

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR**

- March 26, 2013—Town Election
- May 21, 2013—The Annual Town Meeting will again be in May this year but January is the start of meetings. The Selectmen, School Committee, Finance Committee, Planning Board, Community Preservation, etc. will all begin to focus on the upcoming Town Meeting articles.

For more information check out the Town website at [TownOfNorthAndover.com](http://TownOfNorthAndover.com)

**QUICK TIP**

The winter parking ban is in effect. See town website for details.

**Sunday Night Public  
Skating  
at Brooks School**

Time: 6:40 - 8:40 pm

Cost: \$3.00 per person

Located at Dansforth Gymnasium at Brooks School. Please bring your own skates - NO rentals available. Sunday November 11th – Sunday February 24th

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For more information, call 978-682-9000

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Stay Connected to all the local Economic & Community Development news as well as upcoming meetings, job opportunities, bid proposals, events and happenings town-wide at our redesigned web pages:

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# North Andover

## Community and Business

# NEWSLETTER

**NEW BUSINESS OPENINGS**

On behalf of the Town of North Andover and the local business community, we wish to welcome the following businesses and thank them for choosing to establish in North Andover. The Town of North Andover has a strong commitment to community, sustainability and economic development. For more information about local businesses please check out the North Andover Merchants Association web page at [www.northandovermerchants.org](http://www.northandovermerchants.org).



Urgent care services for non-life threatening illnesses and injuries seven days a week. Treatments for everything from colds and flus to fractures and sprains.

- Board certified physicians
- No appointments needed
- School/Sports physical
- Immunizations/Travel vaccines
- State-of-the-art digital x-ray and lab services on site.

Monday thru Friday 8:00-8:00pm  
Sat/Sunday 8:00-5:00pm.

Most insurances accepted & affordable costs! Doctors Express North Andover is located at 129 Turnpike St. (Burtons Grill plaza) or online at [www.DoctorsExpressnorthandover.com](http://www.DoctorsExpressnorthandover.com). Call us directly at 978-470-0800.



Lowell Five is pleased to open its 16th office at 498 Chickering Road on January 28, 2013. Managed by well-known North Andover area bankers, Linda Firth and Steve Ventre, this branch will have an onsite commercial lending office as well as a three lane drive-up featuring an ATM. Other services will include a night depository and coin machine.



Allstate Insurance—1211 Osgood Street  
The first Allstate insurance agency to opening in Massachusetts in several years.



Zinga Frozen Yogurt— 560 Turnpike Street.  
When you're craving a sweet frozen treat, frozen yogurt is a great alternative to ice cream. Zinga offers a wide variety of fat free and low calorie frozen yogurt flavors and over 50 delicious toppings; it is self-serve and sold by weight. Your masterpiece is limited only by your imagination.

All of Zinga's frozen yogurt flavors meet the National Yogurt Association's criteria for Live and Active Culture yogurt. In addition to being delicious, yogurt provides many health benefits.

- Fat Free
- Good Source of Vitamin B2
- Low Cholesterol
- Low Sodium
- Good Source of Calcium



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You can help yourself and your community by keeping your dollars in...

**NORTH ANDOVER**

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**2013 ANNUAL TOWN CENSUS**

It is that time of year again when the 2013 Annual Town Census forms will be mailed to you. It is important and required by Massachusetts General Law to complete and return. The annual census is used by Public Safety officials, for voting purposes, and our school department to project school enrollment. We can only provide proof of residency if you respond to the census. If family members have moved please indicate it on the form. A registered voter must sign the form to be removed from the voter list. Any information regarding anyone under age 17 is not a public record. If you include a phone number that you do not want made public, check "unlisted". We appreciate you returning the form as we are required to send second mailings and also voter confirmation notices if you do not. Your residency is not tied to tax records or post office records. Please call us at (978)688-9502 at any time if you have questions.

**2013 DOG LICENSE RENEWALS**

2013 Dog License renewals will be sent out in January. Any dog six months or older is required to be licensed under Massachusetts General Law. No license is issued unless valid proof of rabies is on file. We will be mailing license renewals and once payment is received we will mail the license back. Please inform us if you no longer have your pet or if you need additional licenses. Public health and safety depends on monitoring proper licensing and ensuring that all dogs are licensed. Our website has a blank license form that can be filled out and mailed to us with a check. The Town of North Andover website will have updated information regarding payment options at [www.townofnorthandover.com](http://www.townofnorthandover.com).

## NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

At this time of year, we often find ourselves and others engaged in activities that promote and demonstrate thankfulness and giving. There are many "gifts" that we are thankful for in our schools. First and primarily, educating students is our purpose. The support that we receive from the community, the dedication of the staff to support students in their learning and to engage them in the process, the willingness and spirit of the students to challenge themselves, and the tremendous parental involvement—all are part of the "gifts" for which we are grateful.

During this time of year, you will see or hear of various fundraisers at each school in which students and staff are actively involved in service to members of our community and beyond. The "S" and "E" in our RAISE values (Respect, Achievement, Inclusion, Service, and Empathy) are truly being demonstrated that contribute to all of us building a respectful community.

