



Andover Townsman Town Directory & Newcomers Guide

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Community Services

YOUTH SERVICES

Andover Youth Services located at the new Cormier Youth Center behind the Doherty Middle School on Bartlet Street, serves 6,000 middle school (grades six through nine) and high school kids annually through recreation, social, support and educational programs.

Many of the ideas for programs come from the kids themselves.

The youth organization runs both summer and after-school programs, including fun day-trips, such as white-water rafting and snowboarding excursions. AYS staffers coach athletic teams, including youth wrestling, flag football, lacrosse, ultimate Frisbee. A community skate park behind West Middle School has a concrete bowl and ramps. Bill Fahey directs the department, with assistant Glenn Wilson. Tony Lombardi, Kyle Lightner, and Neal Callahan are program coordinators.

For information, call Andover Youth Services at 978-623-8241 or check out the AYS web site at www.andoveryouthservices.com.

VETERANS SERVICES

The director of Veterans Services is Michael Burke. The Veterans Services Office is responsible for administering or coordinating all financial, logistical, medical and administrative support for the town's 3,600 veterans and their families.

For the past several years, it has been creating "Heroes Among Us" books, based on interviews

with Andover veterans involved in World War II and the Korean War.

The Veterans Services office is in Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St. The office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and Friday for emergency services only. For more information, call 978-623-8218, fax 978-623-8221, or email veterans@andoverma.gov.

SENIORS AND BOOMERS

Painting, quilting, yoga, tai chi and exercise are among the more than 200 classes offered monthly at the Andover Senior Center on Whittier Court, behind the Town Offices at 36 Bartlet St. For some, it's a meeting place to begin an outdoor adventure, such as hiking at a local reservation or kayaking on Poms Pond. Others join groups organized around special interests such as chorus, card-playing, crafts, sewing, art, writing, Wii and ping pong. There's a lunch cart available to people of all ages and featuring healthy choices like salads, soups and wraps. "There is Something About Andover" is a monthly TV show, produced, directed, and edited by Andover seniors and aired on the local cable access station throughout the week. A show "Our Immigrant Heritage," won a national award.

Boomer Venture is another initiative to engage Andover's 50-plus population in a series of activities and events aimed at stimulating interests endemic to their generation and broadening their

involvement not only with each other, but Andover as a whole. Current courses include "Energize with Exercise," on Monday afternoons and Thursday evenings, "Boomer Bridge" on Mondays, "Boomer Zumba" on Thursdays and "Serenity Yoga" on Thursdays. A free movie series plays on Thursdays. Learn more at the Boomer Venture website, www.boomerventure.com.

Andover Senior Center hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Check out upcoming events and programs at www.andoverseniorcenter.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Department of Community Services offers hundreds of programs each year to residents of all ages. Courses and offerings are available each season, with people having a chance to learn a new dance, language, sport, craft or skill. Kim Stamas is the Director of Community Services. The department is on the main floor of Town Offices at 36 Bartlet St.

Popular classes for children include swim lessons at Poms Pond off Abbot Street and the after-school Bradford Ski Program.

DCS offers playground groups, trips, special events, evening adult education, a youth-basketball league, summer-vacation programs and a free summer concert series in the Park.

Residents wanting to volunteer can call 978-623-8274 or visit www.andoverdcs.com.

Museums

Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy, 180 Main St., near Chapel Avenue, opened its doors to the public in May 1931, at a time when the idea of a museum devoted exclusively to American art was an innovation. Thomas Cochran, its founder, intended to enrich permanently the lives of the students of Phillips Academy, by helping to cultivate and foster in them a love for the beautiful.

The museum's purpose is to acquire, preserve, interpret, and exhibit works of art for the education and enjoyment of local, regional, national and international audiences, including the students, faculty, and community of Phillips Academy, and other students, teachers, scholars, and the general public.

Judith Dolkart (978-749-4028) is the Addison Gallery's director; Susan Faxon (978-749-4018) is the associate director and curator.

Admission is free. Public schools and community groups are welcome. Age-appropriate guided tours are available.

The Addison Gallery's exhibitions, education programs, lectures, tours, and films are offered to the public, free of charge. Call 978-749-4015; send an email to addison@andover.edu; or visit the website www.addisongallery.org.

