

Hospice Volunteer Training in March in Franklin

Hospice volunteers are needed

Press release

Franklin VNA & Hospice is looking for adults who would like to make a difference in the quality of life for a patient or their caregiver. They are also seeking people with the following skills: massage, meditation, yoga, Reiki, crafts,

music, and pet therapy.

A free six week volunteer training course will be held on Wednesdays, beginning March 14 and running through April 18. Classes will be from 2 to 4 PM at the Peabody Home in Franklin. Peabody Home is located at 24 Peabody Place.

For more information call (603) 934-3454. 

Cribbage is Coming to the Andover Hub

Susan Chase, The Andover Hub

An ongoing Cribbage Night will begin Wednesday, March 7, at The Andover Hub from 6-8 PM. It is open to anyone who enjoys a friendly game of cribbage and new players are welcome at any time. A “refresher class” will be taught by Salisbury resident Helen Binette on Tuesday, March 6 at 6 PM for those who’ve never played or would like to brush up on the rules of the game.

Using the long-standing cribbage night in Salisbury as a model, each player will donate \$5 each evening to the pot, players will play in teams of two, and the five top-scoring teams will split the pot at the end of the evening. Coffee will be available and it is suggested that those play-

ing bring a snack to share. Andover resident Heather Wood is coordinating Cribbage Night. Those with questions can contact her at 340-4421 or at dekteig18@gmail.com.

According to Wikipedia, cribbage was created in the early 17th century and is one of the most popular games in the English-speaking world. Cribbage holds a special place among American submariners, serving as an “official” pastime on board submarines in the US Pacific Fleet.

The Andover Hub is located at 157 Main Street, next to Pizza Chef. For more information about The Hub and to be added to the ongoing email list for future program information, email AndoverCommunitySpace@gmail.com. 

Recent Andover Real Estate Transactions

The following real estate sales took place during the period of December 1, 2017 to February 15, 2018.

On December 15, 2017 Charles and Kerry Kellogg, sold 254 Plains Road to Steven and Danielle Bowers for \$204,000. The 1,728 square foot home has 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, and sits on 1.455 acres. The Hvizda Team of Keller Williams Realty-Metropolitan assisted the seller and Michelle Gilbert of Better Homes and Garden - Masiello assisted the buyer.

On December 28, 2017, Thomas Acervo sold 19 Fifth Lane to Semler Real Estate Trust for \$471,250. Carter Bascom of Four Seasons Southeby’s International

Realty assisted the seller and the buyer. The 1,681 square foot home has 2 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, and sits on .19 acres.

On January 18, 2018, Thomas Cheney sold 154 Route 4A, to Alexander and Natasha Skow for \$200,000. The 1,691 square foot home has 2 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, and sits on 25.83 acres comprising 2 lots.

There are currently 10 active residential listings with 2 under contract. There are 5 land listings and 1 Commercial or Multi-family listing that is under contract.

Data from NNEREN.com/sold-properties and MerrimackCountyDeedsNH.com 

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amendment would allow special exceptions for tiny houses in all districts except Village and Forest and Agriculture, where the Planning Board feels that they would be incompatible with the character of the village areas or with rural farm and forest landscapes.

3. Board of Adjustment Powers for Variances. Parties asking the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) for a variance from the rules of the Zoning Ordinance must meet certain tests to ensure that the new construction or use is consistent with community standards. The proposed amendment makes Andover’s standards for obtaining a variance clearer and consistent with current state law (RSA 674:33). [NOTE: This is a new proposed Amendment 3. The previous proposal – “3. No Building on Class VI or Private Road” – was withdrawn]

4. Purposes of the Zoning Ordinance. The stated purposes of the Zoning Ordinance are important when town officials, boards, and committees make decisions – for example in granting or denying variances and special exceptions, or reviewing subdivision and commercial site

plan proposals. The current Zoning Ordinance has very little language describing its purposes. The proposed amendment adds purposes allowed in state law as well as the guiding principles of Andover’s Master Plan.

5. Update of the Special Exception Process. Under Andover’s Zoning Ordinance, any use in any district may be approved by the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) as an “additional” or “unlisted” special exception, providing flexibility to deal with special cases as they arise. This amendment adds concise criteria and safeguards that an unlisted special exception must meet in order to be approved, to ensure that any exceptions that are allowed are appropriate, are in keeping with the Master Plan, and are determined in a consistent manner. In addition, the amendment updates the ordinance to make clear, in line with state law, that while the Planning Board may provide input and advice, the ZBA alone has the power to decide on special exceptions.

Complete copies of the 5 Ordinances may be found on the town’s website, in the town office, and during the voting hours on March 13, 11 AM – 7 PM. 

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carpooling from the Andover Town Office Building parking lot at 9:45 AM.

For the uninitiated, a sugarhouse is where maple syrup comes from. Cowdrey explains what visitors to his sugarhouse on March 17 could observe:

“First, we’ll need raw sap, which we collect from local sugar-maple trees in those buckets and taps you often see this time of year. The ideal weather for that to occur is clear warm days of about 40 degrees, following freezing nights of about 25.

“When we get a good run of sap into the buckets, we’ll have 500 or so gallons of raw sap. We then fire up a big pan called an evaporator and cook the sap down from 2% sugar to 66% sugar. After that, the syrup is drawn off, filtered, bottled, and distributed.”

And what will happen if the weather is too cold for sap collection? “Guess we’ll just talk through the process and look at

the equipment. Maybe we’ll talk about the role of sugaring in our local community and economy. Whether we boil that day or not, we can sample the product.”

And if you can’t attend the March 17 visit to Ragged View Farm, Cowdrey notes that the following weekend — Saturday and Sunday, March 24-25 — will be the 23rd annual NH Maple Weekend, with many sugarhouses across the state — including Cowdrey’s — opening their doors to all comers. For a list of participants, go to nhmapleproducers.com.

Now, in its fourth year, the Andover Institute has offered nearly two dozen “space explorations” to date, including hikes to local water bodies not visible from public roads, a visit to a heron rookery, walking tours of an alpaca farm and a 250 year-old farmhouse, visits to a museum of automobile memorabilia and a “nanobrewery,” and a tour of the city of Franklin. To receive alerts of future events, send an email to andovercommunity03216@gmail.com. 



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