

Letters

Your opinion matters! Please send a letter to the *Beacon* expressing your thoughts on any local matters. Our readers want and need to hear your voice!

about joining this community effort—either by making use of the property, or by other means of support. If you can't make it then, send us a note at TheAndoverHub@gmail.com, and we'll arrange a more convenient time.

Layout of the main floor and stage area is shown above. As you can see, the main area is currently divided into ten offices ranging in size from 150 to 225 square feet, so multiple uses for both fulltime and occasional occupancy can be accommodated. If larger spaces are needed, the current layout can be altered with relative ease.

In addition, there's a former dance studio (upper right in drawing) measuring roughly 25 by 40 feet, with locker facilities and a changing room below, and a separate entrance to provide direct access to the area. There's also unfinished space on the second floor. The facility is not universally accessible, although plans for first-floor access are in the works.

If you need further information before visiting The Community Hub, please don't hesitate to contact us at the email address above, or check out our website at www.andoverhub.org.

Thanks very much. Hope to see you on June 12.

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On Recent Legislation

Safety. Privacy protection. Fairness. Beautiful words disguising lies as works of art, and the deceptions passed by our House of Representatives are truly breathtaking in their grandeur. None of these words contain truth. In voting to allow illegal immigrants to obtain state issued driver's licenses, the Democratic majority made us less safe, undermined citizen's privacy, and unfairly placed lawlessness above law. How are we made safer when voting is less secure through potential voter fraud? For all the noise made by Democrats about Russian election fraud for President Trump, they are remarkably silent about the potential fraud that exists if this bill becomes law. The DMV noted the potential for an increase in fraudulent activities that require proof of residency. This is not privacy protection; it is an open door for criminal activity such as voting without citizenship. It gives the illusion of legal status to those who are here illegally, to those who have broken the law already. This isn't about asylum seekers. This isn't about green card holders. This isn't about those holding a valid Visa. It is about not rewarding those who have broken the law with privileges that are reserved for citizens and those following the rules. I have sympathy for those brought here as children, and the compassion of our lawmakers for them is not misplaced. However, I do have to ask this question; when is this compassion going to extend to your constituents by prioritizing our safety, privacy, and rights?

Steven Bowers

What's New at New Horizons

As a salon owner, change is always in the air. Hair styles evolve with fashion, and as a stylist this is important. You need to keep things current! I have been a cosmetologist for over 37 years, and have been a salon owner for almost 18 years. I have always said that this is a great profession for me. I love working with people, and making them feel better, but I always told myself that when it is not "fun" anymore, it is time to do something different. Now is that time for me. Although I am not sure where my path will take me right now, I know that I need to try something new. I love the business; it has provided me with wealth and happiness.

Starting July 1, 2019, Meghan Barton will be the new owner of New Horizons Hair. My last day in the salon will be June 27, 2019. Meghan will be here to take care of all your hair care needs, and she will have someone here on her team that will help with that process. Today as I write this to you, we don't yet know who that person will be. For those that schedule far in advance, your appointments will be canceled after June 27, 2019. You will need to call the salon and reschedule them with Meghan or her new team member.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you. Please know I have enjoyed each and every one of you on our "Hair Adventure" together. Call us if you have any questions.

Fondly,
Mary Meier

Thanks for the "Reports from Concord"

Iwould like to thank our representative, Ken Wells, for continuing the tradition of providing reports on the status of budgets, legislation, and activities of our state legislature in Concord. We are fortunate to have both a representative motivated to make the effort, and a local newspaper that provides a means of reaching the people he represents. This tradition of reporting carries on a service to the community during the past decade.

Also, I appreciate that his reporting goes into some depth about the background and impact of the legislation, budget, or proposal. This is of great value in understanding the reasoning behind votes made in Concord. It is far too easy to jump to an early conclusion about the title or intent of a bill from our limited knowledge. The reporting that I have seen thus far emphasizes the fi-

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Opportunities at the Andover Community Hub

Could your business or organization benefit from having a presence—either full-time or on an occasional basis—in an historic building in the center of Andover, fronting on State Route 11 and U.S. Route 4? If yes, please read on.

As you likely know, Andover's old town hall, built in 1879 and located at 157 Main Street, was purchased in late 2016 by a small group of local residents, with the goal of returning it to its original function as a community resource. Now known as The Andover Community Hub, and with 501(c)(3) non-profit status, the building is currently "open for business" with several fitness-related classes, crafts groups, clubs and organizations, and others using space, and with expressions of interest by a variety of other community groups and small businesses.

To learn how much additional interest exists among local businesses and organizations, we're extending this invitation to you: Come visit us, on Wednesday, June 12, at any time between 10 and 3 PM, to take a look at the space and discuss your thoughts

The mission of *The Andover Beacon* is to serve and strengthen the Andover community. To that end, we welcome civil, reasoned letters addressing specifically local issues, events, and developments. Submissions must not be critical of another's religion; blasphemous; obscene; hateful; legally objectionable; or commercial in nature. The *Beacon* reserves the right to edit or not publish submissions it deems inappropriate for any reason.

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