



# Town of North Andover Quarterly Newsletter

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## News from the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager

### Annual Town Meeting May 12, 2009, 7:00 P.M., North Andover High School

The North Andover Annual Town Meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. on May 12, 2009 at the North Andover High School. Please mark your calendar to attend this important meeting where the town and school budgets will be approved, zoning changes considered and other issues important to you and your neighbors will be decided. In late April, copies of the town meeting warrant and Finance Committee report will be sent to

all residences in the Town. The report will also be available on the town website: [www.townofnorthandover.com](http://www.townofnorthandover.com) and at the Town Hall, 120 Main Street. The Town Meeting is open to all registered voters in North Andover. If you haven't already registered to vote, the deadline to do so and be eligible to participate at this town meeting is Wednesday April 22, 2009 at 8:00 p.m. You can register to vote at the Town Clerk's office, North Andover Town Hall, 120 Main Street. Please call (978) 688-9501 with any questions or need special accommodations.

*Please attend your Town Meeting and be an active participant in deciding North Andover's future.*

## News from Youth Services

Sign-ups for all Summer Programs begin on Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>  
at the North Andover Youth Center (33 Johnson St.)

Please check our website [www.nayouth.com](http://www.nayouth.com) for details or call for more information.

### Summer Playground Programs

Summer Fun – Atkinson 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades  
Summer Fun – Drummond 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grades  
Reynolds Sports Academy 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grades

### Adventure Programs are open to Middle & High School Students

July 6-9 Skate Boarding  
July 13-17 Week of Dirt – Mountain Biking  
July 28-30 Ropes Course Adventure  
Aug 3-7 Wild Waterways  
Aug 17-21 Vertical Earth – Rock Climbing  
Aug 24-28 Amazing Race

### Fun Friday Trips – open to Middle & High School Students

July 10 Salisbury Beach July 31 Canobie Lake Park  
July 17 Water Country Aug 7 Salisbury Beach  
July 24 Salisbury Beach Aug 14 Six Flags

### Summer League Basketball

Mon & Wed 1:00p – 5:00p for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> grade Girls,  
6<sup>th</sup> grade Boys  
Tues & Thurs 1:00p – 8:00p for 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and HS Boys  
Summer Duel – Flag Football & Basketball against other towns  
Wednesdays July 8-August 12 10:00a – 12:30p  
Aug 10-14 Girls Week – a week of day trips  
Aug 16-20 Animal & Environment Week

## News from the Division of Public Works - Recycling Committee

### Make a Renewable Choice

#### Help Invest in the Community with Clean Energy Choice

Imagine a program that allows you to invest in renewable energy just by paying your electric bill. Clean Energy Choice is such a program. Through the Clean Energy Choice program, you buy Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) to purchase "clean" kilowatts with your electric bill.

Using the RECs, utility companies purchase electricity generated from renewable sources. This electricity goes onto the grid, reducing the demand for electricity generated from fossil fuels and increasing the amount of non-polluting power in the system. In addition to increasing the purchase of electricity generated from renewable sources, this money also ensures that new funds will be invested in renewable energy projects, such as solar electricity, wind, small water electric generation, and landfill gas recovery. There are a couple program options to choose from. The option that covers 100% of your electricity use with RECs adds about \$15 to a \$100 electric bill.

But wait, there's more! For every dollar that is spent on this program, the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative puts up to 70% into an account for the town in which you live to be used to fund local renewable energy projects, such as solar panels for a school or town building, solar-powered stop lights and warning signs, and similar projects. These projects make our community more energy independent, as well. Much like the Community Preservation Fund, your commitment to RECs reinvests in our community.

As if those benefits aren't enough, up to 74% of what you spend on RECs is tax deductible!

As of December 31, 2008, North Andover households signed up for RECs have already generated \$14,632,89 of eligible grant funds! And this is with less than 1% of our households participating!

To begin supporting renewable energy and raising funds for local projects today, go to [www.masstech.org/CleanEnergyOrg/index.htm](http://www.masstech.org/CleanEnergyOrg/index.htm).

