



ADOPT A WREATH

North Andover Holiday Decorating Committee is seeking \$70 donations for fresh 4 foot holiday wreaths, adorned with red velvet bows, to be hung on telephone poles in downtown Main Street, street lights at the Olde Center, and some street lights at the High Street Mills. Donor's name, business, dedication, or memorial to be acknowledged on the pole below the wreath. Choice of pole locations on first come basis. Please send check, wording for acknowledgement, and preferred location to: Holiday Decorating Committee, c/o Rosemary Smedile, 65 Greene Street, North Andover, MA 01845. Donations to replace American flags for patriotic observances would also be greatly appreciated. Questions, please call 1-978-689-2949.

TOWN HALL RENOVATIONS

Town Hall renovations are almost complete. All offices are expected to open at 120 Main Street on October 24, 2016.

To join our email list for town news and announcements, please register at www.northandoverma.gov/subscriber.

North Andover

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NEWSLETTER



NEWS FROM THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

All attention is focused on the Presidential Election which is Tuesday November 8, 2016. All voting will be at the North Andover High School. School is NOT in session. The polls will open early at 6:00AM and close at 8PM. Absentee Ballots will be available beginning mid-October. They can be mailed out and returned by Election Day or you can vote in person at the Town Clerk's Office. We urge students or parents of students who are away at school to apply as soon as you have a school address.



Early voting will be available both by mail and at selected dates and times beginning October 24 and ending November 4. This is the first time that early voting, which is slightly different from absentee voting, will be offered. As Town Hall construction at 120 Main Street does not have a final move in date, please check our web site at www.NorthAndoverMa.gov and North Andover Cable for updated information. We will be offering some evening as well as weekend hours which we will determine and publicize.

The deadline to register to vote to be eligible for the Presidential Election is Wednesday October 19, 2016. The Town clerk's Office will be open until 8PM on that day. You can check your registration status, register to vote on line, or find absentee ballot information by going to www.123voter.com. This simple to remember web site is an easy way to be certain you can vote on Election Day. If you need any special assistance please contact the Town clerk's Office at (978) 688-9501. We will have voter assist Automark devices at our Early Voting and Absentee sites and at the polls on Election Day which allow independent voting.

We have over 19,200 voters in North Andover. We appreciate your help and cooperation. Check our web site or call for location and information updates. Your vote is important! Thank-you.

Save the dates!

THE STEVENS ESTATE
Special Event & Conference Center

Save the dates!

Second Annual Holly Days Open House

Friday December 16 4-8pm

Saturday December 17 10am-2pm

Sunday December 18 12pm-4pm

Decked Out House Tours, Family Fun, Santa and Lots of Activities



Vendor Showcase featuring local North Andover Businesses.

We welcomed more than 500 people to the first Holly Days Open House in 2015!
No Cover.



NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

On September 6 we welcomed 4,808 students back to our schools. This number represents an increase of approximately 100 student attending North Andover Public Schools this year. The largest enrollment increase, 91 students, occurred in grades K-5. As you can imagine this increase in students is both exciting and challenging for our district.

In order to ensure we are meeting the growing needs of our students, we have worked with the members of the School Committee and the Leadership Team to begin the process of drafting a strategic plan. The vision for our strategic plan remains unchanged: Provide a safe learning environment that cultivates a respectful community of engaged learners, insightful thinkers, and effective communicators who will demonstrate progress toward career and college readiness. Our approach focuses on three strategic objectives: ensure all students are provided equal access to an excellent education; hire and develop excellent educators; and provide a consistent and rigorous curriculum that encourages all students to learn to the depth and distance of their abilities. As many of you may recognize, these objectives flow directly from the findings of the entry process. We encourage you to review the current draft of our Strategic Plan on the district website and provide any feedback that you might have on this document, as it is still a work in progress. A final version of the strategic plan will be approved by the School Committee this fall.



NEWS FROM THE CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT



On Thursday, June 23, 2016, several Boy Scouts from Troop 87, led by Joy Duncan, assisted the Conservation Department with installing a map and marking Legacy Trees on Osgood Hill. Legacy trees were identified as part of a Forest Management Plan completed for Osgood Hill. Working with the consulting forester, 10 Legacy Trees (trees greater than 25" Diameter at Breast Height) were identified in an area on the north east portion of Osgood Hill. The map and identifying tags will allow for self-guided walks and will help to educate users of Osgood Hill about the ecosystem and the importance of forest management for biodiversity. The Conservation Commission and staff thank the scouts for their efforts in completing this project!

NEWS FROM STEVENS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

1-Author, 1-Community: North Andover Reads

Join the Stevens Memorial Library and the North Andover Schools this Fall to celebrate reading as a community with our 1-Author, 1-Community series. Author Jacqueline Woodson's visit is the culminating event of what should be lots of reading, lots of conversations, and maybe a few delicious edibles, too. Jacqueline Woodson, our 1-Author, is the winner of the National Book Award for her novel, *Brown Girl Dreaming*. She also has received Newbery Book and Coretta Scott King Awards. Currently the Young People's Poet Laureate, she has written books for all ages: picture books, middle school and young adult readers, and poetry. To learn more about Ms. Woodson, visit her website: <http://www.jacquelinewoodson.com>. The Library has multiple copies of her books available in print and as e-books.

The Library and the Schools, with other community partner organizations, are hosting a number of companion events during October and November, leading up to Jacqueline Woodson's visit on Monday, November 28th. She will be visiting the schools during the day and our guest at an evening program open to the community. For more information, visit the website: 1a1c.northandoverpublicschools.com. Sign-up on the Library's website, www.StevensMemLib.org, to get email announcements of the events. We hope to see you frequently this Fall.

