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Acts of kindness again honor Colleen Ritzer's birthday

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Loved ones of the late Colleen Ritzer are once again rekindling her generous spirit, this time in honor of what should have been her 32nd birthday May 13.

The Andover woman was murdered by a freshman at Danvers High School, where she taught, in October 2013. She was 24.

Her family has successfully rallied the region to perform acts of



Colleen Ritzer

kindness year after year in Ritzer's memory. Glimpses of the widespread effort are often shared on social media with the hashtag #Kindness4Colleen.

Reminders of the tag are branded on familiar signs around town in Ritzer's favorite shade of pink.

Other events this week have been planned to highlight the young

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woman's legacy. On Thursday, Andover Youth Services is holding a special rock-painting program at the Youth Center from 3 to 4 p.m.

Each rock will be painted with messages to inspire love and kindness, according to organizers. The decorated pieces will be placed next to a nearby bench dedicated to Ritzer.

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Yard signs in Colleen Ritzer's favorite color, pink, are displayed around Andover, intending to inspire people to complete random acts of kindness in honor of the late teacher.

Courtesy photo

Greater Lawrence Tech students step up



COURTESY PHOTOS GREATER LAWRENCE TECHNICAL SCHOOL

These sophomore students team up to help fix a veteran's car. They are, from left, Jayden Nunez, Keila Machic, Victor De Los Santos, Hazeline Alcantara, Alitha Kan, Jolizbeth Aristy, Natholyn Javier, Scott Sheppard of Quincy, Arlenney Martinez, Ronald Hernandez, Alejandra Sanchez, Justin Haddad, Natalie Rivera, Sauris Villa, Yordi Ventura, Justin Melendez, and instructor Mike Ouellette.

Students tune up car for veteran

By MADELINE HUGHES
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ANDOVER — A local veteran can now get to work with the help of automotive students from Greater Lawrence Technical School.

Automotive students at the school worked to repair a 2013 Nissan Altima that was donated to the Concord-based nonprofit Second Chance Cars. The nonprofit decided the car would be for veteran Scottie Sheppard, who lost both his job and his car in the last year because of the pandemic.

"I'm still trying to process this," Sheppard said. "It's a blessing. I don't know what to say except, thank you, God."



See CAR, Page 2 Scottie Sheppard looks at his new car.

Developer moves ahead on plans for Royal Crest

By MADELINE HUGHES
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NORTH ANDOVER — A Boston-based firm is taking steps forward to redevelop the 77-acre Royal Crest Estates on Route 114

into a mixed-use property with more housing, retail space, restaurants and a hotel.

"It's a very large piece of land and is underutilized," said Jim Keefe, a principal executive at Trinity Financial, the company working on the Royal Crest redevelopment.

Trinity Financial has not filed any formal plans with the town, but has been working with town officials on the multi-step process to create

a zoning overlay district to allow for the multi-use development. Voters would have to approve the changes to North Andover's zoning at a special Town Meeting in the fall.

The developers contend the project would be a gain for the town because of potential tax revenue, but also an increased number of affordable housing units and fixes to water issues that plague the area, they said in an interview with The Eagle-Tribune.

This week Trinity Financial presented a financial impact analysis to the Planning Board that reported the estimated \$436 million proposed redevelopment

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Power plan up for review May 17

By ALLISON CORNEAU
 Staff Writer

Town residents will have the opportunity to sound off on a new energy proposal ahead of the Select Board's May 17 meeting, with feedback being solicited more than a year after residents approached Andover officials in hopes of addressing climate change in a positive way.

According to Joyce Losick-Yang, sustainability coordinator for Andover, a group of residents approached officials after seeing other towns around the state successfully implement

cost-effective and climate-friendly energy options. On May 17, the Select Board will consider feedback those residents and others have submitted since April 26 about what the town is calling the Andover Community Power plan, in an effort to expand customer choice and support renewable energy options.

"One of the key motivations for Andover as a community was to address climate change in that we can use a company like Andover Community Power to ask for more renewable energy to be supplied on

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Pay is major sticking point for educators, School Committee

By MADELINE HUGHES
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ANDOVER — The Andover Education Association and School Committee remain at odds in their ongoing contract negotiations.

Members of the association — made up of teachers, instructional assistants,

occupational and physical therapists, secretaries, and licensed practical nurses — took to the streets of downtown Andover Thursday for the second week in a row chanting for a "fair contract now."

The largest issue is wages, especially those for instructional assistants, Matthew Bach, president

of the Andover Education Association said. Instructional assistants work with students who have disabilities and are on individualized education plans (IEPs), as required by the federal government.

On Thursday, the School Committee released the numbers of what

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The car has about 43,000 miles on it so far, however, it had damage to the rear. So, students repaired the rear body panel of the car using a frame machine, assembled a new tail light, painted the rear bumper cover, installed a new battery, ran a diagnostic of the engine and detailed the vehicle's interior and exterior to ensure it was in great condition for Sheppard.

"We were giving back to the community, so we worked a little bit harder," said sophomore Nathaolyn Javier, of Lawrence, who helped work on the car

Javier worked on the project with fellow students Hazeline Alcantara, Jolizbeth Aristy, Victor De Los Santos, Alitha Kan, Jaydin Nunez, Angel Borde Tejada, Gage Dube, Junior Javier, Keila Machic, Braylin Ortega, Gabriel Ortega, Julitza Ortiz, Jayriel Rodriguez, Sebastian Rodriguez and Juan Zapata Gurerrero.

"This is an opportunity to connect with our

"We were giving back to the community, so we worked a little bit harder."

Sophomore Nathaolyn Javier, of Lawrence, who helped work on the car

community, and help our students better understand who veterans are and what their needs are," Superintendent John Lavoie said.

"We feel very fortunate to have this opportunity to help our veterans."

The car was donated to Second Chance Cars by a recent widow whose husband, Robert, was a Navy veteran.

"This has been a very, very good experience. I am so happy the car is going to a veteran," said Luanne Goehring, of Carlisle, who donated the car. "I know that he [Robert] is looking down and he's pleased that the car is going to a veteran."

Second Chance Cars is able to operate thanks to the donations of gently used vehicles from the public. To learn more about the non-profit and the vehicle donation process, visit www.secondchancecars.org.

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Local McDonald's fundraises for Colleen Ritzer scholarship

By MADELINE HUGHES
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It started with planting pink daises and seeing them spring up around town every May in memory of Colleen Ritzer.

Then in 2019, the Andover McDonald's raised about \$4,000 for a memorial fund in honor of Ritzer, who was murdered in October 2013 by a freshman at Danvers High School, where she taught.

This year, McDonald's franchise owner Carissa Haley of North Andover is expanding her pink drink fundraiser to all three of her restaurants. As of May 10, Haley says they're on pace to more than double their 2019 amount. One dollar

from every pink beverage – a Minute Maid Pink Lemonade Slushie, Strawberry Shake or McCafé Smoothie – at participating McDonald's locations during the month of May will go to the Colleen E. Ritzer Memorial Scholarship.

"Something as little as buying a pink drink at McDonald's can add up and give back to these scholarships," Haley said.

Haley owns the Andover, Amesbury and Newburyport McDonald's locations that have already pulled in more than \$1,800 for the scholarship fund, she said. Her original goal with all three locations was \$7,500, but knowing she will likely surpass that she has expanded her goal to be

\$10,000, she said. Haley also got two other local owners to partner up with her for the fundraiser.

The strong community effort to remember the former Andover resident inspired Haley to see how her business could also help the cause.

"It started because I saw Mad Maggie's selling pink sprinkles and I thought 'how can we jump in at an even bigger level?'" Haley said.

Haley didn't fundraise last year because of the pandemic, but wanted to come back stronger this year by adding more participating locations, she said. That's why she got her brother and the owner of the North Andover McDonald's

location, JJ Lietz, on board. Lindsay Wallin, the owner of the Danvers and Middleton McDonald's, is also participating because Ritzer taught in Danvers.

"I hope through social media outreach and signs in the restaurant people are inspired to give back in their own ways," Haley said, explaining that could be through participating in the annual 5K, through buying the pink flowers or a drink from a local McDonald's.

Since its inception in 2014, the Colleen E. Ritzer Memorial Scholarship has awarded nearly \$305,000 in scholarships to future teachers.

"Every little bit counts and adds up to more recognition for Colleen," Haley said.

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An annual, popular 5k – Step Up for Colleen – typically hosted each May has been pushed to September due to the pandemic.

Proceeds benefit the Colleen E. Ritzer Memorial Scholarship Fund, established to benefit aspiring teachers in Andover and Danvers who demonstrate a passion for education, academic excellence and love of family.

Since its inception in 2013,

the fund has awarded nearly \$304,000 in college scholarships to 71 future teachers.

Local businesses including Mad Maggie's, Pipe Dream Cupcakes and McDonald's have announced ongoing fundraisers this month to contribute to the fund.

Pink daises, grown each year at Konjoian's Greenhouse in Andover to help provide the scholarships, sold out again this year.

More information about the Colleen Ritzer Memorial Fund can be found at colleen-ritzer.org.

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would create an \$8.5 million increase in tax revenues per year for the town. The estimated costs for North Andover associated with the added number of residents – such as emergency service response and added students in the school system – is about \$1 to \$2 million, according to the developer's analysis.

