

Andover Lions Club Calendar Raffle Winners Announced

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The Andover Lions Club announces the winners of the club's December Calendar Raffle. There was a cash prize for each day of the month. Winners for each day are listed below.

1. 090 Candi Spaulding	Andover, NH	\$350
2. 251 Everett Evans	Exeter, NH	\$50
3. 288 Terry Hoyt	Franklin, NH	\$50
4. 051 Irene Ortega	Penacook, NH	\$50
5. 091 Lenny Spaulding	Andover, NH	\$100
6. 221 Louise Thatcher	Mattapoisett, MA	\$150
7. 092 Linda Varnum	Andover, NH	\$100
8. 076 Pat Fleury	Wilmot, NH	\$50
9. 022 Ryan Slier	Wilmot, NH	\$50
10. 342 Lawrence Groves		\$50
11. 043 Chantel Harris	Andover, NH	\$50
12. 367 Dennis Phelps	Danbury, NH	\$100
13. 31 Mario Ratzki	Andover NH	\$150

14. 018 Pat Mead	Andover, NH	\$100
15. 229 Alicia Tonelli	Exeter, NH	\$50
16. 31 Mario Ratzki	E. Andover, NH	\$50
17.006 Barbie Rousseau	Warner, NH	\$50
18. 241 Ron Evans	Andover, NH	\$50
19. 342 Mary Perkins	Hill, NH	\$100
20. 252 Jen Evans	Exeter, NH	\$150
21. 232 Skyler Cutter	Hampton Falls, NH	\$100
22. 436 C.P. Goody	Sarasota, NY	\$50
23. 190 Mark & Tammy Leber	Gilford, NH	\$50
24. 153 John Braley	Andover, NH	\$50
25. 050 Melissa Chevarie	Wilmot, NH	\$50
26. 251 Everett Evans	Exeter, NH	\$100
27. 384 Weale	New London, NH	\$150
28. 201 Nan Kaplan	Andover, NH	\$100
29. 161 Kathy Sherman	Nantucket, MA	\$100
30. 440 Mary Lett	New Smyrna Beach, FL	\$50
31. 434 Tina Choe	Gainesville, FL	\$400



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Due to the state's position on White Oak, we are forced to look elsewhere for sand. Thanks to our Road Agent's quick thinking, we have a local source for sand for 2018.

The cost for purchasing this sand is estimated to be \$40,000, and that amount will show as an increase in the 2018 operating budget.

Roads and Bridges

We are pleased to report that the Andover Highway Department program began three years ago with the hiring of two full-time employees and the purchase of a one-ton pickup truck has been very successful. We have been able to show savings in all of our projects by decreasing the high cost of contract work and having a one-ton available for hauling, patching, plowing, sanding, etc.

The project of restoring Old College Road is an example. The Town grader and a rented roller were operated by our Town employees. We saved \$5,000 by not contracting this work out through BMI Paving Co.

Other labor performed by our employees and the use of the Town-owned one-ton truck saved an additional \$3,119, for a total savings of \$8,119.

These savings allow the Town to get more work done within our budget, showing greater value for our money. This is a clear example of the value of investment: putting money out up front for savings down the road.

Dirt Roads

The dirt portions of Chase Hill Road, Brick House Lane, Putney Road, Bradley Lake Road, and Peters Road were all ditched, with new culverts put in where needed. They were also uniformly resurfaced with four inches of material from our gravel pit. This makes them better able to withstand the forces of nature during flooding and freezing. We plan to continue the improvement of dirt roads next year.

Our main project for 2017 was the restoration of Old College Road.

Old College Road from Maple Street to Route 11 had extensive ditching and drainage work done in preparation for resurfacing. The project called for grinding up the existing road surface, adding material, and rolling it out. Time did not allow for resurfacing before winter so the project will be completed in the spring with funds remaining in the Special Projects capital reserve fund (CRF).

Maple Street Bridge received new decking and a new coat of paint and was reopened to vehicular use. Repairs were also made to Kearsarge Mountain Road Bridge, which sustained damage in the October flood.

