



Andover resident Bill Swenson is on his way to the Andover Transfer Station with this truck full of trash as part of Andover's annual roadside Earth Day clean-up effort sponsored by the Andover Community Hub and the Andover Conservation Commission (ACC) from April 18 to 24. Bill and his wife Sheila, along with Ken and Lee Wells, spent a good deal of Friday, April 22, picking up trash along Route 4 between Fenvale and the Salisbury town line. The Hub and ACC thank all those who pitched in to keep Andover looking good!

Caption: Susan Chase. Photo: Cindy Benson

**THE SWAP SHOP WELCOMES REUSABLE ITEMS IN WORKING CONDITION:** YARD TOYS ETC. PLEASE no UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE, TIRES, WINDOWS, DOORS,! ELECTRONICS, or PORCELAIN FIXTURES!

The Swap Shop will be open on Saturday, June 11 from 8 AM to noon and welcomes (before noon) reusable items in working condition like toys, clothing, books, bicycles, and kitchen-ware. Please, no upholstered furniture, tires, windows, doors, electronics, or porcelain fixtures.

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## Cristy Reny-Perkins is the Town's New Finance Assistant

### Press release

A new Finance Assistant, Cristy Reny-Perkins, has been hired to work in the Select Board office alongside Marjorie Roy, Andover's Town Administrator, and Elita Reed, the Town's Finance Director. Her duties, in addition to working with financial tasks, include updating the Town's website and greeting the public during posted hours.

According to Cristy, she and her husband moved to Andover in 2007. They have been married for 20 years. For fun they enjoy four-wheeling in their Polaris RZR. They have two dogs, a yellow lab (Diesel) and a black lab/shepard mix (Stella).

In addition to their hobby of four-wheeling, they love spending time working in their yard and on their home. Additionally, Cristy said, "I enjoy wine tasting and festivals with my friends. I was a store manager at Circle K in Concord for 26 years, prior to my new position as Finance Assistant."

Welcome, Cristy!



Cristy Reny-Perkins is the new Finance Assistant for the Town of Andover.

Photo: Marjorie Roy



## Time Counts in an Emergency; Have ID and Instructions Ready

### Vial of Life form available on internet

Andrew Perkins, Chief, Andover EMS

Have you ever had to call 911 for a medical emergency? Chances are it was not a calm experience, depending on the problem. Whether it is a family member, friend, or even your own emergency, important medical information written down and readily available can save valuable time for first responders.

Relevant information such as full (legal) name, date of birth, allergies, current medication list, and past medical history is a good place to start. Other information that can be helpful is emergency contact information for family or guardian, or even a Power of Attorney. Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) forms are also forms that need to stay with the person. Social security numbers are not needed.

A DNR is a pink form that is signed by the doctor and patient. The original needs to be with the patient if they are being transported to the hospital for any reason. The paper needs to stay with the patient at all times in order to be honored.

EMS and Fire personnel want to respect the patient's wishes, but without having the DNR in hand if needed, it cannot be honored. A living will is not a valid form of wishes EMS personnel can use.

There is a form you can get off of the internet called the Vial of Life. It is meant to be filled out and placed on the fridge at the person's home. If someone is unable to respond to questions, or if a family member does not know cer-

tain information, EMS personnel have been trained to check the door or side of the fridge to look for any paperwork. Visit [VialOfLife.com](http://VialOfLife.com) to request information. You can also print it yourself if preferred.

Sometimes when 911 is called the door is locked at the residence because the caller is unable to get to the door. If your residence has a hidden key or code to get into the door to gain entry to the residence without causing damage, the information can be emailed to [AndoverEMS@andover-nh.gov](mailto:AndoverEMS@andover-nh.gov). This email is secured and only accessed by the officers of Andover EMS.

If you give the information, it is forwarded to the dispatch center for the Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid. They input it in your address on the computer. If 911 is called, the information pops up in their system. Emergency personnel will be asked to call the center by phone and the code is given that way. It is the most secure way to keep your information private.

Information such as key locations or codes are never given over the radio. Once the information is forwarded to the dispatch center it will be deleted from the EMS computer. No information is stored at the fire station.

Lastly, we are always looking to add members to our roster. For anyone who is interested in getting information to join the Andover Fire or EMS department, please feel free to email [AndoverEMS@andover-nh.gov](mailto:AndoverEMS@andover-nh.gov). No training or experience needed. Have a great summer!

### TOWN MATTERS!

The Beacon needs volunteers to help with reporting about town news. If you can help, call Shelley at 603 735-6099

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