"We've felt very confident for some time that the project will be a real benefit to the town," said Michael Lozano, vice president of development for Trinity Financial.

On Tuesday members of the Planning Board asked the developers to contrast those numbers with how much the current apartments cost in services and how much they bring in with tax revenue. Lozano said the company is working to get back with those numbers.

Once the fiscal impact analysis and zoning changes are approved by the Planning Board, the board would then write a proposed zoning warrant article to present to the Select Board.

Royal Crest as it stands now has 588 units that are mostly two and three-bedroom market-rate apartments. Keefe said that configuration of units is a relic from when it was built in the 1970s and that



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Buildings in the Royal Crest Estates complex, located on Route 114 in North Andover, sit across from Merrimack College.

more people are now looking for smaller, more affordable housing.

"People are still living at home with their parents because they cannot afford, nor do they need two and three-bedroom apartments," Keefe said. "So we are making housing more accessible to those who need it" by building smaller units.

Across Massachusetts, towns and cities are supposed to have about 10% of their housing designated as 40B, which is mixed-income housing that includes affordable apartments for people who make less than 80% of the median salary in town, according to planning laws.

However, North Andover, like many other communities falls short.

Lozano says their project would be able to get the town over the 10% obligation.

Trinity Financial's plans call for more than 1,000 apartments in the redevelopment. Of that, 385 would be 40B units, 135 would be age-restricted apartments for people 55-years and older, and 250 apartments will be designated for Merrimack College.

Lozano said the college would be an important partner for the developers because they have a built-in demand for housing and the proposed hotel.

Plans for the development

would also coincide with state work on Route 114 to make it safer and more efficient.

Currently, there are about 1,600 people living at Royal Crest, Lozano said. That number is expected to more than double with the development plans. According to Trinity Financial's traffic study, the state's improvements to Route 114 would be able to handle the added traffic.

If approved this year, developers would break ground in 2023, Lozano said. They will build in a phased-in approach until about 2030 to create minimal disruption for current residents, he said.

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the New England grid," said Losick-Yang. "That way, you can usher in that change sooner rather than later."

As Losick-Yang explains,

several steps must be taken before Andover Community Power is put into place. A Town Meeting vote was taken by the Select Board last fall to enter into negotiations with power suppliers to replace National Grid, she said, and now the May 17 meeting will allow residents to provide feedback.

Opinions can be shared through a form at acp.andoverma.gov prior to the public hearing. Comments must be received by noon on May 17 in order to

be considered by the Select Board. The Select Board meeting is expected to be aired on Andover community television at 7 p.m., Losick-Yang said.

Prior to the Select Board vote being taken, an additional government agency called the Department of Energy Resources offers feedback from a compliance standpoint. Once the Select Board approves the final plan, it is sent to the Department of Public Utilities for a last approval. Once the DPU

approves it, Losick-Yang said, a bid process begins.

The fine print for homeowners? The grass may not always be greener on your neighbor's energy efficient side of the fence.

"We cannot predict the what's going to happen to the energy market," Losick-Yang said. "There may be times where our aggregation rate, even in our standard plan, may exceed the amount that other basic service payers may pay. Individuals may leave our program at any time without a fee if they don't see a benefit."

Another need-to-know fact about Andover Community Power's plan: All residents would be opted into the program if they currently receive service through National Grid. Residents must opt out of the program if they do not wish to participate. According to Losick-Yang, locals who already use a third-party energy supplier that is not National Grid will not be automatically enrolled in the program, even if it is to their benefit.

Once the meeting takes place, residents are invited to stay up to date on the project through the town website, andoverma.gov, where educational materials will be shared, along with rate sheets and details on the plans as the town begins to go to bid with suppliers.

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Women in Action Huddle focuses on hate crimes

NEWBURYPORT — The Women in Action Huddle Newburyport's monthly meeting Thursday will feature local and national efforts to encourage "allies against harassment." The public is invited to join the event on Zoom from 6 to 7 p.m. at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87641332599> with the meeting ID: 876 4133 2599.

State Rep. Tram Nguyen will be the featured speaker along with Jorge Arteaga, deputy director of Hollaback!, in a discussion on hate crimes and what to do about them, according to a press release from Women in Action Huddle.

Nguyen represents Andover, Boxford, North Andover and Tewksbury in the 18th Essex District. She has joined with Attorney General Maura Healey and state Sen. Adam Hinds to address the issue of hate crimes, which have increased in the state and country in recent years, the press release said.

Nguyen recently introduced HD.1653, a bill that would reform the state's hate crime laws to make it easier to prosecute offenders. It would also establish penalties based on the severity of the offense, with the most severe crimes

handled in superior court. "Hate crimes are hugely underreported nationally, and the protections in Massachusetts are far weaker than in several other states," Nguyen said in the release. "If people understand that these crimes will not be tolerated, they will be less likely to commit them."

Hollaback! is a global, people-powered movement organized to end harassment. Arteaga will talk about how they teach people to take action, and to reach across their own identities to ally with others and establish a united front against harassment, the press release said.

Paula Estey, executive

director of the PEG Center for Art & Activism and founder of Women in Action Huddle Newburyport, spoke of her organization's efforts. "The WIA Huddle is turning toward educating the public and providing concrete actions on uncovering, addressing and eradicating racial, gender and social harassment," she said in the release.

"A recent NBC News report that analyzed police department statistics from across the country determined that anti-Asian hate crimes increased by nearly 150% in 2020," Estey added. "This month's meeting will give us concrete tools to

address the issue." The Huddle is a support and activist group that encourages women and girls to participate in social activism and community initiatives while being supported

in a friendly, loving group, and the environment. All are welcome to participate. The PEG Center for Art & Activism accepts donations at www.paypal.me/pegcenter to help continue its mission.



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Opinion

Make more room on the ballot

One way Democrats and Republicans make sure they remain political gatekeepers, here and everywhere, is by keeping a firm grasp on whose name gets on the ballot, particularly for a statewide election. The process is exclusionary by design. Cracking it even a hair can be counted as a victory for openness in politics, regardless of who's doing the prying.

So it goes with Geoff Diehl, who would have the state Republican Party lower the threshold of support needed at its convention for candidates to get on a primary ballot. As things now stand, an aspiring GOP candidate needs at least 15% of the convention's support to make the statewide primary ballot. Diehl, a former state lawmaker said to be weighing a run for governor, wants the state GOP Committee to lower the threshold to 10%.

Don't think for a minute Diehl is awash with some great feeling for openness in democracy. Lowering the bar helps assure the onetime U.S. Senate candidate — he managed 36% of the vote in a loss to Sen. Elizabeth Warren in 2018 — can actually put his name on the GOP ballot for the gubernatorial primary. Presuming a widely popular Gov. Charlie Baker runs for reelection, getting 15% of the convention vote is by no means a lay-up for Diehl.

And it probably explains why state GOP Chairman Jim Lyons, of Andover, the staunch conservative who has scrapped with the centrist Baker, is supportive of the idea. Lyons, who doubtless wants to see a primary challenge for Baker, tells State House News Service, "I'm all for getting people involved in a Republican primary and the Republican Party, and I definitely think this encourages people to participate in the process."

Well, we can agree on that much: The more people who get involved, the better.

And that doesn't just go for Republicans. As the News Service points out, the same 15% threshold on the Democrats' side kept Juliette Kayyem, a former state and federal Homeland Security official, out of the running when former state Attorney General Martha Coakley was locking up the party's nomination for governor in 2014. Not to say we would've endorsed Kayyem, but she would've made a strong candidate.

Nor is any of this to say we're eager for a campaign by Diehl. But his pitch, to make it easier for would-be candidates to put their name on the ballot in one of the major parties' primaries, would improve our state's politics.

The two major parties are set in their ways, and ideas. More good candidates with fresh perspectives can make our elections livelier, more interesting and more productive.

Detecting dyslexia

It's not like state education leaders have been relaxing without much to occupy their time, after more than a year spent ripping apart and rebuilding public education in a pandemic. But guidelines for screening for dyslexia, particularly in the elementary grades, are a long time coming.

The Legislature three years ago voted to require screening for the neurological disability, as Massachusetts joined 34 other states including New Hampshire to do so, according to the National Center for Improving Literacy. But a definition of dyslexia, and a framework for screening for districts to implement, were released by the state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education only recently.

Research suggests as many as 17% of children are affected by dyslexia, which hinders one's ability to recognize and decode words, as well as the sounds associated with printed language. Spotting and addressing dyslexia is as essential to a young student's learning and development as is identifying those students who are nearsighted or need help hearing.

"Despite the number of students impacted, the considerable advances in research, and the increase in dyslexia-related legislation in the U.S., early identification and targeted education of students with dyslexia in public schools remains a challenge," write the authors of the state's guidelines. Their 81-page document, covering the gamut from who screens children and how, to descriptions of evidence-based programs to help students learn to read, is a significant step in addressing this need.

We look forward to the day in the near future when identifying dyslexia, and arranging resources for those with the disorder, is as unremarkable as the school nurse asking students to read off the letters on an eye chart.

Sen. Bruce Tarr, R-Gloucester, who co-sponsored the 2018 bill prompting the new guidelines, told Statehouse reporter Christian Wade that Massachusetts needs to be "far more aggressive" about intervention. "No child should be sitting in a classroom struggling to keep pace and feeling frustrated or depressed because they have dyslexia that hasn't been properly identified or addressed," said Tarr. Indeed, it's as unjust as allowing a child who cannot see the whiteboard to sit disengaged in the back.

