



# Town of North Andover Quarterly Newsletter

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## News from the School Department

As we come to the end of another school year, we reflect on the work that has been done throughout the year and plan for the 2009-2010 school year.

With great appreciation to town meeting members, the Finance Committee, the Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager for their efforts, we have successfully completed the FY10 budget process and are able to open school next year maintaining staff and programs.

Construction of the new Pre-school is nearing completion, and we anticipate welcoming students to the Pre-school for the 2009-2010 school year. In addition, the Kittredge Elementary School is slated to have two modular classrooms constructed on its site. These classrooms will be used in partnership with Community Programs providing Kittredge with art and music rooms while allowing Community Programs to expand its offerings.

The High School is implementing a new schedule for 2009-2010. The High School staff and administration deserve credit for their hard work in reorganizing the school to provide more courses and a broader breadth of offerings to students without increasing the cost of running the High School—quite an accomplishment!

Both the Superintendent's Office and Special Education Office are scheduled to re-locate from High Street to 1600 Osgood Landing in July. Most importantly, Christopher Hottel, the new Superintendent, will begin work on July 1. We all look forward to welcoming him to the North Andover Public School district.

On a personal note, I want to express my appreciation to parents, students, and staff for their support. I have enjoyed my two years in North Andover. Have a great summer! Sincerely,  
V. James Marini, Superintendent of Schools

## News from the Town Clerk's Office

### **PASSPORTS—SUMMER TRAVEL PLANS**

It is now time to plan ahead for summer and future travel plans. The Town Clerk's Office is a Passport Issuance Agency right here in Town Hall at 120 Main Street. We process passports from 9:00AM until 3:30PM Monday through Friday.

A significant change to border travel to Canada and Mexico took place June 1, 2009. This requires U.S. citizens to present a passport book, a passport card or other document approved by the U.S. Government when entering the United States by land or by sea from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and Bermuda. The U.S. Department of State website at [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) allows you to fill out forms on line and has all current information for passport requirements.

You may fill out the forms on line. If you do not have access to a computer, this office has the forms available for your convenience. You will need 2 passport pictures, proof of citizenship which would be a prior passport for adults. For new passports for adults or persons under 16, a long form birth certificate is required. A valid photo identification is re-

quired, such as a drivers license. For children under 16 the parents identification is needed.

New requirement – For all children under 16 both parents must be present as well as the child at the time of application. If both parents are not able to appear in person, a notarized statement (Form DS-3053) – Statement of Consent or Special Circumstances: Issuance of a Passport to a minor under Age 16 can be used.

A check or money order made out to the U.S. Department of State must accompany the application. Another payment is needed for the agency. The agency fee is payable to the Town of North Andover and can either be a check, money order or cash. We cannot accept credit or debit cards.

The current processing time is 6 weeks for passports. For an additional fee of \$60 to the U.S. Department of State, the passport applications can be expedited and received in about three weeks. If you have emergency travel needs or have any questions, please call our office at (978)688-9502 and we can get you specific information.

## News from the Youth Services and Recreation Department

### **Summer Band Concert Series –**

Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m. on the Town Common

- July 12 Brass Connection
- July 19 Front Page
- July 26 Riverboat Stompers
- Aug 2 Oberlaendler Hofbrau Band
- Aug 9 John Penny Band
- Aug 1 Overdrive
- Aug 23 Windham Swing Band
- Aug 30 Four Guys in Tuxes

### **Children's Shows –**

Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. on the Town Common

- July 7 Wayne from Maine
- July 9 Donna Marie & Friends
- July 14 BJ Hickman Magic
- July 16 Vic and Sticks

### **Additional Children's Shows –**

Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. on the Town Common

- July 21 Marcus Gale
- July 23 Mike The Hat Man
- July 28 Steve Thomas Magic
- July 30 Wayne Potash
- Aug 4 Gary the Silent Clown
- Aug 6 no show scheduled
- Aug 11 Mike Slattery The Music Man
- Aug 13 Dan Foley Juggling
- Aug 18 Dan Grady's Marionettes
- Aug 20 Judy Pancoast

### **'Picnic at the Concert'**

Bob Batchelder's Totem Pole Orchestra

Tuesday, July 28 at 6:00 p.m. on the Town Common

Families, neighbors and friends are invited to bring a picnic supper and enjoy the music.