Andover Historical Society, Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum, 97 Main St., provides a glimpse into life in Andover in the early 19th century. The Andover Historical Society, founded in 1911, maintains the

museum and operates a library, archives and research center where objects and documents of local historical significance are collected, preserved, exhibited and interpreted. Elaine Clements is executive director.

The house is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and other times by appointment. Memberships begin at \$25 for individuals; \$20 for seniors and students. Call 978-475-2236; fax to 978-470-2741; send an email to info@andoverhistorical.org; or check out www.andoverhistorical.org.

Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology, Phillips Academy, 180 Main St., at the corner of Main and Phillips streets, is dedicated to teaching the science of archaeology, and understanding and preserving the cultures of Native American people. The Robert S. Peabody Museum is one of the nation's major repositories of Native American archaeological collections.

Today, the museum continues its primary role as a teaching museum and educational resource for Phillips Academy and the community. Dr. Ryan Wheeler is the director of the Robert S. Peabody Museum.

Visitors are welcome Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., by appointment only. Call or email for groups or to confirm hours. Admission is free. Call 978-749-4490; fax to 978-749-4495; send email to rspeabody@andover.edu; or visit www.andover.edu/rspeabody/home.htm.

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www.andover-baptist-church.org
Rev. Lyndon Myers

BIBLE CHAPELS

■ **Andover Bible Chapel**
266 Lowell St.
978-475-4733
■ **New England Bible Church**
60 Chandler Road,
978-475-4381
www.nebible.org
Pastor Tyler Thompson

CATHOLIC

■ **St. Augustine Church**
43 Essex St.
978-475-0050
■ **St. Joseph Church**
22 High Vale Lane
www.staugustineparish.org
Pastor Peter Gori
■ **St. Robert Bellarmine Church**
198 Haggetts Pond Road
978-683-8922
www.saintroberts.net
Rev. Richard T. Conway
■ **CHRISTIAN SCIENCE**
First Church of Christ, Scientist
278 North Main St.
978-475-4206
www.christianscienceandover.com

■ **CONGREGATIONAL**
Free Christian Church
31 Elm St., Andover
1600 Osgood St., North Andover
978-475-0700
www.freechristian.org
Rev. Jon Paul

EPISCOPAL

■ **Christ Church**
25 Central St.
978-475-0529
www.christchurchandover.org
Rev. Michael J. Hodges

GREEK ORTHODOX

■ **Srs. Constantine and Helen Church**
71 Chandler Road
978-470-0919
office@andoverorthodox.org
www.andoverorthodox.org
Father Christopher Makiej

HINDU

■ **Chinmaya Mission**
Hindu Cultural Center
1 Union St.
978-749-0876
www.chinmaya-boston.com

JEWISH CONGREGATIONS

■ **Chabad Lubavitch of Merrimack Valley**
310 North Main St.
978-470-2288
www.chabadmv.com
Rabbi Asher Bronstein
■ **Congregation Beth Israel**

501 South Main St.
978-474-0540
www.bethisraelmv.org
Rabbi Howard Mandell
■ **Conservative congregation**
■ **Havurat Shalom**
P.O. Box 568
978-494-2042
www.havuratshalom.org
Rabbi Karen Landy

Reconstructionist Jewish congregation

■ **Temple Emanuel**
7 Haggetts Pond Road
978-470-1356
www.templemanuel.net
Rabbi Robert S. Goldstein

LUTHERAN

■ **Faith Lutheran Church**
360 South Main St.
978-475-4059
www.faith-andover.org
Pastors Jon and Marsha Heydenreich
■ **Andover Christian Center**
16 Haverhill St., third floor
978-409-2311
www.andoverchristiancenter.org

Pastor Jim Preston
■ **GracePoint Community Church**
Sunday services at 505 Sutton St., North Andover
Offices at 800 Turnpike St., Suite 300, North Andover
978-681-6483
www.gracepointne.org
Interim Pastor Ryan Phelps

UNITARIAN

■ **Unitarian Universalist Congregation**
6 Locke St.
978-475-4454
www.uuandover.org
Rev. Lara Hoke, minister

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

■ **South Church in Andover**
41 Central St.
978-475-0321
www.southchurch.com
Rev. Dana Allen Walsh
■ **West Parish Church**
129 Reservation Road
978-475-3528
www.westparishchurch.org
Senior Interim Pastor, Rev. Mark R. Seifried

UNITED METHODIST

■ **Ballardvale United Church**
23 Clark Road
978-475-2506
www.bvuc.org
Pastor Will Green
■ **Korean United Methodist Church of North Boston**
244 Lowell St.
978-470-0621
www.hanboston.org
Rev. Yong Hwan Kim

Andover Trails

Andover is fortunate to have many opportunities to walk, hike, snowshoe, and cross-country ski on thousands of acres of properties set aside for conservation. Save fuel and time by using these wonderful recreational areas close to home. Most homes in Andover have conservation property within walking distance. The following will help you get started enjoying the outdoors.

