

North Andover

Community and Business

NEWSLETTER



STEVENS POND

Stevens Pond is now open. A season pass is \$75 for a car, with additional cars for a family at \$20 each. The pond also offers two 4-week sessions of swimming lessons for \$50/session. Passes may be purchased at the pond.

SHOWS ON THE COMMON

NAYRS also offers shows on the Town Common! Our Summer Children's Shows are held Tuesdays and Thursdays during the summer at 10am, and consist of magicians, musicians and other fun performances. Our Summer Concert Series is held Sunday nights at 6pm and includes jazz, rock, blues and more! The first show is on Tuesday, July 7th! Visit our website for the show schedules.

NORTH ANDOVER'S LOCAL NEWS SHOW

The North Andover Journal - Twice a month The Journal provides a summary of the latest happenings around town, from art shows and entertainment to fitness and police updates. Want to get involved? North Andover CAM is looking for writers, reporters, camera operators, editors, and news story ideas. Stop by the studio to learn more. It is a learning environment. No prior experience necessary!

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Highlighted Business

At Taste Buds Kitchen, their mission is to be the top culinary entertainment experience for kids, families and adults by engaging and delighting their budding chefs in the kitchen. They strive to create a lifestyle around connecting, learning and growing in the culinary playground of the kitchen. Events include a variety of classes, parties, workshops, summer programs and special events that combine a mix of hands-on engaging recipes, both savory and sweet. Learn, laugh, cook. Taste Buds Kitchen of North Andover, 14 High Street, www.tastebudskitchen.com/northandover



Boston Bound Commuter Bus – ADDED LOCATION

A second stop has been added to the North Andover - Boston commuter bus. The bus will leave Osgood Landing (1600 Osgood Street) at 6:20 AM and then from the West Mill parking lot on High Street at 6:30AM. In addition, riders may wave down the bus for pick-up along portions of Mass. Ave. The bus will arrive in Boston at 7:28AM making stops at State & Congress Streets, Government Center, Park Street MBTA Station, Tremont & Stuart Streets, the Transportation Building in Park Square, Copley Square and Essex St. & Atlantic Ave. The outbound bus will leave State St. at 5:10PM, State Transportation Building at 5:20PM and Bedford St. at 5:30PM returning to the West Mill and then Osgood Landing. If riders miss this outbound bus, they can take the 6:00PM B9 commuter bus from Boston to the McGovern Transportation Center in Lawrence where a free shuttle will bring them to the West Mill and Osgood Landing. Cost each way is \$6 by cash or \$5 using a Charlie Card.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2015

The North Andover Police Department, Neighborhood Crime Watch, Wood Ridge Homes and the North Andover Merchant's Association will be sponsoring the Annual National Night Out (NNO) for all North Andover residents. NNO 2015 will be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2015 at the Hayes Stadium behind the North Andover Middle School, from 6:00-8:00pm.



NNO supports the Neighborhood Crime Watch initiative of crime and drug prevention. The goal of this annual event is to strengthen community partnerships and to build a safer community. The program heightens awareness, and generates support and involvement in anti-crime programs. Most importantly, a message is sent to criminals letting them know that North Andover neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Attendees have the opportunity to view police vehicles, fire apparatus and interact with police and fire personnel. NNO is a great opportunity to have pictures taken of your family with public safety officials and equipment.

North Andover Youth & Recreation Services will be offering games and face painting. There will be a barbecue with hot dogs, hamburgers and soft drinks. A chef from a local restaurant will oversee the grill and police officers will serve the public.

All are invited to attend and join us in celebrating NNO 2015. Town Departments and local businesses are invited to set up a table and offer business related items such as discount coupons, vouchers, samples or informational material. Because this is a free event, no sales transactions are permitted during the event.

NNO 2015 will mark the 12th year that The North Andover Police Department has celebrated this great event. Please join us in building on this community partnership and help make North Andover a safer community.

For further information and to register for NNO, email the Crime Watch Unit at crimewatch@napd.us.