Creating a protocol to detect and address dyslexia is the least we can do for our kids.

WEB QUESTION

What do you think about red-light cameras that snap pictures of cars running a traffic light or making an illegal turn?

Gov. Charlie Baker has proposed allowing cities and towns to adopt the traffic control devices as part of a sweeping bill aimed at making Massachusetts roads safer.

But the technology, which could lead to your getting a citation in the mail, is controversial among some civil liberties groups. What do you think?

SAY CHEESE: Red-light cameras are shown to hold down the number of serious car accidents and deaths. We don't have a ton of traffic lights in Andover, but the intersections where we do have them are hairy and could use the help.

Sister towns, common ground



Tom Adams

Andover Center for History and Culture

Did you know that Andover has a "sister town" in England? Or that for the past 40 years delegations have crossed back and forth across the Atlantic, visiting one another?

Their sole purpose was to get to learn about each other's culture and build bridges toward peace and understanding. The concept had its origins at the end of World War II when President Dwight D. Eisenhower began looking for ways to build bridges that lead to peace, rather than war.

Andover shares a common bond with our English sister.

"The historical connection with Andover (Massachusetts) and our town lies with the Osgood family," notes Andover Town Twinning Association board member Sue Parker. "It is generally accepted that John Osgood decided on the name for the new

settlement. He resided in the area now known as North Andover having emigrated from the old Cottonworth Farmhouse, near Wherwell, a village about five miles from our town."

The relationship between our two towns began with a chance meeting in 1981 between Judy and Ed Goonyep, who were vacationing in England, and Jack Taylor, then senior police inspector in Andover, England.

The Goonyeps were looking for directions and stopped at the Andover police station for help. Before they knew it, they were dinner guests at Jack and June Taylor's home.

They found much in common. Back home, Ed was an auxiliary police officer and part of a radio club that assisted town police at big events. The Taylors were active members of the Andover Town Twinning Association, which sponsored exchanges with the towns of Goch, Germany and Redon, France.

The Taylors suggested that Ed and Judy return home and see if there was interest in the two Andovers becoming sister towns.

Upon returning home, Judy did just that,

approaching the Board of Selectmen and town management with the idea.

The Goonyep-Taylor friendship led to the Taylors visiting here, in Andover, later in 1981. This exchange included introductions to then Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski and members of the Select Board, as well as tours to Cape Ann and Boston.

Correspondence between these newfound friends continued. In May 1996, the Taylors returned to Andover accompanied by Test Valley Mayor Ian Carr and his wife, Beryl, and participated in our 350th Anniversary parade and celebrations.

Stapczynski, recalled, "Ed and Judy Goonyep were very active in the beginnings of the twinning organization with Andover, Hampshire, England. They got the ball rolling."

In October 1999, the Taylors again visited Andover with the idea of establishing an Andover Town Twinning Association relationship on "this side of the pond."

In June 2000, an ad hoc citizens group from Andover travelled to England for an official charter signing and the dedication of a statue of Chief

Cutshamache, a gift from our town.

In September 2000, Carr returned to the U.S. to participate in the dedication of the Friendship Bridge on our town common. Two years later, the Taylors and mayor of the Test Valley and his wife came to Andover's common to view the newly installed commemorative bridge, rhododendron gardens and polished stone bench that marked the June 2000 "twinning agreement."

Over the past 20 years, the relationship between the two Andovers has continued to thrive. Delegations from both Andovers have continued to travel to each other's shores, every other year or so, making friends and learning about local culture.

Stapczynski reminisced, "Judy and Eddie (Goonyep) were dear friends. ... I got to know them through the Andover twinning organization. Their beautiful home on Foster's Pond was the setting for several twinning parties. Just thinking about them brings back such wonderful memories."

Sadly, Ed Goonyep passed away in 2012. Fred Snell stepped in and has kept the flame of friendship alive.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Benefits of new elementary school will last for generations

Editor, Townsman:

My children had the benefit of starting their elementary education at Shawshen Elementary School and completing their final three years at West Elementary. While the education and commitment of the teachers was excellent, the buildings were grossly inefficient and substandard for current learning environments.

Over the years, we have put Band-Aid solutions onto both West El and Shawshen to keep the buildings operational for our children. The problems are still there, we just continue to cover them up in hopes that they will go away.

With Andover's acceptance into the Massachusetts School Building Authority's grant program for school building construction, we now have the opportunity to create a permanent solution for two schools by building a West Elementary and Shawshen Preschool academic campus on the site of the current West El.

While my kids will both be at the high school next year, I feel it is our collective responsibility to support a new elementary/preschool for our community. Our children are our greatest assets, and it is our job and

responsibility to give them a strong educational foundation in which to grow and become productive citizens in our community.

The benefits of this new building will extend well beyond my time in Andover, and for that I am proud. As a community, we should all feel good knowing that we are helping create a legacy of learning that will impact future generations of Andover students.

I hope your readers will join me on June 5 and June 15 in supporting this worthwhile investment in our children.

JENNIFER SRIVASTAVA
Andover

What's all of this going to cost?

Editor, Townsman:

Andover's two large proposed debt bonds have been in the news recently.

But there has not been a word from the town manager or the Select Board about compensatory budget cuts to constrain our resulting tax rate hike to within the inflation rate or, indeed, any limit whatsoever.

So, considering the splendid spending spree we have come to expect annually, and adding to it the huge bond payments, how much will our tax rate jump — 4%, 6% or maybe 8%?

Does anybody know?

PAUL LAPSA
Andover

New school will bring layers of economic benefits

Editor, Townsman:

People may ask why the replacement of West Elementary and Shawshen schools has economic benefits for Andover. I believe there are many reasons why the new facility and its innovative programs will enhance Andover's reputation among our peer communities.

First, the project creates new and modern learning spaces that will allow children to develop the skills they need to thrive in the future.

The future of work and citizenship is not going to depend solely on functional or technical skills, but on the ability to live and work collaboratively in diverse workplaces and communities. New modes of learning can contribute to the development of new competencies.

As the leader of an education services company, I continue to hear from colleges and employers that there needs to be an increased focus on "soft" skills such as:

Ambiguity: Ability to deal with the high velocity of change;

Curiosity: Broad interest in a variety of subjects, to create insights and innovation;

Openness: Pursuing diverse opinions and learning experiences;

Empathy: Putting oneself in another's shoes;

Resilience: Continuous learning and adaptability;
Optimism and Imagination: Focus on the possibilities for a positive future; and
Relationships: Building rapport quickly and sometimes virtually.

It may be the "soft" skills that make our students, communities and employers effective at competing in a world where global competition will continue to raise the bar for performance.

The new schools are designed with these learning principles in mind and will offer town-wide programs to a more diverse array of students that currently leave the school system for more specialized programs.

Furthermore, as employers look for suburban communities in which to locate, transportation and logistics are important. But so is the available local talent pool and the ability of employees to educate their children in a high performing school system.

This leads to more demand for housing and supports higher property values over time.

Following the Robb Senior Center, Town Yard, Ballardvale Fire Station and Historic Mill District initiatives, we also reinforce our commitment to good planning and a vibrant future, as we celebrate Andover's 375th anniversary.

GREG SEBASKY
Andover

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South Church hosts artist

BY MADELINE HUGHES
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South Church has announced Clarence Morse Jr. as their inaugural artist-in-residence.

“South Church’s artist-in-residence program allows us to deepen our experience of God and to support emerging artists. It is an opportunity to introduce new voices, diversify the worship experience, and learn together in faith,” said Rev. Dana Allen Walsh, senior pastor.

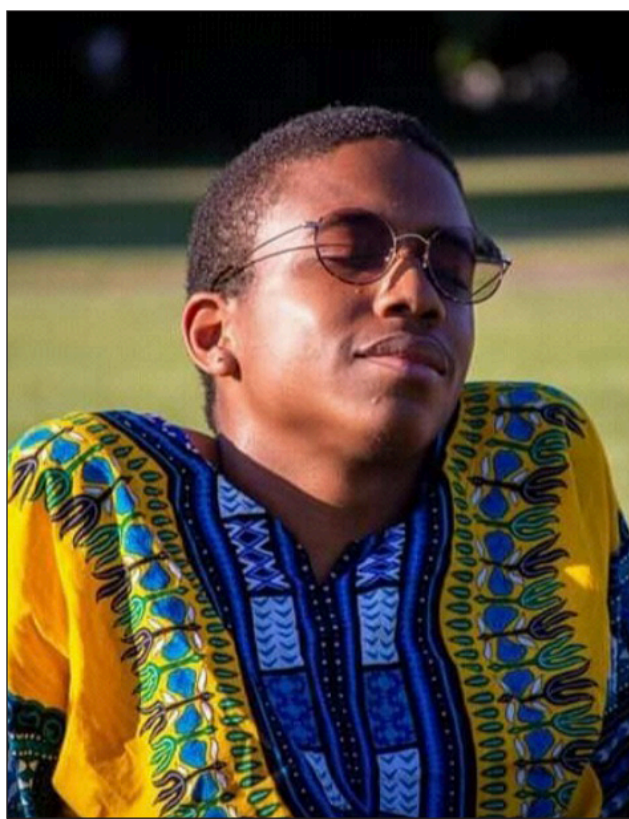
By 22, Morse has led poetry workshops throughout the world. Now, he is writing and recording

five pieces of spoken word poetry to be included in South Church’s virtual worship during the Eastertide season.