Organizations

The Andover Committee of the Boston Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club runs, walks and hikes from September through June in Andover and surrounding areas. See www.amcboston.org/andover for trip schedules. The chairwoman is Faith Evans, 978-356-2098, fevans27@aol.com.

Andover Trails Committee is a citizen's committee including members of the Conservation Commission, the Appalachian Mountain Club, Andover Village Improvement Society, the Bay Circuit Alliance, The Trustees of Reservations, and just plain folk who appreciate the outdoor recreational opportunities of Andover. Maps of all town conservation lands and hiking events are on their website at www.andovertrails.org. The chairman is David Bunting, dbunting@andovertrails.org.

Andover Village Improvement Society (AVIS) has been acquiring and conserving open space in Andover for the protection of natural resources and wildlife since 1894. AVIS encourages public use of its 1,100 acres and 35 miles of trails. AVIS offers walks and hikes in Andover on its reservations throughout the year and they are listed on its website and in the newsletter sent to members. See www.avisandover.org for online

maps and more information or contact Mike Timko at 978-681-0424, president@avisandover.org.

Bay Circuit Alliance is working to create a permanent recreation trail and greenway corridor extending through 34 towns in Eastern Massachusetts and linking the parks and open spaces surrounding metropolitan Boston. The Bay Circuit Trail passes through Andover on several reservations over its 18-mile length. For more information, visit www.baycircuit.org or email Kristen Sykes, director of operations, Bay Circuit Alliance, c/o Appalachian Mountain Club, at info@baycircuit.org.

Harold Parker State Forest has many acres and trails in Andover. For maps and more information, visit http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/region-north/harold-parker-state-forest.html or call the office at 978-686-3391.

Town of Andover Conservation Commission controls over 2,000 acres of town land. See http://www.

andoverma.gov/conservation/ or call the office at 978-623-8311.

Ward Reservation in Andover and Weir Hill in North Andover are Trustees of Reservation properties. For more information, visit www.thetrustees.org, call 978-921-1944 or email information@ttor.org.

Maps

The AVIS Map of Andover is a 22-by-34-inch map listing all town streets and locations of 24 of their larger reservations. Purchase from the Memorial Hall Library or the Andover Bookstore. Detailed trail maps are in the Andover Trail Guide and online from most of the organizations listed below.

The Andover Trail Guide, published by AVIS and the Andover Trails Committee, is pocket-sized and provides descriptions and maps for most Andover trails. Purchase at Andover Bookstore, the Andover Historical Society, Rocky's Hardware, and Whole Foods. Visit www.avisandover.org.

Memorial Hall Library

Memorial Hall Library, located in Elm Square, offers popular materials in many formats, special programs for all ages, and resources for lifelong learning.

The Children's Room offers programs for children from birth to fifth-grade including story times, pajama parties, concerts, and special events including adventure and reading clubs, storytellers, nature and craft programs.

The Teen Room, which is available exclusively to teens in grades six to 12, offers a collection of books, music, magazines, audio-books, video games and graphic novels.

Programs for adults include book discussion groups, Friends' concert series, lectures, how-to-workshops, annual fishing programs, and author visits.

For assistance, contact the Reference Department at 978-623-8401, ext. 31 or rdesk@mhl.org.

Residents can sign up for an email newsletter of upcoming library events at www.mhl.org/alerts.



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Annual events in Andover

Andover is host to a number of events that attract hundreds if not thousands of people. Among them:

OCTOBER

BEWITCHED IN ANDOVER:

This series of eerie events, hosted by the Historical Society, takes place throughout the month of October offering a wide variety of spirited and Halloween-themed events for all ages.

