

Experts Discuss Cancer Rates in New Hampshire

Results for Andover to be reported in the fall

Press release

On June 6, citizens of Andover gathered in the Town Hall to hear a panel of experts discuss cancer rates in New Hampshire, how the data is collected for research, possible causes of cancer, and what is being done in terms of awareness, prevention, and education. We have requested the New Hampshire cancer epidemiologist, GM Monawar Hosain, MD, PhD, to look into cancer incidence in Andover in response to citizen concern.

Cancer data is already collected very thoroughly by the New Hampshire state cancer registry through legally-mandated hospital reporting, and the cancer registry also receives information from neighboring states. But if people are concerned that their cancer may not have been included in the registry (for example, if their cancer was treated

only in a central or west coast state, but not in a New Hampshire hospital), they are welcome to call the state to self-report. (Please note that Dr. Hosain cannot provide information back to the public about specific cases.)

Note: This is not a request to report other people's cancers, but a choice that an individual may make about reporting their own diagnosis. This would involve contacting Dr. Hosain to provide brief details about the cancer and where and when it was diagnosed. Dr. Hosain can be reached directly at gm.hosain@dhhs.state.nh.us or call 271-7812.

These calls are strictly voluntary, and the decision to disclose this information is strictly voluntary. The rates of cancer in the Andover region will be presented in a meeting this fall.

If you have any questions or would like more information about the content of the first panel, please feel free to call Vicky Mishcon at 735-6402 or Cindy Benson at 321-9231.

Senator Ayotte's Office to Visit Andover

Wednesday, August 6, from 10:30 to 11:30 AM

Press release

A member of US Senator Kelly Ayotte's staff will hold office hours at the Town Hall in Andover on Wednesday, August 6, from 10:30 to 11:30 AM.

"New Hampshire residents who are looking for help dealing with the federal government shouldn't hesitate to contact me. I believe strongly that the citizens of our state deserve quality, efficient constituent services, and I will strive to deliver nothing less," said Senator Ayotte.

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for many families on the Fourth, coming from all over: New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Vermont, South Carolina, Maine, Ohio, Missouri, Utah, Arizona, and of course from all over New Hampshire. All told, we had 113 runners toe the line.

This year we introduced what I hope will be an annual tradition of a new t-shirt designed by students at AE/MS. We held a contest in May for kids to design shirts, with the winners getting entry into the race, their t-shirt, and being the race starter.

We had three winners chosen, and their designs were combined into the final product. The winners were Wyatt Carleton, Maura Kelly, and Sophia Reynolds. Their winning designs were combined into an amazing t-shirt. The individual designs also served as our mile markers along the course.

The shirt was a big hit, and I was told on multiple occasions that people will register early to try to get next year's shirt. Thank you to Jane Slayton and Mike Wiley at AE/MS for running the contest.

Shortly after 9 AM, Wyatt, Maura, and Sophia sent the runners on their way in a light rain. This year, the race was dominated by the 13 to 19 age group, with seven of the top 10 finishes.

Our overall winner was Michael Miano of Yonkers, New York in a time of 16:39. He was closely followed by Walker John from Boscawen (16:44) and Marc Roy of Northfield (16:50). All of them are in the 13 to 19 age group.

The women's race was won by Kristie Schofield of Loudon in a time of 20:17. Rounding out the top three women were Amy Makechnie of Andover (22:33) and Emily Miano of Camp Hill, Pennsylvania (22:38).

For complete race results, visit AndoverBeacon.com/Firecracker-5K-2014.

The Firecracker 5K footrace supports the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts of Andover and has become a primary fund raiser for both groups. It couldn't happen without help from many volunteers and the scouts themselves. Special thanks to the volunteers at registration for super-human efforts in registering more than half the race in 30 minutes: Amy Rheaume, Amy Makechnie, Robin Davis, and Kathy Bennett.

Thank you to the brave water station volunteers who stood in the rain and horseflies: Sarah Lester, Maryn Barrett, Mychal Reynolds, and Samantha Parkman. Thank you to the Boy Scouts for coming out to set up and take down the start/finish and mile markers, and to the scout leaders: Doug Bent, Jim Reed, and Chris Buswell for helping pull it all together on race day.

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