Morse has already premiered two pieces, with the third coming out May 9.

To see Morse’s work and southchurch.com/artist. His collection of poetry “The Concept” is available for purchase on Amazon.

Questions about Morse or the Artist-In-Residence program at South Church can be directed to Walsh at dana@southchurch.com. South Church, part of the United Church of Christ, is located at 41 Central Street in Andover.



Clarence Morse Jr. is South Church’s first artist-in-residence.

How to help with memory struggle

Family Matters

Dr. Larry Larsen



Dear Doctor,
 Some while back you had a column on memory. Our daughter seems to have a

problem learning new things for school. I wonder if you have some help for children who have some problems learning new things?

Mom

Dear Mom,

In the most simple terms you are asking for ways to get material into the brain and have it available for recall. Here are some simple hints that do work.

Repetition does help, but it may become less efficient as a learning tool.

Connecting is important in this process. Tying the known to the unknown or

new knowledge is important.

Organizing and limiting new data is helpful. Keep it simple. Clump things together that make sense.

How new material is experienced is very critical. Help your daughter to see, hear, and experience what is being learned. The experiencing part really does help. Do these steps sequentially and never simultaneously.

The experience aspect can be creative. For example art, touch, video, movement may all be useful. Even singing might work. Give these a try.

Finally, work on mindfulness. Have her visualize being in the moment.

Reinforce with low key positive comments. They help. “Wow. You got that one!” etc.

See what works and make it positive. Good luck!

Dr. Larry Larsen is an Andover psychologist. If you would like to ask a question, or respond to one, email him at lrryllrsn@CS.com.

ANDOVER NEWS IN BRIEF

Grant helps workers displaced by COVID-19

The Greater Lawrence Technical School is receiving \$375,000 to support access to career pathway training for local residents from underserved populations with a focus on those impacted by COVID-19.

The grants are part of the administration’s Career Technical Initiative (CTI), launched at GLTS in January 2020, which aims to grow skills for students and adults for careers in high demand, high growth sectors while also meeting the needs of businesses across the Commonwealth. Greater Lawrence Tech is receiving \$375,000 as part of this latest allocation of grant funding through the initiative, which will support the offering of training and placement services to unemployed and underemployed Merrimack Valley adults for careers as Biotech Lab Technicians, Carpenters, Electricians, HVAC Technicians, and Plumbers.

Greater Lawrence Tech is also partnering through the grant with the MassHire Merrimack Valley Career Center and Workforce Board, as well

as the following employer partners: Jones General Contractors, Ginkgo Bioworks, All-Pro Electricians, Capeless Plumbing & Heating, Marceau Construction Corp., CentiMark Corporation, National Mechanical Service Inc., Central Cooling & Heating Inc., Correct Temp HVAC, and Millipore Sigma.

Nguyen recognized nationally

State Representative Tram Nguyen was selected as one of 19 leaders from across the country to join the NewDEAL (Developing Exceptional American Leaders), a selective national network of state and local elected officials.

Nguyen joins the group at a time when state and local leaders are on the frontlines of responding to the pandemic and as they take on a critical role in implementing the American Rescue Plan recently signed by President Biden. The new law will send hundreds of billions of dollars to state and local governments. NewDEALers are supporting each other in addressing the many challenges created and exacerbated by COVID-19 by innovating, convening virtually, and sharing good ideas.

Nguyen was selected to join NewDEAL because of her dedication to issues of racial and economic justice, the organization said in a statement. During the pandemic, she presented a bill to increase unemployment insurance benefits for low-wage workers, another to increase the economic well-being for people in debt, several bills to promote safety for survivors of domestic violence and violent crimes and another to address hate crimes.

“We are in a unique moment for state and local leaders as we must find solutions for the urgent challenges created by COVID-19 while not losing focus on longer-term issues that will also affect the Commonwealth’s economic security for decades to come,” Nguyen said. “I look forward to sharing lessons with and learning from other leaders who are setting the standard for effective governance, and I am excited to be part of NewDEAL’s efforts to expand opportunities for Americans in communities nationwide.”

Woven mural

There will be a large-scale woven public art mural along a 44-foot section of fence in

front of Amos Blanchard House on Main Street in downtown Andover.

It will celebrate the rebirth and renewal of Andover, the weaving will illustrate life bursting forth after a period of darkness and include a participatory “Clootie Tree” element. The mural was created in partnership with the Andover Center for History and Culture, Cazimi — a creative collaborative of artists Emily O’Hara, Molly Foley, and Morgan von Prella Pecelli.

The center is hosting a waving workshop where people can meet the artists on May 16. There will be two sessions where families have the opportunity to learn more about the Rebirth and Renewal Weaving Public Art Project from the artists, discover it’s connection to Andover’s textile history and make a simple weaving project they can take home. Visit andoverhistoryandculture.org/andover-weaving to register. Registration is limited and prior registration is required.



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Margaret F. Serley, 95

April 10, 1926 - April 30, 2021

HAVERHILL, MA — Margaret F. Serley, 95, a resident of Mary Immaculate Nursing Restorative Center in Lawrence, died April 30, 2021, after a period of declining health.

She was born April 10, 1926, in Houghton, N.Y., a daughter of H. LeRoy and Isabel (Stebbins) Fancher.

She graduated from Houghton Academy in 1943 and Houghton College in 1947 with a B.A. in English and psychology and earned a master's in religious education at Eastern Baptist Seminary in Philadelphia in 1952.

Her teaching career began in Clymer, N.Y., in 1947, where she recalled that many of her high school English students were returning servicemen who were older than she was. She later taught religious education at churches in Elmira, Fredonia and Syracuse, N.Y., between 1952 and 1962.

On June 20, 1959, she married Frederick R. Serley, who died in 2011.

The family resided in Gilford, N.H., and Wakefield, before moving to Andover in 1970 and to Haverhill in 1989.

Margaret taught for many years at West Junior High School in Andover, retiring in 1986.

After the loss of her son Stephen to suicide in 1979 she founded the Samaritans of Merrimack Valley, a suicide prevention hotline and advocacy group, and she served as its director from 1986 to 1993. Her work to raise awareness of suicide risk and to enable people to find and give compassionate help allowed her



to turn personal tragedy into hope and inspiration for many people.

She was a longtime member of West Parish Church in Andover and a member of the Rotary Club.

The family includes a daughter, Diane Serley of Haverhill; a sister, Joanna Fancher of Tempe, Ariz.; many nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: A graveside service was held on Sunday, May 9, at 3 p.m. in West Parish Cemetery. A memorial service will be held later in the year, as circumstances allow.

Donations in honor of Margaret Serley may be made to West Parish Church in Andover or to Samaritans of the Merrimack Valley, at fsmv.org.



Johannes Jacob van den Broeke, 87

September 20, 1933 - May 5, 2021

ANDOVER, MA — Johannes, also known as Joe (here in the U.S.) and as Joop (by his Dutch family), passed away peacefully at his home in Andover, surrounded by family members on May 5, 2021, from an ongoing illness.

Joop was born in Heerlen, The Netherlands on September 20, 1933 where he grew up with his three sisters and where he met his loving wife Wilhelmina (Wils) of 66 years. Joop studied mechanical engineering in Eindhoven and was self-taught in electrical engineering. After the birth of two daughters, they emigrated to the U.S. where they continued to raise a family of seven including six daughters and a son. Joop had a long, successful career of 30 years with ITT, moving to Portugal, Germany and then back to Andover in 1978 where he spent the remainder of his life and where his wife Wils continues to live. After retiring from ITT he started his own business, VDB

Engineering, which he ran for 15 years. When Joop wasn't busy with work, he loved going to flea markets, searching for collectibles and fixing them up. He cherished his Land Rover Defender and enjoyed taking it to Plum Island to go fishing with his grandchildren. He had a network of buddies from the Land Rover club who enjoyed off-roading adventures and he loved hiking and camping in the White Mountains. Later in life Mt Monadnock became a weekly excursion and walks at Ward Hill and Harold Parker were daily occurrences. Wherever he went, he always struck up conversations and made new friends.

He is survived by his wife, two sisters, six daughters, 14 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. He was predeceased by one of his sisters and his only son. He will be mourned privately by his family. Special thanks to Care Dimensions Hospice service.

David M. Pickering

April 7, 1953 - May 3, 2021

HARPSWELL NECK, ME — It is with great sadness that the family of David Montgomery Pickering announces his passing on May 3, 2021.

Born in York, Maine on April 7, 1953, David was the son of the late John and Sarah C. Pickering of Salem, Massachusetts. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Jennifer Williams Pickering, and two sons, Brooks (Kelsey) of Bridgewater, Massachusetts and Grant (Samantha) of Mansfield. David was blessed with two grandsons, Brandt and Reed, who adored their Pappy.

After growing up in Andover and Salem, Mass., David owned a florist business in Portsmouth, NH which was the start of his life-long green thumb. His career path eventually led to a division head position at Gillette in South Boston. The respect and admiration of everyone he worked with came easily due to his management style and work ethic.