## News from the Fire Department

The summer season signals the start of the backyard barbecues. The North Andover Fire Department has some helpful hints and guidelines to help insure that your season is safe.

1. Keep gas grills ten feet away from building openings such as doors, windows, and dryer vents.
2. All LP cylinders with a capacity of 4 to 40 lbs must be equipped with an overfill protection device

3. LP gas grills are not allowed inside or on balconies above the first floor

4. Make certain all connections on your grill are secure  
Remember that LP gas is heavier than air. A leaky grill could pose a hazard as the propane will sink to the ground level and could possibly find an ignition source such as smoking materials, pilot lights and various machinery.

## News from the Police Department

### CRIMEWATCH & NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The North Andover Police Department is expanding its Neighborhood Crime Watch program in regards to the email alert system [crimewatch@napd.us](mailto:crimewatch@napd.us). The alerts are currently sent to residents that subscribed to the program via neighborhood meetings or requested emails to the officers assigned to Neighborhood CrimeWatch. The emails provided information pertaining to current criminal trends affecting our community; police approved solicitors, and general police information. As membership grew larger some internet service providers viewed our emails as "spam" and occasionally blocked the messages to our residents. We have rectified this problem by using another method.

The police department has set up a group list with [nexo.com](mailto:nexo.com). If you are not a current member of the Crime-Watch program and would like to join, you can send a request to [crimewatch@napd.us](mailto:crimewatch@napd.us). In the request you will have to provide your name and address at a minimum. You will then receive an invitation from the group with a link to follow. The easy instructions will assist you in setting up a username and password. This allows you to view photos, suspect sketches and other pertinent information that we publish. The police department will issue weekly updates or changes to the website. All of the new crime alerts will be sent to your email. We will also be adding our community policing programs and class schedules.

Existing CrimeWatch members will soon receive an invitation to the group. We will send the invitation to the original email

that they signed up with. Any questions, please contact [crimewatch@napd.us](mailto:crimewatch@napd.us) or Detective Dan Cronin at 978-683-3168, [dcronin@napd.us](mailto:dcronin@napd.us).

National Night Out 2009 is August 4<sup>th</sup> from 4:00pm – 6:00pm at Wood Ridge Homes, who is sponsoring at their location, and has invited the public. The North Andover Police sponsoring is from 6:00pm – 8:30pm at Hayes Stadium - North Andover Middle School. The North Andover Fire Department, North Andover Youth & Recreation Services Department, Neighborhood CrimeWatch members, town officials, businesses and residents are assisting.

National Night Out is an evening of a police-community partnership in a social setting. The officers and firefighters will be exhibiting the equipment they utilize, a barbecue will be held, field games will be conducted, face painting, local business exhibits and souvenirs will be distributed. Last year's Night Out was very well attended.

National Night Out is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back

So remember the night of August 4<sup>th</sup> and bring your family! The members of the North Andover Police Department would like to meet our residents and show the programs we offer to the community.

## News from Elder Services

Much has happened over the last year. With the support of the Capital Improvement funding, CPA funding and very aggressive fundraising efforts by the Friends of the North Andover Senior Center Inc. in November 2008, we embarked on a renovation project to better utilize the existing footprint within the Senior Center.

In April 2009, we opened our doors to a newly renovated facility. With the funds from our renovation project, we were able to increase the size of our Support Service area. It is now a much larger office and waiting area that provides privacy to the seniors who utilize the many programs, e.g. the weekly health clinic, podiatry services and hearing screening. This space is also used for massage therapy, legal assistance and income tax support programs.

Our reception area is now a prominent focal point when you arrive at the Senior Center.

The Outreach Coordinators office has been relocated to the down stairs area where she can better service her cliental

who are unable to reach the upstairs area.

Our computer lab now has its own location on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor where there are 4 computers available for use by seniors. We hold weekly classes from basic computer to digital photography classes.

With funding from the CPA we were able to redesign an unusable space, formally part of the old Police Department adjacent to the Town Hall, into a wonderful living room area.

Of the clients we now serve, we see many who are now reaching advanced age whose needs we've never had to address before. Out of necessity, we are creating approaches to service our elders. Transportation is the number one unmet need in our community. We will continue to address all unmet needs for our unserved and underserved population. We have moved our focus towards Health and Wellness. Through dedication and perseverance we are meeting our responsibilities to the North Andover community.