NOVEMBER

FEASTER FIVE ROAD RACE:

This extremely popular holiday tradition is held every Thanksgiving morning in Andover, and attracts close to 10,000. This year marks the 26th consecutive race. Both a 5-kilometer and a 5-mile course for walkers and runners is offered, while the kids have just as much fun at a shorter race just for them on a track near the adult starting line. The main race starts at Shawsheen Square (the intersection of Routes 28 and 133). For more information, visit www.feasterfive.com.

HOLIDAY PARADE: Santa arrives every year by fire truck as Andover firefighters hosts this annual event,

affectionately known as the Santa Parade by many, through downtown on the Sunday after Thanksgiving.

DECEMBER

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS:

Downtown Andover gets all dressed up for this annual Andover Business Center Association event that involves horse-drawn wagons, music and a tree lighting. Usually held over the first weekend in December, the event allows businesses to welcome customers with free refreshments while showing inventory. It's a fun event to promote shopping locally. Santa is expected for breakfast with kids on Saturday morning.

LATE FEBRUARY/EARLY MARCH

FABULOUS FEAST: Residents have the chance to sample food from about 20 restaurants and other food establishments during the Fabulous Feast by the local Kiwanis Club. Money raised by tickets, auctions and raffles support children's charities supported by the group, which meets weekly in Andover.

CONTACT THE TOWN

■ **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Mary O'Donoghue (March 2017)
mary.odonoghue@andoverma.gov
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■ **PUBLIC SAFETY**

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Police Main Number: 978-475-0411

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Lawrence Murphy
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Marc Fournier, deputy director/
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■ **BUILDING**

Christopher Clemente, inspector
978-623-8301

■ **ZONING**

978-623-8315

■ **CONSERVATION**

Bob Douglas, director
978-623-8311

APRIL

RUN FOR THE TROOPS: This young event, which raises money to help build free homes for returning troops through the national Homes for Our Troops organization, is growing quickly. Beginning

outside the Townsman building at 33 Chestnut St., walkers and runners take part in a patriotic road race.

MAY

CLOWNTOWN: This must-go event for families is a

two-day carnival in the Park at Bartlet and Chestnut streets that has made memories for generations of Andover families. Hosted by the Andona Society, it's the group's largest annual fundraiser and money goes to various youth programs in town. Usually held in mid-May, it marks the true arrival of spring for many Andover families.

CRAFTS IN THE PARK: A community-wide craft show takes over the Park at Bartlet and Chestnut streets each spring. Held on the Saturday before Mother's Day, it is a fundraiser for the Andover chapter of AFS, formerly known as American Field Service.

MEMORIAL DAY: Well-attended aspects of this day include a parade through the downtown, ending at the Park, where an appropriately somber ceremony honoring Andover troops is held.

JUNE

KRIT CLASSIC: A road race that begins and ends at Andover High School on Shawsheen Road,

remembering the life of AHS graduate and standout athlete Krit Kearins who was devoted to children. The event raises money for a scholarship.

JULY

FOURTH OF JULY: The town's Independence Day celebration includes a pancake breakfast in the Park supported by Andover firefighters, a Horribles Parade through the downtown populated primarily by children and games and music in the Park. The town's fireworks display is usually set off the previous night, July 3, at dusk.

SEPTEMBER

ANDOVER DAY: Quickly establishing itself as one of the most well-attended events on the annual calendar, Andover Day closes Main Street to allow scores of Andover clubs, businesses and organizations to set up tables to introduce themselves to people. Stages for performers are set up on each end of Main Street, and there is a mini-carnival, food and other entertainment available.

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Athletic Director

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■ PRE-K

Shawsheen School

18 Magnolia Ave.

978-623-8850

Carol Green, Early Childhood Coordinator, cgreen@aps1.net

■ ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

(Kindergarten through grade five)

Bancroft Elementary School
Bancroft Road

978-623-8880

Acting Principal Norah McCarthy

High Plain Elementary School

333 High Plain Road

978-623-8900

Principal Pamela Lathrop, plathrop@aps1.net

Sanborn Elementary School

90 Lovejoy Road

978-623-8860

Principal Patricia Barrett, pbarrett@aps1.net

South Elementary School

55 Woburn St.

978-623-8830

Principal Dr. Colleen McBride, cmcbride@aps1.net

West Elementary School

58 Beacon St.

978-623-8800

Principal Liz Roos, lroos@aps1.net

■ MIDDLE SCHOOLS

(Grades six through eight)