David raised his family in Kennebunk before retiring to Harpswell Neck. He will be remembered as "Pick" to his

friends from Lawrence Academy and could often be found on the hockey rink, on the golf course or on Casco Bay piloting his boat "On the Blue". Many friends and neighbors were the fortunate recipients of David's time. Whatever was needed he always said yes.

David was a past Commodore of the Arundel Yacht Club in Kennebunkport and was on the board there for eight years. In the winter he dedicated time serving the Maine Adaptive Sports and Recreation Ski Program at Sunday River.

David also leaves behind his sister, Katharine Pickering (Richard O'Dwyer), Bud (Wendy) Kellett, Bruce (Jean) Williams, Laura (Robert) Sullivan, Patience Williams, and many nephews and nieces.

We will all miss David's quiet presence and selfless, unwavering support.

A memorial celebration of David's life will be announced later. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Maine-Adaptive.org.

Susan McKelliget

Andover Center for History and Culture

100 Years Ago—May 13, 1921

At a special meeting of the school board held Friday evening, it was voted to accept the salary list as presented by the teachers' committee, which established new rates for the teachers and included a maximum of \$1400 for elementary teachers, effective September 1, 1921.

Members of the Board of Selectmen Walter S. Donald, Charles Bowman, and Andrew McTernan will be the judges to award the prizes at the Poverty Party given by Andover Post No. 8 of the American Legion in the Town hall tonight.

On Tuesday, an elderly man was found wandering

about the streets of the town. He was taken to the police station where it was found that he had escaped from the Tewksbury infirmary.

The Fire Department purchased a second-hand Pierce-Arrow car for use at brush fires. The men at the station have made a wonderful transformation from the former pleasure car to the present up-to-date piece of fire-fighting apparatus at a great saving to the town.

75 Years Ago—May 16, 1946
At a meeting of the Tercentenary Committee (Andover's 300th birthday) reports from the following sub-committees were given: Memorial service, Historical Parade, Pageant by Schools, Decorations, Banquet, Industrial Exhibit, Concerts, and Booklet on Historical Homes.

Miss Florence McCarthy, teacher of the Shawsheen school has been telling

fascinating tales of Andover's early beginning to her fourth-grade social studies class. On a school bus trip to Andover's historical sites, they stopped at the Historical Society where Miss Underhill greeted them and showed them through the former Amos Blanchard home. From there, the students proceeded to the Abbot homestead, where the class was allowed to explore the rooms, taking special note of the heavy beams, the old table and benches that had been sent from England, a butter churn and bed warmer. The last stop was the old Isaac Tavern on Elm street, where they heard the oft-told tale of George Washington's stop there.

50 Years Ago—May 20, 1971
U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations George Bush will be speaker at the

ninth annual dinner meeting of the Andover Chamber of Commerce to be held Thursday June 10, at the new Raytheon plant in West Andover. Ambassador Bush attended Phillips Academy at Andover and Yale University where he was graduated Phi Beta Kappa.

A photo shows "They all caught fish from Hussey's Pond during the annual Andover Sportsmen's Club fishing derby held last Saturday. Shown are Robert Deltwas, Joe Querci, Richard Querci, and Brian Wescott."

The trustees of Phillips Academy have voted to suspend for the present further studies of a possible merger with Abbot Academy. Instead, they have ordered a study of coordinated arrangements in which it each school would retain its independence.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

ANDOVER

300 Brookside Dr. Unit H: Kofi D. Fynn and Naana Winful-Fynn to Sara E. Heath, \$350,000

16 Brown St.: Kenneth C. and Grace M. Sawaya to Jesse A. Winkler and Valerie A. Grant, \$690,000

4 Candida Way: Jinsoo Kim and Haewon Baek to Sarah Abkowitz and David Torrice, \$960,000

5 Colonial Dr. Unit 1a: Jamie Dedoglou to Mandana Ghasemi, \$218,000

9 Countryside Way: 9 Countryside Way RT and Corey M. Welch to William Helinski, \$839,000

6 Downing St.: Mcnamara Alice T Est and Thomas M. Mcnamara to Jonathan and Laura S. Gouveia, \$665,000

81 Elm St.: Jonathan Gouveia and Laura A. Stamboni to Allison and Aaron Kerzner, \$807,000

72 Maple Ave. Unit 3: Georgio E. and Mary B. Broufas to Christopher D. Auger, \$290,000

5 Morningside Dr.: Carlos and Alba Bonilla to Briana Barrack and Derek Palm, \$675,000

1 Powder Mill Sq. Unit 210: Yongha Park and Kum H. Cho to Haydee M. Esquivel, \$226,100

DRACUT

181 Gerrish Ave.: Sandra G. Terrace to Eachel and Sam Cockerline, \$365,000

10 Gumpus Rd. Unit 10: Chenelle FT and Thomas C. Chenelle to Paulina Eid, \$340,000

38 Hamblett Ave.: Reverse Mtg Funding LLC to Z&D RT and Richard Debay, \$275,000

108 Hillcrest Rd.: Robert J. Miller to Thomas T. Tennant and Susan A. Savage-Tennant, \$461,000

31 Lantern Ln. Unit 8: James Torrice to Emmett Steinberg, \$215,000

7 Laurel Rd.: Wheeler Village LLC to Thomas B. Palmerino, \$628,319

151 Surrey Ln.: Anderson RT and Pamela C. Anderson to Sean and Jacqueline Harrington, \$814,000

97 Tanglewood Dr.: Yessenia Guadalupe to Chamnann and

Sothea Kem, \$400,000
84 Tennis Plaza Rd. Unit 12: Joseph P. Obrien and Susan M. Grant-Obrien to Christopher A. Johnson, \$243,000

GEORGETOWN

201 Central St. Unit 1: Linda and Patrick Grant to Susan Hall, \$400,000

58 E Main St.: Peter M. and Sharon Freeman to Lillian C. Hong, \$585,000

HAVERHILL

36 Brandon Rd.: Hector A. Brito and Cesaria M. Reynoso to Nabin Sedhai, \$511,000

72-74 Broadway: Trio Investments LLC to Jose A. Martinez, \$660,000

66 Commonwealth Ave.: Douglas R. Brown to Beth Petrou-Finn and Michael Finn, \$475,000

42 Dartmouth St.: Carmelo Holdings LLC to Daniel P. Bullock and Ginny Do, \$370,000

63-67 Franklin St.: 25 High Street RT to Jose Dimas-Erazo and Laura F. Erazo, \$390,000

120 Groveland St.: Renee M. Brooks to Kevin Dunfey and Elizabeth Pettit, \$417,950

21 Kathy Dr. Unit 21: Lorraine Malignaggi to Justin and Kristina Holloway, \$255,000

227 Kenozia St.: RLKJ LT and Jane Langlais to Deanna and Kevin P. Fetty, \$465,000

174 Mill St. Unit 3: William H. Noble to Kara H. Blake and Nathaniel S. Robertson, \$282,000

62 Mount Vernon St.: Cassandra S. and Thomas D. Sell to Windi Bowditch, \$450,000

75 N Broadway: Marisol and Orlando Almanzar to Alexis Canetti-Rodriguez, \$396,500

14 Parker Ln.: Jonathan and Regina Morin to Thessalea Churinske and Matthew Churinski, \$690,000

104 Perkins Ct. Unit 104: Luz S. Mosko to Gregg M. Brown, \$300,000

229 S Main St.: Allison T. and Kristin T. Minichiello to Frederick G. Habeeb, \$325,000

64 S New St.: Frieswick S New

St RET and Kathleen M. Frieswick to Eric Harper, \$274,900

12 S Riverview St.: Jennifer M. and Jesus A. Nunez to Edwin J. Bachiller and Aisha Elfiki, \$435,000

267 Salem St.: Gladys R. and Jose A. Mendez to Rebecca Kneple and Jason Kuehl, \$437,000

7 Squaw Creek Dr. Unit 7: John J. Good to Linee and Lynwood P. Baird, \$485,000

645 W Lowell Ave. Unit 14: Eric A. Goldstein to Jacqueline H. Yancey, \$220,000

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86 Andover St.: Miguel A. Fernandez to Starlynn S. and Crisleidy Encarnacion, \$447,900

22 Canton St. Unit A: Daniel and Josue Flores to Aida Ortega, \$270,000

99 Ferry St.: Kenjulian and Janicia Berroa to Alexander Tavares and Ysmaelin Arias, \$641,000

64 Hancock St.: Elsa Tejada to Glenda Lebron and Pedro J. Berroa, \$500,000

405-407 Haverhill St.: Cipriano Vargas to Santos Rodrigues, \$645,000

556 Haverhill St.: Brien FT and Michelle M. Clarke to Kimball 12 Pine LLC, \$650,000

259 High St.: Hersey David Est and Anisa Hersey to High Street RT and Deborah A. Leblanc, \$190,000

19-21 Lenox St.: Brien FT and Michelle M. Clarke to Kimball 12 Pine LLC, \$375,000

