Register Your Dog Before the End of May

Apply for property tax relief before June 30

By Joanna Sumner, Town Clerk

Please remember to license your dog before the end of the month. A fine of \$1 is levied for each month that you wait. There is also a \$1 fee added to your dog's licensing to pay for the postage we incur mailing the reminder letters.

Our office will be closed on Wednesday, June 11, as both myself and my deputy will be at the Town Clerks' spring workshop in Grantham.

NHDRA Property Tax Relief

Forms are available at the Town Clerk's office during the month of May to apply for the NHDRA Property Tax Relief. To qualify, you need to own your own home and reside there. If you are single, you should have an adjusted gross income of no more than \$20,000. If you are married or head of a household, you should have an adjusted gross income of no more than \$40,000.

The application must be filed between May 1 and June 30. Forms may be picked up at the office or found online at Revenue.NH.gov.

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The Andover Highway Department is trying some new techniques to get the roads in better shape sooner. We have been putting out some gravel with one-ton trucks and a small loader to smooth the road surface. This enables us to address issues in the road surface sooner than if we used the Town's heavy grader.

In the past, we have had to wait until road surfaces were sufficiently dry before we began smoothing out these ruts.

By using a smaller five-ton loader and one-ton trucks, we are able to start repairing some roads as much as a month sooner than before. This allows us to prevent traffic and weather from making these roads worse than they might be.

As soon as the road surface is dry enough to support the grader, however, we will be back to grading them. The grader does a much better job at cutting potholes and prepares a much more uniform road surface.



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