What follows is only a short list of events to celebrate achievements and examples of how community members are contributing to the achievement of our mission: to cultivate a respectful community of *engaged learners, insightful thinkers, and effective communicators*.

The North Andover Joint Speaker Series and Andover Parent-to-Parent Present: "Too Much Of a Good Thing: Raising Children of Character in an Indulgent Age"

Wednesday, January 9, 2013 (snow date: January 16) at 7:00PM in the North Andover High School Auditorium.

Upcoming programs in the Joint Speaker Series: A presentation of "The Yellow Dress" on February 28 - a program for relationship violence prevention; Digital Citizenship on March 20 with Dr. Elizabeth Englander, Director of Mass. Aggression Reduction Center - developed to understand and reduce bullying and cyberbullying.

82 North Andover High School Students Receive Adams Scholarship— Eighty-two seniors at the high school are among seniors statewide to receive the state's John and Abigail Adams Scholarship. This scholarship is available to students whose MCAS performance puts them in the top 25 percent of their district. To be eligible, students must either score Advanced on one exam and Proficient on the other two, or Advanced on the English, Math and Science exams.

AP Scholar Awards— Sixty-three (63) students at North Andover High School have earned the designation of AP Scholar from the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Program (AP) Exams.

The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on student's performance on AP exams. Sixteen (16) NAHS students qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3.0 or higher on five or more of these exams.

NAHS Students Selected to District Music Festival - Twelve student musicians recently were chosen to represent North Andover High School at the Massachusetts Eastern District Music Festival (MMEA) being held January 12, 2013 at Lowell High School. The festival is a yearly event sponsored by the Massachusetts Music Educators Association.

In addition to being accepted into the Eastern District Music Festival, five of the NAHS musicians and singers also received All-State Recommendations. An All-State Recommendation enables a student to audition for the All-State Music Festival held annually in March in Boston. To receive an All-State Recommendation the student must finish in the top 50 percent of all those students chosen to participate at the district level.

Please visit our website [www.northandoverpublicschools.com](http://www.northandoverpublicschools.com) to access the websites of all of our schools to view an expansive list of the achievements and activities.

Finally, Superintendent Hutchinson invites you to visit the district website to complete an Entry Plan Survey. The open response survey is designed to assist Dr. Hutchinson, in his new role as Superintendent of Schools, in presenting a comprehensive view of North Andover Public Schools through listening to the expectations and perspectives of parents, students, staff and community members. The data collected from this process will provide a foundation for making informed decisions in all aspects of our organization as we move forward in revising district goals and related activities and measurements. The product of this process will be an entry plan report, which will be presented to the School Committee over the next few months. Thank you in advance for your willingness to share your thoughts.

## News from the North Andover Police Department

### Winter Driving

Last year winter hardly felt like a New England Winter that we are all used to. Accidents around town dropped significantly because there weren't too many storms and hardly any snow. This year is predicted to be a snowy winter. We would like to remind everyone of some important safety tips when driving in inclement weather.

First and foremost is to inspect your vehicle. Take the time to check your tires, battery, cooling system, windshield wipers and defrosters. Our officers regularly come across stranded motorists that slid off the road because they could not see through their snow covered windshield, or their tires had the improper tread. (tread should be at least 1/16 of an inch or greater on all tires). Another reminder is to take the extra few minutes to clean your windows properly. Operating a vehicle with a restricted view due to snow or ice buildup could be subject to an impeded operation violation.

Second is to know your vehicle. Every car or truck is different and handle in different ways, especially on snow covered or wet roadways. Take time now to learn how to best handle your vehicle under winter weather driving conditions. Just because your car may have all wheel drive and go faster than two wheel drive vehicles does not necessarily mean that you can stop fast if need be.

The next tip is to plan your route. Don't decide that the best way to get around North Andover during a snow storm is to use secondary roadways that you are unfamiliar with and don't usually use. Give yourself extra time and drive slowly. The Police Department utilizes mobile patrols to keep the DPW and fire department informed as to what roads could use extra attention and if there are any haz-

ardous conditions. Too many of the crashes called into our dispatch center are speed related. I don't mean speeding as in going over the posted limit, but going too fast for the conditions present. Just because a roadway is posted 35 MPH does not mean it is acceptable to drive 35 MPH on the snow or ice covered road.

In the unlikely event that your vehicle does become disabled, remember to use your four way flashers to warn other motorists that your car is disabled and try to get your vehicle as far off the travel lane as possible. It may be likely that one of our patrol cruisers will come across you sooner than you think. Stay near your car and phone our dispatch center so that we can send an officer and cruiser to assist you. Once an officer arrives, they can call for a tow truck or service station while keeping the scene safe for other motorists and possibly prevent a crash due to your vehicle being in the roadway. These are just a few tips to help with the coming months of winter driving. I invite you to visit the NHTSA website for more information. [http://www.nhtsa.gov/people/injury/Seasonal\\_Advisories/WinterDrivingTips/index.html](http://www.nhtsa.gov/people/injury/Seasonal_Advisories/WinterDrivingTips/index.html)