321 Lowell St.: Leoncio Rodriguez to JMP RT and Juan M. Padilla, \$50,000

323-325 Lowell St.: Leoncio Rodriguez to JMP RT and Juan M. Padilla, \$50,000

303-305 Prospect St.: Cavallo 3 LLC to Diverse Real Estate LLC, \$1,480,000

309 Prospect St.: Cavallo 3 LLC to Diverse Real Estate LLC, \$1,480,000

9-15 Riverview Pl.: MSNS Limited Co LLC to Water St Apartments LLC, \$900,000

83 Warren St.: Ruben D. Montequieu-Gomez to Bartolome A. Munoz, \$640,000

158-162 Water St.: MSNS

Limited Co LLC to Water St Apartments LLC, \$2,400,000

METHUEN

22 Albion St.: Thomas F. and Karen A. Hambleton to Kerry P. Mahoney, \$460,000

306 Broadway: Paul D. and Denis Webster-Greene to Amir Nedjadi and Mojave Haile-Nedjadi, \$464,900

2 Campus Rd.: Joseph Raymond to Elizabeth Cox, \$410,000

5 Church St.: Troisi FT and Angelo A. Troisi to Kristine A. Fiore, \$400,000

17 Copley Dr.: Jerry D. and Donna M. Melia to David and Emily Bechara, \$654,000

18 Druid Hill Ave. Unit 18: Neil C. and Carol A. Macdonald to Stefanie Harvey, \$350,000

22 Farley St.: Grosse FT and David Grosse to Scott M. Pepe, \$460,000

14 Frye Rd.: Elena P. Raucci to Freckle International LLC, \$370,000

65 Phoebe St. Unit 65: Toll MA Land 3 LP to S&K RT and Dominick Silvestri, \$803,688

118 Pleasant St.: Daniel Meritil and Luckson Alphone to Joan B. Ortiz and Alisia D. Thompson-Ortiz, \$430,000

150-152 Warwick St.: Josephine M. Maldonado to Candy M. Gomez, \$580,000

50 Washington St.: WSSC LLC to American Tumbling Academy, \$500,000

65 Weybossett St.: Nancy J. Salvetti to Christopher and Andrew Zielinski, \$279,000

NORTH ANDOVER

39 Franklin St.: East West IRT and Elaine Cui to Jennifer Aalerud, \$594,000

1590 Great Pond Rd.: Victor Gressek to Mohammadali Safavieh and Rebecca M. Rubinow, \$1,101,000

43 Jay Rd.: Jihad and Lynn A. Hajjar to Atanas Pernikliev and Ivanka Guigova, \$699,900

21 Linden Ave.: Elaine D Gillick IRT and Ellen M. Dubois to Worry Free RE LLC, \$315,000

373 Salem St.: Susan A. Abernathy to Michael B. and Taylor C. Nadler, \$588,000

PAY

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instructional assistants are asking — a 35% hourly pay increase over a 3-year period.

Instructional assistants work 7 hours a day, for roughly 10 months — 184 days — per contracted year. Currently, the lowest-paid instructional assistants make \$16.45 an hour, earning \$21,188 a year. If the minimum pay was increased to \$22.14, which is what the association is asking for, that would bring annual pay to about \$28,516 a year.

"We shouldn't be talking about the percentage increase because the pay is already so low," said Karen Torres, who is an instructional assistant at Bancroft Elementary School.

The School Committee has proposed an increase to \$18.43 per hour for the coming school year.

"It is not fair to ask Andover taxpayers to support salary levels proposed by the union because they would put Andover (instructional assistant) pay rates dramatically above pay rates for similar jobs in most other



MADELINE HUGHES/Staff photo

The Andover Education Association organized a rally in downtown Andover last Thursday asking for the School Committee to agree to a contract.

Massachusetts school districts," said Shannon Scully, the chair of the School Committee, adding that the pay is the most competitive out of nearby Merrimack Valley towns.

Union members disagree with those comparisons, saying they don't take into

consideration the wealth of the Andover community. Kevin Mann, a Doherty Middle School teacher who sits on the teacher's bargaining team, said the district should compare itself to the wealthier districts across the state, like Newton and Wellesley.

"When it doesn't cost them

they compare us to the best schools," said Julian DiGloria, a Wood Hill Middle School teacher who also sits on the teacher's bargaining team.

Scully said to satisfy the requested increases for the instructional assistants alone it would cost \$684,000 this year, which the town hasn't budgeted for.

There is also an impending deadline for negotiations — June 30 — the end of the fiscal year. Scully said the town has budgeted for pay increases, but if the town doesn't spend that money by June 30 to retroactively pay educators for their raises this year, the money goes back to the town's general fund.

Scully would not say how much was in the budget for the costs associated with pay increases.

"We are really committed to making sure our hard-working educators receive those raises, and we are confident we can settle a contract before June 30," Scully said.

Bach said that the association does want a contract settled as soon as possible, but that June 30 is an "artificial deadline."

POLICE LOG

SUNDAY, MAY 2

Suspicious activity: Breaking and entering, Essex Street, 7:26 a.m.

MONDAY, MAY 3

Theft: Bike, Forbes Lane, 5:41 p.m.

Arrest: Stephanie Kim Plicheta, 34, of Manchester, N.H. arrested on a warrant, Minuteman Road, 8:04 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 4

Suspicious activity: Driver was flashing high beams and speeding. Car was towed and driver transported to the hospital, Lowell Street, 8:21 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

Fraud: Bad check, Porter Road, 9:59 a.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 5

Vandalism: Car hit mailbox, County Road, 1:59 p.m.

Theft: Stolen laptop, Spring Valley Drive, 2:25 p.m.

Arrest: Eric C. Ehler, 53, of Wakefield arrested on a warrant, Minuteman Drive, 9:21 p.m.

Baker proposes red-light cameras at intersections throughout state

Would cut down on car crashes, governor says

By CHRISTIAN M. WADE
 Statehouse Reporter

BOSTON — Gov. Charlie Baker wants Massachusetts to join nearly two-dozen states that snap pictures of traffic scofflaws who run red lights and make illegal turns.

Baker has proposed authorizing cities and towns to install cameras and automatically fine drivers who are photographed making infractions. Fines would be capped at \$25 per violation under his proposal.

The changes are part of a larger bill filed by Baker in April that would update laws on seat belt enforcement, increase fines and penalties for driving on a suspended license, and make other changes aimed at improving roadway safety.

Baker said the bill, if enacted, will "make Massachusetts roadways and streets safer for all travelers and will help reduce roadway fatalities across the state."

Under the plan, communities that want automated traffic enforcement would have to hold public hearings and seek approval from local governing boards to install cameras at specific locations. Local police would be required to review and authorize any citations.

Violations caught on camera wouldn't result in insurance surcharges, nor would they become part of driving records



JAIME CAMPOS/Staff file photo

Gov. Charlie Baker wants to allow communities to install cameras at intersections so drivers who run red lights can be caught.

kept by the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

The proposal includes a process for appealing tickets. Photos would be required to be destroyed within seven days of a violation being resolved.

Baker filed a similar bill affecting driving laws in the previous legislative session, but this is the first time his administration has proposed red-light cameras.

At least 23 states, including Rhode Island, have passed laws allowing the use of traffic enforcement cameras, according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

Private companies operate many of the camera systems, generating tickets that are then reviewed by police. Tickets are sent to drivers by mail, and violators can pay

or appeal. The company gets a share of ticket revenues to pay for operating the camera system.

Proponents of the high-speed surveillance cameras say they are a proven way to save lives by reducing red-light runners, who are a leading cause of fatal crashes.

In 2019, at least 846 people were killed in the U.S. and an estimated 143,000 injured in red-light-running crashes — a 10-year high, according to the American Automobile Association.

Most of the people killed were pedestrians, bicyclists, and passengers and drivers in other vehicles.

"There's no doubt that red-light running is a killer," said Mary Maguire, AAA spokeswoman for the northeast

region. "Twenty-eight percent of crash deaths that occur at signalized intersections are the result of a driver running a red light."

But the technology has critics, including libertarians who complain the real purpose of the cameras is to raise money for police and local governments.

Critics point to research showing a rise in rear-end collisions caused by drivers hitting the brakes to avoid getting a ticket in places where the cameras are used.

But supporters say the overwhelming evidence is that the cameras act as a deterrent and save lives.

Rep. Paul Tucker, D-Salem, is among lawmakers who support the use of red-light cameras and has filed his own proposal to authorize them. He studied the issue as a Salem police chief and said there is plenty of evidence the cameras work.

"What people need to understand is that it's not about revenue — it does reduce crashes," Tucker said. "If you look at the communities that have installed these enforcement cameras, it's very clear that it works."

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Parents to Baker: Lift limits on kids

By CHRISTIAN M. WADE
 Statehouse Reporter

BOSTON — Parents who pushed for Massachusetts classrooms to fully reopen are now calling on the state to lift outdoor mask mandates for schools, camps and youth sports, as well as other COVID-19 restrictions on children.

In a letter to Gov. Charlie Baker and other state officials, members of the group Bring Kids Back MA asks for revision of "policies and guidance that unnecessarily restrict the children of the commonwealth."

The group cites improving public health metrics and scientific evidence that the restrictions are no longer necessary.

"There is simply no compelling scientific rationale supporting the additional restrictions on the youngest citizens of our state, over and above what is being asked of adults and beyond what many other states are requiring of young children," the group wrote in the May 6 letter.

The parents specifically want the state to lift outdoor mask mandates for schools, youth sports, interscholastic athletics and summer camps, even if 6 feet of social distancing is not possible.

