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to



HELP KEEP  
THE BEACON  
GOING!

## Beacon Canvassing Drive Starts Soon!

Donate by September 30 and you won't be called

By Charlie Darling, *Beacon* staff

So far this year, 173 households out of Andover's 1,000 households have donated to the *Beacon*. That's 20% fewer than had donated at this time last year. Are people waiting to be canvassed this year instead of avoiding being canvassed by sending in their donation by September 30? I hope not, as canvassing is a really big job and a lot of trouble for canvassers and canvasees alike!

Over the past 10 years, the *Beacon* has not been able to increase donations from the community enough to make the *Beacon* a sustainable community project over the long haul. 100% of

Andover households receive the printed *Beacon* at no charge every month, and 100% of Andover households can access AndoverBeacon.com at no charge, anywhere and anytime they can get to a Web connection. But so far this year, fewer than 20% of Andover households have made a donation.

Last year, the *Beacon's* Board of Directors set an important long-term goal: *Increase community donations to the point where about 650 Andover households donate every year.* At that level, with about 65% of Andover households donating, the *Beacon* would be sustainable for the long haul.

So in October, we'll be starting a big canvassing campaign again. See Canvassing on page 6



Scan this gizmo on your smartphone to donate now!

## Runners and Bicyclists Converge on Andover for Major Fundraiser

Fun and fundraising for the entire town

By Heather Makechnie  
For the *Beacon*

On Saturday, September 27, runners and bicyclists from all over the state will be thronging Andover to participate in a fundraiser for Special Olympics New Hampshire. Individuals – including Special Olympic athletes as well as volunteer teams from local schools, businesses, and law enforcement – will use the Northern Rail Trail between Andover and Enfield, with all

events beginning and ending in Andover.

There will also be a leisurely 4.5-mile family bike ride, open to all comers, beginning at the Highland Lake Inn. Streets and fields will be filled with parked cars, and each of those cars will bring dollar bills to the local economy.

If that doesn't make your heart swell, picture Proctor Academy's Carr Field encamped from 8 AM to 2 PM with concession tents and carts; the mesmerizing odor of grilled brats, onions and peppers, steamed corn on the cob, french fries, and autumn leaves hanging in the crisp fall air. Andover area organizations are participating in order to raise money for Special Olympics New



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Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt.

- The Athlete's Oath for the Special Olympics

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ReVision Energy of Exeter installed another photovoltaic array in Andover last month. The 18 panels should provide about 5.4 kilowatts of electricity over the course of a year, enough to power the entire household. Any excess power goes into the New Hampshire Electric Co-op's grid for other NHEC customers to use. ReVision recently announced a new program that lets qualified homeowners add solar with no money down. Photo: Charlie Darling

## New Solar Initiative in Andover will Lower Costs for Homeowners

The more who participate, the more everyone saves

Press release

A team of Andover, New London, and Wilmot residents this fall will undertake an effort aimed at doubling the number of solar-electric (or photovoltaic) residential and small-business installations in their towns. The project, called Kearsarge Solarize Andover/New London/Wilmot, is part of a larger Solarize Upper Valley effort coordinated by local nonprofit Vital Communities.

Residents in the three towns are encouraged to learn more at the project's

launch event on Saturday, October 18, at 10 AM in Colby-Sawyer College's Clements Hall (part of the Ivey Science Center), in New London.

Round One of Solarize Upper Valley yielded 120 new solar homes in five towns in the region. In Round Two, the Andover/New London/Wilmot team will launch a 15-week campaign (running mid-October through the end of January) to help residents and small businesses in their towns go solar. They join seven other towns across the Upper Valley in both New Hampshire and Vermont that are "solarizing" this fall.

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## TELL US WHAT YOU LIKE ABOUT YOUR CHOSEN CANDIDATE

When you make up your mind for whom you're voting in the November county and state elections, please send us a few sentences about what you like most about the candidate you've picked. We'd like to run those short bits in the *Beacon* so we can all see what's persuading our friends and neighbors one way or the other.

*Please – nothing negative about the other candidates, parties, policies, etc!* There's enough of that going around already. Let's hear what's attracting you to the candidate you've picked.

Send a few sentences to Elections@AndoverBeacon.com or to PO Box 149, Andover 03216. Those received by September 15 will be in the October issue; those received by October 15 will be in the November issue.

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