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for the response to emergencies and non-emergency calls for service.

These front-line responders must take extra precautions to limit their exposure, and we would like to ask our residents to assist us in helping to limit risk-exposure to our Town employees. We would ask residents to limit their personal contact with all Town employees in all departments.

Residents are encouraged to utilize electronic, telephone, or written communications. These methods can be used for renewals of Motor Vehicle Registrations,

Dog License, Vital Records, and tax payments and can be made via Andover-NH.gov, or the Town Hall drop box (the Andover Library book return) which is checked daily, Monday through Friday, or by the US mail.

Building permits can also be obtained via electronic submission to PMoyer@Andover-NH.gov, and payments can be received via the drop box or US mail.

With your help we can keep this virus under control and our employees well and ready to serve you. If you have any questions or need assistance in navigating these new communication methods, please contact us at 735-5332. 

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ented organizations in the magazine's coverage area. The page describing the Andover Historical Society contains observations by curator Luan Clark and president Gail Richards, along with color photos of the Potter Place railroad station and the post office in the Emons Store.

Kearsarge Magazine editor Laura

Jean Whitcomb kindly provided several copies of the issue to be made available for viewing in Andover's libraries, schools, and other facilities. But with those facilities now closed because of the coronavirus pandemic, you can wait until they re-open, or you can purchase a copy in New London at Colonial Pharmacy, Hannaford, Jake's Market and Deli, or Roberts Scarlett Pharmacy, while supplies last. 

Andover Residents Reflect on Life during COVID Crisis

Positive and insightful thoughts balance reality

Shelley Geoghegan
Publisher, *The Andover Beacon*

Working from home while trying to keep tabs on Andover life during the pandemic shutdown is quite a challenge. While e-mail and telephone communications have always been standard operating procedure for the newspaper, now they have to stand in for in-person contacts as well. Personally, I miss seeing people and visiting businesses, but I am grateful that the nature of this job allows me to work remotely.

Many people have commented on their new way of life, and how they are coping with work, studies, being cooped up, and how they are finding creative ways to keep busy. I thought our readers would be interested in knowing how their neighbors are faring. The takeaway, as I see it, is that New Englanders are very self-sufficient and creative. Here are their quotes:

Elizabeth Frost, Beacon volunteer

During this coronavirus quarantine, I have managed to keep busy. My first project was to go through my buckets of old photos and organize them. That took me a week! Since then I have been doing some sewing (made some cloth face masks for the family), some knitting (finished a scarf that I had started over two years ago), reading, crossword puzzles, and lots of walking. I feel very fortunate and thankful to live here where we can get outside in the yard to rake or just go for a walk.

Jan Brennan, Beacon volunteer

We are still down in Florida and, due to this pandemic are anxiously awaiting the time when we feel safe to take the car trip back up the east coast to New Hampshire. I feel out of touch with close family and friends, and miss spending time with my grandsons.

We are lucky to be hunkered down in our home and are safe. Thank goodness that I have the internet and can search for new recipes, and love to try different dishes; some great and others not so good! Early morning solitary walks are good for the body and soul, which improves my state of mind. I find that many of my neighbors are also walking, keeping at least a 10-foot distance while greeting everyone with smiles.

Like everyone else I am anxious to return to normal activities and to see friends. I keep reminding myself that time will come.

Larry Chase, Andover resident

How am I doing in the midst of this crisis? I'm doing pretty much the same things I was doing before: sitting at the computer working on writing projects for the Andover Community Hub, the Andover Energy Group, the Andover Historical Society, *The Andover Beacon*, etc.; taking and editing photographs for the same projects; setting

aside an hour or so for some sort of regular exercise; maintaining some sort of social contact with friends via email; doing the crossword puzzles in the daily and Sunday online New York Times; and running errands in Franklin, New London, and – occasionally – Concord.

The only changes are 1) the errand-running has been cut way back; 2) the exercises now tend to be in-house rather than outside or at the Proctor gym; 3) the viewing of TV news has increased; and 4) my concern for the future of our country and our planet, already high before the pandemic, has increased dramatically. So far, at least, the increase in alcohol consumption has been less so.

Andover Service Club

Members of the Andover Service Club have been sewing face masks for use during the next weeks and, perhaps, months. Large and medium masks are available at JJ's Market and Deli on Main Street in Andover. A donation to the Andover Service Club will be gladly accepted at the store.

Volunteers at the Andover Service Club Thrift and Gift Shop gathered all of the 'scrubs' (nursing attire) at the shop, washed and folded them, and delivered them to area hospitals.

Andover Fish and Game Club

We are cancelling our kids' spring fishing derby in May and are hoping we can still do our beef barbecue and Chinese Auction in August.

We recommend that everyone take hikes and explore places in the woods that they never took time to check out before. You might even see some wildlife you have never seen before.

Douglas Phelps, Beacon Board of Directors

Although I've lost an important part of my routine, playing music at venues on the weekends, I've gained time to take care of projects around the house that I never had time to get to. I've also been able to read more and learn to use my Pro Tools recording application more fully. I've been able to ride my bike much more than I have in years. I was eating out at restaurants often before, and now am cooking at home. I've also learned to take the time to appreciate how lucky I am to be working where I work and living where I live.

Margo Coolidge, Beacon volunteer

Being stuck at home isn't so bad, realizing that we are safer here than in public right now. We are both grateful to be sheltering here with each other, the best of friends.

As elders, my husband and I are so grateful for the sacrifices of our community and our family as they help those more vulnerable. We realize that they have had a much, much harder time than we.

Although we have missed getting together with others very much, we are communicating by phone, FaceTime, See Reflect on page 4



The Andover Gift & Thrift Shop will remain closed for the month of May

When the shop reopens, the hours will be
Hours will be Tues. Wed. Thurs. 10-4 PM, Sat. 10-2 PM
Located beside the Andover Elementary/Middle School 735-5269

We Hope You're All Well and Safe at Home

As announced, The Andover Community Hub is temporarily closed, and activities are suspended until further notice.

In the meantime, please get in touch if you've got resources to share or ideas for ways The Hub might be helpful to the community.

Contact us at:
TheAndoverHub@gmail.com
or at 735-5509