The parents point to

guidance from the World Health Organization that the risk of outdoor transmission of COVID-19 is low, and they note that New Hampshire and other neighboring states have taken similar steps.

The group also calls on the state to intervene in situations where local schools' restrictions go above and beyond the state's guidelines "in ways that hinder children's fully engaged access to public education."

On Thursday, Baker said he hadn't yet seen the letter, but he pointed out that the administration has already eased some restrictions on school-age children, such as reducing the required desk spacing in classrooms from 6 to 3 feet.

"We have made adjustments, up and down, depending on what we're hearing from people who are dealing with it on the ground," Baker said during a briefing. "We'll look at the letter and the information provided, and if we think we need to make a change, we will."

Beth Humberd, an Andover parent and member of the group, said she supported precautions taken at the height of the pandemic but has grown frustrated that the restrictions haven't been relaxed as the state reopens.

"We're alarmed that with every improvement that happens in the state, our children are treated like a second class, separate from adults," she said.

Humberd, an associate professor of business management at the University of Massachusetts at Lowell, said there's a lack of guidance over pending changes and inconsistencies among rules for schools, youth sports clubs and other organizations that often conflict with the latest scientific data.

"If we know outdoor transmission is low, and if we've rolled it back for adults, why does it have to be a separate discussion for children?" she

said. Last week Baker lifted a statewide outdoor mask mandate -- for children and adults -- and other COVID-19 restrictions as he announced the beginning of the final phases of the state's reopening plans. Baker has also ordered public school districts to reopen for in-person instruction five days a week.

Though he has not outlined when specific regulations will be eased, that could come next week when the administration is expected to announce updated guidance for schools and businesses on the state's plans to fully reopen by August.

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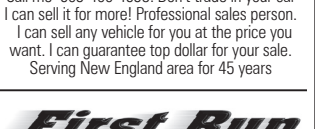
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Sports

SPRING WARRIORS

A look at the Andover High sports teams playing this spring

By DAVID WILLIS
Staff Writer

After nearly two full years away, thanks to the coronavirus, Andover High's spring sports teams have finally returned to action.

Having lost the 2020 season due to COVID-19, the Golden Warrior baseball, softball, lacrosse and boys volleyball squads — along with wrestling — kicked off their seasons last week. A few teams look ready for big seasons, and a few individuals are primed to make highlights in track.

Here is a look at the Andover High teams that are currently in action this spring:

BASEBALL

2019 season: 14-10, lost Division 1 North final

Returning starters (3): Aidan Ritter, Sr., P/INF; Nolan Schirmer, Sr., C; Anthony Teberio, Sr., P/1B/3B

Returning lettermen: Ryan Grecco, Sr., P; Tanner O'Sullivan, Sr., 1B/OF/P

Promising newcomers: Terry Morrissey, Sr., 1B/OF; Andrew Smithson, Sr., P; Dylan Brenner, Jr., 3B/P; Evan Brenner, Jr., 2B/P; Jackson Brown, Jr., P/OF; Brian Gibson, Jr., INF/OF; P.J. Reming, Jr., IF/P; Tyler Waller, Jr., C/3B; Joe Bucci, Soph., C/1B; Scotty Brown, Soph., OF; Chase Lembo, Soph., 3B/P; Braeden Archambault, Soph., INF/OF

Captains: Nolan Schirmer, Sr., C; Anthony Teberio, Tanner O'Sullivan

Returning leaders: Nolan Schirmer .333, 11 runs, 11 RBIs

Fast facts: Catcher **Nolan Schirmer**, a two-year captain, recently committed to Boston College baseball. He is one of five Golden Warriors committed to college baseball programs. The others are **Ryan Grecco** (Colby), **Anthony Teberio** (Wheaton), **Andrew Smithson** (Central Connecticut State) and **Aidan Ritter** (Endicott). ... **Dylan Brenner** and **Evan Brenner** are identical twins. Coach **Dan Grams** said the only way he can tell them apart during practice, when they aren't wearing uniforms, is that they wear different color cleats. ... Speedy **Scotty Brown** has been slowed by a leg injury. He just finished his second season as starting quarterback in football (730 passing yards, 449 rushing yards, 15 total TDs). ... Longtime American Legion coach **Joe Iarrobino** is helping with the high school program for the first time in more than a decade, said Grams.

Assistant coaches: Ryan Sheppard, Shaun Hannigan, P.J. Farnham, Joe Iarrobino, Brian Carey, Frank DeFusco (JV), Cam Farnham (Frosh.)

Coach Dan Grams: (11th year, 120-97)



CARL RUSSO/Staff file photo

Slugging Tanner O'Sullivan and the Andover High baseball team are back in action after missing last spring due to COVID-19. O'Sullivan has started hot at the plate.

SOFTBALL

2019 season: 11-8, lost Div. 1 North first round

Returning starters (2): Paige Gillette, Sr., INF/OF; Juliana Alperis, Sr., RF

Promising newcomers: Morgan Shirley, Jr., OF; Abby Murnane, Jr., C; Sofia Beraldi, Jr., OF/P; Molly Duval, Jr., 1B; Adelaide Weeden, Soph., SS; Maddie Parrish, Soph., C; Zoe Magenheimer, Soph., 1B; Eliza Rousseau, Soph., CF; Alyssa Sellinger, Soph., OF/INF; Eliza O'Sullivan, Soph., 3B; Katie O'Brien, Soph., 3B; Jackie Giordano, Frosh., P

Captains: Paige Gillette, Juliana Alperis

Candidates: 30

Fast facts: Paige Gillette is a 3-sport captain and, says coach **Rick Quattrocchi**, "the best captain I've had in 29 years as a coach." ... **Morgan Shirley** is a recent transplant from Delaware. She will start and is also a fine basketball player. ... Veteran pitcher **Sara Folan** decided to skip softball and compete in track this spring. ... New assistant **Neil Magenheimer** is the father of sophomore first baseman **Zoe Magenheimer**.

Assistants: Nicole Catino, Neil Magenheimer

Coach Rick Quattrocchi (2nd year): "I have a strong sophomore class and we're excited about the season. Realistically, we could go 9-6, which would be good for a young team. I'm very high on my freshman pitcher (Jackie Giordano)."

BOYS LACROSSE

2019 record: 8-9, didn't make state tourney

Returning starters (2): Anton Pace, Sr., long-stick midfield; Colin MacLean, Sr., infield

Returning lettermen: Logan Carr, Sr., defense; Aidan Lareau, Sr., infield; Charlie Higgins, Jr., defense; Grady Reuss, Jr., attack

Promising newcomers: Jacob Fabiani, Sr., utility; Erik Aulback, Jr., infield; Campbell Allardi, Jr., infield; Colin Spring, Jr., defense; J.J. Quill, Jr., goalie; Kiernan Florio, Soph., attack; Matt Johnson, Frosh., attack; Ethan Rubido, Frosh., attack

Captains: Anton Pace, Charlie Higgins, Colin MacLean

Fast facts: Former coach **Wayne Puglisi** went 243-145 in 20 seasons. The new coach is **Bryan Brazill**, who was Haverhill's head coach from 2008-11 (29-41 record). He played at Merrimack College (MC '05), twice leading the Warriors in scoring. He later was an assistant for nine years there. He owns and operates Homegrown Lacrosse.

Brazill was hired in November of 2019. ... Coach **Brazill** has dubbed **Anton Pace**, **Charlie Higgins**, **Colin MacLean** and **Erik Aulback** the Four Horsemen. ... **Colin MacLean** will be playing at Denison. ... New coach **Brazill** has three new assistants: former Merrimack College head coach **Frank Alois**, ex-Merrimack defensive coordinator **Bryan Pollack** and **Shamus Florio**, who played at Andover and is a current football kicker for Yale University.

Assistants: Frank Alois, Bryan Pollack, Shamus Florio

Coach Bryan Brazill (1st year)

GIRLS LACROSSE

2019 season: 6-12, didn't make tourney

Returning lettermen: Vanessa

Pierni, Sr., defense; Kalli Archambault, Sr., infield; Erica Flowers, Sr., attack; Jacklyn Brussard, Jr., infield; Tess Gobel, Jr., infield; Lily Farnham, Jr., attack; Olivia Beucler, Jr., defense; Lauren Adams, Jr., defense

Promising newcomers: Grace Reilly, Jr., defense; Lillian Jagger, Jr., goalie; Brooke Cedorchuk, Soph., infield; Hannah Jordan, Soph., infield; Rose MacLean, Soph., infield; Maddie Shattuck, Frosh., defense

Captains: Erica Flowers, Vanessa Pierni, Kalli Archambault

Fast facts: Starting goalie **Lillian Jagger** is also the ice hockey goalie. ... There are three new assistants. **Meg Reddy**, the former Salem and UMass Amherst star, coaches with Revolution Lacrosse. **Ilana Cohen** was an Andover star (AHS '08) and played with coach **Stager** at UNH. Ex-Andover star **Veronica Alois** (75 goals as a senior) played soccer and ice hockey at Brown. ... **Vanessa Pierni**, **Hannah Jordan**, **Tess Gobel** and **Jacklyn Brussard** have shined in the preseason. ... In Thursday's season-opening 10-2 loss to Central, **Vanessa Pierni** scored both goals.

Assistants: Meg Reddy, Ilana Cohen, Meg Keefe, Veronica Alois

Coach Ally Stager (1st year): **Ally Stager** took over for **Cat Gross**, who went 66-43 in five seasons. **Stager** joined the staff as an assistant in 2019.

