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## Our Community Says "Thank You!"

It is presumptuous of the *Beacon* to speak for the people of Andover, which is why we never do. But in this extraordinary time, we're making an exception.

On behalf of the community of Andover, the entire *Beacon* team says "Thank you!"

- ... to everyone on the front lines keeping us all safe and well
  - ... to our schools, who are reinventing education on the fly in order to keep our children moving forward
  - ... to government workers at all levels who are finding ways to keep essential functions up and running
  - ... to every businessperson and employee who has embraced sudden and wrenching changes in order to provide us the goods and services we rely on
  - ... to all our committees and clubs and organizations who have jumped in to fill every gap, while re-imagining what "community" means in a time of pandemic
  - ... and certainly not least, to all our friends and neighbors who have done the difficult but responsible thing by radically changing their normal routines, without ever giving up their Faith in our community's ability to come through this together; their Hope that the *real* "new normal," when it arrives, will be a good one; and their Charity toward everyone around them.
- Thank you all.



An unidentified customer of Naughty Nellie's Ice Cream Bar in Andover stands outside enjoying her ice cream purchase, while the owner, Julia Rector, can be seen in the take-out window. The ice cream stand remains open during the COVID-19 shutdowns. Photo: Jeffrey Dickinson

## Local Businesses Take Steps to Operate Safely and Stay Open

Trouble getting cleaning supplies is common

Jeffrey Dickinson  
 Beacon volunteer

To understand the local impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting suspension of most public gatherings and many commercial establishments, a sample of the businesses still operating were interviewed. The owners and

management reflected on the current business and social environment while providing a glimpse into their operations.

All the businesses have taken steps to minimize contact between customers and staff. Additional efforts are being made to keep the products and premises clean, while trying to innovate new ways to maintain safety and customer  
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## Town Office Using Other Means to Keep Town Functions Operating

Limit your exposure to Town employees

Marjorie Roy  
 Andover Town Administrator

As you know, with the President's declaration of a National Emergency and the Governor's declaration of a State of Emergency regarding the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic on Friday, March 13, the Town Office has

been closed to the public.

This world health crisis has activated Andover's emergency management planning for the protection and wellness of our residents and of Town employees. The emergency management team has been meeting, and we continue to monitor national and state emergency management communications. Our first responders have instituted policies  
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*Kearsarge Magazine* used this photo of the Tiger Mountain Shotokan karate class for kids, held at the Hub, in its coverage of Andover in its Spring issue. Photo: Larry Chase

## Andover Featured Prominently in Spring *Kearsarge Magazine*

Solar, the Hub, and history highlighted

Charlie Darling  
 Beacon volunteer

Thanks very much, *Kearsarge Magazine*, for the focus on Andover in your Spring 2020 issue!

For our readers who haven't seen a copy, it contains:

*Here Comes the Sun*, a five-page article explaining the benefits of renewable solar energy and featuring six color

photographs of solar installations, five of them taken in Andover.

*More than a Building*, about the Andover Community Hub, which "will provide meeting and program space for people of all ages to gather for generations." The article is accompanied by five color photographs of the building's exterior, interior, and activities.

*Meet Your Local Historical Society*, a seven-page article containing brief descriptions of the eight history-oriented  
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