Gale Road Bridge was scheduled for removal in 2017. However, we began receiving requests to keep it open for pedestrian and bicycle use.

Inspection by bridge engineers revealed that the bridge structures would support such limited use, and the Highway Department crew cleared off over a foot of dirt and vegetation from the

surface to reveal a fully intact concrete surface. Rocks were placed at each end to prevent vehicular traffic, and the bridge is now open for pedestrian and bicycle use.

At last year's Town Meeting, \$65,000 was voted on for removal of this bridge. The money had been placed into the Bridge Improvement CRF and will be used on the Elbow Pond Road culvert that was washed out during the October flood. We plan to reopen that area of Elbow Pond Road as soon as possible.

Since Merrimack County did not qualify for emergency aid after the flood, we are fortunate to have that money available to use in this emergency.

Winter arrived on the heels of the flood, pushing two projects, Last Street Bridge and trimming trees on Maple Street, into 2018.

New Hampshire towns received an extra \$86,000 from the Department of Transportation Highway Block Grant (Senate Bill 38) this year to be used on new transportation projects not previously scheduled. The Select Board would like to place the money in a special CRF to be voted on at the March Town Meeting. This will give us additional time to decide how to use the money.

Andover Town Offices Energy Upgrade

Thanks to the support of the majority of voters last year, the Town has completed its energy project on the Town Office and Andover Library building. The program we followed included:

- Conducting an energy audit
- Following recommendations of the energy audit, we insulated and sealed leaks.
- Bringing down electrical consumption by replacing conventional lighting with LEDs and replacing older appliances, such as the hot water heater, with new energy-efficient models
- Upgrading heating and cooling with new super-efficient heat pumps
- Adding solar to generate electricity, approximately equal to the amount the building will now consume after improvements

The insulation work done is expected to save the Town over \$900 per year. New Hampshire Electric Co-op (NHEC) provided a 35% rebate on the work. With the rebate, the net cost of the insulation and sealing work amounted to only \$3,123, making for a 3.3-year payback of the cost and a projected 20-year savings for the Town of over \$16,000.

Andover Energy Group members worked with the Town Office staff to eliminate fluorescent tubes that were generating excess light, and then replaced all the building lighting with LEDs, which last 15 years on average. The cost to replace all the lighting in the building totalled \$5,200. This work qualified for a 50% rebate from NHEC, so the net cost to the Town was \$2,600, and the work will pay for itself in less than five years, saving an estimated \$450 annually thereafter for the life of the LEDs.

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Tiger Mountain Karate to Offer Classes at the Hub

Mondays starting February 12

Press release

Tiger Mountain Shotokan Karate will begin offering ongoing karate classes on Mondays at The Andover Hub, starting on February 12. Kids as well as adults, girls and women as well as boys and men are all welcome to begin or continue karate in any of the classes. A class for children ages six to eight will be offered from 4:45 to 5:45 PM Kids age nine through adults will meet from 6:00 to 7:00 PM and those with an upper belt can continue until 8 PM. Classes are offered on an ongoing basis at a charge of \$65 per month. The Andover Hub is located at 157 Main St., next to Pizza Chef.

Karate is a traditional Japanese martial art that is studied both to learn self-defense and self-discipline, as well as for fitness

and exercise. Tiger Mountain's program helps develop and teach discipline, determination, balance, focus, self esteem, pride, happiness, self defense, strength, and life skills, through focusing on karate techniques, sparring techniques, weapons, self defense, core workouts, as well as fun. Classes vary depending on age and level and there are many opportunities to be tested and to earn stars, stripes, and belts throughout the year.

February 12 will be the Grand Opening of the karate school in Andover; Tiger Mountain Karate is based in New London and currently offers classes there and in Wilmot. For further information and to register, call Gayle Fleming at 603-477-3174 or contact Tiger Mountain through FaceBook. For further information about The Andover Hub and to be added to their ongoing email list, contact AndoverCommunitySpace@gmail.com





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