She made second-team all-conference at UNH in 2011. She set the Reading High scoring record (158-92-250). She is a 7th grade science teacher at Ipswich Middle



STAFF FILE PHOTO

Olivia Beucler, here celebrating, and the Andover girls lacrosse team are thrilled to be back in action after 2020 was cancelled due to COVID-19. But the Golden Warriors have a new coach.

School and coaches with Storm Lacrosse. She was hired in March, when Gross had a baby.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

2019 season: 5-14, didn't make tourney

Returning starters (4): Jyles Amirault, Sr., 6-2, OH; Zach Dutton, Sr., 6-0, OH; Edward Lai, Sr., 5-9, libero; Akshay Godhani, Sr., setter

Returning lettermen: Tim Ahn, Sr., 5-11, DS; Ryan Gasse, Sr., 6-1, OH/MH; Chase Perry, Sr., 6-1, MH/OH; Larry Lui, Jr., 6-1, OH; Kevin Lee, Jr., 5-10, OH

Promising newcomers: Andreas Chanthaboun, Jr., 6-1, MH; Reuben Osborn, Jr., 6-0, RSH; Dowol Lee, Jr., 5-8, setter; Andreas Casillas, Soph., 5-10, DS; Vincent Lee, Soph., 5-9, DS; Alexander McNally, Soph., 6-3, MH; Owen Chowdhary, Frosh., 5-10, OH; Marco Gomez Cabo, Frosh., 6-1, MH; Isaac Williams, Frosh., 5-11, MH/DS; James Bourgeois, Frosh., 5-9, DS

Captains: Jyles Amirault, Zach Dutton, Edward Lai

Fast facts: Freshman **Marco Gomez Cabo** and junior **Owen Chanthaboun** have impressed. ... **Zach Dutton** comes to volleyball only three days after having a strong football season. ... The glue to the team is **Jyles Amirault**, a four-year starter who was second-team All-MVC in 2019.

Assistants: Dan Young

Coach E.J. Perry (8th year, 78-69): "Our senior class headlined by our three captains: Amirault, Dutton and Lai. We will rely on the all the seniors to lead us."

WRESTLING

2019-20 season: 21-3

Returning starters (6): AJ Heidtke, Sr., 285; Sean Ballou, Sr., 182; Connor Sheehan, Sr., 170/182; Jonathan Davila, Jr., 152; Miles Fraser, Jr., 145/152; Yasser Maita, Jr., 195/220

Returning lettermen: Max McNeeley, Jr., 145; Mahesri Hussain, Jr., 152/160; Alec O'Brien, Jr., 138; Lucas Oliveira, Soph., 160/170; Jason Osborne, Soph., 220; Juemill Meija, Soph., 195/220

Promising newcomers: Gianni DeFilippis, Jr., 138; William Sheehan, Soph., 195; Christian Tompkins, Frosh., 132; Nicholas Archambault, Frosh., 120/126

Candidates: 16

Captains: Sean Ballou, Connor Sheehan

Fast facts: **AJ Heidtke**, brother of former state place winner and football standout **Payton**, had a fine debut season last year. He is committed to Brown for football. But he got hurt in the last football game and may be lost for the season. ... **Connor Sheehan** is coming off a terrific football season for the 5-2 Warriors and recruited his younger brother **William** a sophomore, to wrestle this season. ... Highly regarded **Chuck Tedeschi** joins the staff to replace **Ken Najem**, who is busy as head track coach at Notre Dame of Tyngsboro.

Assistant coach: Chuck Tedeschi

Coach Mike Bolduc (6th year, 74-52-2)

► Andover High roundup

Ballou delivers quick pin in delayed wrestling season

WRESTLING

Sean Ballou needed just 22 seconds to score a pin at 182 pounds in the opener of the long-delayed high school wrestling season, but Andover lost to perennial power Lowell 39-21 on Saturday. **Hussain Mehesri** added a pin (1:00) at 170 pounds and **Yasser Maita** battled for a marathon pin (3:41) at heavyweight.

GIRLS TRACK

Parrot takes two

Jodi Parrott was right back to her dominant ways, winning the long jump (18-5.75) and 100 hurdles (15.38), but Andover lost to North Andover 89-56 on Saturday. **Ashley Shelton** won the high jump (5-0), **Sara Folan** took the javelin (102-11) and **Kayla DiBenedetto** won the 800 (2:32.49) for the Warriors.



TIM JEAN/Staff file photo

Sean Ballou, top in a file photo, and the Andover wrestling team finally opened the coronavirus-delayed season, and he did so with a quick pin.

BOYS TRACK

Walsh, Kim star

Andover's **DJ Walsh** won the 2-mile (10:21.20), **Cameron Kim** took the 200 (23.79) and they teamed with **Matt Serrano** and **Camden McCarthy** to take the 4x400 relay (3:52.74), but the Golden Warriors fell to North Andover 105-40 on Saturday. **Conor Moses** added

a win in the javelin (147-1) for the Warriors.

BASEBALL

Grecco dazzles

Ryan Grecco spun a two-hitter, striking out 10 over 6 2/3 innings, and Andover got the clutch hits it needed in a 4-3 season-opening win over Lowell last Thursday. **Tanner**

O'Sullivan, **Aidan Ritter** and **Nolan Schirmer** each had a hit and drove in a run and **Dylan Brenner** scored twice for the winners.

Anthony Teberio was 3 for 4 with two runs scored and two RBIs, but Andover lost to Lowell 13-11 on Saturday. **Tanner O'Sullivan** was 3 for 3 with three RBIs, **Dylan Brenner** was 2 for 3 with three runs and **Aidan Ritter** scored twice for the Golden Warriors.

SOFTBALL

Giordano matches ace

Andover freshman pitcher **Jackie Giordano** stayed with Lowell ace **Giana LaCedra**, the reigning Mass. Player of the Year, through seven innings, but Lowell punched across a run in the eighth for a 1-0 victory last Thursday.

Giordano threw a 3-hit-ter and struck out 11 while **LaCedra** gave up just one hit and struck out "at least 15" according to Andover coach **Rick Quattrocchi**.

GIRLS TENNIS

Zhou sweeps

Isabel Zhou swept top singles 6-0, 6-0 as Andover beat Lowell 5-0 last Thursday. **Sonika Chaudhary** and **Elysia Yu** teamed to sweep second doubles, while **Jenna Wang** and **Rachel Chen** each won 6-1, 6-0.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Amirault shines

Jyles Amirault impressed with 19 kills, but Andover fell to Lowell 3-0 last Thursday. **Zach Dutton** and **Edwards Lai** each notched 10 digs and **Owen Chowdhary** added eight service points.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Gobel nets three

Tess Gobel scored three goals, but Andover fell to Central Catholic 17-5 on Saturday. **Lily Farnham** and **Vanessa Pierni** each scored once for the Warriors.

Andover lost in its season-opener, 10-2 to Central Catholic last Thursday.

BOYS LACROSSE

Andover splits

Andover bounced back to beat Central Catholic 13-7 on Saturday. The Golden Warrior coaching staff did not report who scored goals.

Andover dropped its season-opener to Central Catholic last Thursday.

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Andover High senior spruces up Roger's Dell



McKenna Allardi, a senior at Andover High School, walks through Roger's Dell park at the corner of Lupine Road and School Street in the historic mill district as she plans her sustainability internship project.

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ANDOVER — She'd driven past the corner of Lupine Road and School Street thousands of times living in Andover.

But it wasn't until McKenna Allardi started her Andover High Environmental Sustainability Internship Course as a senior that she rediscovered the beauty of the park at that corner — Roger's Dell.

The small park in the historic mill district is a quiet haven where people can sit and relax on the new benches and picnic table installed this year as part of Allardi's internship project. She has also planned a scavenger hunt through the mill district that kicks off on Saturday, May 15 to help people rediscover the downtown.

"It's about creating a more sustainable Andover in creating a place where people want to be and support businesses," Allardi said.

She's one of many sustainability interns over the past few years at the high school who have worked on revitalizing the mill district, said Steve Fink, an Andover resident who volunteers with the internship program. Six years ago it was the high school's

sustainability interns who worked with volunteers to kick off the initial mill district revitalization that led to the Old Town Yard project, he said.

Allardi designed a scavenger hunt course that will take people from Roger's Dell to a variety of businesses, the old train station and even Memorial Hall Library. There are nine stops total.

This project was especially important to her as a senior at the high school because she knows she will always have a special place in Andover to come home to as she ventures to the University of Vermont in the fall to study environmental science.

Helping create these areas "and using it to our benefit without hurting the land" will help more people stay in town and see the beauty, she said. "There are so many other places like that in Andover and people can go and enjoy it so they can remember what Andover has to offer," Allardi.

To sign up for Saturday's scavenger hunt visit signupgenius.com/go/9040A48A9AD2FA3FB6-rogers. The walkable adventure through Andover kicks off at Roger's Dell at the corner of Lupine Road and School Street, and the clues will be posted for a week following Allardi's event.



Courtesy photos
McKenna Allardi, a senior at Andover High School, right, shows Robert Douglas, left, Andover's director of conservation, Associate Planner Tony Collins and her internship mentor Steve Fink what she has planned.



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