Doherty Middle School

50 Bartlet St.

978-623-8750

Principal Robin Wilson, rwilson@aps1.net

West Middle School

70 Shawsheen Road

978-623-8700

Principal Stephen Murray, smurray@aps1.net

Wood Hill Middle School

11 Cross St.

978-623-8925

Principal Patrick Bucco, pbucco@aps1.net

■ HIGH SCHOOL

Andover High School

80 Shawsheen Road

978-623-8600

Principal Philip T. Conrad, philip.conrad@aps1.net

Greater Lawrence Technical School

57 River Road

978-686-0194

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Assistant Superintendent-Director/Principal Elizabeth Freedman, efreedman@glts.net

■ ANDOVER SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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■ PRIVATE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Pike School

34 Sunset Rock Road

978-475-1197

Head of School John Waters, mwaters@pikeschool.org

(Pre-kindergarten through grade nine)

St. Augustine School

26 Central St.

978-475-2414

Principal Paula O'Dea, podea@staugustineandover.org

Andover School of Montessori

400 South Main St.

978-475-2299

Head of School Joanna DeStefanis

(Pre-kindergarten through grade eight)

■ PRIVATE SECONDARY SCHOOLS

(Grades nine through 12)

Austin Preparatory School

101 Willow St., Reading

781-944-4900

Headmaster Dr. James Hickey

Brooks School

1160 Great Pond Road, North Andover

978-725-6300

Head of School John Packard

Central Catholic

300 Hampshire St., Lawrence

978-682-0260

Principal Doreen Keller

Phillips Academy

180 Main St., Andover

978-749-4000

Head of School John Palfrey Jr.

St. John's Prep

72 Spring St., Danvers

978-774-1050

Headmaster Dr. Edward Hardiman

■ PRIVATE COLLEGES

Merrimack College

315 Turnpike St., North Andover (half of campus is in Andover)

978-837-5000

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President Christopher E. Hopey, Ph.D.,

Contact: Lisa Jebali, director, office of the president: jebalil@merrimack.edu

or 978.837.5109

■ PRIVATE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Massachusetts School of Law

500 Federal St.

978-681-0800

www.mslaw.edu

Running The Town

TOWN MEETING

Andover residents rule their government directly through a New England tradition known as Open Town Meeting. The Town Meeting form of government allows registered voters to vote at Town Meeting on how much money Andover will spend and on what it will spend this money.

Town Meeting convenes at least once every year, at the time and place designated by the selectmen, a five-member board elected by residents. Besides voting on a budget, Town Meeting decides other matters, such as zoning changes, construction projects, and town bylaw additions and amendments.

LEADERS

Andover's Town Charter calls for Andover to be run by an appointed town manager, and to have the following elected offices: a five-member Board of Selectmen, a five-member School Committee, a moderator who runs Town Meeting and appoints a Finance Committee, and a five-member Housing Authority. Town elections are held at the end of March every year. The nine-member Finance Committee issues its opinions to voters on all projects with financial impact to taxpayers.

Andrew Flanagan is the new town manager. He was sworn in on Tuesday, Oct. 13.



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Clubs and Organizations

Andover and the Merrimack Valley offer hundreds of fun and meaningful groups for residents, all of which welcome new members. Among them:

A Better Chance Andover: ABC funds scholarships for academically qualified minority students from across the country interested in attending local private and competitive public high schools. The students live in a home on Main Street and connect with host families. Contact Mary Pritchard, 978-681-9981; www.andoverabc.org.

ACT Andover: A nonprofit community theater company providing quality live theater to the surrounding communities. ACT provides an ACT Jr. program of training and performances. Visit www.actandover.com or call 978-276-9568.

American Field Services, Andover Chapter: Intercultural program promotes student exchanges. The students attend Andover and North Andover high schools. Call Vahe Apelian at 978-475-6192 or Pat O'Neil at

978-475-6829.

American Legion Andover Post 8: A veterans origination that promotes youth programs and veterans activities. Meets second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Veterans Hall at the Andover Senior Center, first floor, School Administration Building behind 36 Bartlet St. Visit www.legion.org, then click Andover Post 8 - Homestead.