NEWS FROM CONSERVATION AND PUBLIC WORKS

Animal Waste and Water Quality

Animal waste is one of the many sources of pollution that can add up to big problems for water quality and may cause health problems as well. Dog waste left in the woods, on the lawn or on the street or sidewalk is often washed down storm drains, into drainage ditches or directly into a waterways including Lake Cochichewick, North Andover's sole drinking water supply.

Animal waste contains several types of pollutants that contribute to water quality problems: nutrients, pathogens and naturally toxic material, ammonia. When animal waste ends up in a pond, stream, or more importantly Lake Cochichewick, it decomposes, using up oxygen and re-leasing it pollutants into the water. During summer months when the water is warm, the combination of low oxygen levels and ammonia can kill fish and other aquatic organisms. The nutrients cause excessive growth of aquatic weeds and algae.

Pathogens the disease causing bacteria and viruses associated with animal waste can also make water unsafe for human use. If pathogens or the indicator bacteria associated with animal waste are found during water testing Stevens Pond may be closed to swimming and Lake Cochichewick may require expensive means to treat and protect your drinking water. Fortunately, there are some simple practices everyone can do to help prevent pollution by keeping animal waste out of the water. While it may seem easier to ignore the problem of animal waste, remember that you are protecting not only the environment but also your own

health:

1. Pick up after your pet. Believe it or not preventing water pollution can be as simple as remember to bring along a plastic bag when you walk your dog. Dispose of the waste in a trash receptacle. Bagging the waste and leaving it does not constitute as cleaning up after your pet. The town has recently installed dog waste stations at many open space properties including Osgood Hill, the Steven's Estate, town entrance to Weir Hill (and at Weir Hill), and Half-Mile Hill. Stations include bags and a disposal receptacle. Picking up dog waste in the yard as just as important. Rains wash billions of fecal coliform bacteria over lawns and into storm drains, wetlands, streams, lakes and ponds.

2. Don't feed waterfowl. While one of the pleasures of a trip to Stevies or Lake Cochichewick has always been taking stale bread to feed the waterfowl, the environmental and health impacts of this activity for both humans and birds can be serious. While ducks, geese, and swans all love bread, it lacks the nutrients and roughage of their natural diet. Feeding these birds bread is similar to feeding a small child a diet of candy and soda; they may love it, but it does them no good and may cause long-term health problems. Feeding waterfowl also tends to cause the birds to gather in numbers higher than can be supported by the natural food supplies. These large flocks of birds also create large quantities of waste and serious water pollution problems.

Recent community efforts reduced beach closures at Stevens Pond from 9 in 2013 to just 1 in 2014. Thank you for your efforts and let's keep up the good work!



NEWS FROM STEVENS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Summer is officially on its way! The staff at Stevens Memorial Library have lined up an exciting schedule for "Summer at the Stevens," a wide variety of events for all ages. This summer's theme is Heroes. Every Monday starting in July, we're showing Family Movies under the Tent at the Stevens Estate. Summer Wednesdays feature special Children's Room events including puppets, a magic show, and music. Fridays are for drop-in crafts. Programs for adults, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, will feature poetry open mics, feature films, music performances, and art classes. Events for teens will also be available.

Our ongoing programs will continue throughout the summer including: story times, book clubs and groups, and technology help. Join other creative writers in the monthly Writers' Group, where our staff wordsmith facilitates an exchange of inspiration and constructive criticism. For patrons

who prefer to express themselves in yarn, our knitters meet at 6:00 pm every Wednesday to share patterns and stitchery advice.

All programs are funded by the Friends and the Trustees of the Stevens Memorial Library. You can support the Friends of the Library and your Library by attending the May and November book sales. Thanks to these dedicated volunteers, all profits from the book sales go to supporting the Library and its mission to bring great programming and information to our community. Remember, the Library schedule changes to summer hours in June. Keep up with Library news the easy way by signing up for the "Library News" alerts by entering your email in the box at the top right corner on Library website, www.StevensMemLib.org. Or follow us on Facebook.



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