## News from the Fire Department

The Open Burning season goes from January 15<sup>th</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup>. You may burn, with limits: brush, cane, driftwood, forestry debris, and prunings from trees. Other items such as hay, leaves, tree stumps, and old tires are illegal to burn. Be advised that the allowable items can be burned under the following guidelines:

1. With the permission of the local fire department
2. Between the hours of 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.
3. When there is not a high wind condition

4. You must be 75 ft away from all dwellings
5. You must obtain a permit from your local fire department prior to burning anything by calling 978-683-3168, no earlier than 9:45 AM to see if burning will be allowed

The fire department reserves the right to cancel burning at any time. In addition to the aforementioned high wind condition, burning can be cancelled if the smoke condition is affecting your neighbor. Open air burning pollutes the air and can make it difficult for people with respiratory problems to breathe.

## News from the Division of Community Development

**Conservation Department**—North Andover is home to nearly 40 certified vernal pools with several dozen more potential vernal pools identified throughout town. Vernal pools, also known as ephemeral pools, are a unique and increasingly rare type of wetland inhabited by a wide variety of wildlife species many of which are dependent on pools for their survival. Wood frogs and mole salamanders (including several state listed rare species) are among the wildlife that breed exclusively in vernal pools. Vernal or ephemeral pools are confined basins or depressions that contain water for several months during the year, typically in the spring and early summer, and often dry up in the summer months. Many are covered in ice during the winter months. The pools contain no permanently flowing outlet and cannot support fish populations. Migration of vernal pool species often occurs on rainy nights in early spring (temps above 42°) once ice on the pools has melted. On these nights, watch for wood frogs and mole salamanders crossing roadways to reach their breeding habitat. Those interested in the location of vernal pools in their area can contact the North Andover



Conservation Department. Additional information regarding vernal pools, their protection and certification, can obtain more information at the Massachusetts Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (<http://www.state.ma.us/dfwele/dfw/nhesp/nhvernal.htm>) and educational websites such as that of the Vernal Pool Association [www.vernalpool.org](http://www.vernalpool.org).

### **Health Department— Lyme Disease Facts**

True or False

1. All species of ticks can carry Lyme
2. Dogs can get Lyme disease
3. Once you have had Lyme disease you are immune to it.
4. Lyme disease can occur during any time of the year.
5. Lyme has flu-like symptoms, such as fever, headache, stiff neck
6. The tick usually must be attached to a person for at least 24 hours before it can spread the germ.

For more detailed answers go to <http://www.mass.gov/dph> or come to the North Andover Health Department sponsored forum on Lyme Disease coming in May 2009. See the town calendar for details.

**Answers:** 1) F, 2) T, 3) F, 4) T, 5) T, 6) T

## News from the Town Clerk's Office

### **IMPORTANT PASSPORT CHANGES BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2009**

The Town Clerk's Office located at 120 Main Street is a Passport Issuance Agency and we do passports Monday through Friday from 9:00AM until 3:00PM. You do not have to live in North Andover for us to process your passport application. We urge all our residents to be aware that as of June 1, 2009 travel regulations are changing.

All persons traveling by air outside of the United States are required to present a passport or other valid travel document to enter or re-enter the United States.

On **June 1, 2009**, the U.S. government will implement the full requirements of the land and sea phase of Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative. The proposed rules require most U.S. citizens entering the United States at sea or land ports of entry to have a passport, passport card, or other travel docu-

ment approved by the Department of Homeland Security.

If you have pending travel plans we urge you to get the most up to date information on the Department of State website which is [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov). If you have any questions regarding documentation or passport requirements call the Town Clerk's Office at (978)688-9502 or e-mail [jbradshaw@townofnorthandover.com](mailto:jbradshaw@townofnorthandover.com).

We do not accept credit cards and require a check for the United States Department of State fee but can accept cash or check for the agency fee. You will need to have the appropriate forms, two passport pictures, proof of citizenship (certified birth certificate, prior passport if your passport was issued after age 16, or original naturalization papers), and payment. Please call us for requirements for children. Adults can renew their passports with no agency action if you meet certain requirements.

### **Stevens Memorial Library—Book Sale**



- Friday, May 8th, 4 p.m. to 7 p. m.
- Saturday, May 9th, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Sunday, May 10th, noon to 3 p.m.

Donations may be left at the library. The Friends of the Library are also looking for help setting up in the week leading up to the sale. Please contact Marty at 978-686-1557 if you would like to help.

Please visit the Town's website at [www.townofnorthandover.com](http://www.townofnorthandover.com) for more information on current events and meetings