Andona Society: A volunteer nonprofit organization of Andover women who raise funds and provide a variety of programs to benefit Andover youth. The major fundraiser is ClownTown, held in mid-May. Visit www.andona.org or email contact@andona.org.

Andover Business Community Association: Organizes Andover Day in September and other activities to promote a vital business community in the downtown area. Visit www.andover-businesses.org.

Andover Choral Society: A 65-80 voice SATB community chorus with a mission to provide the highest

standard of musical performance to the Merrimack Valley community. The chorus performs two concerts per year at the Rogers Center for the Arts on the Merrimack College campus in North Andover. The repertoire focuses on fine choral and choral-orchestral works from the baroque to the 21st century. Since 1929, membership has been open to anyone with a love for great choral music and a desire to share that love with others. Contact Marie Sullivan at 603-893-5636, email info@andoverchoral-society.org or visit www.andoverchoralsociety.org.

Andover Coalition for Education: ACE partners with the Andover Public Schools to support system-wide initiatives that will inspire students to succeed in facing today's global challenges. Contact Jennifer Srivastava, director, info@aceandover.org. Visit www.aceandover.org.

Andover Community Trust Inc.: ACT was founded to promote and develop permanently affordable housing in Andover to retain an economically diverse population that includes low and moderate income households. See www.andoverclt.org.

Andover Democratic Town Committee: Supports and

represents Democratic candidates and ideals. All meetings are open. Visit www.andoverdemocrats.org.

Andover Dollars for Scholars: Founded in 1996, this is a community-based, volunteer scholarship foundation. Any Andover resident accepted as a full-time student in an institution of higher education is eligible for consideration. Contact Marybeth Sullivan, mbsullivan@comcast.net. Visit www.andover.dollarsforscholars.org.

Andover Garden Club: Now in its 84th year, this nonprofit, charitable organization encourages the study and practice of horticulture, landscape design and flower design; aids in the beautification of the town of Andover and helps protect and conserve natural resources. Contact Anne Feeney, 978-475-7119 or visit www.andovergardenclub.org.

Andover Girls Softball League: Nonprofit, all-volunteer, youth softball organization offers winter-month training programs, two spring leagues and a summer program. Visit www.andover-girlssoftball.org.

Andover Great Books Group: Meets the fourth Tuesday of the month and discusses the book of the week in the activity room at Memorial

Hall Library from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Andover Historical Society: Call 978-475-2236, send an email to info@andoverhistorical.org or visit www.andoverhistorical.org.

Andover Junior Football League: AJFL was founded in 1960 to offer football for youth ages 9 to 14. This league includes both players and cheerleaders. Visit www.ajfl.com or email andoverjuniorfootballleague@gmail.com.

Andover Little League: The nonprofit organization serving over 1,200 registered players is one of the largest leagues in the Merrimack Valley. Leagues are available for the spring season (ages 6-16), summer season (ages 8-16) and fall season (ages 9-11). Registration for the spring season will be held in October. Visit www.andoverlittleleague.com.

Andover Senior Community Friends: A private, nonprofit, self-government organization that works closely with the senior center director and Council on Aging to support its programs and enrich the lives of Andover residents 50 and older. Board meets at 10:30 a.m. on the third Friday of the month. Visit www.andoverseniorcommunityfriends.org.

Andover Sister Towns

Association: A nonprofit organization open to people of all ages in Andover and North Andover. New members are welcome to join the group. Contact Fred Snell, president, at 978-686-3647, fredsnell@gmail.com.

Andover Sportsmen's Club: An organization of men, women and families dedicated to enjoying archery, responsible firearm ownership, boating, target shooting, fishing, hunting, or other outdoor activities. It offers training classes, competitions, social events, community service activities, and more at its facility in Harold Parker National Forest. Contact Mark Klove, 781-706-1745 or membership@andoversportsmensclub.org.

Andovers Artists Guild: Open to professionals, students and emerging artists, the guild hosts monthly demonstrations, art shows and the annual Art in the Park in Andover every fall. Visit www.andoversartistsguild.com.

Challenge Unlimited at Ironstone Farm: This nonprofit organization at 450 Lowell St. (Route 133) provides therapy using horses for people with physical, emotional and cognitive disabilities. It also provides riding lessons for children and adults without disabilities, and extensive volunteer

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Friends of Memorial Hall Library: This fundraising group provides special programs and services that expand the library's regular budget including concerts, readings, speakers, children's programs, museum passes, materials and equipment. Email friends@mhl.org, visit www.mhl.org.

Kiwanis Club of Greater Lawrence: This service club supports kids charities and local schools, raising money through annual events such as a Santa Night and the Fabulous Feast. Members meet weekly for lunch on Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. at the Lanam Club, 260 North Main St., Andover. Visit www.greaterlawrencekiwanis.org.

Lawrence Rod & Gun Club: Offers open trap to the public on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, monthly Massachusetts/NRA Certified Home Safety classes and Mass.

Wildlife Hunting, Black Powder and Archery classes yearly. Indoor and outdoor ranges, archery and trap fields available. Located at 9 Webster St., Andover. Call 978-687-9504 or visit www.lawrencerodandgunclub.org.

League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover: A nonpartisan organization that promotes the informed and active participation of citizens in government and works to influence public policy through education and advocacy. Visit www.lwv-andovers.org.

Merrimack Valley People for Peace: Meets fourth Tuesday of each month at North Parish Church, 3 Great Pond Road, North Andover. Visit www.merrimackvalley-peopleforpeace.org or call 978-685-1389.

Mother Connection: Nonprofit organization serves mothers and children, offering a newsletter, links, workshops and support groups. Visit www.themotherconnection.org or call 978-470-1500.

Newcomer and Neighbors of the Andovers: Group helps newcomers and residents of Andover and North Andover make new friends by providing a structure of events and special interest groups. Visit www.newcomersandneighbors.org or email info@newcomersandneighbors.org.

Parent to Parent: This parenting network provides speakers, workshops and parenting education classes. Speaker series events are free and open to the public. Visit www.andoverp2p.com.

Quota International of Andover: The local chapter of the first international women's service organization provides support for disadvantaged women and children, and for the hearing impaired. Email info@quota.org or visit www.andover-quota.org.

Rotary Club of Andover: With members who either live or work in Andover or North Andover, this club provides college scholarships; promotes book, food and clothing drives; offers mentoring

and other student programs, and supports international missions. The club meets every Friday at 7:30 a.m. Visit www.rotaryandover.org.

Special Education Parents Advisory Council: This network for parents of children with disabilities or special needs collaborates with the school community to improve educational opportunities for children with disabilities and to provide support. Visit www.andoversepac.org.

Service Club of Andover: This organization of local businessmen and women sponsors social programs for developmentally disabled adults and a mentoring program for students at Andover High School. Visit www.serviceclubofandover.org.

Shawsheen Village Women's Club: Meets the first Monday of each month from October through May with an informative program followed by a social hour. Claire Burns, membership chairwoman, 978-474-0527.

SHED Children's Campus: Offers year-round enrichment programs for children and youths ages 2.9 to 15. Programs are inspired by the Italian Reggio Emilia Philosophy of Education. The nonprofit organization is located at 65 Phillips St. in Andover, on the campus of Phillips Academy. Call 978-623-8460 or visit www.shedinc.org.

Spade & Trowel Garden Club: Organized in 1954 and a member of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, this nonprofit club is dedicated to encouragement and education in the areas of horticulture, landscape design, civic beautification, environmental protection and floral design. It meets the second Tuesday evening of the month. Visit www.spadeandtrowelgardenclub.org, email spadeandtrowelgc@gmail.com or call 978-681-1890.

Trauma Intervention Program of Merrimack Valley Inc.: TIP is a group of specially trained citizen volunteers called by

police officers, firefighters and hospital personnel to provide emotional and practical support to child and adult victims of traumatic events. Jayan Marie Landry of Andover is the founder of TIP. Visit www.traumaintervention.com.

Village Garden Club: A Massachusetts Federation of Garden Clubs member, it designs and plants rotating, seasonal gardens at Elm Green and the senior center. Meets the third Thursday of each month, September through June. Contact Mary Moran, 978-474-1080 or visit www.gcfm.org/villagegardenclubofandover.

YMCA, Andover/North Andover: This Y branch, at 165 Haverhill St., Andover, offers programs in aquatics, physical fitness, special interests (preschool through adult art classes), children and adult sports, a teen leadership program and child care for members and nonmembers. Call 978-685-3541.

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